

# MIAC announces 2021 Women's Outdoor Track and Field awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its annual award recipients for Women's Outdoor Track and Field on Thursday, capping off an outstanding championship meet last weekend.

The top three finishers in each individual event along with each first-place relay team received All-MIAC honors. Individuals that finished 4-6 and relay teams that finished 2-6 received All-Conference Honorable Mention distinction. MIAC track and field coaches also selected individual award recipients for Outstanding Track Athlete, Outstanding Field Athlete, Outstanding Performance of the Meet, and Coach of the Year.

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St. Thomas senior **Delaney McLoone** was selected as the Outstanding Track Athlete, while Concordia junior **Cayle Hovland** received Outstanding Field Athlete distinction, and Hamline junior **Jenneel Rodney** received Performance of the Meet honors. St. Thomas head coach **Joe Sweeney** was recognized by his peers with the MIAC Coach of the Year award.

McLoone (Sr. | New Prague, Minn.) had a hand in 30 points for the Tommies with conference championships in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and as part of the 4x100-meter relay team. The senior won the 100 in 12.37, the 200 in 24.92, and helped the relay team cross the finish line in 47.68.

Hovland (Jr. Willmar, Minn.) earned All-Conference honors in the discus and shot put, winning the conference title in the former and placing third in the latter. She also received honorable mention distinction as the sixth-place finisher in the hammer throw. Hovland's championship in the discus came by way of a 44.76-meter throw (146-10.00), more than four feet farther than the next closest competitor. Her top shot put distance came in at 13.34 meters (43-09.25), good for third at the meet.

Rodney (Jr. | Mountain Lake, Minn.) broke the MIAC meet record in the hammer throw with a distance of 53.24 meters (174-08.00). The career-best toss also set a new program record, surpassing the previous mark that had stood for more than two decades. In addition to her MIAC crown in the hammer throw, Rodney earned All-MIAC distinction with a third-place finish in the discus as well.

Sweeney guided St. Thomas to the program's 16th consecutive MIAC outdoor title. The Tommies scored 137 points and claimed four event victories at the 2021 conference meet. This is the first MIAC Coach of the Year honor for Sweeney in outdoor track and field since 2016.

In addition to the top individual award winners, conference coaches also recognized the 2021 Women's Outdoor Track and Field All-MIAC Sportsmanship team, as well as the [2021 All-Conference individuals and relay teams](#). Complete results and recaps of the 2021 MIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships can be found on the [event homepage](#).

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## 2021 MIAC WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD AWARDS

**Outstanding Track Athlete:** Delaney McLoone (Sr. | New Prague, Minn.)

**Outstanding Field Athlete:** Cayle Hovland, Concordia (Jr. | Willmar, Minn.)

**Outstanding Performance of the Meet:** Jenneel Rodney (Jr. | Mountain Lake, Minn. | Hammer Throw)

**Coach of the Year:** Joe Sweeney, St. Thomas (41st season)

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