

MIAC announces 2021 Baseball Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – With the 2021 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) regular season in the books, the conference announced its annual baseball awards on Tuesday.

Gustavus sophomore outfielder **Bryce Novak** was named the Max Molock Player of the Year, while St. Thomas southpaw **Graham Laubscher** was selected Mike Augustin Pitcher of the Year, and first-year teammate **Max Moris** earned MIAC Rookie of the Year honors. Tommie head coach **Chris Olean** was recognized by his peers as the 2021 Jim Dimick Coach of the Year.

Novak (So. | Cleveland, Minn.) led the MIAC in hits (41), average (0.471), on-base percentage (0.516), and slugging (0.690) in 2021. The conference batting champ played in all 21 MIAC games for the Gusties, driving home 13 runs and crossing the plate 20 times himself. He is the fourth different Gustie to be named MIAC Player of the Year in the last 40 years, and the first since Tony Konicek repeated as MIAC MVP in 2006 and 2007. He is also the first sophomore to win the award since former Gustavus first baseman Ben Sherer in 2004.

Laubscher (Sr. | Stillwater, Minn.) struck out a league-high 66 MIAC batters in 2021 while going 5-0 with two complete games on the hill. The left-hander ate up 42.0 innings for the conference-champion Tommies while maintaining a 1.50 earned run average on the season. He is the eighth different UST player to win Pitcher of the Year honors since the award debuted in 1998 and the first since Henry DeCaster in 2017.

Moris (Fy. | Woodbury, Minn. | East Ridge) saw a team-high 73 at-bats splitting time between catcher and left field in his first season of college ball. He ranked sixth in the conference with 17 runs batted in and 12th in the conference with 26 hits against MIAC pitchers. He becomes the second St. Thomas player to receive MIAC Baseball Rookie of the Year honors, joining another Tommie catcher, J.D. Dorgan, who won the award in 2011.

Olean was named Jim Dimick Coach of the Year for the third time in his career after leading the Tommies to their unprecedented 37th conference title in program history. Olean's club posted a winning percentage of 0.895 in conference play during the 2021 regular season en route to the top seed in the conference tournament. Olean - the 1999 MIAC Pitcher of the Year during his playing days at St. Thomas - also won Coach of the Year honors in 2012 and 2013.

In addition to individual awards, MIAC baseball coaches also selected the All-Conference, All-Defensive, and All-Sportsmanship Teams. Thirty players were honored with All-Conference status. Twenty-three of those 30 players were first-time selections. Concordia pitcher **Ty Syverson**, Gustavus shortstop **Cole Pengilly**, Macalester third baseman **Michael Moreno**, Saint Mary's catcher **Justin Weinberg**, St. Olaf shortstop **Matthew Muller** and outfielder **TJ Rogers**, and St. Thomas pitcher **Graham Laubscher** each received All-MIAC honors for the second time. Rogers and Tommie pitcher **Andrew Tri** also repeated as All-Defensive Team picks.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 14th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for baseball. Members of the All-MIAC Sportsmanship team are selected by their coaches and teammates as individuals who demonstrate ideals of positive sportsmanship both on and off the field of competition.



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2021 MIAC Baseball Max Molock Player of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
OF	Bryce Novak	Gustavus	So.	Cleveland, Minn.	--

2021 MIAC Baseball Mike Augustin Pitcher of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
LHP	Graham Laubscher	St. Thomas	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn.	--

2021 MIAC Baseball Rookie of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School
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2021 MIAC Baseball Jim Dimick Coach of the Year

Name	Institution	Previous Selections
Chris Olean	St. Thomas	2012 2013

2021 MIAC Baseball All-Conference Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
C	Ethan Mocchi	Gustavus	Sr.	Champlin, Minn. Legacy Christian	--
C	Ethan Roe	Saint John's	Jr.	Golden Valley, Minn. Blake	--
C	Justin Weinberg	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Eagan, Minn. Cretin-Derham Hall	2019
1B	Jack Hanson	Gustavus	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	--
1B	Mac Enlow	Hamline	Fy.	Blaine, Minn.	--
1B	Will Matthews	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Geneva, Ill. Marmion Academy	--
2B	Matt Gruber	Concordia	Jr.	Glenwood, Minn. Minnewaska Area	--
2B	Matt Odom	Macalester	Fy.	Glendale, Calif. St. Francis	--
2B	Sam Kulesa	St. Thomas	Fy.	Minneapolis, Minn. De La Salle	--
3B	Michael Moreno	Macalester	Jr.	Massapequa, N.Y.	2019
SS	Cole Pengilly	Gustavus	Sr.	Le Sueur, Minn. Le Sueur-Henderson	2019
SS	Matthew Enck	St. Thomas	Fy.	Edina, Minn.	--
SS	Matthew Muller	St. Olaf	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2019
OF	Travis Brown	Carleton	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn. St. Michael-Albertville	--
OF	Bryce Novak	Gustavus	So.	Cleveland, Minn.	--
OF	Dalton Thelen	Gustavus	Jr.	Cold Spring, Minn. ROCORI	--
OF	Kenny Rodriguez	Macalester	So.	Bronx, N.Y. George	--
OF	TJ Rogers	St. Olaf	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2019
OF	Avery Lehman	St. Thomas	Sr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.	--
OF	Jake Porter	St. Thomas	Fy.	Castle Pines, Colo. Thunder Ridge	--
DH	Max Nyrop	Saint John's	So.	Alameda, Calif.	--
P	Matthew Bohlke	Bethel	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn. Wayzata	--
P	Ty Syverson	Concordia	Sr.	Moorhead, Minn.	2019
P	Weston Lombard	Gustavus	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn. St. Paul Academy	--
P	Damon Rademacher	Gustavus	Sr.	Princeton, Minn.	--
P	Nick Penick	Saint John's	Sr.	Cold Spring, Minn. ROCORI	--
P	Luke Gilbertson	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Windom, Minn.	--
P	Duke Coborn	St. Thomas	Fr.	North St. Paul, Minn. St. Thomas Academy	--
P	Graham Laubscher	St. Thomas	Sr.	Stillwater, Minn.	2019
P	Andrew Tri	St. Thomas	Sr.	Hastings, Minn. St. Thomas Academy	--

2021 MIAC Baseball All-Defensive Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	Previous Selections
C	Charlie Bartholomew	St. Thomas	So.	Mahtomedi, Minn.	--
1B	Will Matthews	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Geneva, Ill. Marmion Academy	--
IF	Joey Costello	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Victoria, Minn. Chanhassen	--
IF	Matthew Enck	St. Thomas	Fy.	Edina, Minn.	--
IF	Sam Kulesa	St. Thomas	Fy.	Minneapolis, Minn. De La Salle	--
OF	Andy Gravdahl	Concordia	Jr.	West Fargo, N.D.	--
OF	Andy Tepp	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Stevens Point, Wis. Pacelli	--
OF	TJ Rogers	St. Olaf	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	2019
P	Andrew Polk	Macalester	Sr.	San Mateo, Calif. St. Ignatius Prep	--
P	Andrew Tri	St. Thomas	Sr.	Hastings, Minn. St. Thomas Academy	2019

2021 MIAC Baseball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown High School	
P	Chase Thomley	Augsburg	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn. Highland Park	
OF	Ethan Krehbiel-Valoaga	Bethel	Sr.	St. Michael, Minn. St. Michael-Albertville	
1B	Blake Anderson	Carleton	Sr.	Alexandria, Minn.	
C	Jack Naugle	Concordia	Sr.	Walker, Minn.	
P	John Campisi	Gustavus	Sr.	Thornton, Colo. Faith Academy Christian	
3B	Colton Peters	Hamline	Sr.	Orono, Minn.	
P	Jake Greenberg	Macalester	Sr.	Mt. Kisco, N.Y. Horace Greeley	
P	Luke Zweber	Saint John's	Sr.	New Prague, Minn.	
2B	Isaac Blum	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Verona, Wis. Madison Memorial	
C	Bobby Isbell	St. Olaf	Sr.	Wayzata, Minn.	
C	Adam Krajewski	St. Thomas	Sr.	Eau Claire, Wis. Memorial	