

# MIAC announces 2021-22 Men's Basketball Awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – With the 2021-22 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) men's basketball season in the books, the conference honored the year's top performers with the announcement of the annual MIAC Men's Basketball Awards on Monday.

Augsburg junior guards **Joe Palmer** and **Rayquan Moore** were named MIAC Joe Hutton Player of the Year and Sixth Man of the Year, respectively, while Saint John's head coach **Pat McKenzie** was celebrated by his peers with Coach of the Year distinction.

Palmer (Faribault, Minn.) had a breakout junior season in 2021-22, leading the MIAC in points (354), points per game (20.8), total rebounds (148), defensive rebounds (122), and total rebounds per game (8.7). An All-Rookie Team honoree two years ago, Palmer is now the sixth different Auggie since former NBA champion Devean George in 1998 to be named MIAC Player of the Year.

Moore (Minneapolis, Minn. | DeLaSalle) saw action in 16 conference games this season and averaged nearly 20 minutes per game as a top reserve for the Auggies. His 8.4 points and 2.0 assists per game helped Augsburg to a 13-4 regular-season record in conference play and a sixth straight MIAC Playoff berth. Moore is the first Augsburg player since Kevin Van Rossum in 1998 to be named MIAC Sixth Man of the Year.

McKenzie guided the Johnnies to their tenth regular-season conference championship in program history this winter. Saint John's finished the MIAC regular season with a 17-2 record and defeated every other MIAC team at least once en route to the league crown. After voting had completed, McKenzie's team went on to win their third straight MIAC Playoff title. McKenzie is now a two-time MIAC Coach of the Year recipient. He previously received the award in 2018.

Due to no conference awards being issued in 2020-21 as a result of COVID-compacted winter seasons, just three of this year's All-MIAC selections in men's basketball had previously received the honor. Saint John's center **Zach Hanson** (New Prague, Minn.) was a Third Team pick in 2019 and a First Team selection in 2020 before returning to the First Team this season. Carleton junior forward **Jeremy Beckler** (Lino Lakes, Minn. | White Bear Lake) and St. Olaf senior guard **Dominic Bledsoe** (St. Paul, Minn. | DeLaSalle) were both Third Team picks in 2020 who ascended to the First Team this year. Bledsoe was also an honorable mention selection in 2019 and earned his fourth straight All-Defensive Team nod this season. Augsburg senior guard **Matt Carik** (Rogers, Minn.) - and All-Conference Third Team pick in 2019 and Second Team selection in 2020 - received honorable mention distinction this year.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 15th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men's basketball. 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.



Joe Palmer was selected as the top men's basketball player in the MIAC this season by conference coaches. (Photo: Kevin Healy)

## 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Awards

### 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Joe Hutton Player of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Joe Palmer	Augsburg	Jr.	Faribault, Minn.	--

### 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Sixth Man of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Rayquan Moore	Augsburg	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   DeLaSalle	--

### 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year

Name	Institution	Previous Selections
Pat McKenzie	Saint John's	2018

## 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball First Team All-Conference

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Raheem Anthony	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.   DePaul College Prep	--
F	Jeremy Beckler	Carleton	Jr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.   White Bear Lake	2020 (3T)
G	Dominic Bledsoe	St. Olaf	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.   DeLaSalle	2019 (HM)   2020 (3T)
G	Kaleb Feahn	Gustavus	Sr.	Waseca, Minn.	--
C	Zach Hanson	Saint John's	Sr.	New Prague, Minn.	2019 (3T)   2020 (1T)
G	Joe Palmer	Augsburg	Jr.	Faribault, Minn.	--

2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Second Team All-Conference

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
F	Zach Doely	Bethel	So.	Stillwater, Minn.   St. Croix Prep	--
F	Nolan Malo	Gustavus	Sr.	Owatonna, Minn.	--
G	Jack Sorenson	Augsburg	Jr.	Lakeville, Minn.   South	--
F	Ryan Thissen	Saint John's	So.	Rosemount, Minn.   Eastview	--
G	Caleb Williams	Macalester	So.	Wild Rose, Wis.	--

2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Third Team All-Conference

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
F	Cooper Berg	Hamline	Sr.	Forest Lake, Minn.	--
F	Nathan Hendler	St. Olaf	Sr.	Shakopee, Minn.   Holy Family Catholic	--
F	Rowan Nelson	Concordia	Fy.	Melrose, Minn.	--
G	Gabriel Ramos	Macalester	Sr.	Dorado, Puerto Rico   TASIS Dorado	--
G	Kooper Vaughn	Saint John's	Fy.	St. Charles, Minn.	--

2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Defensive Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Dominic Bledsoe	St. Olaf	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.   DeLaSalle	2018   2019   2020
F	Zach Doely	Bethel	So.	Stillwater, Minn.   St. Croix Prep	--
G	Caden Freetly	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Farmington, Minn.	--
C	Zach Hanson	Saint John's	Sr.	New Prague, Minn.	--
F	Joey Kidder	Bethel	So.	New Richmond, Wis.	--
G	Conner Knoepfle	Augsburg	Sr.	Andover, Minn.	--

2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball All-First-Year Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	
G	Coby Gold	Macalester	Fy.	Denver, Colo.   Kent Denver	
G	Luke Harris	Carleton	Fy.	Piedmont, Calif.	

F	Rowan Nelson	Concordia	Fy.	Melrose, Minn.
F	Spencer Swanson	Gustavus	Fy.	Waconia, Minn.
G	Kooper Vaughn	Saint John's	Fy.	New Charles, Minn.

### 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
F	Alex Battist	Carleton	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.	2020 (HM)
G	Matt Carik	Augsburg	Sr.	Rogers, Minn.	2019 (3T)   2020 (2T)
G	Colton Codute	Saint John's	Sr.	Wayzata, Minn.   Orono	--
G	Luke Harris	Carleton	Fy.	Piedmont, Calif.	--
C	Peter Lundquist	Gustavus	Sr.	Rochester, Minn.   Mayo	--

### 2021-22 MIAC Men's Basketball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
G	Dominick Ingram	Augsburg	Sr.	Edina, Minn.
G	Sam Nelson	Bethel	Jr.	Waconia, Minn.
G	Beck Page	Carleton	Jr.	Longmont, Colo.
G	David Birkeland	Concordia	Sr.	Hermantown, Minn.
F	Adam Biewen	Gustavus	So.	Golden Valley, Minn.   Armstrong
G	Jake Wohlers	Hamline	So.	Lake City, Minn.
C	Shane Anderson	Macalester	Sr.	Fargo, N.D.   Davies
G	Jake Binley	Saint John's	Sr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.   Simley
G	Zack Kjeseth	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Wabasha, Minn.   Wabasha-Kellogg
F	Carter Uphus	St. Olaf	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.   Benilde-St. Margaret's
F	Zach Sjoblad	St. Scholastica	Sr.	Nisswa, Minn.   Pequot Lakes