

# Arthur Ashe Award winner Tim Larson headlines 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards on Tuesday, including the Arthur Ashe Award, Coach of the Year, All-Conference teams and All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Saint John's senior **Tim Larson** was selected as the 2018 MIAC Arthur Ashe Award winner. The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete who exhibits outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

Larson (Sr. | Bloomington, Minn. | Jefferson) has been involved with Family Fest Ministries - a faith-based non-profit - and Feed My Starving Children - an organization that strives to combat hunger worldwide - since the age of 12. In college, he has also served as a member of Saint John's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), where he aided in numerous student-athlete advancement and charitable initiatives, including working with Kids Fighting Hunger. Johnnie student-athletes have packaged upwards of 40,000 meals in each of the last three years to those in need abroad and in Stearns County.

On the court, Larson has also been an unquestionable example of excellence. Larson has played No. 1 singles for SJU each of the last three seasons and lined up at No. 1 doubles all four of his seasons in Collegeville. Larson totaled 96 combined wins in his singles and doubles collegiate career.

"Tim is one of the hardest-working players and the most talented two-sport (tennis and soccer) athlete that I have had the privilege to coach in my 32 years of collegiate coaching," Saint John's head tennis coach Jack Bowe said.

In addition to the Arthur Ashe Award, MIAC tennis coaches also selected the MIAC Steve Wilkinson Men's Tennis Coach of the Year. Concordia College coach **Joseph Murrey** was honored by his peers with the award. In 2018, Murrey guided the Cobbers to their first MIAC Playoff berth in seven seasons and the program's highest win total (11) since the 2005 campaign.

The 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Singles and Doubles teams were also recognized. The All-Conference team is selected based on performance during conference dual matches, with the top 18 players (including ties) recognized for both singles and doubles. A player must play in five conferences matches at any position to be eligible for the honor.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the 12th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for men's tennis. 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.



Larson finished his Johnnie career with 96 total victories. (Photo: Richard Larkin McLay)

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## 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis Awards

**Arthur Ashe Award** – Tim Larson | Saint John's University (Sr. | Bloomington, Minn. | Jefferson)

**Steve Wilkinson Coach of the Year** – Joseph Murrey | Concordia College (2nd Season)

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### 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Singles Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
Mohanad Alhouni	Gustavus	Sr.	Tripoli, Libya   West Lutheran
Mason Bultje	Gustavus	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.   Mankato East
Josh Doyle	Macalester	Sr.	Cologne, Germany   Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium

Hunter Fernelius	Bethel	Jr.	New Hope, Minn.   Armstrong
Thomas Gillach	Saint John's	Fr.	Lindstrom, Minn   Chisago Lakes
Aaron Goodman	Carleton	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   St. Louis Park
Sam Hochberger	Macalester	Fy.	Maple Grove, Minn.
Kevin Hurley	Carleton	Sr.	Novi, Mich.   University of Detroit Jesuit
Tim Larson	Saint John's	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson
Ryan Meger	Saint John's	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.   Mahtomedi
Jordon O'Kelly	Carleton	Jr.	Lake Forest, Ill.
Erik Porter	Concordia	So.	Mandan, N.D.
Andrew Qi	Carleton	Jr.	Auckland, New Zealand   Saint Kentigern
Gabe Steinwand	Gustavus	Sr.	Moorhead, Minn.
Aiden Tirpack	Macalester	Sr.	Mill Valley, Calif.   Tamalpais
Isaac Toivonen	Concordia	Sr.	Red Wing, Minn.
Jake Trondson	Hamline	So.	St. Paul, Minn.   Mounds View
Leo Vithoontien	Carleton	Fy.	Bangkok, Thailand   Bangkok Patana School
Patrick Whaling	Gustavus	Jr.	Manakin Sabot, Va.   Victoria Christian Academy
Ben White	Macalester	Fy.	Parkersburg, W.V.   Parkersburg South

#### 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Conference Doubles Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
Mohanad Alhouni	Gustavus	Sr.	Tripoli, Libya   West Lutheran
Christian Beck	St. Olaf	Sr.	Los Altos, Calif.
Mason Bultje	Gustavus	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.   Mankato East
Josh Doyle	Macalester	Sr.	Cologne, Germany   Friedrich Wilhelm Gymnasium
Thomas Gillach	Saint John's	Fr.	Lindstrom, Minn.   Chisago Lakes
Sam Hochberger	Macalester	Fy.	Maple Grove, Minn.
Danny Hogan	St. Olaf	Sr.	Edina, Minn.   Benilde-St. Margaret's
Kevin Hurley	Carleton	Sr.	Novi, Mich.   University of Detroit Jesuit
Nate Jordre	Saint John's	Fr.	St. Cloud, Minn.   Tech
Tim Larson	Saint John's	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson
Jordon O'Kelly	Carleton	Jr.	Lake Forest, Ill.
Erik Porter	Concordia	So.	Mandan, N.D.
Jonah Punnoose	Saint John's	Jr.	Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson
David Schneck	Concordia	Sr.	Fergus Falls, Minn.
Matt Seracki	Hamine	Sr.	Blaine, Minn.
Jake Trondson	Hamline	So.	St. Paul, Minn.   Mounds View
Leo Vithoontien	Carleton	Fy.	Bangkok, Thailand   Bangkok Patana School
Patrick Whaling	Gustavus	Jr.	Manakin Sabot, Va.   Victoria Christian Academy

#### 2018 MIAC Men's Tennis All-Sportsmanship Team

Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
Peter Lindberg	Bethel	Sr.	Oakdale, Minn.   North St. Paul

Kevin Hurley	Carleton	Sr.	Novi, Mich.   University of Detroit Jesuit
Erik Porter	Concordia	So.	Mandan, N.D.
Zach Ekstein	Gustavus	Sr.	Eagan, Minn.
Brandon Kuether	Hamline	Sr.	Fridley, Minn.   Columbia Heights
Ben Wilson	Macalester	Sr.	Oakland, Calif.   College Preparatory School
Tim Larson	Saint John's	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.   Jefferson
Bobby Tiedemann	Saint Mary's	So.	Euclid, Minn.   Crookston
Christopher Prokosch	St. Olaf	Jr.	Mendota Heights, Minn.   Henry Sibley
Nick Vossen	St. Thomas	Fr.	Lakeville, Minn.   Lakeville North