

# 2008 MIAC Softball Awards

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St. Paul, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2008 MIAC Softball Awards today, May 12, 2008. Leading the award winners is St. Thomas senior pitcher/first baseman Maria Bye.



Bye was named MIAC Player and Pitcher of the Year for the second consecutive season. She led the MIAC with a .564 batting average, 30 RBI, and eight home runs. On the mound, Bye led the conference with a 0.28 ERA and was 10-0 with 67 strikeouts over her 49.2 innings of work.

Augsburg College first-year third baseman Jennifer Castillo was named the MIAC Rookie of the Year. Castillo batted .453 in MIAC games with 12 RBI and 16 runs.

Augsburg head coach Tim Gormley was chosen as the 2008 MIAC Coach of the Year. Gormley led the Auggies to their first ever MIAC Playoff appearance in 2008.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announces the second annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for softball. 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.

**Player of the Year** - Maria Bye, St. Thomas (Sr., Maple Plain, Minn./Orono)

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**Rookie of the Year** - Jennifer Castillo, Augsburg (Fy., 3B, Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn)

**Coach of the Year** - Tim Gormley, Augsburg (2nd season)

## 2008 MIAC All-Conference

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Crystal Barriga	Macalester	So.	C	Broomfield, Colo./Legacy
Ali Berens	St. Olaf	So.	INF	Shakopee, Minn./Holy Family
Missy Bruggeman	St. Thomas	Jr.	INF	Greenbush, Minn./Greenbush-Middle River
Maria Bye	St. Thomas	Sr.	P/1B	Maple Plain, Minn./Orono
Jennifer Castillo	Augsburg	Fy.	INF	Minneapolis, Minn./Washburn
Rachael Click	Gustavus	Jr.	INF	Rochester, Minn./Mayo
Sophie Davidson	Hamline	So.	INF	St. Paul, Minn./Johnson
Katy Gannon	Saint Mary's	Fy.	INF	Roselle, Ill./St. Viator
Emily Klein	Gustavus	Jr.	OF	Red Wing, Minn.
Jessica Kniefel	St. Catherine	Fy.	INF	Owatonna, Minn.
Tiffany Magnuson	Augsburg	Jr.	INF/P	Green Bay, Wis./Notre Dame
Julie Mahre	Gustavus	Sr.	INF	Lino Lakes, Minn./White Bear Lake
Emily Maland	Carleton	Jr.	P/INF	Brattleboro, Vt./Union

Amanda Michaelson	Concordia	Jr.	C	Shoreview, Minn./Mounds View
Steph Moores	St. Thomas	Jr.	C	Big Lake, Minn.
Cassie Otte	Saint Mary's	Jr.	OF	Randolph, Minn.
Marta Radcliffe	St. Thomas	So.	P	Lakeville, Minn.
Jillian Rigg	Saint Benedict	Jr.	OF	Billings, Mont./Central Catholic
Molly Trombley	Bethel	Sr.	C	Stacy, Minn./Forest Lake
Jourdan Ulrich	Hamline	Jr.	OF	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Jessalyn Weaver	Hamline	So.	P	Eagan, Minn.
Ashley Westerman	Augsburg	Sr.	C/INF	Bemidji, Minn.
Alison Wright	St. Thomas	So.	OF	Pewaukee, Wis.

## 2008 MIAC Honorable Mention All-Conference

Name	School	Year	Position	Hometown/High School
Ashley Anderberg	Hamline	So.	C	Circle Pines, Minn./Centennial
Danielle Geske	Saint Mary's	Jr.	OF	Rosemount, Minn.
Olivia Graham	St. Thomas	Sr.	INF	Roseville, Minn.
Lauren Habisch	Bethel	So.	OF	Lakeville, Minn./Apple Valley
Emily Hennig	St. Olaf	Sr.	C	St. Paul, Minn./Minnehaha Academy
Lisa Jacobs	St. Catherine	Fy.	INF	Eagle Lake, Minn./Mankato East
Erin Johnson	Concordia	So.	P/2B	Fargo, N.D./West Fargo
Ellen Larson	St. Olaf	So.	INF	St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall
Jessi McGehee	St. Catherine	Jr.	INF	Oakdale, Minn./Tartan
Laura Naig	Bethel	Sr.	C	Kasson, Minn./Kasson-Mantorville
Callie Nelsen	Gustavus	So.	P	Willmar, Minn.
Abby Richardson	Saint Benedict	Fy.	INF/OF	Storm Lake, Iowa/St. Mary's
Kjirsten Speer	St. Olaf	Fy.	OF	Glendale, Calif./Flintridge Prep
Grace Weinreich	Hamline	Jr.	OF	Wahkon, Minn./Isle
Emily Wendorff	Gustavus	Fy.	INF	Prior Lake, Minn./Lakeville South
Katy Wightman	St. Thomas	Jr.	INF	Forest Lake, Minn.

**2008 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team**

Augsburg - Jolene Ross (Sr., Arden Hills, Minn./Mounds View)

Bethel - Amber Beasley (Jr., Medina, Minn./West Lutheran)

Carleton - Andrea Duron (Jr., Claremont, Calif./Vivian Webb School)

Concordia - Laura Johnson (Jr., Rochester, Minn./Mayo)

Gustavus - Erin Ge (Sr., Shorewood, Minn./Benilde-St. Margaret's)

Hamline - Brenna Healy (So., Mounds View, Minn./Totino Grace)

Macalester - Olivia Abbott (So., Lakewood, Colo./Green Mountain)

Saint Benedict - Beth Hanson (So., Faribault, Minn./Bethlehem Academy)

St. Catherine - Beth Freier (So., St. Paul, Minn./Cretin-Derham Hall)

Saint Mary's - Kellie Simons (Fy., Richfield, Minn.)

St. Olaf - Katie Truax (Fy., Waukesha, Wis./West)