

# MIAC announces 2019-20 Women's Basketball Awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) closed the book on its 2019-20 women's basketball season on Wednesday with the announcement of the annual conference awards.

Bethel forward **Taite Anderson** was voted the conference Player of the Year by MIAC coaches, while her head coach, **Jon Herbrechtsmeyer**, was honored by his peers with Coach of the Year recognition. St. Olaf forward **Rachel Kelly** received Sixth Player of the Year accolades and first-year forward **Caitlin Rorman** was named Rookie of the Year.

Anderson (Sr. | White Bear Lake, Minn.) was named MIAC Player of the Year after putting together one of the finest scoring seasons in conference history. The senior forward became Bethel's single-season scoring leader and finished the regular season with the fourth-best scoring average in MIAC history at 21.6 points per conference game. Anderson posted double-digit point totals in every game she played, including 13 showings of 20 points or more in league play with five double-doubles along the way. She also led the conference in field goals (155), scoring percentage (66.2), and three-point shooting percentage (73.1). Anderson is the third Bethel player to be named MIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year, joining Kitri Peterson (1996) and Taylor Sheley (2012).

Kelly (Fy. | Northfield, Minn.) received Sixth Player of the Year accolades after logging 12.1 points and 5.3 rebounds off the bench for the Oles in her debut season. The first-year forward appeared in all 20 conference games, going for 20-plus points on three occasions and finishing among the MIAC top-10 in field goals (99), field goal percentage (52.9), offensive rebounds (54), and blocks (15) in league play. Kelly becomes the second woman from St. Olaf to be named Sixth Player of the Year, joining Kim Cerjan, who won the award in 2013.

Rorman (Fy. | Blue Earth, Minn.) averaged 17.2 points and 5.2 rebounds per conference game en route to Rookie of the Year honors. Rorman started 19 of 20 MIAC games in her first year at Gustavus and quickly became the focal point of the Gustie offense, scoring the third-most points of any conference player this season. Rorman also ranked among the top-10 in the conference in six other statistical categories, including minutes per game (31.7), field goals (121), field goal percentage (62.7), free throws (75), free throw percentage (86.2), and points per game (17.2). She is the second Gustie to receive Rookie of the Year honors in the three-year history of the award. Teammate **Ava Gonsorowski** was the inaugural recipient in 2018.

Herbrechtsmeyer was named MIAC Coach of the Year for the first time in his 18 years at Bethel after guiding the Royals to their best season in program history, which included a 19-1 conference record and a 24-1 overall regular-season mark. Herbrechtsmeyer's team won the second regular-season MIAC title in program history and its first-ever MIAC playoff crown in addition to clinching the Royals' sixth berth in the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Tournament.

In addition to individual awards, MIAC coaches also voted on and selected All-Conference, All-Defensive, and All-First-Year Teams. Bethel's Anderson and Augsburg's **Tamira McLemore** joined elite company in becoming just the 17th and 18th women in MIAC basketball history to be named All-Conference in all four seasons of competition. St. Catherine guard **Danica Cambrice** became a three-time All-MIAC selection, while four more players - Augsburg's **Camryn Speese**, Bethel's **Makenna Pearson**, Carleton's **Katie Chavez**, and Hamline's **Reilly Geistfeld** - were named to the All-Conference team for the second time. Bethel's **Haylee Baker** and **Bella Williams** were repeat selections to the All-Defensive Teams.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 14th annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women'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.



## 2019-20 MIAC Women's Basketball Awards

**Player of the Year** – Taite Anderson | F | Bethel (Sr. | White Bear Lake, Minn.)  
**Sixth Player of the Year** – Rachel Kelly | F | St. Olaf (Fy. | Northfield, Minn.)  
**Rookie of the Year** – Caitlin Rorman | F | Gustavus (Fy. | Blue Earth, Minn.)  
**Coach of the Year** – Jon Herbrechtsmeyer | Bethel (18th season)

## 2019-20 MIAC Women's Basketball All-Conference Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
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F	Taite Anderson	Bethel	Sr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.	2017   2018   2019
G	Haylee Barker	Bethel	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.	2019 (HM)
G	Danica Cambrice	St. Catherine	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   St. Croix Lutheran	2018   2019
G	Katie Chavez	Carleton	Sr.	Westminster, Colo.   Holy Family	2018
F	Samantha Cooke	Carleton	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.   Incarnate Word Academy	2017 (HM)
F	Reilly Geistfeld	Hamline	Sr.	St. James, Minn.   Martin County West	2019
G	Ava Gonsorowski	Gustavus	Jr.	Esko, Minn.	--
G	Macy Hatlestad	St. Thomas	Jr.	Alexandria, Minn.	--
F	Rachel Kelly	St. Olaf	Fy.	Northfield, Minn.	--
F	Lydia Lecher	Hamline	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn.   Concordia Academy	--
G	Tamira McLemore	Augsburg	Sr.	Eagan, Minn.	2017   2018   2019
F	Makenna Pearson	Bethel	Jr.	Blaine, Minn.	2019
P	Brynne Rolland	St. Thomas	So.	Apple Valley, Minn.	--
F	Caitlin Rorman	Gustavus	Fy.	Blue Earth, Minn.	--
F	Mary Sem	Concordia	So.	Fargo, N.D.   North	--
C	Camryn Speese	Augsburg	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.   DeLaSalle	2018
G	Autumn Thompson	Concordia	So.	Argyle, Minn.   Stephen-Argyle Central	--
G	Shayley Vesel	Saint Mary's	So.	Austin, Minn.	--

2019-20 MIAC Women's Basketball All-Defensive Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Haylee Barker	Bethel	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.	2019
G	Danica Cambrice	St. Catherine	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   St. Croix Lutheran	--
G	Tamira McLemore	Augsburg	Sr.	Eagan, Minn.	--
G	Bella Williams	Bethel	Jr.	Zimmerman, Minn.	2019
G	Kaezha Wubben	Augsburg	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   Hopkins	--

2019-20 MIAC Women's Basketball All-First-Year Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	
G	Emily Beseman	Concordia	Fy.	Swanville, Minn.	
G	Kat Brown-Erdal	Bethel	Fy.	Jordan, Minn.	
F	Rachel Kelly	St. Olaf	Fy.	Northfield, Minn.	
F	Lydia Lecher	Hamline	Fy.	St. Paul, Minn.   Concordia Academy	
F	Caitlin Rorman	Gustavus	Fy.	Blue Earth, Minn.	

2019-20 MIAC Women's Basketball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Justine Barraza	Macalester	Jr.	Burbank, Calif.   Harvard-West Lake	2019 (AC)
G	Arianna Jones	Augsburg	Sr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn.   Osseo	2019 (AC)

G	Brooklyn Paulson	Saint Mary's	So.	Holmen, Wis.	2019 (HM)
F	Paige Richert	Gustavus	Jr.	Comfrey, Minn.   Cedar Mountain Comfrey	--
G	Sidney Schiffler	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Albany, Minn.	2018 (HM)   2019 (HM)
F	Jazmyn Solseth	Augsburg	Jr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.   St. Croix Lutheran	--
G	Megan Thompson	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.   Holy Angels	2018 (HM)   2019 (AC)
G	Aiza Wilson	Augsburg	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   DeLaSalle	--
G	Kaezha Wubben	Augsburg	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   Hopkins	--
G	Jill Yanai	Carleton	So.	Glendale, Calif.	--

2019-20 MIAC Women's Basketball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	
G	Tamira McLemore	Augsburg	Sr.	Eagan, Minn.	
G	Michaela Craigan	Bethel	Jr.	Hugo, Minn.   White Bear Lake	
F	Erica Ellefson	Carleton	Sr.	Hutchinson, Minn.	
F	Elizabeth Birkemeyer	Concordia	Jr.	Ada, Minn.   Ada-Borup	
G	Alison Hinck	Gustavus	Jr.	Vadnais Heights, Minn.   White Bear Lake	
G	Heather Moore	Hamline	Sr.	Flowery Branch, Ga.	
G	Holly Hull	Macalester	Sr.	Overland Park, Kan.   Blue Valley Northwest	
G	Megan Thompson	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Inver Grove Heights, Minn.   Holy Angels	
G	Emma Nelson	St. Catherine	Sr.	Byron, Minn.	
G	Michele Remer	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Grand Forks, N.D.   Sacred Heart	
F	Camryn Scott	St. Olaf	So.	Lone Tree, Colo.   Valor Christian	
G	Macy Hatelstad	St. Thomas	Jr.	Alexandria, Minn.	