

# MIAC announces 2021-22 Women's Basketball Awards

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**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) closed the book on its 2021-22 women's basketball season on Tuesday with the announcement of the annual conference awards.

Augsburg senior forward **Jen Masello** was selected the MIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year, while teammate **Anja Smith** was named Sixth Player of the Year, and Auggie head coach **Ted Rivero** was named Coach of the Year. Bethel first-year forward **Hayden Glander** received MIAC Rookie of the Year honors.

Masello (Darien, Ill. | Downers Grove South) ranked among the top-10 in the MIAC in ten different statistical categories this season, including leading the league in both defensive rebounds (143) and blocked shots (42). She also averaged 14.1 points per game and 8.7 rebounds per game against conference opponents this season. Masello is the first Auggie in recorded conference history to be named MIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year. With Augsburg junior guard **Joe Palmer** receiving the Men's Basketball Player of the Year honor, this is also the fourth time in league history that both the Men's and Women's Players of the Year hail from the same institution. It previously occurred in 1994 (Amy Bot and Brent Longval, St. Thomas), 2011 (Mary Wilkowski and Carl Hipp, Hamline), and 2017 (Kaitlin Langer and Grant Shaeffer, St. Thomas).



*Jen Masello is the first Auggie in recorded MIAC history to receive top individual honors in women's basketball.*

Smith (Kewaskum, Wis. | Saint Mary's Springs) did not play until December and never started a game for the Auggies, but ended up being a critical piece of the puzzle this season for the regular-season MIAC champs. Smith saw just more than 24 minutes per game as Augsburg's top reserve and finished league play by averaging 16.6 points per game - good for the second-highest clip in the conference this season. She is the second Auggie ever to be named Sixth Player of the Year for women's basketball, joining 2019 recipient Aiza Wilson.

Glander (Norwood Young America, Minn.) became the first Bethel player ever to receive MIAC Rookie of the Year honors in women's basketball. Glander played in all 22 conference games for the Royals, knocking down 114 shots for 323 points - most among first-year players and third-most among all scorers - in league play this season. She also ranked fifth in the conference with 23 blocks and seventh with 131 rebounds on the year.

Rivero was celebrated by his peers with top coaching honors after guiding the Auggies to a 19-2 record in league play and the program's first-ever MIAC regular-season championship. Rivero is now a nine-time recipient of the MIAC Coach of the Year award, having won seven times at the helm of St. Thomas (1988, 1990, 1992, 1995-98) and twice at Augsburg (2019, 2022).

Four players named to the 2021-22 All-MIAC Team had been recognized with All-Conference distinction previously. Bethel senior forward **Makenna Pearson** (Blaine, Minn.) earned All-MIAC honors in 2019 and 2020 before being named All-Conference for a third time this season; Concordia's **Mary Sem** (Fargo, N.D. | North), Hamline's **Lydia Lecher** (St. Paul, Minn. | Concordia Academy), and St. Olaf's **Rachel Kelly** (Northfield, Minn.) were each All-Conference picks in 2020 as well. Carleton's **Jill Yanai** (Glendale, Calif.), Saint Mary's **Brooklyn Paulson** (Holmen, Wis.), and St. Olaf's **K'Lynn Lewis** (St. Paul, Minn. | St. Agnes) had received honorable mention distinction in prior years and earned All-Conference billing this season.

As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC also announced the 15th 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.

## 2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Awards

### 2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
F	Jen Masello	Augsburg	Sr.	Darien, Ill.   Downers Grove South	--

### 2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Sixth Player of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
F	Anja Smith	Augsburg	So.	Kewaskum, Wis.   Saint Mary's Springs	--

### 2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
F	Hayden Glander	Bethel	Fy.	Norwood Young America, Minn.
2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year				
Name	Institution		Previous Selections	
Ted Riverso	Augsburg		1988   1990   1992   1995   1996   1997   1998   2019	

2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball All-Conference Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
F	Jasmine Choi	Carleton	So.	Maple Grove, Minn.   Osseo	--
G	Sophie Findell	Hamline	Sr.	New Brighton, Minn.   Irondale	--
F	Hayden Glander	Bethel	Fy.	Norwood Young America, Minn.	--
F	Rachel Kelly	St. Olaf	Jr.	Northfield, Minn.	2020
G	Emma Kniefel	Gustavus	So.	Medford, Minn.	--
F	Lydia Lecher	Hamline	So.	St. Paul, Minn.   Concordia Academy	2020
G	K'Lynn Lewis	St. Olaf	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.   St. Agnes	2019 (HM)
G	Selena Lor	Augsburg	Sr.	Winona, Minn.	--
F	Jen Masello	Augsburg	Sr.	Darien, Ill.   Downers Grove South	--
G	Carla Meyer	Saint Benedict	So.	New Brighton, Minn.   Totino-Grace	--
G	Brooklyn Paulson	Saint Mary's	Sr.	Holmen, Wis.	2019 (HM)   2020 (HM)
F	Makenna Pearson	Bethel	Sr.	Blaine, Minn.	2019   2020
G	Celine Sabbagh	Macalester	Sr.	Eau Claire, Wis.   Regis	--
G	Anna Sanders	Gustavus	Jr.	Vadnais Heights, Minn.   White Bear Lake	--
F	Mary Sem	Concordia	Sr.	Fargo, N.D.   North	2020
F	Anja Smith	Augsburg	So.	Kewaskum, Wis.   Saint Mary's Springs	--
G	Bella Williams	Bethel	Sr.	Zimmerman, Minn.	--
G	Jill Yanai	Carleton	Sr.	Glendale, Calif.	2020 (HM)

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

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Chan'el Anderson-Manning	Hamline	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.   Cretin-Derham Hall	--
G	Madison Doran	Saint Benedict	Sr.	Circle Pines, Minn.   Totino-Grace	--
F	Emma LaFrenz	Macalester	Jr.	Edina, Minn.	--
F	Jen Masello	Augsburg	Sr.	Darien, Ill.   Downers Grove South	--
G	Bella Williams	Bethel	Sr.	Zimmerman, Minn.	2019   2020

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

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
G	Kylie Baranick	Gustavus	Fy.	Maple Grove, Minn.

F	Hayden Glander	Bethel	Fy.	Norwood Young America, Minn.
G	Izzy Goettelman	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Winona, Minn.
F	Rachel Kawiecki	Gustavus	Fy.	Richfield, Minn.   Academy of Holy Angels
G	Courtney Nuest	Bethel	Fy.	Becker, Minn.

2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball Honorable Mention

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School	Previous Selections
G	Chan'el Anderson-Manning	Hamline	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.   Cretin-Derham Hall	2019 (HM)
G	Miranda Broberg	St. Scholastica	So.	Milaca, Minn.	--
G	Jaley Coplin	Augsburg	Jr.	Shakopee, Minn.	--
F	Bree Glynn	St. Catherine	Jr.	Blaine, Minn.   Totino-Grace	--
G	Izzy Goettelman	Saint Mary's	Fy.	Winona, Minn.	--
F	Tess Hauer	Hamline	Jr.	Wausau, Wis.   West	--
G	Sophia Jonas	Saint Benedict	Fy.	Hudson, Wis.	--
G	Gabby Martin	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Pillager, Minn.	--
G	Kalena Myers	Augsburg	So.	Burnsville, Minn.   Apple Valley	--
F	Sam Orth	St. Catherine	Sr.	Maple Grove, Minn.   Rogers	--

2021-22 MIAC Women's Basketball All-Sportsmanship Team

Position	Name	Institution	Class	Hometown   High School
G	Chloe Kintop	Augsburg	Jr.	Foxboro, Wis.   Superior
F	Megan Boegel	Bethel	Sr.	Rochester, Minn.   Schaeffer Academy
F	Margie Clauss	Carleton	So.	Minneapolis, Minn.   Washburn
F	Taviahna Tanin	Concordia	Sr.	Middleton, Wis.
F	Sienna Wiebusch	Gustavus	Sr.	St. Peter, Minn.
G	Lindsey Bernardy	Hamline	Sr.	Wabasso, Minn.
G	Solana Cushing	Macalester	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.   South
F	Tori Szathmary	Saint Benedict	Jr.	Lakewood, Colo.   D'Evelyn
C	Katie Benjamin	St. Catherine	Sr.	Walker, Minn.   Walker-Hackensack
G	Ashley Streveler	Saint Mary's	Jr.	Colby, Wis.
F	Cayden Botten	St. Olaf	So.	Cold Spring, Minn.   ROCORI
F	Megan Hurley	St. Scholastica	So.	Woodbury, Minn.