

St. Thomas stars headline 2016 MIAC Women's Soccer Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) just wrapped up an entertaining and intense season of women's soccer and, Thursday, the top performers from that outstanding campaign were honored with the announcement of the 2016 MIAC Women's Soccer Awards.

MIAC champion St. Thomas had its top stars take home the top two individual honors, as senior goalkeeper Tarynn Theilig (Appleton, Wis. / St. Francis Xavier) claim her second-straight Defensive Player-of-the-Year honor and fellow Tommie Mallory DeBoom (Edina, Minn.) received Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors. Augsburg first-year phenom Ashley St. Aubin (Burnsville, Minn.) was named the Rookie-of-the-Year, and Bethel Head Coach Amanda Maxwell was voted Coach-of-the-Year by her peers for her work guiding the Royals to an incredible turnaround in 2016.

In addition to the individual awards, the conference also announced the members of the 2016 MIAC All-Conference Team, All-MIAC Honorable Mention selections and the 2016 All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team.

Theilig closes her career as one of the MIAC's most decorated goalkeepers thanks to her second-straight Defensive Player-of-the-Year award. She was flat-out dominant for the Tommies to help them claim their second-straight MIAC title with a 17-2-1 overall record and a 10-0-1 MIAC mark. Theilig also earned her third-straight All-Conference honor.

This season, the senior allowed just five goals in 17 games for an 0.29 goals against average, both of which led the MIAC. She also led in save percentage (.943) and shutouts (13) and was fifth with 82 saves. She was just as good in conference play, allowing just three goals in 11 games with an 0.27 GAA, .940 save percentage and seven shutouts to lead the MIAC in each category.

Fellow St. Thomas standout DeBoom led the team offensively and her high-scoring season led to her selection as Offensive Player-of-the-Year. The sophomore forward was superb in conference play, leading the league in goals (eight) and game-winning goals (five) while ranking second in points (19) and ninth in assists (three). Overall, she was second with six game-winning goals, third with seven assists and fifth in both goals (nine) and points (25).

St. Aubin burst onto the scene to lead the Auggies to a MIAC Playoff title and earn MIAC Rookie-of-the-Year honors. In all games the first-year forward led the MIAC with 15 goals, 37 points and nine game-winning goals, and her 92 shots ranked second and seven assists ranked third. In conference play St. Aubin ranked second in game-winning goals (four) and shots (48), third in goals (seven) and points (16) and she had two assists.

Maxwell's first MIAC Coach-of-the-Year honor is certainly well-deserved in her fifth season leading the Royals. A year ago, Bethel went 3-15 overall and 0-11 in conference play with just two goals in 11 MIAC games. The team was picked to finish last in the MIAC Preseason Coaches' Poll, but Maxwell and her team had other things in mind.

Bethel was the league's brightest surprise in 2016 with a 13-5-1 overall record and an 8-3 MIAC mark to share second place with Augsburg. The team was the No. 2 seed in the MIAC Playoffs and hosted a semifinal game after a first-round bye. Maxwell's club scored 19 goals in MIAC play this season – 17 more than 2015 – and she guided players to All-Conference honors and another to Honorable Mention status.

The All-Conference team was also recognized and headlined by Theilig, who earned her third-straight All-MIAC selection. Seven of the 20 All-Conference student-athletes received the honor for the second-straight season, including: Gustavus' Maddison Ackiss and Ashley Becker, Augsburg's Marta Anderson, St. Thomas' DeBoom, Macalester's Michaela McGonigle, St. Catherine's Hannah Okerstrom and Saint Mary's Emma Schaefer.

The 20-player All-Conference team included 13 seniors, no juniors, six sophomores and one first-year player. St. Thomas led the way with four All-Conference picks, followed by Augsburg with three and Bethel, Gustavus and Macalester with two players honored each. St. Catherine, Hamline, Saint Benedict, St. Olaf, Carleton, Concordia and Saint Mary's all had one player named to the All-Conference team.



As part of a conference-wide sportsmanship initiative, the MIAC announced the 11th-annual All-MIAC Sportsmanship team for women's soccer. 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.

2016 MIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER AWARDS

Offensive Player-of-the-Year: Mallory DeBoom, St. Thomas (So., F, Edina, Minn.)
Defensive Player-of-the-Year: Tarynn Theilig, St. Thomas (Sr., GK, Appleton, Wis. / St. Francis Xavier)
Rookie-of-the-Year: Ashley St. Aubin, Augsburg (Fy., F/M, Burnsville, Minn.)
Coach-of-the-Year: Amanda Maxwell, Bethel (5th season)

2016 MIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Maddison Ackiss	Gustavus	Sr.	F	Fairbanks, Alaska / West Valley
Marta Anderson	Augsburg	Sr.	M	Mankato, Minn. / East
Moriah Arnold	Carleton	Sr.	D/F	Harvard, Mass. / Bromfield
Ashley Becker	Gustavus	So.	GK	Farmington, Minn.
Grace Bestler	St. Olaf	Sr.	D	Lake Elmo, Minn. / Hill-Murray
Brie Bourdage	St. Thomas	So.	M	Lino Lakes, Minn. / Centennial
Mallory DeBoom	St. Thomas	So.	F	Edina, Minn.
Emily Gregg	Augsburg	Sr.	D	River Falls, Wis.
Taylor Hedin	Saint Benedict	Sr.	F	Andover, Minn.
Arendje Louter	Hamline	So.	F	Seattle, Wash. / Roosevelt
Michaela McGonigle	Macalester	Sr.	D	Seattle, Wash. / Holy Names Academy
Paige McCullough	Concordia	Sr.	F	Fargo, N.D. / Davies
Hannah Okerstrom	St. Catherine	Sr.	M	Bayport, Minn. / Stillwater
Emma Schaefer	Saint Mary's	Sr.	M	Roseville, Minn.
Maggie Sipe	Bethel	So.	M/F	Prior Lake, Minn. / Eagan
Taylor Skorik	St. Thomas	Sr.	M/F	Cedarburg, Wis.
Mikala Smith	Bethel	Sr.	M	Blaine, Minn. / Spring Lake Park
Ashley St. Aubin	Augsburg	Fy.	F/M	Burnsville, Minn.
Tarynn Theilig	St. Thomas	Sr.	GK	Appleton, Wis. / St. Frances Xavier
Clara Webby	Macalester	So.	D	San Francisco, Calif. / Uban School of San Francisco

2016 MIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Kaylyn Billmeyer	St. Olaf	So.	D	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata
Carter Denison	Augsburg	Sr.	F	Minneapolis, Minn. / South
Katie Gillette	Concordia	So.	D	Sioux Falls, S.D. / Lincoln
Ciara Gregory	Augsburg	Fy.	F/M	Cottage Grove, Minn. / Park
Emily Helle	St. Olaf	Jr.	M	Grayslake, Ill. / Carmel Catholic
Shannon Hickey	St. Catherine	Jr.	D	Eden Prairie, Minn. / Visitation
Malya Hirshkowitz	Hamline	Sr.	D/M	Seattle, Wash. / Bush
Rae Hohle	Macalester	Sr.	M	Aurora, Ill. / Illinois Math & Science Academy
Heather Kaluzniak	Saint Benedict	Sr.	GK	Plymouth, Minn. / Armstrong
Ruby Kazemi	Carleton	So.	D/M	Missoula, Mont. / Hellgate
Kaitlin Machovec	St. Catherine	So.	F	Woodbury, Minn. / North St. Paul
Ashlie Malone	Saint Mary's	Fy.	D/M	Peyton, Colo. / Pine Creek
Josie Mazzone	Gustavus	Jr.	D	Rapid City, S.D. / Central
Mikayla Nordin	Bethel	Sr.	D/F	Elkhorn, Neb.
Amy Ramras	Hamline	Sr.	GK	Fort Collins, Colo. / Fossil Ridge
Kaley Roberts	Hamline	Fy.	F	Naches, Wash. / Naches Valley
Iryna Talkachova	St. Catherine	So.	D	Shoreview, Minn. / Shattuck-St. Mary's
Madeline Topf	Carleton	Jr.	F/M	Ames, Iowa
Jess Trossen	Saint Benedict	Sr.	D	Andover, Minn.

Hailey Zweber	St. Thomas	Jr.	D	Prior Lake, Minn.
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2016 WOMEN'S SOCCER ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

- Augsburg:** Trine Boeystad (Fy., Rykkinn, Norway / Nadderud VGS)
Bethel: Samantha Provost (Jr., Prior Lake, Minn.)
Carleton: Connor Kasch (Sr., Marengo, Ill. / Illinois Math & Science Academy)
Concordia: Carly Mickelson (Sr., Fargo, N.D. / Shanley)
Gustavus: Coursey Edwards (Sr., Eden Prairie, Minn.)
Hamline: Rachael Nelson (Sr., La Crescent, Minn.)
Macalester: Katja McKiernan (Jr., Los Angeles, Calif. / Marymount)
Saint Benedict: Reina Nelson (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn)
St. Catherine: Kaitlin Machovec (So., Woodbury, Minn. / North St. Paul)
Saint Mary's: Carina Friend (Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo. / St. Mary's)
St. Olaf: Ava Olson (Sr., Delafield, Wis. / Catholic Memorial)
St. Thomas: Brielle Bierman (Jr., La Crescent, Minn.)