Chris Evert Award winner Calleigh Carlson headlines 2017 MIAC Women's Tennis Awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. -- The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced the 2017 MIAC Women's Tennis Awards Thursday, including the All-Conference teams, All-MIAC Sportsmanship team and top player and coach honors.

Gustavus senior Calleigh Carlson was named the winner of the MIAC Chris Evert Award, and Carleton Head Coach Luciano Battaglini was voted the winner of the Women's Tennis Coach-of-the-Year award by his peers.

Carlson's (St. Peter, Minn.) work on and off of the court made her very deserving of this award. The award annually recognizes a senior tennis student-athlete with outstanding sportsmanship and exemplary athletic, academic and humanitarian accomplishments. Carlson is a Religion and Communications double major, with great involvement in Pound Pals as a leader of program working at local animal shelter, in various religious organizations such as Proclaim and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), is the former Vice President of her sorority and is a Gustavus SAAC group member.

"The task of describe the last four years of moments on this campus, each one just as impactful as the last, seems next to impossible," said Carlson. "I am just grateful I got the opportunity to play collegiate tennis for the past four years. I am grateful for my teammates, coaches, and opponents. All have helped me in some way to be the competitor and, more importantly, the person I am today."



Carlson's accomplishments on the court also speak volumes as she has earned All-MIAC singles and doubles honors in her senior season. This year, Carlson was 16-6 in singles play and 16-8 in doubles play with a total of 93 career wins in both singles and doubles combined.

Battaglini has received his second MIAC Coach-of-the-Year honor in his 10th season with Carleton. He has lead the Knights to a 10-0 MIAC record and a 15-4 overall record in the 2016-2017 season. Living up to the pre-season poll expectations, Carleton has lead the MIAC this season and hopes to take home the fourth MIAC championship title under Battaglini's leadership.

The MIAC Women's Tennis All-Conference Singles and Doubles teams were determined using a point system for conference wins at each position, with the top 18 recognized for both singles and doubles including ties. In all, there were 19 players recognized on the singles all-conference team and 21 on the doubles all conference team in 2017.

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

2017 MIAC WOMEN'S TENNIS AWARDS

Chris Evert Award: Calleigh Carlson, Gustavus (Sr., St. Peter, Minn.) **Coach-of-the-Year**: Luciano Battaglini, Carleton (10th season)

2017 MIAC WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE SINGLES TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	Year	Hometown/Previous School
Katie Aney	Gustavus	Jr.	Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Champlin Park
Ally Baker	Gustavus	Jr.	Rosemount, Minn.
Caitlin Bakke	St. Thomas	Jr.	Bismark, N.D. / St. Mary's Central
Paige Becher	St. Thomas	Sr.	Rochester, Minn. / Mayo
Cal Carlson	Gustavus	Sr.	St. Peter, Minn.
Kristina Conrad	Carleton	So.	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong

Briana Hartmann	Gustavus	So.	Owatonna, Minn.
Sami Hindt	Bethel	Jr.	Chisago City, Minn. / Chisago Lakes
Mattie Kidder	Bethel	Jr.	New Richmond, Wis.
Alicia Knoll	St. Catherine	Sr.	Waseca, Minn.
Zoe Park	Carleton	Fy.	Lake Forest, Ill.
Sydney Parkinson	Bethel	So.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville North
Michaela Schulz	Gustavus	Sr.	Elk River, Minn.
Caitlin Shea	Carleton	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn. / Wayzata
Lily Stein	Macalester	Jr.	Winnetka, Ill. / New Trier
Megan Vandenberg	Saint Mary's	Sr.	De Pere, Wis. / Notre Dame Academy
Danielle Vasiliev	Carleton	Jr.	Lincolnshire, Ill. / Stevenson
Jenna Zimmerman	St. Thomas	Jr.	Racine, Wis. / St. Catherines
Margaret Zimmerman	St. Olaf	Jr.	Racine, Wis. / Prairie School

2017 MIAC WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-CONFERENCE DOUBLES TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	Year	Hometown/Previous School
Ally Baker	Gustavus	Jr.	Rosemount, Minn.
Caitlin Bakke	St. Thomas	Jr.	Bismarck, N.D. / St. Mary's Central
Calleigh Carlson	Gustavus	Sr.	St. Peter, Minn.
Kristina Conrad	Carleton	So.	Plymouth, Minn. / Robbinsdale Armstrong
Alana Danieu	Carleton	Jr.	East Aurora, N.Y
Bri Dorr	St. Catherine	Fy.	Princeton, Minn.
Briana Hartmann	Gustavus	So.	Owatonna, Minn.
Mattie Kidder	Bethel	Jr.	New Richmond, Wis.
Alicia Knoll	St. Catherine	Sr.	Waseca, Minn.
Erin McDonald	St. Olaf	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif. / Westridge
Paige McLeod	St. Thomas	Fy.	Vadnais Heights, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Taylor McLeod	St. Thomas	Fy.	Vadnais Heights, Minn. / Benilde-St. Margaret's
Sydney Parkinson	Bethel	So.	Lakeville, Minn. / Lakeville North
Michaela Schulz	Gustavus	Sr.	Elk River, Minn.
Caitlin Shea	Carleton	Sr.	Joliet, Ill. / Joliet Township West
Julia Sporer	St. Catherine	Jr.	Rogers, Minn.
Daielle Vasiliev	Carleton	Jr.	Lincolnshire, Ill. / Stevenson
Alisha Wiedmeier	St. Catherine	Fy.	Rapid City, S.D. / Stevens
Jill Weinzettel	Bethel	So.	Hastings, Minn.
Jenna Zimmerman	St. Thomas	Jr.	Racine, Wis. / St. Catherines
Margaret Zimmerman	St. Olaf	Jr.	Racine, Wis. / Prairie School

2017 WOMEN'S TENNIS ALL-MIAC SPORTSMANSHIP TEAM

Bethel - Mattie Lubben (Fy., Buffalo, Minn.)

Carleton - Alana Danieu (Jr., East Aurora, N.Y.)

Concordia - Lisa Neumann (So., Annandale, Minn.)

Gustavus - Riley Abeyesekera (Sr., Brooklyn Park, Minn. / Champlin Park)

Hamline - Natalie Pieterick (So., Eau Claire, Wis. / Regis)

Macalester - Lily Stein (Jr., Winnetka, Ill. / New Trier)

Saint Benedict -Gabbie Noack (Fr., Northfield, Minn.)

St. Catherine - Leah Obert (So., Inver Grove Heights, Minn. / Simley)

Saint Mary's - Julia Boeve (So., St. James, Minn.)

St. Olaf - Sophie Breen (Sr., Minneapolis, Minn. / Southwest)

St. Thomas - Jenna Zimmerman (Jr., Racine, Wis. / St. Catherines)