

## All-Region Teams | Region Coaches of the Year

### 2011 AVCA Division II All-Region Teams

#### Atlantic Region

Sarah Cadwallader	Slippery Rock University	RS/Opp.	Jr.
Kristin Dubroy	Wheeling Jesuit University	S	Sr.
Gina Boothe***	Edinboro University	RS/Opp.	Sr.
Rhianon Brady**	Clarion University	DS/Lib.	Sr.
Meghan Franz**	California University (Pa.)	MH	Jr.
Xuan Gao***	Lock Haven University	OH	Jr.
Jill Edwards	Shippensburg University	OH	So.
Casey Gates	Wheeling Jesuit University	OH	So.
Alissa Ware	Wheeling Jesuit University	OH	Jr.
Amanda Gough	Clarion University	S	Sr.
Jenna Pew**	Wheeling Jesuit University	MH	So.
Brandy Harris	California University (Pa.)	OH	Jr.
Lauren Sazama**	Gannon University	OH	Jr.
Sara McMullen	California University (Pa.)	DS/Lib.	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Janna Reilly, Slippery Rock, Setter

**Honorable Mention:** Kara Cullen (Gannon, MH, Sr.), Abbey Freund (California, S, So.), Kelly Fromknecht (California, RS/Opp, Jr.), Corrine Gahagen (Seton Hill, MH, Fr.), Megan Osysko (Edinboro, S, Sr.), Janna Reilly (Slippery Rock S, Fr.)

## Central Region

Cara Carson	Southwest Minnesota State Univ.	S	Sr.
Brooke Burmeister**	Southwest Minnesota State Univ.	OH	Jr.
Megan Carlson***	Concordia University-St. Paul	OH	Sr.
Tali Fredrickson	Wayne State (Neb.)	OH	Sr.
Mary Groth**	Southwest Minnesota State Univ.	MB	Jr.
Eleena Iisakka	University of Minnesota-Duluth	S	Sr.
Katie Habeck	Concordia University-St. Paul	MB	Fr.
Kayla Koenecke**	Concordia University-St. Paul	RS/Opp.	So.
Amanda Konetchy**	Concordia University-St. Paul	S	So.
Ariel Krolikowski	University of Nebraska-Kearney	OH	Jr.
Bri Morley***	Metropolitan State College	OH	Sr.
Haley Lake	University of Nebraska-Kearney	MB	So.
Kate Lang	University of Minnesota-Duluth	OH	So.
Jackie Stabell	Colorado School of Mines	OH	Jr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Katie Habeck, Concordia-St. Paul, MB

**Honorable Mention:** Chelsea Fogarty (Minnesota State, OH, Jr.), Kalli Lochner (Minnesota-Duluth, MB, Jr.), Amanda Massey (Colo. School of Mines, S, Sr.), Shannon McGowan (Winona State, DS/Lib., Sr.), Ellie Pesavento (Nebraska-Kearney, MB, So.), Brittney Stamer (Minnesota State, S, Sr.)

## East Region

Chelsey Alpough***	University of New Haven	S	Sr.
Keidy Candelaria	University of New Haven	OH	Jr.
Shelby Cable**	New York Inst. of Technology	OH	So.
Amber Cannady	University of New Haven	MB	So.
Emily Iverson	Stonehill College	S	Fr.
Sydney Maxey	Stonehill College	OH	So.
Tamara Leite**	University of Bridgeport	S	Sr.
Susan McDonough	Caldwell College	OH	Jr.
Larissa Oliveira	University of Bridgeport	MB	Fr.
Bijana Savic	University of Bridgeport	OH	Fr.
Elyse Rowland	Pace University	DS/Lib.	Jr.
Bethany Shephard	Dowling College	OH	Jr.
Patawe Simms	Adelphi University	MB	Sr.
Maja Potpara****	Dowling College	S	Gr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Bijana Savic, Bridgeport, OH

**Honorable Mention:** Aubrey Bobo (College of St. Rose, OH, Sr.), Bianca Hernandez (Adelphi, DS/Lib., Sr.), Erin Kelly (Stonehill, DS/Lib., Jr.), Amber Mosher (Caldwell, RS/Opp., Jr.), Chelsea Overholt (Adelphi, OH, Jr.), Lisa Peacock (NYIT, DS/Lib., Gr.)

## Midwest Region

Shelby Buscher	Northern Kentucky University	MB	Jr.
Ashlee Crowder***	Hillsdale College	OH	Sr.
Sarah Drennen	Northern Kentucky University	OH	Sr.
Kristina Hefferan	University of Indianapolis	OH	Sr.
Ashley Huntley	Ferris State University	OH	Sr.
Danielle LaGrange**	University of Southern Indiana	MB	Sr.
Clara Leutheuser***	Hillsdale College	MB	Sr.
Maggie McGovern***	Rockhurst University	OH	Sr.
Krista Kerrigan	University of Indianapolis	OH	Jr.
Hannah Koeneman	Lewis University	RS/Opp.	Sr.
Danielle Mount	Lewis University	MB	Sr.
Apryl Schmucker	Hillsdale College	S	Sr.
Jenna Schreiver	Northern Kentucky University	S	Jr.
Lisa Tobiczyk	Ferris State University	DS/Lib.	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Meghan Binkerd, Indianapolis, S

**Honorable Mention:** Erin Bekebrede (Missouri S&T, OH, Sr.), Meghan Binkerd (Indianapolis, S, Fr.), Kristen Bulkiewicz (Wayne State (MI) OH, So.), Samantha Fordyce (Ferris State, S, Jr.), Anne Sutton (Ferris State, MB, Jr.), Danielle Taflinger (Findlay, MB, So.)

## South Region

Lindsay Biggs	Eckerd College	OH	So.
Danielle Bletso	Saint Leo University	MH	Sr.
Julie Howlett**	University of Tampa	DS/Lib.	Sr.
Lauren Huber**	Florida Southern College	MH	Sr.
Eva Dupay	University of Tampa	RS/Opp.	Sr.
Autumn Duyn	University of West Florida	OH	Fr.
Lauren Greenhill	University of North Alabama	DS/Lib.	Sr.
Megan Hodges	Rollins College	OH	So.
Danielle Selkridge**	University of Tampa	MH	Jr.
Lindsay Homme	University of West Florida	MH	So.
Alex Laton	Eckerd College	MH	Jr.
Natalie Marsh	University of North Alabama	MH	Sr.
Kelsey Miles	Christian Brothers University	S	Jr.
Kahley Patrick	University of Tampa	S	Fr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Kahley Patrick, Tampa, S

**Honorable Mention:** Danielle Graham (Nova SE, MH, Jr.), Ali McAlvany (Eckerd, RS/Opp., Fr.), Ali Skayhan (FSC, S, So.), Anna Stoecklein (West Florida, DS/Lib., Jr.), Hallie Ward (Eckerd, DS/Lib., Sr.) Jessica Yingling (Tampa, OH, Jr.)

## Southeast Region

Brendyce Budd	Armstrong Atlantic University	RS/Opp.	Sr.
Dianna Craine	Flagler College	OH	Jr.
Casey Gnann	Flagler College	DS/Lib.	Jr.
Anna Hilton	Wingate University	RS/Opp.	So.
Cory McGowan	Wingate University	OH	So.
Crystal Niederriter	Flagler College	MH	Sr.
Jordan Raye	Catawba College	S	Jr.
Jessica Santaneillo	Armstrong Atlantic University	OH	So.
Olivia Snipes	Flagler College	Setter	Sr.
Emilee Taylor	Flagler College	OH	So.
Katlyn Whitmer	Catawba College	OH	Jr.
Brittany Wolf	Armstrong Atlantic University	MH	Jr.
Jenny Young	Catawba College	DS/Lib.	Jr.
Liz Willis****	Wingate University	S	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Lexi Potter, Wingate, MH

**Honorable Mention:** Taylor Clendenin (Lees-McRae, OH, Jr.), Caitlyn Dean (Tusculum, DS/Lib., So.), Blaire Fowler (Lincoln Memorial, MH, Jr.), Shay Meeks (Catawba, OH, Sr.), Leia Pittman (Armstrong Atlantic, MH, Jr.), Ashley Seal (Armstrong Atlantic, S, Jr.)

## South Central Region

Julia Bates**	University of Central Missouri	S	So.
Jessica Fey**	Washburn University	MB	So.
Lunden Azuara	SE Oklahoma State University	OH	Sr.
Ashley Davis	West Texas A&M University	OH	So.
Paula Harris**	University of Central Missouri	MB	Sr.
Allie Huffman****	University of Central Missouri	OH	Sr.
Erin Dougherty	West Texas A&M University	MB	Jr.
Laura Farney	Arkansas Tech University	OH	Sr.
Lacy Hayes	West Texas A&M University	S	Jr.
Bradye Peniston**	University of Central Missouri	MB	Jr.
Michelle Hundt	St. Edward's University	DS/Lib.	Jr.
Megan Sharpe***	Truman State University	MB	Sr.
Jennie Hutt	Abilene Christian University	OH	Sr.
Breanna Lewis	Washburn University	RS/Opp.	Sr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Sara Oxford, Abilene Christian, MB

**Honorable Mention:** Lauren Beville (West Texas A&M, DS/Lib., Jr.), Amber Cerrillos (Arkansas Tech, S, So.), Viktorija Jablonska (Tex. Woman's, RS/Opp., Jr.), Kiara Jordan (Midwestern State, DS/Lib., Sr.), Mollie Lacy (Washburn, MB, Sr.), Alex Woolsey (Angelo St., S, Jr.)

## West Region

Roxanne Brunsting***	Univ.of California-San Diego	S	Sr.
Robyn Burton	University of Alaska-Anchorage	MB	So.
Morgan Carty	Cal State San Bernardino	RS/Opp.	Sr.
Ying Chen	BYU-Hawai'i	S	RS-F
Anna Herold**	Seattle Pacific University	DS/Lib.	Sr.
Shih Ting	BYU-Hawai'i	OH	RS-F
Taylor Krenwinkle***	Sonoma State University	DS/Lib.	Sr.
Kelsy Hull	Sonoma State University	RS/Opp.	RS-F
Jessica Leek	Chico State University	RS/Opp.	Jr.
Jackie Matthisen	University of Alaska-Anchorage	OH	Sr.
Samantha Middleborn	Cal State San Bernardino	MB	Sr.
Keala Peterson***	Sonoma State University	OH	Sr.
Camille Smith**	Cal State San Bernardino	S	Jr.
Marquis Mora	Cal State-Los Angeles	MB	Jr.

**Region Freshman of the Year:** Mackenzie Phelps, Grand Canyon, DS/Lib.

**Honorable Mention:** Marlayna Geary (Western Washington, OH, Jr.), Lauren Hagemeyer (BYU-Hawai'i, OH, Jr.), Megan Johnson (CSUSB, MB, Jr.), Mackenzie Phelps (Grand Canyon, DS/Lib., Fr.), Losaline Pula (BYU-Hawai'i, DS/Lib., Sr.), (Hayley Ross (Sonoma, S, So.)

\* Denotes total number of years selected to AVCA Division II All-Region Team

## **2011 AVCA Division II Region Coaches of the Year**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** - The following coaches have been selected by their region as the 2011 AVCA Division II Regional Coach of the Year. Each of the honorees will represent their region on the 2011 AVCA National Coach of the Year ballot. The awards will be officially presented at the 2011 Jostens Coaches Honors Luncheon in San Antonio, Texas on Thursday, Dec. 15, at the 2011 American Volleyball Coaches Association Annual Convention.

### **AVCA Division II Atlantic Region Coach of the Year**

*Christy Benner, Wheeling Jesuit University*

**2011 Record: 33-3, 14-0 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**

**Benner is in her tenth season at the helm for the Cardinals, and after this season's undefeated conference run, her teams have now gone unbeaten in conference play seven times, claiming three straight WVIAC championships. Benner caught her fourth WVIAC Coach of the Year honor this season, which was her second consecutive and was also the coach of six student-athletes on the All-WVIAC teams.**

### **AVCA Division II East Region Coach of the Year**

*Leo Uzcategui, University of Bridgeport*

**2011 Record: 21-7, 10-4 East Coast Athletic Conference**

**In his third season as the head coach of the Bridgeport Purple Knights, Uzcategui has compiled a record of 76-19. After this season's 21-7 record, the team returned to the Division II NCAA Tournament, and will be travelling to San Bernadino for the National Quarterfinals on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the first time in school history. Coach Uzcategui has had success this season despite only returning three starters from a team that reached the Regional Final for two straight seasons. This is Uzcategui's second time receiving this honor as East Region Coach of the Year and his first since 2009.**

## **AVCA Division II Midwest Region Coach of the Year**

*Chris Gravel, Hillsdale College*

**2011 Record:** 30-2, 18-1 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Now in his sixteenth season at Hillsdale, Coach Gravel has amassed over 300 wins and won three straight GLIAC Conference Championships (2009, 2010, 2011). Gravel has been honored as GLIAC Coach of the Year twice in 2009 and 2010, and this season has coached Ashlee Crowder to GLIAC and Midwest Region Player of the Year. The Chargers have been ranked in every poll this season, climbing as high as seventh in October. Coach Gravel has also led his team to the Division II National Quarterfinals where Hillsdale will take on Wheeling Jesuit on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is Gravel's second consecutive honor from the AVCA as the Midwest Region Coach of the Year (2010, 2011).

## **AVCA Division II South Central Region Coach of the Year**

*Flip Piontek, University of Central Missouri*

**2011 Record:** 30-4, 17-1 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association

Coach Piontek's third season as the head coach of the Central Missouri Jennies has been quite successful, picking up both a 30-win season and a South Region Championship, which marks the team's second consecutive regional title. Piontek holds a 96-14 record as head coach and has won at least a share of the MIAA title in each of his three seasons. His team also had seven players named to the All-MIAA teams, the most in school history since the 1990 team had eight players honored. This is Coach Piontek's third consecutive season being named as the AVCA South Central Region Coach of the Year (2009, 2010, 2011).

## **AVCA Division II South Region Coach of the Year**

*Courtney Draper, Eckerd College*

**2011 Record:** 27-5, 13-3 Sunshine State Conference

Coach Draper's eighth season at Eckerd has shown a resilient response to last season's 9-18 record. After going 2-14 in conference play a year ago,

Eckerd posted a 13-2 record and currently sits second behind Tampa in the Sunshine Conference standings. The Tritons rode a school-record 14-match win streak this season that included a win over then-no.1 Tampa University and obtained their first AVCA Top-25 ranking since 2009. The Tritons made it to the South Regional Final before falling to Tampa. This is Draper's first time being recognized by the AVCA as South Region Coach of the Year.

#### **AVCA Division II Southeast Region Coach of the Year**

*William Condon, Armstrong Atlantic State University*

**2010 Record:** 36-3, 13-1 Peach Belt Conference

In his fourth season at Armstrong Atlantic State, Condon set both school and conference records by coaching the team to wins in their first 31 matches. The team also reached a school-high ranking of No. 15 in the AVCA Coaches Top-25 this season, and beat nationally ranked teams for the first time since 2002. Under Condon, the Pirates have reached the Division II NCAA Tournament in each of his four seasons as head coach. Armstrong also captured their fourth share of the Peach Belt Conference title in school history, their first share since the 2008 season. This honor marks Condon's first AVCA Southeast Region Coach of the Year selection.

#### **AVCA Division II West Region Coach of the Year**

*Kim Cherniss, Cal State San Bernardino*

**2011 Record:** 30-0, 22-0 California Collegiate Athletic Association

Kim Cherniss is no stranger to success. In her 21<sup>st</sup> season at the helm of Cal State San Bernardino's volleyball program, the Coyotes amassed a perfect 27-0 record in the regular season and are poised to compete for an NCAA Division II National Championship. Having hovered in the top three of the AVCA D-II Coaches Poll for the entire season, Cal State San Bernardino claimed the top spot heading into postseason play. She coached the Coyotes to their first NCAA DII Championship appearance in 2008 and has since turned her program into perennial postseason contenders. Cherniss has carried her talents as a player into her coaching career, boasting a career record of 473-180. She was recognized as the 2008 AVCA D-II Coach of the Year in 2008, and has been named AVCA DII West Region Coach of the Year in four previous seasons.

## **AVCA Division II Central Region Coach of the Year**

*Brady Starkey, Concordia-St. Paul*

**2011 Record: 31-2, 18-2 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference**

**When Concordia-St. Paul coach Brady Starkey takes his team to the Elite Eight of the 2011 NCAA DII Tournament this December, they will be seeking their fifth consecutive NCAA DII Championship. When he took over the program in 2003, success came quickly and impressively; the Golden Bears won their first NSIC conference championship and haven't relinquished the title since. Prior to becoming the head coach, Starkey spent three seasons at Cal State San Bernardino as an assistant, playing a crucial role in the turnaround of the program. In fact, since taking the helm, Starkey's teams have never won less than 30 games in a season. With their first title in 2007, the Golden Bears became the first NSIC team to take home the trophy. This is Starkey's fifth time receiving Region Coach of the Year honors, and he was also named National DII Coach of the Year in 2007.**