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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - The Gulf South Conference is proud to announce its 23rd annual GSC “Top Ten” Award winners. These awards recognize the top five female and top five male student-athletes for their athletic, academic, and extracurricular achievement during the 2018-19 academic year. The top male and top female from each group of honorees will be awarded the Commissioner’s Trophy, which is the conference’s most elite award.

The presentations will be made at the GSC’s Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, May 30, at the Hilton Pensacola Beach. Following the top ten presentations, the conference will reveal the winners of the Commissioner’s Trophies and recognize the All-Sports Trophy Champions (*Overall: West Florida, Men: Valdosta State, Women: West Florida*).

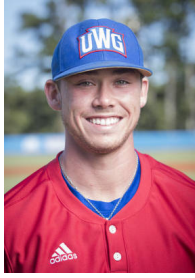
The “Top Ten” are selected with the assistance of an advisory committee representing the Athletic Directors, Senior Woman Administrators, Sports Information Directors, Faculty Athletics Representatives, and Presidents from randomly selected GSC schools, which makes a recommendation to the Commissioner, who has the final decision.

The female Top Ten winners are all seniors from five different sports: **MaKayla Beebe** (Lee, Volleyball), **Franziska Bremm** (West Georgia, Golf), **Nicole Federovitch** (Alabama Huntsville, Lacrosse), **Sarah Mumme** (Delta State, Cross Country), **Rhiannon Sassman** (West Florida, Softball).

Bremm is West Georgia’s first women’s honoree since the field increased from eight athletes to ten in 2005, while Lee has now landed an athlete on the GSC Top Ten for the third consecutive season. Sassman is the first Argonaut softball player to be placed on the women’s list in 17 years and Mumme is Delta State’s first women’s honoree since Kassidy Tally in 2016. Federovitch becomes the ninth GSC Top Ten female athlete in Alabama Huntsville history.

All five of the men’s honorees are also seniors, including two baseball players and two track & field athletes: **Christian Bosso** (West Florida, Golf), **Josiah Brooks** (Lee, Track & Field), **Blaine Crim** (Mississippi College, Baseball), **Trevian Jenkins** (Alabama Huntsville, Track & Field), **Cade Marlowe** (West Georgia, Baseball).

Bosso is the second straight West Florida men’s golf athlete to be named to the GSC Top Ten after his teammate Chandler Blanchet was honored last season. Brooks becomes the first Lee athlete to earn GSC Top Ten honors twice, while Crim is the first male athlete honoree from Mississippi College in the history of the award and second overall. Marlowe is West Georgia’s fourth male honoree overall and Jenkins is the first Charger track & field athlete to be named to the GSC Top Ten.



Cade Marlowe
University of West Georgia
Baseball | Senior
Biology (Pre-med) | 3.84 GPA

Cade Marlowe has been a positive example both on and off the field of play for future student athletes to model their careers after. The two-time All-GSC performer has been a four year starter for the Wolves, leading his team to three winning seasons and four conference post-season victories, including two earlier this month in Oxford, Ala. He earned All-South Region honors this season after recording a team-best 81 hits to go along with 39 RBIs and a .389 batting average. In 2016, Cade appeared in 47 games as West Georgia went 42-16 during his inaugural season and earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Division II South Regional Championship.

Marlowe served as the baseball representative for the West Georgia Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and is majoring in Biology with an outstanding grade point average of 3.84. The senior outfielder was a three time Ingram Scholar, which is the highest academic honor bestowed on a student at the University of West Georgia. He was also honored by his athletic department as the Scholar Athlete of the Year for the 2018-19 season and named Mister Wolf 2019, which is an accolade based on athletic, community service and academic achievement. He also took part in many volunteering activities both on-campus and in the surrounding area, including serving as a Junior Wolves football volunteer, participating in Reading Across America at elementary schools, serving as an elementary school class mentor in Carrollton and organizing the Feeding Families @ Thanksgiving event the last two years.



Rhiannon Sassman
University of West Florida
Softball | Senior
Biomedical Sciences | 3.87 GPA

Rhiannon Sassman's tireless work ethic and positive attitude allowed her to play an integral part in the success of the UWF softball program. The Argonauts are enjoying their most successful season in over a decade, winning the regular season and post-season GSC Championship with more than 50 victories on the year. Sassman has been outstanding during her senior campaign, leading her team with 25 extra base hits, 50 RBIs and a .597 slugging percentage. She was named the GSC Player of the Year and the D2CCA South Region Player of the Year for her efforts. Prior to this season, Rhiannon was named an NFCA All-American during her freshman season, and helped West Florida advance to the Women's College World Series as a sophomore in 2017.

The senior infielder has served as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative for the University of the West Florida for the current school year and has made her mark as a volunteer in Pensacola, working with the Miracle League, Special Olympics and Sacred Heart Children's Hospital. Sassman is a Biomedical Sciences major with a grade point average of 3.87, earning her GSC Academic Honor Roll recognition three times and GSC Spring All-Academic Team honors last season. She was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team twice, and has appeared on both the Dean's List and the President's Honor Roll multiple times at UWF.



Trevian Jenkins
University of Alabama Huntsville
Track & Field | Senior
Electrical Engineering & Physics | 3.63 GPA

Trevian Jenkins has had an incredible career at Alabama Huntsville, establishing himself as one of the top-student athletes to ever wear the blue and white. As a member of the 2018 Gulf South Conference Championship winning Charger track and field squad, Jenkins excelled on the track, winning three conference medals, which included a first place finish in the 4x100m relay. He followed that performance up in 2019 with four more GSC medals in the 200m, 400m, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay. During the lead up to the 2019 GSC Track & Field Championships, he earned Division II provisional qualifying marks in both the 200m and 400m events and was named the GSC Track Performer of the Week on April 10.

Trevian is majoring in Electrical Engineering & Physics with an impressive grade point average of 3.63. Last season, he was named to the GSC All-Academic Team, CoSIDA Google Cloud Academic All-District Team and the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team. He received the 2018-19 President's Award, which is the highest honor awarded by the Alabama Huntsville athletic department, and was named a Huntsville Small Business in Advanced Technology Scholar. On-campus, Jenkins was a member of the Eta Kappa Nu of Electrical & Electronics Engineers organization, as well as serving on the student officer board of Tau Beta Pi.



Franziska Bremm
University of West Georgia
Golf | Senior
Biology | 3.78 GPA

Franziska Bremm has excelled as a student-athlete during her four years in Carrollton, and will leave West Georgia as the most decorated women's golfer in school history. The four-time All-GSC First Team honoree won the conference individual championship twice in her career, in 2016 as a freshman and this season as a senior. She was named the GSC Golfer of the Year three times, helping her team win their first ever conference title in 2017. The 2016 GSC Freshman of the Year also picked up WGCA All-American First Team accolades during the 2017 season and was named the GSC Golfer of the Month twice during the 2018-19 campaign.

Her success on the green was matched in the classroom, as she maintained a 3.78 grade point average while majoring in Biology at the University of West Georgia. The native of Germany received GSC Academic Honor Roll recognition all four years of her academic career and she earned three consecutive Ingram Scholar designations, which is her university's highest academic honor. She also made positive impacts both on campus and in the surrounding community, organizing the UWG International Night, which was a get-together of international students at West Georgia, volunteering as a young golf instructor at Oak Mountain Golf Club and participating in the annual Read Across America event at local elementary schools in March.



Blaine Crim
Mississippi College
Baseball | Senior
Business Administration | 3.78 GPA

Blaine Crim has made a major impact on the Mississippi College baseball program during his four years in Clinton and will leave behind an impressive resume. The two-time all-conference selection was named the 2019 Gulf South Conference Player of the Year after leading his team with 66 hits, 56 RBIs, 11 home runs and a .373 batting average. On April 5, the Mobile, Ala. native became the all-time program leader in career hits, recording his 229th overall to break the 34 year record previously held by Richey Hines. He was named First-Team All-South Region by the D2CCA and the NCBWA for the 2019 season in May. In 2018, Crim led his Choctaws to their first ever GSC Championship, and was named the Most Outstanding Performer of the tournament following a 7-6 victory over the Lee Flames in Cleveland, Miss.

Crim also excelled in the classroom, maintaining a 3.78 grade point average in the Business Administration program, earning him CoSIDA Google Cloud Academic All-District honors for the second year in a row. The two-time member of the GSC Spring All-Academic Team was also recognized as a Google Cloud Academic All-American in 2018 and has been named to the Dean's List at Mississippi College five times during his career. The senior first baseman has participated in various activities outside of the classroom that have made a positive impact on his community, including volunteering at the Jackson Friends of the Animal Shelter and participating in Read Across America at local schools.



Nicole Federovitch
University of Alabama Huntsville
Lacrosse | Senior
Mechanical Engineering & Biology | 3.20 GPA

Nicole Federovitch has played an integral role with the Alabama Huntsville women's lacrosse team since its inception, as the Chargers went an impressive 57-17 during her career. The senior attacker earned All-GSC honors during each of her four seasons and was named the GSC Player of the Year three consecutive times. She led the Gulf South Conference in scoring for three different seasons, including the 2019 campaign, in which she recorded 67 goals and 48 assists. She led her team to its first ever GSC Championship in April, as they defeated the Young Harris Mountain Lions by a final score of 15-11.

Federovitch is currently majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Biology with a minor in Chemistry at the University of Alabama Huntsville and was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Delta Honor Society and the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Society. A member of the College of Science and Engineering Dean's List, Nicole earned GSC Academic Honor Roll status three consecutive times and was named the UAH Female Athlete of the Year in 2018. She has also lent a helping hand outside of the playing field and classroom, volunteering with Helping PAWS, the Kappa Delta Community Service and Bid Day Committee, the Society of Women Engineers, Girl Scouts of America and the North Alabama Food Bank.



Josiah Brooks
Lee University
Track & Field | Senior
Information Systems | 3.11 GPA

Josiah Brooks has earned GSC Top Ten honors for the second consecutive season as a member of the Lee University track & field program. The two-time NCAA All-American from Athens, Ga. has been an important part of two GSC Championships for the Flames in 2016 and 2019. Individually, Brooks has racked up nine conference gold medals in five different events during his career in Cleveland, Tenn. Three of those medals came earlier this month at Shorter University in the triple jump, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay. He qualified for the 200m and triple jump at the 2019 NCAA Division II Track & Field Championships in Kingsville, Texas.

The three-time GSC Academic Honor Roll member is majoring in Information Systems with a minor in Christian Ministry and was named the Lee University Paul Conn Male Student-Athlete of the Year, which takes into account community service, academics and athletic achievements. A member of the Lee University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Josiah was selected by his school to represent the Flames at both the NCAA Super SAAC Region Conference and the Gulf South Conference SAAC Summer Meetings in Orlando, Fla. earlier this year. He completed more than 80 hours of community service over the last four years, creating and hosting several fundraising events for the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Neverthirst Clean Water Ministry. Brooks also volunteered with the Community Encore Program, where he helped senior citizens understand various computer programs, including Microsoft Word and Excel.



MaKayla Beebe
Lee University
Volleyball | Senior
Health & Physical Education | 3.75 GPA

MaKayla Beebe has had an incredible career for the Lee Lady Flames over the last four academic and athletic seasons. As a libero for the volleyball program, Beebe helped Lee reach new heights at the NCAA Division II level, as her Lady Flames qualified for three consecutive conference tournaments, which included two winning seasons during her junior and senior campaigns and a trip to the GSC Semifinals in 2017. She was named the inaugural GSC Libero of the Year in 2018 and earned All-GSC accolades for the third time after leading the conference with 5.81 digs per set on the season. The Aurora, Ill. native picked up GSC Defensive Player of the Week honors three times in 2018 and appeared on the D2CCA All-South Region Second Team for her efforts.

Beebe was named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 for her achievements in the classroom at Lee University, maintaining an outstanding grade point average of 3.75 while pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree and Health and Physical Education K-12. She was recently named the Paul Conn Female Student-Athlete of the Year, which is the highest award given by the Lee Athletic Department, and she was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes each of her four seasons.



Christian Bosso
University of West Florida
Golf | Senior
Sport Management | 3.45 GPA

Christian Bosso is someone who leads by example, with his strong work ethic and kind personality helping him thrive during his career in Pensacola. A graduate of West Florida High School, Bosso has been outstanding for the Argonaut golf program, who won the GSC Championship during all four of his seasons. He earned All-GSC accolades the last two years, posting three individual tournament victories during the 2018-19 season to go along with five additional top ten showings after helping West Florida to a fourth place finish overall at the 2018 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships last season. He was announced as one of five finalists for the 2019 Division II Jack Nicklaus National Player of the Year Award in May after recording a 71.67 stroke average.

Bosso is currently enrolled in his first semester of the MBA program at UWF after graduating in December with a degree in Sport Management. Christian was a three-time GSC Academic Honor Roll member after maintaining a 3.45 grade point average at the University of West Florida, where he also acted as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee men's golf representative. He takes pride in sharing his love of the sport with the younger generation, as he volunteers as an instructor at the First Tee of Northwest Florida on a regular basis.



Sarah Mumme
Delta State University
Cross Country | Senior
Biology (Pre-med) | 3.95 GPA

Sarah Mumme has made the most of her cross country career at Delta State University, showing future student-athletes how they can successfully balance their collegiate lives. Mumme competed at three GSC Cross Country Championships, which included a top 20 finish this season in Clinton, Miss., earning her All-GSC Second Team honors. In 2018, she ran the second fastest 5K time in Delta State history at the Little Rock Invite, crossing the finish line in 18:47.00. She also qualified for the last two NCAA Division II South Region Championships.

Sarah has excelled academically for the Lady Statesman, recording an impressive 3.95 grade point average during her career as a Pre-med Biology major. She earned Academic All-GSC honors in 2016, 2017 and 2018, while also being named to the USTFCCCA Academic All-Region Team in 2016. A four year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Mumme was named the Charles S. Kerg Delta State Female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2019, winning the Emerald Award of Excellence in the process. She is a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, and has helped out on campus with the Wesley Foundation Leadership Team and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Sarah has led by example through her community service activities, which includes volunteering at the Grenada Soup Kitchen & Delta Grace for underprivileged homes, the Crosstie Arts & Jazz Festival and Mentor as Missions, which is an after school program associated with the Wesley Foundation.

