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## Softball Finalists Announced for the 2017 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (April 13, 2017) – Ten NCAA® softball student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected as finalists today for the 2017 Senior CLASS Award® in collegiate softball. To be eligible for the award, student-athletes must be classified as NCAA Division I seniors and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of finalists follows this release.

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their athletic platforms to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The finalists were chosen by national media from the list of 30 candidates announced earlier this month. Nationwide fan voting begins immediately to help select the winner, and fans are encouraged to submit votes online at the [Senior CLASS Award website](#) through May 9. Fan votes will be combined with those of the media and Division I head coaches to determine the winners. The Senior CLASS Award recipient for softball will be announced during the 2017 NCAA Women's College World Series® in Oklahoma City, June 1-7.

For more information on each of the finalists, visit [seniorCLASSaward.com](#).

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### **Softball Finalists**

Ali Aguilar, Washington

Kasey Cooper, Auburn

Hannah Flippen, Utah

Delanie Gourley, Florida

Sara Groenewegen, Minnesota

Kylee Hanson, Florida Atlantic

MJ Knighten, Nebraska

Alex Powers, Florida State

Delaney Spaulding, UCLA

Morgan Zerkle, Marshall

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## **ABOUT THE AWARD**

An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Kansas City-based Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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