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Men's and women's soccer candidates announced for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (September 3, 2015) – Sixty NCAA[®] men's and women's soccer student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected as candidates today for the 2015 Senior CLASS Award[®] in collegiate soccer. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. The complete list of candidates 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 platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Of the 60 candidates, 25 have grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher, four are returning All-Americans and eight are on the preseason watch list for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy, which recognizes the top player in collegiate soccer. Outside of academics and athletics, all candidates also have been consistently involved in community service on their campus or in their communities.

Each of the two candidate classes will be narrowed to 10 finalists midway through the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplifies excellence in the four Cs of community, classroom, character and competition.

The Senior CLASS Award winners will be announced during the 2015 NCAA Men's and Women's College Cup[®] championships in December.

For more information on all the candidates, visit seniorCLASSaward.com.

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Men's Soccer Candidates

Amass Amankona, Dayton
Colin Bonner, North Carolina Wilmington
Bradley Bourgeois, Tulsa
Biko Bradnock-Brennan, Charlotte
Jonathan Campbell, North Carolina
Mike Casey, Rhode Island
Mael Corboz, Maryland
Tyler David, Saint Louis
Christian Duarte, CSU Bakersfield
Nick Edginton, Marshall
Jack Gorab, Brown
Clint Hoffar, IUPUI
Femi Hollinger-Janzen, Indiana
Ryan James, Bowling Green State
Vincent Keller, Creighton

Jesse Klug, Bucknell
Kyle MacDonald, Penn State
Zach Mason, Ohio State
Joshua Mercer, NJIT
Jamie Merriam, West Virginia
Chase Minter, Cal Poly
Trevor Morley, CSUN
Cameron Niccum, Army West Point
Matt Pacifici, Davidson
Philip Piper, Yale
Timo Pitter, Creighton
Nathan Steinwascher, Detroit Mercy
Scott Thomsen, Virginia
Brandon Vincent, Stanford
Todd Wharton, Virginia

Women's Soccer Candidates

Kristi Abbate, George Washington
Tara Ballay, Rider
Sierra Bonham, North Dakota
Ashley Campbell, Dayton
Caroline Casey, William & Mary
Jess Coates, Nicholls State
Janae Cousineau, Texas A&M
Kelly Culicerto, Marshall
Caroline Dwyer, Pennsylvania
Claire Emslie, Florida Atlantic
Cali Farquharson, Arizona State
Jackie Hall, Buffalo
Amanda Hill, West Virginia
Katie Holder, Army West Point
Jacie Jermier, Marquette

Elise Krieghoff, Cal Poly
Laura Liedle, Stanford
Livi Logan-Wood, Saint Louis
Blake Martin, Houston Baptist
Madison Mercado, Oklahoma State
Paige Nielsen, North Carolina
Madison Oyer, Ball State
Brienne Reed, Rutgers
Cari Roccaro, Notre Dame
Isabella Schmid, Florida State
Erica Skroski, Rutgers
Abby Smith, Texas
Allie Stephenson, Oklahoma State
Nicole Waters, Dayton
Rebecca Wilson, Cal State Fullerton

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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. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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