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Stanford's Lexie Hull Wins 2021-22 Senior CLASS Award for Women's Basketball

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (March 31, 2022) - Lexie Hull of Stanford University has been selected as the 2021-22 Senior CLASS Award® winner in NCAA® Division I women's basketball.

The award, chosen by a nationwide vote of Division I women's basketball coaches, national basketball media, and fans, is given annually to the most outstanding student-athlete in Division I women's basketball. Hull is the third Cardinal to win the award in women's basketball, with Candice Wiggins ('07-08) and Nnemkadi Ogwumike ('11-12) having done so previously.

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. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior or graduate student and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: classroom, community, character, and competition.

"My athletic and academic career at Stanford has more than prepared me for both a career in basketball and in the professional world," said Hull, who has helped lead Stanford to the Final Four for the second consecutive season. "I have learned a lot through the management science and engineering department that will set me up for any career that I decide to pursue. The connections I've made with my professors and peers, as well as with my coaches and teammates, have been extremely influential."

Hull, from Spokane, Washington, arrived at Stanford with high expectations after being tabbed a five-star recruit out of Central Valley High School. She wasted no time announcing her arrival, becoming the first freshman in program history to record a double-double in a debut game. Hull was a mainstay in the Cardinal lineup but suffered a foot injury that caused her to miss nine games during the middle of the season. Her 5.6 points and 4.7 rebounds per game helped lead Stanford to a record of 31-5 and earned Hull Pac-12 All-Freshman Honorable Mention recognition.

The Cardinal were crowned champions of the PAC-12 Tournament in 2018-19 and Hull came back eager to add to that success as a sophomore. She increased her per game averages to 13.6 points and 6.0 rebounds while also contributing 2.1 assists and 1.6 steals a night. Her improved defense was duly recognized as she earned a spot on the Pac-12 All-Defensive Team. Hull, who started every game during

the season, scored in double figures 22 times and was named to the All-Pac-12 team for the first time as well.

In her third season in Palo Alto, Hull continued to do more of what made her first two campaigns so successful. She once again stuffed the stat sheet, recording 11.6 points, 5.1 rebounds, 1.7 assists, and 1.6 steals per game and was named to the All-Pac-12 team once more. Stanford finished as the regular season conference champions and also won the conference tournament for the second time in Hull's career. She had aspirations of winning the NCAA Tournament with the Cardinal in 2019-20 but had to wait a year after the season ended prematurely due to the ongoing pandemic. In an incredible run that saw Stanford finish 31-2, Hull finally cut down the nets at the end of her junior year.

Hull, now in her fourth season with the Cardinal, has shown both her importance and consistency once more. She is averaging 12.7 points, 5.2 rebounds, 2.2 steals, and 2.0 assists through 35 games. Hull earned recognition for her stellar play with a spot on both the All-Pac-12 and Pac-12 All-Defensive Teams. Stanford, who won the regular season conference title and conference tournament title, is 32-3 and looking to repeat as National Champions.

Hull's success at a school with as much tradition as Stanford cannot be overlooked. The Cardinal have gone 111-15 in games that she has played in over the last four years. Hull sits 12th in program history in three-pointers made (190) and 27th in points (1,383), and is only the 15th player to be a three-time All-Pac-12 selection. She was recently named the Pac-12's 2022 Scholar-Athlete of the Year, a fitting tribute to what Hull has accomplished during her career.

"I couldn't think of a player more deserving for this award than Lexie Hull," said Tara VanDerveer, legendary head coach of the Cardinal. "She is the epitome of a Stanford student-athlete in every sense of the word. Her ability to play at the highest level while maintaining a near perfect GPA at one of the world's premier universities is a testament to her hard work and commitment to excellence. She has raised the bar here and set the standard for her teammates to follow. We are very thankful for everything she has given for this program and know she will succeed in anything she pursues in the future."

Hull has been committed to her studies each semester, even as she continues to pile up accolades for her success on the hardwood. She boasts an impressive 3.90 GPA and will graduate with both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in management science and engineering in four years. Hull is both a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-District first team and three-time Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll selection. She has also been named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America first team twice, becoming only the second Cardinal ever to earn that distinction (Chiney Ogwumike).

For the last four years, Hull has remained an extremely influential member of the Palo Alto area as well. She is a member of Stanford's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and participated in the Social Events

Committee last year. Hull is also involved with Cardinal Community, a service club that is led by student-athletes, and has assisted with her sororities' efforts — most recently a fundraiser for Read - Lead - Achieve.

“Lexie Hull has been an instrumental part of the Cardinal program for the last four years,” said Erik Miner, Executive Director of the Senior CLASS Award. “She has helped lead one of the most successful groups in the country — and not just on the court. Lexie has been a pleasure to watch as she has made an impact in the community and continuously pursued excellence in her studies. It’s our honor to congratulate Lexie and Stanford for winning this award!”

Hull and Stanford will face off against UConn for a spot in the National Championship tomorrow.

For more information on all of the finalists, visit SeniorCLASSAward.com.

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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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