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Softball Finalists Announced for the 2018 Senior CLASS Award

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (April 5, 2018) – Ten NCAA® softball student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected as finalists today for the 2018 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 14. 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 2018 NCAA Women's College World Series® in Oklahoma City, May 31 through June 6.

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

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Softball Finalists

Kaylee Carlson, Auburn

Ivie Drake, Georgia State

Meghan Gregg, Tennessee

Kylee Hanson, Florida State

Kayli Kvistad, Florida

Paige Parker, Oklahoma

Kylee Perez, UCLA

Randi Rupp, Texas State

Vanessa Shippy, Oklahoma State

Allie Walljasper, LSU

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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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