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## **Lake Superior State's Alice Duesing Named GLIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year**

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Senior forward **Alice Duesing** of Lake Superior State University has been selected as the 2003 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's basketball Player of the Year. Rookie point guard **Erin Miller** of Ferris State University was chosen Freshman of the Year, while Coach of the Year honors went to **Dawn Plitzuweit** of Grand Valley State University. All three awards were selected by the GLIAC women's basketball coaches in conjunction with all-conference balloting.

**Duesing** led the Lakers to their second consecutive GLIAC North Division championship after averaging 19.1 points and 7.3 rebounds per game this season. A four-year starter at LSSU, Duesing became the third player in school history to lead her squad in scoring each of her four seasons. The Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. native became the program's all-time leading scorer on Jan. 25, 2003, and has now amassed 1,850 points in her career. Duesing has proven her skills off the court as well, maintaining a 3.98 grade point average (4.0 scale) while majoring in mechanical engineering.

**Miller** concluded the season ranked second among Ferris State's assists leaders (3.2 apg) and was the team's third-leading scorer (12.5 ppg). The Niles, Mich. native scored 10 points or more in eight of her last 11 outings and compiled four 20-plus point contests while starting all 26 games during the 2002-03 campaign. Miller, who registered the program's 11th-best single-season steals mark (57), finished the season listed among the league leaders in five statistical categories including scoring, assists, steals, three-point field goal percentage and assist/turnover ratio.

**Plitzuweit**, in her first season at GVSU, guided the Lakers to record of 23-5 overall, including a 13-5 mark in GLIAC action. GVSU finished second in the North Division after being picked to finish fourth in the preseason coaches poll. GVSU set school records for regular season wins (22), and overall wins (23), while surpassing the team's victory total for the last two seasons combined (20). Under Plitzuweit, the Lakers held opponents to 56.2 points per game, fewest in the GLIAC.

Joining Duesing on the All-GLIAC North Division First Team are: Grand Valley State junior forward **Julie Zeff**; Ferris State junior guard **Lucy DeMartin**; Michgian Tech University junior forward **Andrea Novak**; and Northern Michigan University sophomore guard **Tiffany Grubaugh**.

The All-GLIAC South Division First Team includes: Hillsdale College senior guards **Stephanie Heid** and **Jen Newsone**; Wayne State University senior guard **Keneisha Moss**; Wayne State junior guard **Jodi Young**; Ashland University junior forward **Alanna Buurma**; and Gannon University junior forward **Katie Garms**.

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## Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

### 2002-03 Women's Basketball All-Conference Teams and Postseason Awards

**Player of the Year:** Alice Duesing - Lake Superior State University (Sr.,F, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich./Sault Area)

**Freshman of the Year:** Erin Miller - Ferris State University (Fr., PG, Niles, Mich.)

**Coach of the Year:** Dawn Plitzuweit - Grand Valley State University

#### GLIAC North Division All-Conference First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Alice Duesing	Lake Superior State University	Sr.	F	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich./Sault Area
Julie Zeff	Grand Valley State University	Jr.	F	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Central
Lucy DeMartin	Ferris State University	Jr.	G	Mason, Mich.
Andrea Novak	Michigan Tech University	Jr.	F	Brown Deer, Wis./Divine Savior
Tiffany Grubaugh	Northern Michigan University	So.	G	Canton, Mich./Plymouth Salem

#### GLIAC South Division All-Conference First Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Stephanie Heid	Hillsdale College	Sr.	G	Thomson, Ill./Fulton Unity Christian
Keneisha Moss	Wayne State University	Sr.	G	Detroit, Mich./Cody
Jen Newsone	Hillsdale College	Sr.	G	Grand Rapids, Mich./Christian
Jodi Young	Wayne State University	Jr.	G	Flushing, Mich.
Alanna Buurma	Ashland University	Jr.	F	Willard, Ohio
Katie Garms	Gannon University	Jr.	F	Hudson, Wis.

#### GLIAC North Division All-Conference Second Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Laurie Rehmann	Grand Valley State University	Sr.	G	St. Johns, Mich.
Bridget Horwitz	Ferris State University	Jr.	C	Auburn, Ind./DeKalb
Allyson Conaway	Lake Superior State University	Jr.	F	Escanaba, Mich.
Annie Madden	Michigan Tech University	Sr.	G	Wauwatosa, Wis.
Emily McClone	Michigan Tech University	Sr.	G	Menasha, Wis./St. Mary Central
Jessica Nohl	Northern Michigan University	Jr.	F	Ashland, Wis./Colfax

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Lydia Carpenter	University of Findlay	Sr.	F	Syracuse, Ind./Wawasee
Caitlyn Kennedy	Hillsdale College	Sr.	F	Dexter, Mich.
Katie Lorincz	Mercyhurst College	Sr.	G	Parma Heights, Ohio/Holy Name
Jen Gwin	Gannon University	So.	G	Marietta, Ohio.
Jessica King	Wayne State University	Sr.	G	Hartland, Mich./Howell

#### GLIAC North Division All-Defensive Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Emily Samuelson	Northern Michigan University	Jr.	G	Reed City, Mich.
Laurie Rehmann	Grand Valley State University	Sr.	G	St. Johns, Mich.
Emily McClone	Michigan Tech University	Sr.	G	Menasha, Wis./St. Mary Central
Elena Keranen	Northern Michigan University	Sr.	G	Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood
Alice Duesing	Lake Superior State University	Sr.	F	Sault Ste. Marie, Mich./Sault Area

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Stephanie Heid	Hillsdale College	Jr.	G	Thomson, Ill./Fulton Unity Christian
Ebony Vincent	Wayne State	Jr.	G	Oak Park, Mich./Royal Oak Shrine
Katie Lorincz	Mercyhurst College	Sr.	G	Parma Heights, Ohio/Holy Name
Caitlyn Kennedy	Hillsdale College	Sr.	F	Dexter, Mich.
Katie Garms	Gannon University	Jr.	F	Hudson, Wis.