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Ferris State's Elena Robles Named 2006 GLIAC Women's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

Northwood's Studor Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, Ferris State's Bedortha Named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Ferris State University senior **Elena Robles** was named the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Women's Golf "Athlete of the Year." Northwood University's **Jackie Studor** earned the conference's "Freshman of the Year" title, while Ferris State's **Brad Bedortha** was tabbed "Coach of the Year."

Robles is a three-time first-team All-GLIAC honoree, and becomes the fourth FSU women's golfer to receive the GLIAC women's golf Athlete of the Year honor. Robles was named to the National Golf Coaches All-America Second Team in 2004-05 and named the GLIAC Freshman of the Year in 2002-03. She has also won Ferris State's Most Valuable Player award the last two years. Robles is averaging a team-best 75.55 strokes per round in 22 rounds this season.

Studor earned Second Team All-GLIAC honors in her first season at Northwood, ranking second on the team with a 80.9 stroke average. She posted four top-10 finishes on the year, including a third place finish at the Bubba Watson Invitational. She shot 73 in the first round of the tournament which was the third lowest round for any Northwood player. Studor is the first Northwood player to earn GLIAC Freshman of the Year and just the second NU player to earn All-GLIAC honors.

Bedortha, in his seventh season at Ferris State, led the Bulldogs to this year's GLIAC Championship. He is now a three-time GLIAC Coach of the Year honoree, winning the award perviously in 2000-01 and 2002-03. Bedortha was named the National Golf Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in 2004-05. Ferris State has finished second in the previous three GLIAC Championships and claimed its first conference title since 2000-01, and the second under Bedortha.

Joining **Robles** on the 2006 All-GLIAC First Team are: sophomore's **Becky Hoffman** and **Missy Ward**, and junior **Casey McKinnon** of Ferris State; senior **Kristi Vienneau**, of Grand Valley State University; and junior **Jamie Long** of Northwood.

The All-GLIAC Second Team includes: freshmen **Raquel Hansen** of Ferris State; freshman **Jackie Studor** of Northwood; junior **Kate MacDonald** and senior **Lauri Leatherman** of Grand Valley State; junior **Kate Weisenberger** of the University of Findlay; and senior **Maggie Slonkosky** of Ashland University.

A complete list of the 2006 All-GLIAC Women's Golf teams are on the following page.

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2006 GLIAC Women's Golf Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Elena Robles - Ferris State University
Freshman of the Year: Jackie Studor - Northwood University
Coach of the Year: Brad Bedortha - Ferris State University

2006 All-GLIAC Women's Golf Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Becky Hoffman	Ferris State	So.	Gaines, Mich./Swartz Creek
Jamie Long	Northwood	Jr.	Swartz Creek, Mich.
Casey McKinnon	Ferris State	Jr.	St. Ignace, Mich./LaSalle
Elena Robles	Ferris State	Sr.	Torrence, Calif./Redondo Union
Kristi Vienneau	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Bathurst, New Brunswick
Missy Ward	Ferris State	So.	Fenton, Mich./Linden

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Raquel Hansen	Ferris State	Fr.	West Olive, Mich./Grand Haven
Laura Leatherman	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Caledonia, Mich.
Kate MacDonald	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Novi, Mich./Northville
Maggie Slonkosky	Ashland	Sr.	Minster, Ohio
Jackie Studor	Northwood	Fr.	Hinckley, Ohio/North Royalton
Katie Weisenberger	Findlay	Jr.	Continental, Ohio

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Kristy Homan	Findlay	So.	Maineville, Ohio/Kings
Meghan Hunter	Ferris State	Fr.	Dexter, Mich.
Jamie Pettinga	Northwood	Sr.	Grosse Ile, Mich.
Tracey Puckering	Grand Valley State	So.	Midland, Mich./Dow
Melissa Riegler	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Muncie, Ind./Yorktown
Jessica Slonaker	Gannon	Fr.	Sunbury, Pa./Shikellamy

** - All-GLIAC Women's Golf selections are based upon a player's stroke average in her 10 best rounds in league play, including the three rounds of the GLIAC Tournament. All ties are broken by total strokes in the GLIAC Tournament.*