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## **Grand Valley State's Mackson Named 2002 GLIAC Softball Player of the Year**

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Mackson of Grand Valley State University has been selected the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) softball Player of the Year. First-year pitcher Lisa Gauthier of Wayne State University was chosen Freshman of the Year, while Coach of the Year honors went to Wayne State's Gary Bryce. All three awards were selected by the GLIAC softball coaches in conjunction with all-conference balloting.

Mackson led the Lakers to their sixth straight season with 40-plus wins, posting a 22-4 record with a GLIAC-best and GVSU record 0.47 earned run average. Mackson, a two-time GLIAC Pitcher of the Week, recorded a school-record 12 shutouts and assisted on three others. The Pinconning, Mich. native tallied a Laker best 235 strike outs, and her 10.08 K's per 7 innings ranks in the top five in Division II. Mackson threw three no-hitters this season, including a perfect game against Northwood, and had a scoreless streak of 44 innings.

Gauthier completed her first season with the Warrior softball program as a stand out on the mound by recording a 7-4 overall record in seven starts with 10 relief appearances. Gauthier finished the 2002 season by leading her squad in ERA (1.18), while allowing a team-low 71 hits and 14 earned runs in 83 innings pitched.

Bryce completed his 21st season as head coach of the Wayne State softball program in 2002. During his tenure, he has compiled a 681-439-5 (.607) overall record, which ranks him ninth all-time among NCAA Division II coaches. Under Bryce's guidance, the Wayne State softball program has been nationally ranked 17 times in his 21 seasons, and has made nine appearances in the NCAA Division II tournament. Bryce has been named GLIAC "Coach of the Year" six times (1996, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1988 and 1985).

Joining Mackson on the 2002 All-GLIAC first team are: senior catcher player Alicia Longstreth and sophomore utility player Josie Nelson of Ashland University; senior second baseman Casey Criscione and sophomore pitcher Heather Ford of Gannon; senior third baseman Pam Kaminski and junior designated player Bobbi Conner of Grand Valley State; senior outfielder Tiffany Honey of Northwood University; senior shortstop Brandi Srda and senior outfielder April Vega of Saginaw Valley State University; first baseman Beth Berry and senior outfielder Kelly Kashmerick of Wayne State University.

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## 2002 GLIAC Softball All-Conference Teams and Postseason Awards

**Player of the Year:** Jennifer Mackson - Grand Valley State University

**Freshman of the Year:** Lisa Gauthier - Wayne State University

**Coach of the Year:** Gary Bryce - Wayne State University

### GLIAC Softball All-Conference First Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
1B	Beth Berry	Wayne State	So.	Blissfield, Mich.
2B	Casey Criscione	Gannon	Sr.	Fredonia, N. Y.
SS	Brandi Srda	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Clio, Mich.
3B	Pam Kaminski	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Manistee, Mich.
C	Alicia Longstreth	Ashland	Sr.	Akron, Ohio/Hoban
OF	Kelly Kashmerick	Wayne State	Sr.	Flushing, Mich.
OF	Tiffany Honey	Northwood	Sr.	Clarkston, Mich.
OF	April Vega	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Essexville, Mich./Garber
DP	Bobbi Conner	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Lake Orion, Mich.
UT	Josie Nelson	Ashland	So.	Prior Lake, Minn./Jordan
P	Jennifer Mackson	Grand Valley State	So.	Pinconning, Mich.
P	Heather Ford	Gannon	So.	Prince Edward Island, Ont./Charlottetown

### GLIAC Softball All-Conference Second Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
1B	Megan Campbell	Gannon	Sr.	Fairport, N. Y.
2B	Erin Skubiski	Northwood	Jr.	Newmarket, Ont./Huron Heights
SS	Kerri Jonas	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Jackson, Mich./Vandercook Lake
3B	Dana Peuler	Ferris State	So.	Wyoming, Mich./Rogers
C	Kelly Martin	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Bay City, Mich./All Saints
OF	Robin Altenburger	Findlay	So.	Gomer, Ohio/ Lima Central Catholic
OF	Kelly Burt	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Commerce Twp., Mich./Central
OF	Rachel Blain	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Byron Center, Mich./Grand Rapids C.C.
DP	Rachel Confer	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Warren, Pa.
UT	Jean Pergande	Lake Superior State	Sr.	Essexville, Mich./Garber
P	Connie Milroth	Wayne State	Jr.	St. Clair Shores, Mich./ Lakeview
P	Sarah DeAngelo	Hillsdale	Sr.	Gibraltar, Mich./Monroe SMCC

### GLIAC Softball All-Conference Honorable Mention

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
P	Leslie Eberhardt	Ashland	So.	Jeromesville, Ohio/Hillsdale
2B	Shay Mulford	Ashland	Jr.	Plainfield, Ohio/Ridgewood
P/DP	Jennifer Colvin	Ferris State	Sr.	Union City, Mich.
1B	Casey Scully	Ferris State	Sr.	Wayland Mich./Grand Rapids C.C.
SS	Brooke Bower	Findlay	Jr.	Defiance, Ohio
P/OF	Stacy Sharp	Findlay	Jr.	Brighton, Mich
C	Meredith Sherman	Gannon	Sr.	Albion, Pa./Northwestern
P	Megan Smith	Gannon	Jr.	Lewis Center, Ohio/Olentangy
C/IF	Emily Roberts	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Clinton, Mich.
IF	Sara Vroegindewey	Grand Valley State	So.	Kalamazoo, Mich./Portage Central
C/IF	Kelli Fifelski	Hillsdale	Jr.	Dorr, Mich./Hopkins
IF	Jenna Robison	Hillsdale	Jr.	Castle Rock, Colo./Douglas County
IF	Bridget LaMarre	Lake Superior State	Jr.	Bay City, Mich.
UT	Stephanie Matthew	Lake Superior State	So.	Midland, Mich.
P	Becky Ross	Mercyhurst	So.	Erie, Pa./Harborcreek
IF	Dayna Shelkey	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Leechburg, Pa./Kiski Area
UT	Michelle Kistner	Northwood	Sr.	Weston, Ohio/Otsego
P/OF	Andrea Rickert	Northwood	Jr.	Lowell, Mich.
2B	Katie Albert	Saginaw Valley State	Fr.	Waterford, Mich./Kettering
3B	Becky Bourcier	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Montrose, Mich.
C	Maria D'Agostino	Wayne State	So.	Wixom, Mich./Walled Lake Western
2B	Betsy Kirk	Wayne State	Jr.	Etobicoke, Ont./Martingrove Coll. Inst.