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The Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) continues to be a leader in the development and promotion of intercollegiate athletics for men and women.

Inaugurated during the 1972-73 season, the GLIAC is in its 33rd season of operation and has 13 member institutions: Ashland University, Ferris State University, University of Findlay, Gannon University, Grand Valley State University, Hillsdale College, Lake Superior State University, Mercyhurst College, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Northwood University, Saginaw Valley State University and Wayne State University.

The GLIAC, which introduced softball as a charter sport during its inaugural campaign, sponsors team championships in 19 men's and women's athletic competitions. All member institutions with the exception of Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan participate in softball.

The 1985 season marked the conference's first-ever post-season softball tournament. The tournament changed the way the GLIAC recognized its conference champion. Since 1985, the conference title has been awarded to the team that accumulated the most points based on regular-season and tournament finish.

This season's double-elimination league tournament, which will be conducted at the Emerson Park Softball Complex in Midland, Mich., will feature only the conference's top eight teams based upon the each team's winning percentage for league games only. The overall conference champion will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Tournament. Grand Valley State, which was the lone GLIAC participant in the 2004 NCAA-II Great Lakes Regional, finished runner-up at the 2002 NCAA Championship Tournament in Salem, Va. Wayne State represented the GLIAC at the 2003 NCAA National Championship Tourney in Salem, Ore.

Since 1976, the GLIAC has crowned 37 conference softball champions and Ferris State has staked its claim to three of those league championship titles with the most recent one occurring in 2005.

GLIAC Tournament Champions

2005	**Ferris State**	1994	Wayne State
2004	Cancelled	1993	Wayne State
2003	Grand Valley State	1992	Saginaw Valley State
2002	Ashland	1991	Hillsdale
2001	Grand Valley State	1990	Wayne State
2000	**Ferris State**	1989	Wayne State
1999	**Ferris State**	1988	Wayne State
1998	Ashland	1987	Grand Valley State
1997	Ashland	1986	Wayne State
1996	Ashland	1985	Wayne State
1995	Wayne State		

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2005 GLIAC Final Standings

	Conference				Overall							Tourney
Team (Final Placing)	W	L	T	Pct	W	L	T	Pct	Home	Road	Neutral	Finish
Northwood (1stT)	14	6	0	.700	34	14	0	.708	8-5-0	15-4-0	11-5-0	2nd
Ferris State (1stT)	**13**	**7**	**0**	**.650**	**31**	**20**	**0**	**.608**	**12-4-0**	**9-8-0**	**10-8-0**	**1st**
Gannon (3rd)	12	6	0	.667	33	18	0	.647	5-7-0	10-6-0	18-5-0	3rd
Hillsdale (4th)	12	8	0	.600	21	19	1	.524	13-2-0	3-12-0	5-5-1	4th
Grand Valley State (5th)	13	7	0	.650	24	20	0	.545	6-2-0	14-11-0	4-7-0	7thT
Wayne State (6th)	10	10	0	.500	21	22	0	.488	2-8-0	9-7-0	10-7-0	5thT
Saginaw Valley State (7th)	10	8	0	.556	20	20	0	.500	8-3-0	4-12-0	8-5-0	5thT
Mercyhurst (8th)	10	10	0	.500	20	21	0	.488	5-7-0	9-9-0	6-5-0	7thT
Ashland (9th)	8	12	0	.450	27	23	0	.540	6-8-0	10-9-0	11-6-0	NQ
Findlay (10th)	4	16	0	.200	12	28	0	.300	4-10-0	6-11-0	2-7-0	NQ
Lake Superior State (11th)	2	18	0	.100	9	30	0	.231	6-10-0	3-20-0	0-0-0	NQ

Note: The GLIAC Championship is determined equally by a team's GLIAC finish in the regular season and its finish in the GLIAC Championship Tournament. Points are awarded from 11 to 1 for both a team's finish in the GLIAC regular season and the GLIAC Championships and then totaled to determine the conference champion. The conference's top eight teams based upon the each team's winning percentage for league regular-season games only qualified for the GLIAC Tournament.

NQ – Denotes non-qualifier for the GLIAC Tournament.

2005 All-GLIAC Teams

First Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr
Joanna Fergus	Gannon	1B	Jr.
Katie Albert	Saginaw Valley State	2B	Sr.
Sue Verbeem	Wayne State	SS	Jr.
Stephanie Christ	Gannon	3B	So.
Ashley Wolff	Hillsdale	C	So.
Allison Gerger	Gannon	OF	Jr.
Ashley Mayle	Ashland	OF	Jr.
Emily McLean	**Ferris State**	**OF**	**Jr.**
Colleen McNutt	Hillsdale	DP	Sr.
Bree Beabout	Ashland	UT	So.
Lisa Shepard	Northwood	P	Jr.
Jamie Williams	Ashland	P	So.

Second Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr
Laura Crower	**Ferris State**	**1B**	**So.**
Jenna McWilliams	Wayne State	2B	Sr.
Jamie Meyers	Hillsdale	SS	So.
Denise Ireton	Grand Valley State	3B	Jr.
Nicole Placie	Ashland	C	Sr.
Tara Marsh	Grand Valley State	OF	Jr.
Julie Olson	Northwood	OF	Fr.
Kim Roberts	Mercyhurst	OF	Sr.
Sara Mathes	Ashland	DP	Sr.
Lorelea Rice	Saginaw Valley State	UT	So.
Jen Feret	Mercyhurst	P	So.
Kristen Jenner	Grand Valley State	P	Jr.

Honorable Mention Team

Name	School	Pos	Yr
Kelli Williams	Ashland	3B	Fr.
Angie Westenkirchner	Ashland	1B	Fr.
Navreet Gill	**Ferris State**	**SS**	**Sr.**
Melissa Worsley	**Ferris State**	**C**	**Sr.**
Alicia Fetter	Findlay	C	Sr.
Michele Jordan	Findlay	P	So.
Kristin Damis	Gannon	OF	So.
Charity Sharp	Gannon	OF	Jr.
Sarah Paape	Grand Valley State	SS	Sr.
Crista Buresh	Grand Valley State	1B	So.
Amy Paling	Hillsdale	OF	Sr.
Becky Fair	Hillsdale	2B	Sr.
Sara Demmer	Lake Superior State	UT	Sr.
Erin Rutherford	Lake Superior State	SS	So.
Shanna McDowell	Mercyhurst	OF	Sr.
Dana Moderick	Mercyhurst	SS	Jr.
Samantha Thacker	Northwood	3B	Fr.
Amanda Hayman	Northwood	2B	Jr.
Karen Ray	Saginaw Valley State	P	Jr.
Denise Betts	Saginaw Valley State	3B	So.
Autumn Batyik	Wayne State	OF	Sr.
Robyn Haig	Wayne State	DP	Fr.

Coach of The Year – Heather Bruder, Northwood
Player of The Year – **Emily McLean, Ferris State**
Freshman of The Year – Julie Olson, Northwood

GLIAC Overall Champions

2005*	**Ferris State**, Northwood	—		Wayne State	10-5
2004	Grand Valley State	14-2	1988*	Saginaw Valley State	12-3
2003*	Grand Valley State	22.0		Wayne State	12-3
2002*	Ashland	20.0	1987*	Grand Valley State	10-0
2001*	Grand Valley State	11.0	1986*	Grand Valley State	10-1
2000*	**Ferris State**	**12.0**	1985*	Wayne State	10-2
1999*	Ashland	23.0	1984	Saginaw Valley State	9-1
1998*	Ashland	22.0	1983	Wayne State	12-0
1997*	Ashland	20.0	**1982**	**Ferris State**	**10-0**
1996*	Ashland	19.0	1981	Grand Valley State	8-2
	Wayne State	19.0		Wayne State	8-2
1995*	Wayne State	13.0	1980	Grand Valley State	11-1
1994*	Wayne State	13.5	1979	Grand Valley State	9-1
1993*	Wayne State	11.0	1978	Grand Valley State	9-1
1992*	Wayne State	11.0	1977	Grand Valley State	12-0
1991*	Hillsdale	11.5	1976	Grand Valley State	11-1
1990*	Saginaw Valley State	10.0			
	Wayne State	10.0			
1989*	Hillsdale	11-4			
	Saginaw Valley State	13-2			

* – Title decided by regular season and tournament results