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Northwood's Maricic Named 2005 GLIAC Volleyball Player of the Year

GLIAC Honors: NMU's Hintze Freshman of the Year; GVSU's Riley Libero of the Year; GVSU's Scanlon Coach of the Year

BAY CITY, Mich. --Northwood University sophomore outside hitter **Gorana Maricic** (Subotica, Serbia-Montenegro) was named 2005 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) volleyball "Player of the Year" in voting conducted by the league's head coaches. Northern Michigan University's **Nicole Hintze** (Menomonee Falls, Wis.) was tabbed "Freshman of the Year," while Grand Valley State University's **Alyson Riley** (Battle Creek, Mich./St. Phillips) earned "Libero of the Year" honors. Grand Valley State's **Deanne Scanlon** was named "Coach of the Year" by her peers.

Maricic led Northwood to a 20-win season with a strong offensive campaign. She currently ranks second in the GLIAC and among the national leaders with 5.11 kills per game. Maricic also ranks third in the league in aces (0.48 per game). She has earned GLIAC Player of the Week honors a league-high four times this season and was named the AVCA Division II Player of the Week on Oct. 12. Maricic has eclipsed the 30-kill mark five times this year, which ranks second in all of Division II. For the season, Maricic is hitting .287 and is averaging 2.07 digs per game.

Hintze is currently second on the her squad with 309 kills (3.32 k/game). She leads the Wildcats with 319 digs (3.43 per game), is second on the team with 24 service aces, and has posted 33 assists. Hintze recorded 25 kills against Lake Superior State on Oct. 22, which was a career-high. At the net, Hintze has one solo block and 36 assisted blocks, and was named the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week for Oct. 31.

Riley ranks second in the GLIAC, averaging 5.44 digs per game during the 2005 season. In just two seasons, she has tallied 1,011 digs, which ranks seventh on Grand Valley State's career leaders list. Riley has posted 20 or more digs 14 times this season, including a career-high 38 in a 3-2 win against Florida Gulf Coast.

Scanlon has led the Lakers to the school's eighth straight 20+ win campaign (23-6). In her 11 years at the helm of GVSU, Scanlon has tallied a 285-90 (.760) overall record, while compiling a 157-44 (.781) GLIAC record. She entered the 2005 season as the 12th winningest active coach in Division II. Scanlon has guided the Lakers to nine straight GLIAC Tournament appearances, including championship titles in 2000 and 2002. Deanne was also named GLIAC Coach of the Year in 2001.

Joining Maricic and Hintze on the All-GLIAC first team are: Ferris State University junior outside hitter **Danielle Baucher** and junior middle hitter **Karla White**; Wayne State University senior middle blocker **Elisa Joris**; Michigan Tech University freshman middle hitter **Jen Jung**; Ashland University sophomore outside hitter **Mary Kate Glowe** and sophomore setter **Lynsey Warren**; Grand Valley State University senior middle blocker **Tracy Kirk** and junior middle blocker **Meghan Moore**; University of Findlay junior outside hitter **Erin Puthoff**; and Hillsdale College junior middle hitter **Taryn Rudland**.

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2005 GLIAC Volleyball Postseason Awards All-Conference Teams

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Player of the Year:

Gorana Maricic, Northwood University

(Sophomore, Outside Hitter, Subotica, Serbia-Montenegro)

Libero of the Year:

Alyson Riley, Grand Valley State University

(Sophomore, Libero, Battle Creek, Mich./St. Phillips)

Freshman of the Year:

Nicole Hintze, Northern Michigan University

(Freshman, Outside Hitter, Menomonee Falls, Wis.)

Coach of the Year:

Deanne Scanlon, Grand Valley State University

All-GLIAC First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Danielle Baucher	Ferris State	Jr.	OH	Kalamazoo, Mich./Mattawan
Nicole Hintze	Northern Michigan	Fr.	OH	Menomonee Falls, Wis.
Elisa Joris	Wayne State	Sr.	MB	Walled Lake, Mich./Western
Jen Jung	Michigan Tech	Fr.	MH	Andover, Minn./Coon Rapids
Mary Kate Glowe	Ashland	So.	OH	Avon Lake, Ohio/Magnificat
Tracy Kirk	Grand Valley State	Sr.	MB	Cadillac, Mich.
Gorana Maricic	Northwood	So.	OH	Subotica, Serbia-Montenegro
Meghan Moore	Grand Valley State	Jr.	MB	Alma, Mich.
Erin Puthoff	Findlay	Jr.	OH	Chickasaw, Ohio/Marion Local
Taryn Rudland	Hillsdale	Jr.	MH	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa
Lynsey Warren	Ashland	So.	S	Worthington, Ohio/Bishop Watterson
Karla White	Ferris State	Jr.	MH	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay

All-GLIAC Second-Team

Kelly Byrnes	Findlay	Jr.	S	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy
Mallory Flemming	Findlay	So.	OH	Gibsonburg, Ohio
Brittany Godlewski	Ferris State	Jr.	Lib.	St. Clair Township, Mich./Marysville
Megan Helsen	Grand Valley State	Jr.	OH	Ravenna, Mich.
Katherine Jones	Hillsdale	Jr.	OH	Blenheim, Ontario
Dragana Todorovic	Northwood	Sr.	MB	Valjevo, Serbia
Vanessa Vincent	Lake Superior State	Jr.	OH	Holly, Mich.
Marija Zivanovic	Northwood	So.	OH	Sutomore, Serbia-Montenegro
Alyson Riley	Grand Valley State	So.	Lib.	Battle Creek, Mich./St. Phillips
Rosalyn Robinson	Michigan Tech	Sr.	MH	Muskegon, Mich./Mona Shores
Sam Schulte	Northern Michigan	Fr.	MH	Kenosha, Wis./Tremper
Angie Tolland	Ashland	Sr.	MH	Toledo, Ohio/Owens C.C.

All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

Suzanne Beaver	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	OH	Battle Creek, Mich./Kellogg C.C.
Stephanie Booms	Hillsdale	Fr.	S	Marysville, Mich.
Kari Clapham	Mercyhurst	Sr.	S	North Ridgeville, Ohio/Elyria
Ann Dzierwa	Findlay	Sr.	L	Toledo, Ohio/St. Ursula Academy
Amanda Hayman	Northwood	Sr.	L	Marysville, Mich.
Lauren Heine	Ferris State	Sr.	MH	Ypsilanti, Mich.
Mary Horvat	Gannon	Sr.	MH	Lansford, Pa./Marian
Natalie Kapetyan	Ashland	Sr.	MH	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Brittany McGowan	Northern Michigan	So.	S	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley
Amy Molenaar	Lake Superior State	Sr.	MH	Hamilton, Mich.
Julie Motz	Michigan Tech	Sr.	MH	Maplewood, Minn./Tartan
Megan Smolen	Wayne State	Sr.	OH	Grosse Ile, Mich.
Tina Tromblay	Grand Valley State	Sr.	OH	Ecorse, Mich.