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## Hillsdale's Rudland Named 2006 GLIAC Volleyball Player of the Year

*GLIAC Honors: MTU's Jorgenson Freshman of the Year; GVSU's Riley Libero of the Year; HC's Gravel Coach of the Year*

BAY CITY, Mich. --Hillsdale College senior middle hitter **Taryn Rudland** (Holland, Mich./West Ottawa) was named 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) volleyball "Player of the Year" in voting conducted by the league's head coaches. Michigan Technological University's **Kelly Jorgenson** (Eden Prairie, Minn.) 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. Hillsdale's **Chris Gravel** was named "Coach of the Year" by his peers.

**Rudland** ranks second among Division II players in hitting percentage this season (.420), and is 29th in total blocks (111). She now appears in the Hillsdale record books, ranking second in career kills with 1,341 and first in career solo blocks with 157. Rudland has been named GLIAC South Division Player of the Week three times in her career, is a three-time First Team All-GLIAC honoree, and earned GLIAC Freshman of the Year honors in 2003. A four-year starter for the Chargers, Rudland is a co-captain and key component of a team that set school records for wins (28) and consecutive wins (28).

**Jorgenson**, the first MTU player to claim the GLIAC Freshman of the Year award, helped the Huskies to a third-place finish in the GLIAC's North Division in 2006. She finished the regular season ranking fifth in the Conference in blocks per game (1.05), and seventh in hitting percentage (.323), leading all GLIAC freshmen in those categories. Jorgenson amassed five or more blocks in eight different matches this season, while registering at least 10 kills eight times in 2006.

**Riley** earns her second consecutive GLIAC Libero of the Year award. She currently leads the GLIAC with 5.78 digs per game and moved into first place in the GVSU career records book, posting 1,710 digs in just three seasons. Her 535 digs this season ranks third on the single-season list. Riley has posted 20 or more digs 13 times this season and at least 15 digs in 18 matches. Alyson ranks second in the GLIAC in aces per game with 0.70, having posted at least two aces in 14 matches this season, including a career-high seven twice. She has tallied 66 this season and her 139 career aces ranks ninth on GVSU's career list.

**Gravel**, in his 11th season at the helm of the Hillsdale volleyball program, has led the Chargers to 28-0 record this season, a GLIAC South Division title, and a No. 3 ranking in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division II poll. Hillsdale has recorded 3-0 sweeps over 22 of the 28 opponents it's faced this season, and has a games-only record of 84-8. Gravel, who recorded his 200th win earlier this season, has amassed a 210-144 mark at Hillsdale. This is the second such honor for Gravel in his career, also having won the GLIAC Coach of the Year award in 1999.

Joining Rudland and Riley on the 2006 All-GLIAC first team are: Hillsdale junior outside hitter **Melissa Bartlett**, sophomore setter **Stephanie Booms**, and senior right-side hitter **Becky Grzegorski**; Ferris State University senior outside hitter **Danielle Baucher** and senior middle hitter **Karla White**; Michigan Tech sophomore middle hitter **Jen Jung**; Ashland University junior outside hitter **Mary Kate Glowe**; Grand Valley State senior outside hitter **Megan Helsen** and senior middle blocker **Meghan Moore**; and University of Findlay senior outside hitter **Erin Puthoff**.

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# 2006 GLIAC Volleyball Postseason Awards All-Conference Teams

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## Player of the Year:

Taryn Rudland, Hillsdale College  
(Senior, MH, Holland, Mich./West Ottawa)

## Libero of the Year:

Alyson Riley, Grand Valley State University  
(Junior, Libero, Battle Creek, Mich./St. Phillips)

## Freshman of the Year:

Kelly Jorgenson, Michigan Technological University  
(Freshman, MH, Eden Prairie, Minn.)

## Coach of the Year:

Chris Gravel, Hillsdale College

## All-GLIAC First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Melissa Bartlett	Hillsdale	Jr.	OH	Chatham, Ontario/Kent
Danielle Baucher	Ferris State	Sr.	OH	Kalamazoo, Mich./Mattawan
Stephanie Booms	Hillsdale	So.	S	Marysville, Mich.
Jen Jung	Michigan Tech	So.	MH	Andover, Minn./Coon Rapids
Mary Kate Glowe	Ashland	Jr.	OH	Avon Lake, Ohio/Magnificat
Becky Grzegorski	Hillsdale	Sr.	RS	Jenison, Mich.
Megan Helsen	Grand Valley State	Sr.	OH	Ravenna, Mich.
Meghan Moore	Grand Valley State	Sr.	MB	Alma, Mich.
Erin Puthoff	Findlay	Sr.	OH	Chickasaw, Ohio/Marion Local
Taryn Rudland	Hillsdale	Sr.	MH	Holland, Mich./West Ottawa
Alyson Riley	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Lib.	Battle Creek, Mich./St. Phillips
Karla White	Ferris State	Sr.	MH	New Baltimore, Mich./Anchor Bay

## All-GLIAC Second-Team

Michelle Acker	Northwood	Sr.	MH	Middleton, Wis.
Jamie Ashmore	Grand Valley State	So.	S	LaPorte, Ind.
Suzanne Beaver	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	OH	Battle Creek, Mich./Kellogg C.C.
Kelly Byrnes	Findlay	Sr.	S	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy
Beth Dangel	Ashland	Sr.	OH	Cincinnati, Ohio/Mother of Mercy
Mallory Fleming	Findlay	Jr.	OH	Gibsonburg, Ohio
Katherine Jones	Hillsdale	Sr.	OH	Blenheim, Ontario
Kelly Jorgenson	Michigan Tech	Fr.	MH	Eden Prairie, Minn.
Lindsay Tye	Ferris State	Jr.	OH	Gregory, Mich./Chelsea
Lynsey Warren	Ashland	Jr.	S	Worthington, Ohio/Bishop Watterson
Kelsey Wesaw	Findlay	So.	OPP	Lansing, Mich./Christian
Marija Zivanovic	Northwood	Jr.	S	Sutomore, Serbia-Montenegro

## All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

Julia Butler	Mercyhurst	Fr.	S	Huron, Ohio
Megan Howard	Hillsdale	Jr.	Lib.	Adrian, Mich./Lenawee Christian
Ashleigh Hubbard	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Lib.	Battle Creek, Mich./Kellogg C.C.
Jackie Kahlig	Findlay	Jr.	MH	Coldwater, Ohio
Cassie Osiecki	Northern Michigan	Fr.	Lib.	Hampshire, Ill.
Jamie Palazzolo	Ferris State	Jr.	OH/Lib.	Emmett, Mich./Yale
Kristi Pieper	Wayne State	Sr.	Lib.	Roseville, Mich./Fraser
Sarah Pollard	Northwood	Fr.	Lib.	Naperville, Ill./Central
Marina Santos	Ashland	Fr.	OH	San Paula, Brazil/Copley
Kelsey Skoog	Michigan Tech	So.	LS	Long Lake, Minn./Orono
Marcie Soltész	Gannon	Sr.	Lib.	Venango, Pa./Cambridge Springs
Erica Vandekopple	Grand Valley State	Jr.	MB	Pellston, Mich.
Ashley Wyers	Lake Superior State	Jr.	OH	White Cloud, Mich.