



PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

2002	Grand Valley State
2001	Grand Valley State
2000	Grand Valley State
1999	Northwood
1998	Northern Michigan
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1990	Ferris State
1989	Ferris State
1988	Oakland
1987	Ferris State
1986	Ferris State
	Grand Valley State
1985	Ferris State
1984	Ferris State
1983	Ferris State
1982	Ferris State
1981	Wayne State
1980	Wayne State
1979	Wayne State
	Oakland
1978	Lake Superior State
1977	Grand Valley State
1976	Grand Valley State
1975	Grand Valley State
1974	Grand Valley State
1973	Grand Valley State



Founded in 1972, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) continues to be a leader in the development and promotion of intercollegiate athletics for men and women.



The charter members of the conference were Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Northwood University and Saginaw Valley State University.

Ferris State University followed soon afterward when they joined the conference along with Oakland University in 1972. The conference continued to expand until it reached its current number of 13 member institutions. The GLIAC's current members are—Ashland University, Ferris State University, The 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 entered a new era in 1995-96. Previously its members were all institutions located in the state of Michigan. On December 13, 1994, membership was offered to three institutions located in Ohio and Pennsylvania. The expansion members were Ashland University (Ashland, Ohio), Gannon University (Erie, Pa.) and Mercyhurst College (Erie, Pa.). All three began their conference membership July 1, 1995. The University of Findlay (Ohio) was later added to the conference in July of 1997.

All 13 member institutions compete in volleyball. The GLIAC continues to be one of the most dominating volleyball conferences at the Division II level. During the 1997 season, Northern Michigan represented the GLIAC at the NCAA-II Championships and recorded a fourth-place finish. Last year, Grand Valley State, Northwood and Ferris State were NCAA Tournament participants. Grand Valley State claimed the regional title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Canyon, Texas. Five times in the previous six seasons, the GLIAC placed three of the four teams in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Tournament.

In 1996, five GLIAC teams, including Ferris State, were ranked among the NCAA-II top 25 teams in the national poll. From 1992-95, NMU advanced to the NCAA-II Championship match and claimed back-to-back national titles.

The 1996 season marked the advent of divisional volleyball play with both a North and South Division. The North tier includes Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan, Northwood and Saginaw Valley State. The South tier is made up of the remaining six teams.

Overall the GLIAC conducts championships in 20 sports, 10 for men and 10 for women. Men's championship sports are baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track and outdoor track. Women's championship sports include basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track and volleyball.

2002 ALL-GLIAC VOLLEYBALL FIRST-TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL
Nicole Bayle	Grand Valley State
Jill Duling	Findlay
Ashley Green	Ferris State
Amy Gruszynski	Northwood
Kara Heitmeyer	Findlay
Rebecca Kaukola	Michigan Tech
Beth Laveen	Northern Michigan
Carly Miller	Grand Valley State
Alaina Olds	Ferris State
Stephanie Speed	Ferris State
Sladjana Vasiljevic	Northwood
Laura Zaskowski	Northwood

- Player of the Year** – Amy Gruszynski, Northwood
Freshman of the Year – Kari Clapham, Mercyhurst
Coach of the Year – Tia Brandel-Wilhelm, Ferris State

2002 FSU HONORS

All-GLIAC First Team

- Ashley Green – Setter
 Alaina Olds – Middle Hitter
 Stephanie Speed – Outside Hitter

All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

- Brittney Godlewski – Libero

Academic All-GLIAC

- Angie Desmarais
 Karla Fairbanks
 Ashley Green
 Alaina Olds
 Stephanie Speed
 Becky Thurau

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2002 GLIAC STANDINGS

North Division

School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Grand Valley State♦▲	17	1	32	3
Ferris State	15	3	24	7
Northwood	15	3	29	6
Northern Michigan	9	9	15	15
Michigan Tech	7	11	12	18
Lake Superior State	6	12	13	16
Saginaw Valley State	1	17	7	27

South Division

School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Findlay★	13	4	25	10
Mercyhurst	13	4	21	8
Gannon	10	7	16	11
Ashland	3	14	14	18
Hillsdale	3	14	13	17
Wayne State	2	15	10	17

♦ – GLIAC North Division Champion

▲ – GLIAC Champion

★ – GLIAC South Division Champion