

PAST GLIAC CHAMPIONS

2004	Ferris State
2003	Northern Michigan
2002	Grand Valley State
2001	Grand Valley State
2000	Grand Valley State
1999	Northwood
1998	Northern Michigan
1997	Northwood
1996	Northern Michigan
1995	Northern Michigan
1994	Northern Michigan
1993	Northern Michigan
1992	Northern Michigan
1991	Northern Michigan
1990	Ferris State
1989	Ferris State
1988	Oakland
1987	Ferris State
1986	Ferris State
1985	Grand Valley State
1984	Ferris State
1983	Ferris State
1982	Ferris State
1981	Wayne State
1980	Wayne State
1979	Wayne State
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, Ferris State, Ashland, Northwood, Hillsdale and Northern Michigan were NCAA Tournament participants. Northern Michigan claimed the regional title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Miami Shores, Fla. The GLIAC placed three of the four teams in the NCAA Great Lakes Regional Tournament five times in six seasons from 1996-2001 before the regional field was expanded.

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 21 sports, 11 for men and 10 for women. Men's championship sports are baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, wrestling, 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.

2004 ALL-GLIAC VOLLEYBALL FIRST-TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL
Aimee DeWitte	Northern Michigan
Karla Fairbanks	Ferris State
Becky Grzegorski	Hillsdale
Meghan Helsen	Grand Valley State
Ashley Kiel	Northern Michigan
Tracy Kirk	Grand Valley State
Gorana Maricic	Northwood
Julie Motz	Michigan Tech
Kelly Pohlman	Findlay
Carrie Ritchie	Ashland
Sladjana Vasiljevic	Northwood
Lynsey Warren	Ashland

- Player of the Year** – Carrie Ritchie, Ashland
- Freshman of the Year** – Gorana Maricic, Northwood
- Libero of the Year** – Sei Hee Hwang, Wayne State
- Coach of the Year** – Connie Surowicz, Ashland

2004 FSU HONORS

All-GLIAC First Team

Karla Fairbanks – Outside Hitter

All-GLIAC Second Team

Danielle Baucher – Outside Hitter
Brittany Godlewski – Libero

All-GLIAC Honorable Mention

Ashley Green – Setter

GLIAC All-Tournament Team

Ashley Green, Lauren Heine, Karla Fairbanks

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2004 GLIAC STANDINGS

North Division

School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Grand Valley State❖	16	2	27	7
Ferris State▲	14	4	25	7
Northern Michigan	13	5	24	7
Northwood	11	7	21	10
Michigan Tech	8	10	11	20
Lake Superior State	4	14	8	22
Saginaw Valley State	0	18	2	29

South Division

School	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Ashland★	14	3	26	6
Hillsdale	11	6	19	10
Findlay	11	6	24	8
Wayne State	6	11	11	14
Gannon	4	13	14	18
Mercyhurst	2	15	6	23

★ – GLIAC South Division Champion

❖ – GLIAC North Division Champion

▲ – GLIAC Champion