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Ferris State's Becky Hoffman Named 2008 GLIAC Women's Golf "Athlete of the Year"

GVSU's Kristina Langton Earns "Freshman of the Year" Honors, GVSU's Stinson Named "Coach of the Year"

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Ferris State University senior **Becky Hoffman** was named the 2008 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) women's golf "Athlete of the Year". Grand Valley State University's **Kristina Langton** earned the "Freshman of the Year" honors while Grand Valley State's **Lori Stinson** was tabbed "Coach of the Year."

Hoffman (Gaines, Mich./Swartz Creek) led the Bulldogs to a runner-up team finish at the 2008 GLIAC women's golf championship. Hoffman was the tournament's individual medalist as she bested Grand Valley State's Ashley Smith by carding a birdie in the first playoff hole. Hoffman posted a 226 (74-75-77 = 226, +10) in the three rounds of competition prior to the playoff on the par 72, 5,851-yard Sycamore Springs Golf Course. The victory represented her third top-five tournament finish and eighth top 10 placing in events this campaign.

Langton (Ada, Mich./Grand Rapids Catholic Central) finished sixth at the GLIAC championship with a 54-hole total of 233 (82-76-75 = 233, +7) and recorded seven top 10 finishes in 12 tournaments played during her freshman campaign. Langton tallied a 78.04 stroke average, this season which included a low round of 71.

Stinson led GVSU to the 2008 GLIAC championship as five Lakers finished among the top nine in the individual standings. Grand Valley State captured five tournament titles during the 2007-08 season and three golfers earned the GLIAC women's golf "Athlete of the Week" honors. Stinson has guided Grand Valley State to four GLIAC titles in the last six years and five since 2001. Stinson has now earned the GLIAC women's golf "Coach of the Year" honor four times in her career.

Joining **Hoffman** and **Langton** on the 2008 All-GLIAC First Team are: junior **Alison Meyer**, of Ferris State University; sophomores **Caitlin Bennett** and **Ashley Smith** of Grand Valley State; and senior **Stephanie Gillette** of the University of Findlay.

The All-GLIAC Second Team includes: freshman **Jacqueline Bencoter** and juniors **Raquel Hansen** and **Meghan Hunter** of Ferris State; freshman **Annie Miles** of Ashland University; and senior **Tracey Puckering** and freshman **Allie Tyler** of Grand Valley State.

A complete list of the 2008 All-GLIAC Women's Golf teams are on the following page.

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2008 GLIAC Women's Golf Postseason Awards

Player of the Year: Becky Hoffman ~ Ferris State University
Freshman of the Year: Kristina Langton ~ Grand Valley State University
Coach of the Year: Lori Stinson ~ Grand Valley State University

2008 All-GLIAC Women's Golf Teams

First-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Caitlin Bennett	Grand Valley State	So.	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich./North
Stephanie Gillette	Findlay	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio/Start
Becky Hoffman	Ferris State	Sr.	Gaines, Mich./Swartz Creek
Kristina Langton	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Ada, Mich./Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Alison Meyer	Ferris State	Jr.	Duluth, Minn./Central
Ashley Smith	Grand Valley State	So.	Plymouth, Mich./Salem

Second-Team

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Jacqueline Bencoter	Ferris State	Fr.	Metamorra, Mich./Lapeer West
Raquel Hansen	Ferris State	Jr.	West Olive, Mich./Grand Haven
Meghan Hunter	Ferris State	Jr.	Dexter, Mich.
Annie Miles	Ashland	Fr.	Dublin, Ohio/Bishop Watterson
Tracey Puckering	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Midland, Mich./Dow
Allie Tyler	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Forest Hills Central

Honorable Mention

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Caitlin Duval	Grand Valley State	So.	Wyoming, Mich.
Paige Molnar	Northwood	So.	Corunna, Mich.
Jess Slonaker	Gannon	Jr.	Sunbury, Pa./Shikellamy
Christine Suchy	Ashland	Fr.	Strongsville, Ohio/Florida Southern
Andrea Vogt	Findlay	Fr.	Auburn, Ind./DeKalb
Missy Ward	Ferris State	Sr.	Fenton, Mich./Linden

** - All-GLIAC Women's Golf selections are based upon a player's stroke average in her 10 best rounds in league play, including the three rounds of the GLIAC Tournament. All ties are broken by total strokes in the GLIAC Tournament.*