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2007 AVCA ALL-AMERICA TEAMS ANNOUNCED FOR NCAA DIVISION II WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

LEXINGTON, Ky. - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce the 27th annual AVCA All-America teams for NCAA Division II women's volleyball.

University of Minnesota Duluth right side/opposite hitter Vicky Braegelmann was selected to the AVCA First-Team All-America for the fourth consecutive season, becoming only the second player in the history of the AVCA Division II All-America program to achieve that feat. Portland State University's Lynda Johnson was the first, garnering first-team honors from 1982-1985. Southwest Minnesota State University outside hitter Erin Contons is the only other selection to make at least three AVCA All-America teams; Contons was a second-team selection in 2005 and 2006. Katelen Dixon, an outside hitter for University of Tampa, earned her second consecutive first-team selection this season.

The 2007 All-America selections were made by the AVCA Division II All-America Committee: Kim Sudbeck, Augustana College (S.D.), chairperson; Mario Andaya, Central Washington University; Christy Benner, Wheeling Jesuit University; Jim Boos, University of Minnesota Duluth; Debbie Hendricks, Metropolitan State College of Denver; Sandy Hoffman, Bentley College; Laurie Lokash, Slippery Rock University; Stephanie Radecki, University of North Alabama; and Jill Stephens, Florida Southern College.

2007 AVCA DIVISION II FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICA

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Melissa Bartlett	Hillsdale College	OH	Sr.	5-10	Chatham, Ontario
Vicky Braegelmann*!\$	University of Minnesota Duluth	RS/Opp.	Sr.	6-0	Albany, Minnesota
Erin Clark	University of Tampa	MB	Sr.	5-11	Tampa, Florida
Erin Contons % ^	Southwest Minnesota State Univ.	OH	Sr.	5-10	Apple Valley, Minnesota
Katelen Dixon *	University of Tampa	OH	Sr.	5-10	Clearwater, Florida
Jessica Granados	California State Univ., San Bernardino	RS/Opp.	Jr.	6-0	Beaumont, California
Liz Holmes	Northern Kentucky University	MB	Sr.	5-10	Cincinnati, Ohio
Tessa Jones @	Washburn University	RS/Opp.	Sr.	6-1	Lee's Summit, Missouri
Maggie McNamara %	Concordia University-St. Paul	S	So.	5-9	Zumbrota, Minnesota
Courtney Schneider &	Western Washington University	DS/Lib.	Sr.	5-9	Snohomish, Washington
Margeaux Sinibaldi %	University of Tampa	DS/Lib.	Sr.	5-6	Venice, Florida
Kari Wolford %	University of Minnesota Duluth	OH	Sr.	5-11	Avon, Minnesota

2007 AVCA DIVISION II SECOND-TEAM ALL-AMERICA

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Pamela Cartagena	Pittsburg State University	OH	So.	5-7	Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Allie Cherven	Truman State University	MB	Jr.	6-1	St. Charles, Missouri
Carlie Christensen &	University of Nebraska at Omaha	MB	Sr.	6-0	Omaha, Nebraska
Sharea Drawn	California State Univ. San Bernardino	MB	Sr.	6-0	Sun City, California
Katie Gangelhoff %	University of Minnesota Duluth	S	Jr.	5-8	South St. Paul, Minnesota
Ashley Martin %	Florida Southern College	RS/Opp.	Jr.	6-1	St. Petersburg, Florida
Monica Miesner ^	Washburn University	OH	Jr.	5-11	Florissant, Missouri
Jillian Ohrman &	University of Central Missouri	MB	Sr.	6-0	Independence, Missouri
Allyson Riley *	Grand Valley State University	DS/Lib.	Sr.	5-9	Battle Creek, Michigan
Emily Schroeder %	Wayne State College (Neb.)	MB	Sr.	5-11	Belden, Nebraska
Beverly Stasis	Florida Southern College	OH	Sr.	5-9	Clearwater, Florida
Lindsay Tye	Ferris State University	OH	Sr.	5-10	Gregory, Michigan

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2007 AVCA DIVISION II THIRD-TEAM ALL-AMERICA

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Danielle Alexander	Grand Valley State University	MB	Jr.	5-11	Newport, Michigan
Mallory Clements	Southern Illinois Univ. Edwardsville	S	Jr.	6-0	Mt. Pulaski, Illinois
Renata da Silva	California University of Pennsylvania	S/H	So.	5-8	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Alyssa Given	Seattle Pacific University	OH	Sr.	5-10	Salinas, California
Alisha Green	University of Tampa	MB	So.	6-2	Country Club Hills, Illinois
Sara Hoffman	California State Univ., San Bernardino	S	So.	5-6	San Clemente, California
Melissa Keck	Truman State University	RS/Opp.	Jr.	6-0	Belleville, Illinois
Justyna Michon	Dowling College	OH	Sr.	5-10	Katowice, Poland
Ashley Nachreiner	Minnesota State University, Mankato	OH	Jr.	6-0	Round Rock, Texas
Luciana Rapach	University of West Florida	RS/Opp.	Jr.	5-9	Porto Alegre, Brazil
Maria Steinhagen	Concordia University-St. Paul	MB	Jr.	5-10	Alexandria, Minnesota
Lynsey Warren	Ashland University	S	Sr.	6-1	Worthington, Ohio

* indicates 2006 AVCA First-Team All-America selection

% indicates 2006 AVCA Second-Team All-America selection

& indicates 2006 AVCA Third-Team All-America selection

\$ indicates 2005 AVCA First-Team All-America selection

^ indicates 2005 AVCA Second-Team All-America selection

@ indicates 2005 AVCA Third-Team All-America selection

! indicates 2004 AVCA First-Team All-America selection

2007 AVCA Division II Freshman of the Year: Emily Palkert, Concordia University-St. Paul, MB

2007 AVCA Division II Player of the Year: announced November 28, 2007

2007 AVCA Division II Honorable Mention All-America

Lacie Allen (Central Oklahoma, DS/Lib., Sr.)

Jaime Anderson (Western Washington, OH, Sr.)

Rebecca Bailey (UC San Diego, OH, Jr.)

Ann Casado (Georgian Court, OH, Jr.)

Melissa DeLuca (Wingate, S, Sr.)

Cammy Dranginis (Northwest Nazarene, MB, So.)

Kristina Eisenmenger (Northern Kentucky, RS/Opp., Jr.)

Natalie Forbes (Northern Kentucky, S, Jr.)

Tiffany Garry (Bryant, S/H, Sr.)

Vicky Gentile (Clarion, DS/Lib., Sr.)

Mary Kate Glowe (Ashland, OH, Sr.)

Likica Grceva (Bryant, OH, Sr.)

Audrey Jensen (Central Missouri, DS/Lib., Sr.)

Vivian Lacy (Tusculum, OH, Sr.)

Lindsay Macias (Chico State, OH, Jr.)

Brittany McGowan (Northern Michigan, S/H, Sr.)

Sam Mitchell (Mount Olive, OH, Sr.)

Edith Musebe (Henderson State, MB, Sr.)

Jenna Newman (Edinboro, MB, Sr.)

Rhe-Ann Niles (New Haven, MB, Jr.)

Joanna Nist (California [Pa.], OH, So.)

Michelle Nogueras (Saint Leo, S/H, So.)

Camilla Pagnan (Barry, OH, Jr.)

Danielle Palasak (North Alabama, OH, Sr.)

Emily Palkert, (Concordia-St. Paul, MB, Fr.)

Katie Rickwartz (West Texas A&M, S, So.)

Daris Rodriguez (Lynn, MB, Jr.)

Tiana Roma (Western Washington, MB, Jr.)

Gabriela Saade (Tampa, S, Jr.)

Christina Sadowski (Bentley, MB, Sr.)

Amber Santavy (California [Pa.], OH, Sr.)

Rachael Schurman (Central Washington, MB, Jr.)

Arica Shepard (Emporia State, OH, So.)

Mary Slinger (Concordia-St. Paul, DS/Lib., So.)

Erica Vandekopple (Grand Valley State, MB, Sr.)

Sammie Williams (Pittsburg State, RS/Opp., Jr.)

Vanessa Williams (Cal Poly Pomona, MB, Jr.)

Anicia Wood (New Haven, MB, Sr.)

Sarah Wyffels (Minnesota Duluth, MB, So.)

ADD 2 – 2007 AVCA Division II All-America Teams

AVCA All-America First Team

Melissa Bartlett, a 5-10 outside hitter for Hillsdale College, is a senior from Chatham, Ontario. Bartlett, the 2007 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year, led the conference and was in the top five nationally in kills per game, and ranks fifth on the team's career kills list in less than two full seasons played. Bartlett is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Vicky Braegelmann, a 6-0 right side/opposite for the University of Minnesota Duluth, is a senior from Albany, Minn. The three-time North Central Conference (NCC) Player of the Year is among the nation's leaders in kills per game and hitting percentage, and set the school record for career kills in 2007. The 2006 Division II AVCA Co-National Player of the Year is now a four-time AVCA First-Team All-American, only the second player to accomplish that feat in the history of the AVCA Division II All-America program.

Erin Clark, a 5-11 middle blocker for the University of Tampa, is a senior from Tampa, Fla. The Sunshine State Conference (SSC) Player of the Year leads the nation in attack percentage at .468, and is among the nation's leaders in kills, going into this week's national quarterfinals. Clark is a first time AVCA All-American.

Erin Contons, a 5-10 outside hitter for Southwest Minnesota State University, is a senior from Apple Valley, Minn. The first Mustang to be named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Player of the Year was among the national leaders in kills per game at 4.6, while also averaging 3.75 digs per game, and holds the school record for career kills, kills per game and attack attempts, while ranking second in digs. Contons is a third-time AVCA All-American, having garnered second-team honors in 2005 and 2006.

Katelen Dixon, a 5-10 outside hitter for the University of Tampa, is a senior from Clearwater, Fla. Dixon, named to the All-SSC First-Team, is averaging over three kills and three digs per game, while leading the defending champion Spartans back to the national quarterfinals this week. Dixon is a two-time AVCA First-Team All-American, having also earned the honor in 2006.

Jessica Granados, a 6-0 right side/opposite for California State University, San Bernardino, is a junior from Beaumont, Calif. Granados, the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Player of the Year, was among the top 15 nationally in kills per game, and in the top five in the conference in hitting percentage, aces per game, as well as kills per game. This is the first AVCA All-America selection for Granados.

Liz Holmes, a 5-10 middle blocker for Northern Kentucky University, is a senior from Cincinnati, Ohio. The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Player of the Year is among the nation's leaders in kills per game and hitting percentage, led the conference in both categories as well. Holmes is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Tessa Jones, a 6-1 right side/opposite for Washburn University, is a senior from Lee's Summit, Mo. Jones, the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Most Valuable Player, ranked among the nation's elite in kills per game and hitting percentage, and leads her team to the national quarterfinals this week for the first time in school history. Jones is a second-time AVCA All-American, garnering third-team honors in 2005.

Maggie McNamara, a 5-9 setter for Concordia University-St. Paul, is a sophomore from Zumbrota, Minn. McNamara leads the nation in assists per game with 14.38, and leads her team to the national quarterfinals to square off with California University of Pennsylvania. McNamara, the only sophomore on the first-team, is a second-time AVCA All-American, having been named to the second-team in her freshman season.

Courtney Schneider, a 5-9 defensive specialist/libero for Western Washington University, is a senior from Snohomish, Wash. Schneider, who leads the nation in digs per game with 7.58, and has broken her own school record and the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) season record with 750 digs, ranks third among NCAA Division II career leaders in that category. Schneider is a two-time AVCA All-American, having received third-team accolades a year ago.

Margeaux Sinibaldi, a 5-6 defensive specialist/libero for the University of Tampa, is a senior from Venice, Fla. Sinibaldi is among the nation's leaders in digs per game, and set the school and SSC career record for digs. Sinibaldi is a two-time AVCA All-American, garnering second-team honors in 2006.

Kari Wolford, a 5-11 outside hitter for the University of Minnesota Duluth, is a senior from Avon, Minn. Wolford, a member of the First-Team All-NCC, averaged nearly four kills, four digs and four points per game this season, leading the Bulldogs to the North Central Regional finals. Wolford is now a two-time AVCA All-American, having earned second-team distinctions in 2006.

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AVCA All-America Second Team

Pamela Cartagena, a 5-7 outside hitter for Pittsburg State University, is a sophomore from Bayamon, Puerto Rico. A First-Team All-MIAA selection the last two years, Cartagena helped lead her team to a third place conference finish and the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Quarterfinals with a 28-8 overall record and 8-5 conference mark. Cartagena, who led her team in hitting percentage and aces, is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Allie Cherven, a 6-1 middle blocker for Truman State University, is a junior from St. Charles, Mo. Cherven, a two-time All-MIAA Team selection, is ranked nationally in hitting percentage and blocks per game. After helping lead the Bulldogs to a 36-5 overall record, Cherven now earns her first AVCA All-America honors.

Carlie Christensen, a 6-0 middle blocker for the University of Nebraska-Omaha, is a senior playing in her hometown of Omaha, Neb. An All-NCC selection for the third consecutive year, Christensen led the Mavericks to the NCAA North Central Regional Semifinals with a 17-8 overall record and 8-4 conference record. Ranked nationally in hitting percentage and blocks per game, Christensen has now earned AVCA All-America honors for the second time in her career, being named to the third team in 2006.

Sharea Drawn, a 6-0 middle blocker for California State University, San Bernardino, is a senior from Sun City, Calif. A 2007 CCAA First-Team All-Conference selection, Drawn helped the Coyotes to a 27-2 overall record, a 17-1 conference mark and their second straight CCAA Championship. Drawn, who is among the top five nationally in hitting percentage, is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Katie Gangelhoff, a 5-8 setter for the University of Minnesota Duluth, is a junior from South St. Paul, Minn. Gangelhoff, who was selected to the All-NCC Team for the second year in a row, helped lead the Bulldogs to a 28-1 overall record, an undefeated 12-0 first place conference finish and the NCAA North Central Regional Final. Ranked nationally in the top three in assists, Gangelhoff is a two-time AVCA All-America honoree, having earned second team honor in 2006.

Ashley Martin, a 6-1 right side/opposite for Florida Southern College, is a junior from St. Petersburg, Fla. Martin helped lead the Moccasins to a second place conference finish and the NCAA Division II South Regional Final, while also earning All-SSC Second-Team honors. Team leader in kills and points per game, Martin is a two-time AVCA Second-Team All-American.

Monica Miesner, a 5-11 outside hitter for Washburn University, is a junior from Florissant, Mo. A First-Team All-MIAA selection for the second time in her career, Miesner has helped lead her team to the NCAA Division II National Championships with a 36-3 overall record and a 12-1 first-place conference finish. Miesner is a second-time AVCA All American, having been a second-team selection in 2005.

Jillian Ohrman, a 6-0 middle blocker for the University of Central Missouri, is a senior from Independence, Mo. Ohrman, who earned First-Team All-MIAA honors for the second consecutive year, helped lead the Jennies to the NCAA South Central Regional semifinals and a second place MIAA finish with a 31-6 overall record and 9-4 conference mark. Ranked nationally in hitting percentage and blocks per game, Ohrman is a two-time AVCA All-American, having earned Third-Team honors in 2006.

Allyson Riley, a 5-9 defensive specialist/libero for Grand Valley State University, is a senior from Battle Creek, Mich. A three-time GLIAC Libero of the Year and First-Team GLIAC selection, Riley has helped lead the Lakers to its fourth GLIAC Tournament Title and the NCAA Division II. Ranked nationally in digs and digs per game, Riley is two-time AVCA All-American, having earned First-Team honors last season.

Emily Schroeder, a 5-11 middle blocker for Wayne State College (Neb.), is a senior from Belden, Neb. Named to the All-NSIC First-Team for the second consecutive year, Schroeder is among the nation's leaders in kills per game, and helped lead the Wildcats to its first-ever NSIC Tournament Title. Schroeder is a two-time AVCA All American, having earned second team accolades a year ago.

Beverly Stasis, a 5-9 outside hitter for Florida Southern College, is a senior from Clearwater, Fla. An All-SSC Team selection, Stasis helped lead the Moccasins to a 26-8 overall record, an 11-5 conference record and the NCAA Division II South Regional Final. Stasis, the 2004 Division II AVCA Freshman of the Year, is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Lindsay Tye, a 5-10 outside hitter for Ferris State University, is a senior from Gregory, Mich. A two-time GLIAC selection, Tye is ranked nationally in kills per game and led her team to a third-place conference finish with a 20-10 overall record and 12-6 conference record. Tye is a first-time AVCA All-American.

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AVCA All-America Third-Team

Danielle Alexander, a 5-11 right side/opposite hitter for Grand Valley State University, is a junior from Newport, Mich. A first-team All-GLIAC selection, Alexander helped the Lakers to a 33-3 overall record, a GLIAC championship and the NCAA Great Lakes Region title. Krebs, who was fifth in the GLIAC in blocks per game (1.13) and sixth in hitting percentage (.327), is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Mallory Clements, a 6-0 setter for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, is a junior from Mt. Pulaski, Ill. A two-time All-GLVC selection, Clements led SIUE to its third consecutive NCAA Tournament bid and a 27-7 record, while leading the Cougars with 11.61 assists and also adding 2.08 kills per game. Clements is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Renata da Silva, a 5-8 setter/hitter for California University of Pennsylvania, is a sophomore from Sao Paulo, Brazil. A two-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference-West selection, she helped lead the Vulcans to a 35-3 overall record, a PSAC championship and the NCAA Atlantic Region title. After leading her team, as well as ranking amongst the nation's best with 12.41 assists per game, da Silva earned her first AVCA All-America honor.

Alyssa Given, a 5-10 outside hitter from Seattle Pacific University, is a senior from Salinas, Calif. A three-time All-GNAC selection, having set the conference mark in single-match kills (32) and attempts (86), ranked first in the GNAC and 20th in the nation in kills per game (4.56) and also ranked amongst the nation's best in service aces (0.68). Given has earned AVCA All-American honors for the first time.

Alisha Green, a 6-2 middle blocker for the University of Tampa, is a sophomore from Country Club Hills, Ill. Green, a first-team All-SSC selection, who ranks seventh in the nation in hitting percentage (.396), was instrumental in helping the Spartans to a 31-2 record and a SSC title along with the NCAA Division II South region championship in 2007. Green is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Sara Hoffman, a 5-6 setter for California State University, San Bernardino, is a sophomore from San Clemente, Calif. Hoffman, a second-team All-CCAA selection, led the Coyotes to a 26-3 overall record and a conference title, and ranked first in the CCAA and tenth in the nation in assists per game (13.33). Hoffman is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Melissa Keck, a 6-0 right side/opposite hitter for Truman State University, is a junior from Belleville, Ill. Keck, a first-team All-MIAA selection who was second in the league with a .336 hitting percentage and led her squad with 3.20 kills per game, helped guide the Bulldogs to the NCAA South Central Region title match and a MIAA championship. Keck is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Justyna Michon, a 5-10 outside hitter for Dowling University, is a senior from Katowice, Poland. Michon, a two-time ECC Player of the Year, was one of the nation's leaders in hitting percentage (.358) and kills per game (4.25). Michon is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Ashley Nachreiner, a 6-0 outside hitter for Minnesota State University, Mankato, is a junior from Round Rock, Texas. A two-time All-NCC selection, and the 2005 NCC freshman of the year, Nachreiner helped lead the Mavericks to a 19-9 record this season and a trip to the NCAA North Central region quarterfinals. Ranked atop the conference in points per game (4.91) and third in kills per game (4.11), Nachreiner has earned AVCA All-America honors for the first time.

Luciana Rapach, a 5-9 right side/opposite hitter for the University of West Florida, is a junior from Porto Alegre, Brazil. The junior college transfer, who led her Reiver squad to the 2006 NJCAA Division I national championship and earned tournament MVP honors, guided the Argos to a spot in the NCAA South Region tournament with a 32-7 overall record and a perfect 12-0 GSC mark. Ranked sixth in the conference and first on her squad with a .299 hitting percentage second on the team in kills per game (3.00), Rapach is a first-time Division II AVCA All-American.

Maria Steinhagen, a 5-10 middle blocker for Concordia University-St. Paul, is a junior from Alexandria, Minn. Steinhagen, who is a two-time NSIC selection, has helped guide the Golden Bears to a 33-4 overall record, a 17-1 NSIC mark, and to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals. Ranked second in the NSIC in hitting percentage (.313) and sixth in kills per game (3.59), Steinhagen is a first-time AVCA All-American.

Lynsey Warren, a 5-9 setter for Ashland University, is a senior from Worthington, Ohio. Warren, who was a four-time All-GLIAC selection, helped lead the Eagles to a 26-6 overall record and a trip to the NCAA Great Lakes regional quarterfinals. Warren, who led the GLIAC with 12.71 assists per game and ranked 18th nationally in the category, is a first-time AVCA All-American.

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AVCA Division II National Freshman of the Year

Emily Palkert, a 5-11 middle blocker for Concordia University-St. Paul, is from Excelsior, Minn. Palkert, the NSIC Freshman of the Year, is among the nation's leaders in kills (3.98) and blocks per game (1.26), and set a school record with 34 kills in a match earlier this season. Palkert and the Golden Bears play California University of Pennsylvania in the national quarterfinals this Thursday.

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