



2018 DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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Southwest Minnesota State's Taylor Reiss collects 2018 Ron Lenz D2CCA National Player of the Year honors

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**2018 Ron Lenz D2CCA National
Volleyball Player of the Year
Taylor Reiss
Southwest Minnesota State
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WAYNE, NEB. - Taylor Reiss of Southwest Minnesota State University has been one of the dominant hitters in NCAA Division II volleyball over the last three years and she caps a standout career with the Mustangs being named the 2018 D2CCA Ron Lenz National Player of the Year Award, highlighting the 2018 Division II Conference Commissioners

Association All-America Volleyball Team announced today. Voting for the award was conducted by NCAA Division II members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (D2SIDA).

Joining **Taylor Reiss** on this year's D2CCA All-American First Team are sophomore **Alexis Cardoza** of Cal State San Bernardino and Holy Family senior **Chase Wassel**. Middle hitters voted to the First Team were **Haley Kramer** of Wheeling Jesuit and **Kasie Gilfert** from Colorado Mesa. Rounding out the First Team selections are Concordia-St. Paul senior setter **Elizabeth Mohr** and South Carolina Aiken junior libero **Rebecca Martinez**.

Reiss, a 5-10 outside hitter from Taunton, Minnesota, led NCAA Division II this season in kills per set (5.72), points per set (6.42), tied for first in attacks per set (14.45) and ranked third in total attacks (1,676). She is a three-time Northern Sun Conference, Central Region and First Team All-American selection and led the Mustangs this season to a 15th consecutive trip to the NCAA National Tournament. Reiss closes her career ranked second in school history in career kills (2,146), kills per set (4.94), attempts (5,293) and points (2,431.5) while ranking ninth in career attack percentage (.309).

Cardoza was named West Region and California Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Year this season after leading Cal State San Bernardino to a 28-3 record and a trip to the West Regional Final. She ranked fourth nationally in kills per set (4.79) while also averaging 2.67 digs per set for the Coyotes.

Wassel closed a standout career at Holy Family as the final First Team All-American selection at outside hitter, ranking second in NCAA Division II this season with 4.92 kills per set while leading the nation in service aces with 74. She was named East Region and Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Player of the Year this season and ends her career as one of only three players in school history with over 1,000 career kills and digs (1,992 kills, 1,501 digs).

Kramer was the top vote getter at middle hitter this season after earning Third Team All-American honors last year. The 6-0 junior from Norwalk, Ohio averaged 3.52 kills and 1.21 blocks per set this season with a .384 attack percentage to earn Mountain East Conference and D2CCA Atlantic Region Player of the Year honors. Kramer helped the Cardinals to a 37-3 record and the Atlantic Region title this season.

Gilfert was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and D2CCA South Central Region Player of the Year this season after leading the nation in hitting percentage (.451) while averaging 3.69 kills and 1.10 blocks per set. She led the Mavericks to a 24-7 record this season and an appearance in the South Central Regional semifinals.

In her two years as starting setter for nine-time NCAA Division II national champion Concordia-St. Paul, Elizabeth Mohr led the country in assists per set. This season, Mohr averaged 13.17 assists per set after leading the nation last year as a junior at 13.19 per set. The Eden Prairie, Minnesota native is a two-time All-Northern Sun Conference selection and helped the Golden Bears to the Central Region final this season with a 24-9 record.

Rounding out this year's list of First Team All-Americans is South Carolina Aiken junior libero Rebecca Martinez, who led NCAA Division II this season averaging 7.86 digs per set. Martinez is a two-time Peach Belt Conference Libero of the Year and helped the Pacers to a 23-5 record this season and a trip to the Southeast Region Final and was Second Team D2CCA All-American last season as a sophomore.

2018 Division II Conference Commissioners Association NCAA Division II Volleyball All-American Teams

2018 RON LENZ D2CCA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR TAYLOR REISS - SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE

2018 ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Taylor Reiss	Sr.	Southwest Minnesota State	Taunton, Minn.
OH	Alexis Cardoza	So.	Cal State San Bernardino	Chino Hills, Calif.
OH	Chase Wassel	Sr.	Holy Family	North Wales, Pa.
MH	Haley Kramer	Jr.	Wheeling Jesuit	Norwalk, Ohio
MH	Kasie Gilfert	So.	Colorado Mesa	Parker, Colo.
S	Elizabeth Mohr	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Eden Prairie, Minn.
L	Rebecca Martinez	Jr.	USC Aiken	Wellington, Fla.

2018 ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Nicole Mattson	Sr.	Florida Southern	Oviedo, Fla.
OH	Cassie Meyer	So.	Wheeling Jesuit	Jackson Center, Ohio
OH	Paige VanderWall	Sr.	Hillsdale	Kentwood, Mich.
MH	Kayleigh Harper	Jr.	Western Washington	Oak Harbor, Wash.
MH	Zoe Hardin	Sr.	Harding	Amarillo, Texas
S	Stephanie Sylvester	Jr.	Wheeling Jesuit	Oregon, Ohio
L	Audrey Francis	So.	Wheeling Jesuit	Sidney, Ohio

2018 ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Abby Phelps	Sr.	Western Washington	Manson, Wash.
OH	Elizabeth Hyland	Sr.	Lewis	Plainfield, Ill.
OH	Allyson Cappel	Jr.	Ferris State	Tinley Park, Ill.
MH	Alyssa Hasler	Sr.	Illinois-Springfield	South Bend, Ind.
MH	Lauren Gammell	Jr.	Dixie State	Spanish Fork, Utah
S	Rachel Alles	Jr.	Wingate	Tinley Park, Ill.
L	Jordyn Kuchenbrod	Sr.	Bellarmine	Louisville, Ky.

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS: Katie McKiel, Tampa (Outside Hitter); Mary Kate McHugh, Notre Dame College (Ohio) (Outside Hitter); Viktoria Farian, Seton Hill (Outside Hitter); Sara Macek, Concordia-St. Paul (Middle Hitter); Christine Carroll, USC Aiken (Middle Hitter); Ellie McDonnell, Nebraska-Kearney (Libero), Jayann DeHoog, Cal State San Bernardino (Setter).