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WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2025-2026 DIVISION I WGCA FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR PRESENTED BY STRACKALINE

FRISCO, Texas (May 26, 2026) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association has announced Rianne Malixi from Duke University as the 2025-26 Division I WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine.

The WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine is awarded annually to the top Freshman in Division I women's golf. Freshmen must have competed in a minimum of 15 competitive rounds to be considered.

Rianne Malixi is from Manila, Philippines, and has had a standout freshman year. She had one win – Sea Best Intercollegiate – and had five top-three finishes (including a runner-up finish at the 2026 ACC Women's Golf Championship and third-place finish at the NCAA DI Women's National Championship – Stroke Play). Her adjusted scoring average is 69.4. Malixi was named the 2026 ACC Freshman of the Year. Lastly, she will compete on the 2026 Arnold Palmer Cup International Team in West Barrow, Ireland, this upcoming July.



About the Women's Golf Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 750 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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