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WGCA ANNOUNCES DIVISION I FALL WATCHLISTS

FRISCO, Texas (November 3, 2026) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) announces the inaugural fall watchlists for the Jackie Steinmann WGCA National Coach of the Year Presented by Golf Pride, PING WGCA Player of the Year, and WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine. These watchlists recognize the outstanding performances and achievements of Division I coaches and student-athletes during the fall collegiate golf season. The fall watchlists highlight excellence throughout the year and recognize those who have made an early impact on their teams and across the collegiate landscape. The WGCA will continue to recognize standout performances throughout the upcoming spring season.

Jackie Steinmann WGCA National Coach of the Year Presented by Golf Pride Watchlist

South Region:
Melissa Luellen – Auburn University
Janice Olivencia – University of Miami
Kory Henkes – University of Mississippi
Kalen Anderson – University of South Carolina
Diana Cantu – University of Tennessee

East Region:
Ria Scott – University of Virginia
Kim Lewellen – Wake Forest University
Dan Brooks – Duke University
Erika DeSanty – Princeton University
Carol Robertson – Virginia Tech

Central Region:
Laura Ianello – University of Texas
Gerrod Chadwell – Texas A&M University
Shauna Taylor – University of Arkansas
Christie Martens – Iowa State University

West Region:
Justin Silverstein – University of Southern California
Anne Walker – Stanford University
Derek Radley – University of Oregon
Missy Farr-Kaye – Arizona State University
Alicia Um Holmes – University of California, Los Angeles

PING WGCA Player of the Year Watchlist

Anna Davis – Auburn University
Rianne Malixi – Duke University
Thanana Kotchasanmanee – Princeton University
Meja Örtengren – Stanford University
Maria Jose Marin – University of Arkansas
Farah O'Keefe – University of Texas
Jaclyn LaHa – University of Virginia
Zoe Cusack – University of Virginia
Valentine Delon – Virginia Tech
Chloe Kovelesky – Wake Forest University
Macy Pate – Wake Forest University

WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine Watchlist

Gia Raad – Auburn University
Mia Hammond – Duke University
Manon Petitcolas – University of Alabama
Celina Yeo – University of Oregon
Zoe Cusack – University of Virginia
Benedicte Brent-Petersen – Wake Forest University

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 women's college golf in support 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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