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WGCA ANNOUNCES DIVISION III FALL WATCHLISTS

FRISCO, Texas (November 5, 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 III 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

Great Lakes Region:
Dan Rodgers – Carnegie Mellon University
Lauren Grogan – Denison University
Evan Williams – Kenyon College
Craig Onsrud – Illinois Wesleyan University

West Region:
Paulette Pera – University of California, Santa Cruz
Lexi Nielsen – Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Jackie Ralston – University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
MaryJo McCloskey – George Fox University

Central Region:
Sophia Connett – University of Wisconsin-Stout
Mary Giorgi – St. Catherine University
Johnny Greene – Macalester College
Connor McKay – Grinnell College
Dave Reinhardt – Washington University in St. Louis

Southeast Region:
John Sjoberg – Emory University
Jane Hopkinson-Wood – Washington and Lee University
Bryan Hearn – Randolph-Macon College
Taylor Mottern - Sewanee
Jesse Lawley – Maryville College

East Region:
Tim Walko – Middlebury College
Stu Cady – Bowdoin College
Brad Johnson – New York University
Andra Frappier – Trinity College
Jon Wilson – Wesleyan University

PING WGCA Player of the Year Watchlist

Yixuan Chen – Carnegie Mellon University
Katherine Keith – Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Amanda Zheng – Emory University
Carys Code – Emory University
Zimo Li – Emory University
Aubrey Lee – Hamilton College
Yvette Gordon – Huntingdon College
Season Wei – Middlebury College
Inha Jun – New York University
Yiyi (Elisa) Xue – New York University
Annabelle Chan – Pomona-Pitzer
Zorah Williams – Trinity College
Amy Beanblossom – Washington University in St. Louis
Amanda Phillips – Wesleyan University

WGCA Freshman of the Year Presented by StrackaLine Watchlist

Yixuan Chen – Carnegie Mellon University
Katherine Keith – Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Zorah Williams – Trinity College
Jiarui (Carrie) Li – New York University
Yiyi (Elisa) Xue – New York University
Eliza Meltzer – Washington University in St. Louis
Angela Nip – Williams College

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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