



RICHARD EARNS THIRD PLAYER OF THE YEAR, NTCA ANNOUNCES ALL-AMERICANS

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ST. LOUIS, MO--Arkansas State's Jordan Richard named the Division I Player of the Year for the second year in a row on the eve of the NCAA Championship. Top-ranked Nebraska placed two on the All-America first team as the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) announced its 2017-18 honorees at the NCAA Awards Banquet Wednesday night.

Richard heads the five-woman first team that includes Julia Bond and Raquel Orozco of Nebraska, Stephanie Schwartz of Stephen F. Austin and Breanna Clemmer of McKendree.

The Techuseh, Mich. native is concluding a dominating career that has seen her win the Division II/III Player of the Year Award as a freshman at Central Missouri before claiming the honor again last season as a junior. She separated herself from the pack this season by leading the NCAA in strike percentage (56%), traditional average (214.37) and filled frame percentage (89.6%). After earning a spot on five All-Tournament teams throughout the regular season, the decorated senior earned Southland Bowling League Conference Championship MVP.

Bond, now a two-time All-America first team selection, led the Huskers to the No. 1 team ranking throughout most of the season. The Illinois native earned six all-tournament team nods in nine events, one of which came when she was named MVP in the final home tournament of her career.

Orozco made a splash in her second season with Nebraska. Individual MVP finishes at the Central Missouri Mid-America Invitational and the Crusader Classic, followed by an individual second place finish at the Big Red Invitational to end the season, helped secure the sophomore's first All-America honor.

Schwartz is a rare, four-time first-team All-American. The senior from Racine, Wis. bowled a career-high game of 290 at the Prairie View A&M Invitational. In between being named the MVP of the Allstate Sugar Bowl Invitational to being named to the 2018 Southland Bowling League Championship All-Tournament Team, Schwartz posted five top-20 individual finishes.

Clemmer was named the 2017 NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Bowler, helping McKendree to its first-ever NCAA Championships in any sport. With six top-20 finishes this season in tournament play, including a top finish at the Kutztown Invitational, the sophomore rises to NTCA first team honors.

The NTCA second team includes Maria Bulanova (Vanderbilt), Karsyn Lukosius (Fairleigh Dickinson), Amanda Nardiello (Sacred Heart), Haley Richard (Arkansas State) and Sarah Wille (McKendree).

The third team consists of Taylor Bailey (McKendree), Kelly Belzeski (Nebraska), Jessica Mellott (McKendree), Kristin Quah (Vanderbilt) and Meghan Straub (Nebraska).

Louisiana Tech's Kaitlyn Eder, was named the Rookie of the Year for Division I. The first year Lady Techster led all freshmen in overall average.

Lincoln Memorial's Justine Brookover adds Rookie of the Year for Division II/III to her expanding resume. The Parkersburg, W.V. native was named the top rookie in the East Coast Conference earlier this season.

Nebraska's Bill Straub, in his 22nd year as head coach, was named Division I Coach of the Year, his fourth such honor. McKendree's Shannon O'Keefe and Lincoln Memorial's Joe Slowinski share the 2017-18 Division II/III Coach of the Year Award.

The NCAA Bowling Championship begins Thursday morning at the Tropical Lanes in St. Louis.

2017-18 NTCA All-Americans

First Team

Jordan Richard	Senior	Tecumseh, Mich.	Arkansas State
Julia Bond	Senior	Aurora, Ill.	Nebraska
Breanna Clemmer	Sophomore	Clover, S.C.	McKendree
Stephanie Schwartz	Senior	Racine, Wis.	Stephen F. Austin
Raquel Orozco	Sophomore	Tijuana, Mex.	Nebraska

Second Team

Maria Bulanova	Sophomore	Moscow, Russia	Vanderbilt
Karsyn Lukosius	Senior	Brick, N.J.	Fairleigh Dickinson
Amanda Nardiello	Senior	Brick, N.J.	Sacred Heart
Haley Richard	Senior	Tecumseh, Mich.	Arkansas State
Sarah Wille	Senior	Hoffman Estates, Ill.	McKendree

Third Team

Taylor Bailey	Sophomore	Joliet, Ill.	McKendree
Kelly Belzeski	Senior	Schererville, Ind.	Nebraska
Jessica Mellott	Senior	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	McKendree
Kristin Quah	Junior	Singapore, Singapore	Vanderbilt
Meghan Straub	Junior	Lincoln, Neb.	Nebraska

Honorable Mention

Kaitlyn Eder	Freshman	Lithua, FL	Louisiana Tech
Jaqueline Evans	Senior	Acton, MA	Monmouth
Olivia Farwell	Freshman	Elizabethtown, PA	Duquesne
Rebecca Gotterbarn	Senior	Garden City, NY	Adelphi
Madison McCall	Freshman	Myrtle Beach, SC	Tulane
Alexis Neuer	Sophomore	Lewisburg, PA	Delaware State
Michelle N	Senior	Singapore	Tulane
Lauren Pate	Junior	Inver Groves Heights, Mich.	McKendree
Taylor Russell	Sophomore	Tupelo, Miss.	Alabama Birmingham
Stephanie Zavala	Senior	Downy, CA	Sam Houston

Player of the Year

Division I	Jordan Richard	Tecumseh, Mich.	Arkansas State
Division II/III	Breanna Clemmer	Clover, S.C.	McKendree

Rookie of the Year

Division I	Kaitlyn Eder	Lithua, FL	Louisiana Tech
Division II/III	Justine Brookover	Parkersburg, W.V.	Lincoln Memorial

Coach of the Year

Division I	Bill Straub	Nebraska
Division II/III	Shannon O'Keefe	McKendree
	Joe Slowinski	Lincoln Memorial