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MOUNTAIN WEST ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The Mountain West announced its Spring 2021 Volleyball All-Mountain West team and individual award winners as voted on by the league's 11 head coaches. UNLV's **Mariena Hayden** won Player of the Year, the first time in Conference history a Rebel student-athlete has earned the honor. Boise State middle blocker Annie Kaminski was named the Conference's Newcomer of the Year and Air Force middle blocker Joi Harvey received MW Freshman of the Year honors. UNLV head coach Dawn Sullivan garnered Coach of the Year after leading the Rebels to a perfect 12-0 record.

NOTABLES

- Boise State, Colorado State and UNLV led the way with three honorees each. UNLV's three selections are the most for the Rebels since the 2014 season. Colorado State has had at least three players on the All-Mountain West team every season since 2009.
- Colorado State's Breana Runnels and Wyoming's Jackie McBride both are four-time MW All-Conference honorees.
- For the first time in Conference history, Air Force placed multiple players on the All-MW team.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mariena Hayden, Sr., OH, UNLV

- Led the Mountain West with 4.14 kills per set.
- Leads the nation with 0.95 aces per set (recorded 40 aces in 42 sets this season).
- Led the MW and ranked seventh nationally with 5.38 points per set.
- Ranked tied for sixth in the MW with a .349 hitting percentage.
- Defensively, recorded 3.12 digs per set, which ranked 10th in the MW.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Annie Kaminski, R-Fr., MB, Boise State

- Ranked ninth in the MW this season with a .342 hitting percentage.
- Recorded 1.03 blocks per set, which tied for eighth-best in the Conference.
- Scored 2.31 points per set, the fourth-highest amount on the Boise State roster.
- Second Bronco in the past three seasons to win Newcomer of the Year (Morgan Hughes, 2018).

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Joi Harvey, Fr., MB, Air Force

- First player from Air Force to win a Conference volleyball individual award.
- Tied with MW Player of the Year Mariena Hayden with a .349 hitting percentage (sixth-best in the MW).
- Ranked 10th in the Conference and led the Falcons with 1.02 blocks per set.
- Third on Air Force with 118 total kills, 2.31 kills per set and 147.0 points scored.
- Part of an Air Force defense that led the MW in opponent hitting percentage (.151).

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dawn Sullivan, UNLV

- Led UNLV to its first regular-season Mountain West title and its third trip to the NCAA tournament.
- One of six teams nationally to finish the regular season undefeated.



• Coached a UNLV team that led the MW in hitting percentage (.306), assists per set (12.95), kills per set (14.31), aces per set (2.05) and digs per set (14.88). The .306 hitting percentage and 2.05 aces per set each rank sixth nationally and the Rebels 14.31 kills per set ranks 12th nationally.

SPRING 2021 ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST TEAM

Joi Harvey, Fr., MB, Air Force Bailey Keith, Jr., OH, Air Force Danielle Boss, Jr., S, Boise State Jessica Donahue, Jr., MB, Boise State Lauren Ohlinger, So., OH, Boise State Alexa Roumeliotis, Sr., DS, Colorado State Breana Runnels, Sr., OH, Colorado State Ciera Zimmerman, So., S, Colorado State Jocelyn Rodriguez, Sr., L/DS, Fresno State Desiree Sukhov, Sr., OH, Fresno State Kaitlynn Biassou, So., OH, New Mexico Victoria O'Sullivan, Jr., OH, San Diego State Latahevai Lousi, Sr., OH, San José State Haylee Nelson, Jr., MB, San José State Kate Brennan, Jr., MB, UNLV Mariena Hayden, Sr., OH, UNLV Macy Smith, Sr., MB, UNLV Jackie McBride, Sr., MB, Wyoming

HONORABLE MENTION

Sasha Colombo, Jr., MB/Opp., Colorado State Amaria Kelley, So., OH, Fresno State Kassie McGill, Sr., RS, Nevada Brianna Souza, Sr., MB, Nevada Shelby Capllonch, So., OH, UNLV Corinne Larsen, Jr., MB, Utah State

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