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**WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES  
2016-2017 DIVISION III NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 16, 2017) –The Women's Golf Coaches Association has announced the awards for PING WGCA Division III Player of the Year, WGCA Division III Freshman of the Year and Division III Golf Pride WGCA National Coach of the Year. The announcement follows the selection of All-Region teams, All-American teams, Golf Pride Regional Coaches of the Year and the recipient of the Kim Moore Spirit Award which were awarded at the WGCA Division III Awards Banquet held in Houston, Texas on May 10. For further information regarding these awards including selection criteria, please visit [www.wgcagolf.com](http://www.wgcagolf.com).

**PING WGCA Division III Player of the Year**

Christina Herbert, Bridgewater College

Hebert led Division III in scoring average for the 2016-17 season (74.04) and won the NCAA Division III National Championship by two strokes with a four-day total of 293. She repeated as Old Dominion Athletic Conference Player of the Year and went on to capture the individual conference crown by six strokes, helping lead Bridgewater to its second straight ODAC team title in the program's fifth varsity season. Named a WGCA First Team All-American for the second straight year, Herbert took first place in eight of her 11 tournaments during the 2016-17 season.

**WGCA Division III Freshman of the Year**

Samantha Haubenscock, Washington University in St. Louis

Haubenscock tied for fifth at the NCAA Division III National Championships with a school record low score of 299. She placed in the top-five in five other tournaments throughout the season, including three first-place finishes, and finished the season with a stroke average of 75.88 en route to being named a WGCA Second Team All-American. Haubenscock was named the University Athletic Association Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year following her 2016-17 campaign.

**Division III Golf Pride WGCA National Coach of the Year**

Mike Clary, Rhodes College

Clary guided Rhodes to its second consecutive national title and third in the last four years, making the school only the second program in Division III history to win back-to-back national titles. The Lynx put together the second lowest score in NCAA history for a 72-hole round, just two strokes off the record of 1,215.

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**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 600 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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