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ALESSIA AVANZO NAMED 2019-20 NAIA PING WGCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (April 27, 2020) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association has announced that Alessia Avanzo of SCAD Savannah has been named the 2019-20 NAIA PING WGCA Player of the Year.



Alessia Avanzo acceptance video: <https://vimeo.com/412098746>

Recognized annually as the top honor in women's collegiate golf, the PING WGCA Player of the Year Award is awarded to the best player in Division I, II, III and NAIA women's golf. The award was first given in 1987 and the names of recipients reads as a who's who of the best of the ladies' game. The recipient is selected by a prestigious collection of women's collegiate golf coaches who follow criteria that has been established to identify the finest player for the past year. These criteria include:

- Head to head competition
- Comparison with common opponents
- Scoring average
- Place finishes in regular season events and tournament wins
- Strength of schedule

A native of Trieste, Italy, Avanzo finished the 2019-20 season with a school record scoring average of 72.80. She finished in the top-three in five of the seven tournaments she competed in, including the Kiawah Island Classic and the World Golf Village Invitational, and collected two tournament wins. Avanzo recorded eight rounds of par or better in only 15 rounds played, which ranks second in program history.

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 650 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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