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**WOMEN'S GOLF COACHES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES  
2017-2018 DIVISION III NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS**

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (May 11, 2018) – 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 Howey-In-The-Hills, Florida on May 9. 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**

Margaret Loncki, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

Loncki led Division III in scoring average for the 2017-18 season (73.70) and won the NCAA Division III National Championship with a four-round total of 303. She was named Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Athlete of the Year and captured the individual conference crown by three strokes, helping lead Claremont-Mudd-Scripps to its second straight SCIAC team title. Loncki was named a WGCA First Team All-American after earning Second Team honors in 2017.

**WGCA Division III Freshman of the Year**

Navika Kuchakulla, New York University

Kuchakulla finished second at the NCAA Division III National Championships, just three strokes behind Loncki to post a score of 306. She placed in the top-five in four other tournaments throughout the season and finished the season with a stroke average of 77.78 en route to being named a WGCA Honorable Mention All-American. Kuchakulla was named the University Athletic Association Player of the Year following her 2017-18 campaign.

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

Jodie Burton, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

After being named the Golf Pride Division III West Region Coach of the Year, Burton led Claremont-Mudd-Scripps to its first ever national title. She and her coaching staff also garnered Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) Coaching Staff of the Year honors for the second-straight season after leading CMS to its second conference championship in as many years, making it the program's fifth conference title overall.

**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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