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## **Mark Laesch Award Recipients Announced**

**NORMAN, Okla.** – The Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) and Women’s Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) have announced the recipients for the first annual Mark Laesch Awards. Teams were recognized based on improvement in adjusted stroke average per individual per round from the 2015-16 to 2016-17 seasons (denoted in parenthesis below).

WGCA recipients included LIU Brooklyn (6.7) in Division I, Division II’s Regis (6.42), and Transylvania (10.15) from Division III.

For the GCAA honorees were North Dakota State (2.29) from Division I, Division II’s Saginaw Valley State (3.51), Division III’s Rosemont College (24.07), Corban (12.72) of NAIA, Dodge City CC (0.99) from NJCAA Division I, and NJCAA Division II’s Southeast CC (4.40).

**- GCAA/WGCA -**

**WGCA:**

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 nearly 600 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

**GCAA:**

Established in 1958, the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) is the professional organization of golf coaches. The GCAA's mission is to support its member coaches by creating educational opportunities, providing resources, and promoting its members with the purpose of enhancing their overall performance as coaches, mentors, and teachers. The GCAA also recognizes the excellence and achievements of its members and their student-athletes in academic, athletic and civic endeavors.