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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL 25-YEAR TEAM

ST. LOUIS - The 2017-18 season is a landmark one for the Missouri Valley Conference and for women's sports. To help celebrate the 45th anniversary of Title IX and the 25th anniversary of women's sports, the Valley is naming 25-Year Anniversary Teams for each of the Valley's sponsored women's sports.

Team composition for each sport has been determined by a 25-person committee (two representatives from each MVC institution and a panel of five voters from the Conference office). The team composition includes years in which league teams competed under the MVC umbrella during the past 25 years (1992-2017) and does not include competition from the current season.

The Missouri Valley Conference was founded in 1907 and is the nation's second oldest Division I athletics conference. Women's sports were incorporated into the MVC in 1992, having previously competed under the Gateway Conference banner from 1982-92. In August 2017, the Conference announced its 2018 Hall of Fame Class, which featured three women (in the six-person class). A total of 22 women's athletes, coaches and pioneers have been honored by the MVC as part of the Hall.

For women's volleyball, a total of 47 student-athletes were nominated, and the voting panel determined a 'Top 10' from a list of 25 finalists. Those top 10 honorees are listed below, and the top vote-getter is denoted.

Women's Volleyball (sponsorship from 1992-2017): 12 different institutions have sponsored women's volleyball in the Conference during the past 25 years, including: Bradley (1992-present); Creighton (1992-2013); Drake (1992-present); Evansville (1994-present); Illinois State (1992-present); Indiana State (1992-present); Loyola (2013-present); Missouri State (1992-present); Northern Iowa (1992-present); Southern Illinois (1992-present); Tulsa (1992-95); and Wichita State (1992-2016). Valparaiso also competes in women's volleyball. Valpo joined the Conference for the 2017-18 season.

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Name	School	Years	Notable Honors
Lindsay Stalzer	Bradley	2002-05	3-time All-MVC, MVC Freshman of the Year, 2005 MVC Player of the Year
Ashley Rosch	Illinois State	2012-15	4-time All-MVC, 2014 MVC Tournament MVP, 2012 MVC Freshman of the Year
Lily Johnson	Missouri State	2014-present	3-time All-MVC, 2-time MVC Player of the Year, 3-time AVCA Honorable Mention All-America; MVC All-Time Kills Leader
Linette White	Missouri State	2000-03	3-time All-MVC, 2003 MVC Co-Player of the Year, 2003 AVCA All-America
Jill Arganbright	UNI	2000-03	4-time All-MVC, MVC All-Time Assist Leader
Kara Galer	UNI	1992-95	2-time All-MVC, 2-time MVC Player of the Year, 2-time MVC Tourney MVP
*Molly O'Brien	UNI	2000-03	4-time All-MVC, 3-time MVC Player of the Year, 2-time MVC Tourney MVP, MVC Freshman of the Year, AVCA All-America, MVC Hall of Fame
Bre Payton	UNI	2008-11	3-time All-MVC, 3-time MVC Player of the Year, 2-time MVC Tourney MVP, 2-time AVCA All-America
Shannon Perry	UNI	1996-99	3-time All-MVC, 2-time MVC Player of the year, AVCA All-America
Abbie Lehman	Wichita State	2014-16	3-time All-MVC, 3-time AVCA All-America, MVC All-Time Career Hitting % leader

*denotes No. 1 choice in balloting

