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MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES WOMEN'S FIELD 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.

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 Field (sponsorship from 1992-present): Nine different programs (including affiliate members) have sponsored women's track and field in the Missouri Valley Conference during the past 25 years, including; Bradley (1998-present); Drake (1992-present); Illinois State (1992-present); Indiana State (1992-present); Missouri State (1992-present); Northern Iowa (1992-present); Southern Illinois (1992-present); Tulsa (1994-96); Wichita State (1992-2017); Evansville and Valparaiso also compete in women's track. Valpo joined the Conference for the 2017-18 season.

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Name	School	Years	Notable Honors
Brittany Smith	Illinois State	2010-13	7-time all-MVC; 10-time All-American; 2-time MVC Champ
*Kylie Hutson	Indiana State	2007-10	7-time all-MVC; 4-time National Champion; 4-time All-American; 7-time MVC Champ; 2 Championship Records; 2 All-Time Record; 4-time Most Outstanding Field
Felisha Johnson	Indiana State	2010-13	5-time all-MVC; 2-time National Champion; 7-time All-American; 3-time MVC Champ; 2-time Most Outstanding Field
Rachel Jansen	Northern Iowa	2004-08	8-time all-MVC; 4-time All-American; 6-time MVC Champ; Most Valuable Athlete; Most Outstanding Field
Paige Knodle	Northern Iowa	2012-16	7-time all-MVC; 2-time All-American; Championship Record; All-Time Record; 3-time MVC Champ (field); Most Valuable Athlete; 2-time Most Outstanding Field; 2-time Most Valuable Athlete
Jeneva McCall	Southern Illinois	2009-12	7-time all-MVC; 3-time National Champion; 14-time All-American; 2 Championship Records; All-Time Record; 5-time Most Outstanding Field; 2-time Most Valuable Athlete; Midwest Field Athlete of the Year; 15-time MVC Champ
DeAnna Price	Southern Illinois	2013-16	4-time all-MVC; 2-time National Champion; 4-time All-American; Olympic Team Member ('16); All-Time Record; 4-time MVC Champ; Most Outstanding Field
Brittany Riley	Southern Illinois	2005-08	8-time all-MVC; 2-time National Champion; National Athlete of the Year; 6-time All-American; 8-time MVC Champ; Championship Records; All-Time Record; 4-time Most Outstanding Field; Pan American Games
Bianca Stuart	Southern Illinois	2006-09	7-time all-MVC; 2 Championship Records; 2 All-Time Records; 2-time All-American; 7-time MVC Champ; Most Outstanding Field
Amarachi Ukabam	Southern Illinois	2004-06	4-time all-MVC; 6-time MVC champ; 6-time All-American

*denotes No. 1 choice in balloting



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