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Flagler College's Andrea Fernandez Selected as 2024 NCAA Division II Ron Lenz Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer Player of the Year



RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. - Flagler College senior forward Andrea Fernandez claimed the Ron Lenz National Player of the Year to headline the 2024 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America Team.

Fernandez joined 12 other student-athletes on an All-America First Team. Colorado School of Mines and Northern Michigan each placed a pair of teammates on the team. Forward Reese McDermott and defender Ava Harman represented the Orediggers while midfielder Brooke Pietila and Hannah Kastamo represented the Wildcats.

UNC Pembroke's Anna Grossheim joined Fernandez as a four-time All-American. She reached double figures in goals and 30 points in a season for the third time in her career.

Two defenders from schools still alive in the NCAA Tournament - Franklin Pierce's Aino Martikainen and Minnesota State's Lucy Weninger made the First Team.

Forwards Kristina Syragakis, from Francis Marion, and Anna Stiffler from McKendree earned First-Team accolades as did

midfielders Lina Jaime, from Charleston, Grace Emanuel and from Gannon. Lees-McRae College's Chiara Coppin captured the First-Team goalkeeper spot. Jaime and Emanuel became two-time First-Team All-Americans.

Fernandez led all of Division II in goals (22) and points (57) in helping the Saints reach the NCAA Tournament for the seventh-straight year. She ranked third in the country with 13 assists. She finished the season as the active Division II leader in goals, 74, assists, 45, and points, 193. Her 193 points rank 25th in DII history. A three-time Second-Team All-American prior to this year, She became the first Peach Belt Conference women's soccer player named league MVP all four years

The Ron Lenz National Player of the Year award was named for long-time South Dakota State sports information director Ron Lenz in 2008. Lenz was instrumental in the foundation of the NCAA Division II All-America program, which honors outstanding student-athletes across eight NCAA Division II sports.

Sports information directors from NCAA Division II schools and conferences selected the three Daktronics All-America teams. The process begins at the regional level with all first-team all-region picks advancing to the national ballot. A total of 39 student-athletes representing 30 different institutions filled out the three teams.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.



2024 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America First Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Andrea Fernandez	Flagler College	Sr.	Pozoblanco, Spain
F	Reese McDermott	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	Houston, Texas
F	Anna Stiffler	McKendree	Sr.	O'Fallon, Mo.
F	Kristina Syragakis	Francis Marion	Jr.	Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec, Canada
MF	Grace Emanuel	Gannon	Sr.	Erie, Pa
MF	Anna Grossheim	UNC Pembroke	Sr.	Garner, N.C.
MF	Lina Jaime	Charleston	Sr.	Bogota, Colombia
MF	Brooke Pietila	Northern Michigan	Sr.	Brighton, Michigan
D	Ava Harman	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	Vancouver, Wash.
D	Hannah Kastamo	Northern Michigan	Jr.	Hartland, Michigan
D	Aino Martikainen	Franklin Pierce	Sr.	Jarvenpaa, Finland
D	Lucy Weninger	Minnesota State	Sr.	Ames, Iowa
GK	Chiara Coppin	Lees-McRae College	Sr.	Monroe, North Carolina

2024 Ron Lenz National Player of the Year: Andrea Fernandez, F, Sr., Flagler College, Pozoblanco, Spain

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<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Bella Campos	Colorado School of Mines	So.	Highland Village, Texas
F	Carrie Consolino	Clayton State	Jr.	Peachtree City, Ga.
F	Dani Hicks	Ashland	Jr.	Lebanon, Ohio
F	Chelsea Lavezzo	Georgian Court	Fr.	Jackson, NJ
MF	Vanessa Aviles	Columbus State	Sr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
MF	Caroline Cole	Central Missouri	Sr.	Columbia, Mo.
MF	Sarah Hungerford	Columbus State	Jr.	Richmond Hill, Ga.
MF	Taylor Tufts	Dallas Baptist	Sr.	Southlake, TX
D	Lotte Brands	Maryville	Sr.	Amsterdam, Netherlands
D	Ahnae Layman	West Florida	Sr.	St. Augustine, Florida
D	Cat Smith	Frostburg State	Sr.	Parsonsburg, Md.
D	Carly Yeager	Thomas Jefferson	Jr.	Cinnaminson, N.J.
GK	Sydney Potter	Concordia-St. Paul	So.	South St. Paul, Minn.

2024 Division II Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer All-America Third Team

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
F	Teani Arakawa	Hawaii Hilo	Sr.	Makawao, Hawaii
F	Juliette Lucas	Charleston	So.	Dunedin, New Zealand
F	McKinley Mendenhall	Ashland	Sr.	Ashland, Ohio
F	Sydney Tucker	Concord	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.
MF	Aliah Avila	Stanislaus State	So.	Madera, Calif.
MF	Isabella Muzzolini	Simon Fraser	Sr.	Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada
MF	Tara Oper	Cal Poly Pomona	Sr.	Riverside, CA
MF	Sarah Peternel	Shepherd	Sr.	Wolfeboro, NH
D	Kelsey Croft	Columbus State	So.	Douglasville, Ga.
D	Madison Keenan	Molloy	So.	Selden, N.Y.
D	Lauren Nylund	Missouri Western State	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas
D	Emma Thrapp	Point Loma Nazarene	Sr.	Temecula, Calif.
GK	Liv Riddel	Thomas Jefferson	Sr.	Jerrabomberra, Australia