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2016-17 LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER AWARDS ANNOUNCED

July 28, 2017 – Twenty-three girls' high school soccer players from among the nearly 200 Lutheran high schools in the USA and Canada will receive the Lutheran All-American Association's (LAAA) 1st Team All-American Award. This honor will be awarded annually to recognize the best players at their respective positions from their high school season.

In all, 87 players across North America were named to the 1st Team, 2nd Team, Honorable Mention or Freshman Team High School All-American teams. At the end of the high school season Coaches and Athletic Directors nominate student-athletes with high athletic, academic, and spiritual integrity.

A complete list of recipients and level explanation follows with further information available at LutheranAllAmerican.org:

1st Team All-Americans

Position	Name	Grade	School	City, State
F	Haddie Carlson	SR	Lake Country Lutheran H.S.	Hartland, WI
F	Kira Diaz-Martin	JR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
F	Megan Donnelly	SR	Faith Lutheran High School	Las Vegas, NV
F	Katie Elmore	SR	Springfield Lutheran High School	Springfield, IL
F	Laurel Mueller	JR	Saxony Lutheran High School	Jackson, MO
F	Rachel Widenhofer	SR	Concordia Lutheran High School	Fort Wayne, IN
F	Kyra Wiechman	JR	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	Fond du Lac, WI
F	Emily Witkowski	SR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
M	Emily Hafemann	SR	Martin Luther High School	Greendale, WI
M	Victoria Hellebusch	SR	Lutheran St. Charles	St. Peters, MO
M	Abby Isham	SR	Springfield Lutheran High School	Springfield, IL
M	Anna Knueppel	SR	Lake Country Lutheran H.S.	Hartland, WI
M	Sarah Ragland	SR	Lutheran West High School	Rocky River, OH
M	Erika Rosenbaum	SR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
D	Tara Bahr	SR	Lake Country Lutheran H.S.	Hartland, WI
D	Briana Bernhard	SR	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	Fond du Lac, WI
D	Alex Edmiston	JR	Rockford Lutheran High School	Rockford, IL
D	Rachel Garbe	SR	Lincoln Lutheran High School	Lincoln, NE
D	Haydee Hallberg	SO	Lutheran South Academy	Houston, TX
D	Liz O'Connor	SR	Winnebago Lutheran Academy	Fond du Lac, WI
D	Paige Smith	SR	Lutheran St. Charles	St. Peters, MO
GK	Mollie Fischer	SR	Shoreland Lutheran High School	Somers, WI
GK	Christina Reid	SR	Lake Country Lutheran H.S.	Hartland, WI

2nd Team All-American

Position	Name	Grade	School	City, State
F	Courtney Ritter	SR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
F	Mary Kate Stanich	SR	Shoreland Lutheran High School	Somers, WI
F	Megan Starkey	SO	Macomb Lutheran H.S. North	Macomb, MI

M	Carissa Carriveau	SO	Macomb Lutheran H.S. North	Macomb, MI
M	Hannah Davis	SR	Lutheran South Academy	Houston, TX
M	Olivia Friedrich	SR	Concordia Lutheran High School	Fort Wayne, IN
M	Joelle Hick	SR	Lutheran H.S. of Kansas City	Kansas City, MO
M	Abi Martinez	JR	Lutheran H.S. of Orange County	Orange, CA
M	Gabyrelle Mason	JR	Lincoln Lutheran High School	Lincoln, NE
M	Emily Mathews	FR	Macomb Lutheran H.S. North	Macomb, MI
M	Lindsey Miles	SR	Martin Luther High School	Northrop, MN
M	Abby Washburn	SO	Kettle Moraine Lutheran H.S.	Jackson, WI
M	Afton Wenger	SO	Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran	Green Bay, WI
M	Miriam Zarling	JR	Shoreland Lutheran High School	Somers, WI
D	Nicole Amavisca	SR	Faith Lutheran High School	Las Vegas, NV
D	Emily Aversman	SR	Saint Paul Lutheran High School	Concordia, MO
D	Alex Bryant	SO	Concordia Lutheran High School	Fort Wayne, IN
D	Amanda Crist	JR	Martin Luther High School	Greendale, WI
D	Sami Rasmussen	SR	Lutheran High School Northwest	Rochester Hills, MI
D	Kelsey Riley	SR	Shoreland Lutheran High School	Somers, WI
D	Isabelle Rubio	SO	Lutheran St. Charles	St. Peters, MO
D	Lizzie Trent	JR	Valley Lutheran High School	Saginaw, MI
GK	Cara Anderson	SO	Springfield Lutheran High School	Springfield, IL
GK	Ashley Fritsche	JR	Saxony Lutheran High School	Jackson, MO
GK	Sarah Jackemeyer	JR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI

Freshman Team All-American

Position	Name	Grade	School	City, State
F	Vanessa Alkarra	FR	Lutheran South Academy	Houston, TX
F	Bella Gutierrez	FR	Faith Lutheran High School	Las Vegas, NV
F	Britta Brauer	FR	Springfield Lutheran	Springfield, IL
F	Emma Brune	FR	Saxony Lutheran High School	Jackson, MO
F	Nia Leslie	FR	Rockford Lutheran High School	Rockford, IL

F	Jada Lindesmith	FR	Lutheran St. Charles	St. Peters, MO
F	Emily Stoeckel	FR	Springfield Lutheran	Springfield, IL
F	Caroline Strande	FR	Racine Lutheran High School	Racine, WI
M	Karsin Cloeter	FR	Valley Lutheran High School	Saginaw, MI
M	Kate Hall	FR	Lake Country Lutheran	Hartland, WI
M	Ashley Mizicko	FR	Concordia Lutheran High School	Fort Wayne, IN
M	Makayla Mueller	FR	Saxony Lutheran High School	Jackson, MO
M	Madeline Von Moller	FR	Lutheran High School Northwest	Rochester Hills, MI
D	Rebekah Hisle	FR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
D	Lauren Jurss	FR	Martin Luther High School	Greendale, WI
D	Meghan Von Behren	FR	Kettle Moraine Lutheran	Jackson, WI
D	Meredith Zinz	FR	Valley Lutheran High School	Saginaw, MI

Honorable Mention All-American

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>		<u>Grade School</u>	<u>City, State</u>
F	Elaina Monroe	SO	Macomb Lutheran H.S. North	Macomb, MI
F	Shannon Peters	SR	Saint Paul Lutheran High School	Concordia, MO
F	Mackenzie Reuber	JR	Macomb Lutheran H.S. North	Macomb, MI
F	Abriana Rondin	SO	Lutheran West High School	Rocky River, OH
M	Lina Bernebe	JR	Concordia Lutheran High School	Fort Wayne, IN
M	Lauren Frank	JR	Valley Lutheran High School	Saginaw, MI
M	Bonnie Jensen	SO	Martin Luther High School	Greendale, WI
M	Mia Quintero	JR	Rockford Lutheran High School	Rockford, IL
M	Maggie Shuirman	SO	Faith Lutheran High School	Las Vegas, NV
M	Alexa Willard	SO	Lutheran West High School	Rocky River, OH
M	Katelyn Witte	SO	Sheboygan Area Lutheran H.S.	Sheboygan, WI
M	Mackenzie Zabel	JR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
D	Abby Bivens	JR	Lutheran H.S. of Orange County	Orange, CA
D	Hannah Burden	SR	Shoreland Lutheran High School	Somers, WI
D	Drew Burris	SR	Lutheran H.S. of Kansas City	Kansas City, MO

D	Amy Daley	SR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
D	Bella DeCicco	SO	Lutheran West High School	Rocky River, OH
D	Marilee Hovis	SO	Rockford Lutheran High School	Rockford, IL
D	Olivia Sievert	JR	Michigan Lutheran High School	St. Joseph, MI
GK	Naomi Gruben	SO	Sheboygan Area Lutheran High	Sheboygan, WI
GK	Kelsey Knuth	SR	Kettle Moraine Lutheran H.S.	Jackson, WI
GK	Brooke Livingston	JR	Lutheran South Academy	Houston, TX

About the Lutheran All American Association

The LAAA is a unified Lutheran Association that brings together the student-athletes from all Lutheran denominations in the USA and Canada (LCMS, WELS, ELCA, and NALC) in an attempt to foster sisterhood forged through the fires of competition. The program promotes physical strength and health as well as an active pursuit of Christian ideals in high school student's personal lives and education.

The LAAA High School Girl's Soccer All-American Program and the Lutheran High School Girl's Soccer Team Ethics & Sportsmanship Award are selected from all 189 Lutheran high schools in the USA and Canada. The high schools are contacted annually to submit nominees for the All American and Ethics & Sportsmanship Awards.

The LAAA All-American honor will be awarded annually to recognize the best players at their respective positions from their high school season. Head Coaches nominate student athletes with high athletic, academic, and spiritual integrity.

The LAAA Team Ethics & Sportsmanship honor is based on the accumulation of red and yellow cards throughout the season on a team basis.

To learn more and see past teams visit LutheranAllAmerican.org

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