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Missouri Valley Conference Announces Volleyball All-Centennial Team

ST. LOUIS -- In 2006-07, the Missouri Valley Conference celebrates a century of excellence as the nation's second-oldest NCAA Division I conference begins its second centennial as a leader in college athletics. As a part of the Centennial Celebration, The Valley is naming all-centennial teams for each of the Valley's sponsored sports.

Team composition for each sport has been determined through an on-line fan vote (www.mvc100.org) and by a centennial committee. A total of 1,888 votes were cast for volleyball. Fans also designated an all-time coach as part of the on-line voting process.

In the league's first 99 seasons, 32 members combined for 27 national championships, while 55 Valley student-athletes captured NCAA individual titles. In addition, Valley student-athletes and coaches earned 48 National Player or Coach of the Year honors in their respective sports. And the league had a myriad of student-athletes who collected All-America honors and earned national academic distinction in The Valley's first century.

VOLLEYBALL (sponsored 1982 to present): Twelve different programs (including affiliate members) have sponsored volleyball in the Missouri Valley Conference including Bradley (1982-present); Creighton (1994-present); Drake (1982-present); Eastern Illinois (1982-1991); Evansville (1994-present); Illinois State (1982-present); Indiana State (1982-present); Missouri State (1982-present); Southern Illinois (1982-present); Northern Iowa (1982-present); Western Illinois (1982-1991); Wichita State (1983-present). Prior to 1992, MVC member schools competed in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference in women's athletics.

MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL ALL-CENTENNIAL TEAM

Name	School	Years~	Notable Honors
Stacey Anderson	Illinois State	1989	3-time all-MVC; 1989 Player of the Year
Jill Arganbright	UNI	2003	4-time all-MVC; league's all-time assist leader
Karen Augspurger	Wichita State	2004	2-time Valley Libero of the Year
Bobbi Becker	UNI	1989	3-time all-MVC
Kara Galer	UNI	1995	3-time all-MVC; 2-time Player of the Year (1994 and 1995)
Kate Galer	UNI	1996	3-time all-MVC; 1993 Freshman of the Year
Kendra Haselhorst	Illinois State	2000	3-time all-MVC, 2000 Player of the Year
Jolene Jordan	Illinois State	1985	2-time all-MVC; 1985 Player of the Year; All-American
Sonya Locke	Southern Illinois	1982	1-time all-MVC tournament [^] ; First league Player of the Year (1982)
Kim McCaffrey	UNI	2001	3-time all-MVC
Megan Mirs	Indiana State	2001	3-time all-MVC
Julie Mueller	Illinois State	1984	2-time all-MVC; First MVC All-American (1984)
Kim Nelson	Illinois State	1993	2-time all-MVC; First 2-time Player of the Year (1992 and 1993)
*Molly O'Brien	UNI	2003	4-time all-MVC; 3-time Player of the Year (2001, 02, 03); All-American
Shannon Perry	UNI	1999	3-time all-MVC; 2-time Player of the Year (1998 and 99), All-American
Chris Rehor	Illinois State	1988	3-time all-MVC
Lindsay Stalzer	Bradley	2005	3-time all-MVC, 2005 Player of the Year; league's all-time kills leader
Mindy Struckhoff	Missouri State	1988	3-time all-MVC; 1988 Player of the Year
Melissa Walsh	Creighton	2001	3-time all-MVC
Linette White	Missouri State	2003	3-time all-MVC, 2003 Co-Player of the Year, All-American
Sara Younes	Wichita State	2004	4-time all-MVC, 2004 Player of the Year
Iradge Ahrabi-Fard	UNI	2000	7-time Coach of the Year, 1999 National Coach of the Year, 10 Regular-Season and 8 MVC tournament Titles, 8 NCAA Appearances

* denotes No. 1 choice in fan balloting; ~ indicates players' final season in The Valley

[^] The 1982 Gateway season was a tournament only