



2016 DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

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Tarleton State's Hailey Roberts voted 2016 Ron Lenz D2CCA National Player of the Year

WAYNE, Neb. - **Hailey Roberts** has taken the Tarleton State University volleyball team to new heights in her three years with the TexAnns while producing some of the top numbers in NCAA Division II volleyball. The 6-0 junior outside hitter from Cedar Park, Texas is named today the 2016 D2CCA Ron Lenz National Player of the Year to highlight the 2016 Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America Volleyball Team. Voting for the award was conducted by NCAA Division II members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (D2SIDA).

Joining Roberts as a repeat selection on this year's D2CCA All-American First Team is Concordia-St. Paul senior middle hitter **Riley Hanson**. Defending national champion Wheeling Jesuit landed two players on the First Team - seniors **Haley Kindall** at middle hitter and setter **Andrea Thobe**. Rounding out this year's All-American First Team are libero **Emily Tripp** from Arkansas-Fort Smith, outside hitter **Mallory Blausler** of Angelo State and outside hitter **Taylor Reiss** from Southwest Minnesota State.

Tarleton State had never qualified for the NCAA Tournament until Roberts arrived on campus three years ago. Since then, Roberts has led her school to three straight NCAA appearances. She ranked second this season in NCAA Division II in kills per set (5.07) after leading the nation in kills (728) and kills per set (5.69) last season as a sophomore. Roberts is a three-time D2CCA All American and has already produced 1,845 kills while being named the South Central Region Player of the Year the last two seasons.

Hanson is a repeat First Team All American middle hitter from Concordia-St. Paul after leading the Golden Bears to the Central Region title this season. The 5-11 senior from Nevis, Minnesota set a new school record this season with a .439 attack percentage that tops NCAA Division II. She is a three-time All-American (Second Team as a sophomore) and a four-time All-Northern Sun Conference selection that averaged 3.03 kills and 0.91 blocks per set for the #1 ranked Golden Bears this season.

Kindall and Thobe have helped Wheeling Jesuit win six consecutive Atlantic Region titles, a 41-2 record this season and an NCAA Division II national championship last season. The two players never lost a conference match during their four-year career, going 76-0 in the Mountain East Conference.

Kindall was the Atlantic Region and Mountain East Conference Player of the Year this season while posting 3.11 kills, 1.03 blocks and a .421 attack percentage for the Cardinals this season. Her .421 attack percentage ranks third in NCAA Division II.

Thobe collects her second D2CCA All American honor this season after receiving Second Team accolades last year. The 5-10 senior from Sidney, Ohio produced 11.93 assists per set this season to rank third in NCAA Division II while leading the country in total assists with 1,646.



**2016 Ron Lenz D2CCA National
Volleyball Player of the Year
Hailey Roberts
Tarleton State University
(Photo courtesy Tarleton State
Sports Information)**

Blauser guided Angelo State to their first-ever South Central Region title this year, ranking 11th in NCAA Division II with 4.33 kills per set, to go with 2.97 digs, 78 blocks and a .304 attack percentage. She led the Belles to the Lone Star Conference regular season and tournament championships this season.

Reiss joins Roberts as the only underclassmen that received First Team All-American honors. The 5-10 sophomore outside hitter from Taunton, Minnesota was the Northern Sun Conference Player of the Year this season for the Mustangs after averaging 4.89 kills and 2.94 digs per set. Reiss, the Central Region Player of the Year, ranked third in NCAA Division II in kills per set this season and helped SMSU to a 28-6 record and #3 national ranking.

Tripp led NCAA Division II in digs per set this season for Arkansas-Fort Smith at 7.37. The senior from Bonner Springs, Kansas led the Lions to a 24-6 record this season that included a 21-game win streak while winning the Heartland Conference regular season and tournament championships.

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2016 RON LENZ D2CCA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR HAILEY ROBERTS - TARLETON STATE

2016 ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Taylor Reiss	So.	Southwest Minnesota State	Taunton, Minn.
OH	Hailey Roberts	Jr.	Tarleton State	Cedar Park, Texas
OH	Mallory Blauser	Sr.	Angelo State	Round Rock, Texas
MH	Haley Kindall	Sr.	Wheeling Jesuit	Westerville, Ohio
MH	Riley Hanson	Sr.	Concordia-St. Paul	Nevis, Minn.
S	Andrea Thobe	Sr.	Wheeling Jesuit	Sidney, Ohio
L	Emily Tripp	Sr.	Arkansas-Fort Smith	Bonner Springs, Kan.

2016 ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Bianca Alvarez	Jr.	Notre Dame de Namur	San Bruno, Calif.
OH	Annie Wolfe	Sr.	Nebraska-Kearney	Omaha, Neb.
OH	Natasha Fomina	Sr.	North Alabama	Broomfield, Colo.
MH	Sarah Ragland	Jr.	Palm Beach Atlantic	Jacksonville, Fla.
MH	Kristy Bohan	Jr.	Montevallo	Huntsville, Ala.
S	Megan Larson	Jr.	Southwest Minnesota State	Minneota, Minn.
L	Jordyn Kuchenbrod	So.	Bellarmino	Louisville, Ky.

2016 ALL-AMERICA THIRD TEAM

POS	PLAYER	CL	SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
OH	Allee Stelogeannis	Sr.	Tampa	Ocala, Fla.
OH	Lauren Frye	Sr.	Eastern New Mexico	Amisville, Va.
OH	Hannah Tong	Sr.	Findlay	Carey, Ohio
MH	Skylar German	Sr.	Post	Kansas City, Mo.
MH	Madi Farrell	Jr.	Northwest Nazarene	Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
S	Morgan Hooe	Sr.	Alaska Anchorage	Anchorage, Alaska
L	Kayce Krucki	Sr.	Wheeling Jesuit	Findlay, Ohio

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-AMERICANS: Mackenzie Harrison, Fairmont State (Outside Hitter); Leah Swiss, Alaska Anchorage (Outside Hitter); Lauren Hackett, California Baptist (Outside Hitter); Tara Ziegelbein, Nebraska-Kearney (Middle Hitter); Lexi Wick, Texas A&M-Kingsville (Middle Hitter); Alison McKay, Simon Fraser (Libero).