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Christoferson Named MCC Player Of The Year While Luli Earns Pitcher Of The Year Honors

Six Flames earn All-MCC recognition.

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Indianapolis, Ind. - The UIC softball team cleaned up at the 2000 Midwestern Collegiate Conference Awards Banquet on Thursday night, taking home Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year honors while having four members on the All-MCC First Team and one representative on the all-conference second team and MCC All-Newcomer squad.

For the third-straight season, UIC swept both player and pitcher of the year honors as junior [Stefanie Christoferson](#) was named the MCC Player of the Year and senior [Samantha Luli](#), who was the conference pitcher and player of the year in 1998 and 1999, took home Pitcher of the Year honors.

Christoferson finished the MCC season with a league-high .486 (17-for-35) batting average with five doubles, one homerun and six RBI in 10 league games.

Luli was a perfect 6-0 on the mound in MCC play this season with an ERA of 0.00. She fanned 45 batters in 34 1/3 innings pitched while holding opposing hitters to a .113 batting average. Luli highlighted her league season with back-to-back complete-game shutouts at Wright State on May 6, helping the Flames clinch their fifth-straight MCC regular-season title.

Both were members of the All-MCC First Team and were joined by teammates senior [Gina Arnold](#) and sophomore [Edel Leyden](#). Senior [Kathy Casey](#) earned a spot on the All-MCC Second Team while freshman [Emily Hallman](#) was selected for the MCC All-Newcomer Team.

In other awards, Wright State's Kristin Bultinck was named MCC Newcomer of the Year. The Raiders' Sheila Nahrgang was tabbed as Coach of the Year.

2000 All-MCC Teams

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Stefanie Christoferson, who led the MCC with a .486 (17-for-35) batting average in league play, was named the MCC Player of the Year on



Player of the Year [Stefanie Christoferson](#) (UIC)

Pitcher of the Year [Samantha Iuli](#) (UIC)

Newcomer of the Year Kristin Bultinck (WSU)

Coach of the Year Sheila Nahrgang (WSU)

All-MCC First Team

[Gina Arnold](#) (UIC)
Maria Barhorst (WSU)
Kristin Bultinck (WSU)
[Samantha Iuli](#) (UIC)
[Stefanie Christoferson](#) (UIC)
Michelle Demmitt (WSU)
Annie Divac (WSU)
Jeri Keller (BU)
Yasmin Khan (Loyola)
[Edel Leyden](#) (UIC)
Amy Roznowski (UWGB)
Kim Sycks (WSU)

All-MCC Second Team

Erin Barnharst (UWGB)
Devon Brisky (UDM)
[Kathy Casey](#) (UIC)
Carole Gorecki (LU)
Debbie Kind (UWGB)
Becky Knutson (UWGB)
Connie Koceja (UWGB)
Angie McCall (CSU)
Sue Stanley (LU)
Tiffany Stocker (CSU)
Stephanie Taylor (CSU)
Amber Techlin (UWGB)

All-Newcomer Team

Melissa Benter (BU)
Katie Blackmore (LU)
Kristin Bultinck (WSU)
[Emily Hallman](#) (UIC)
Jeri Keller (BU)
Dayna Rodrigues (UDM)
Susan Scott (LU)
Stephanie Taylor (CSU)
Amber Techlin (UWGB)

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