



Coaches Recognize Seven @MacBulldogsSB Players on All-KCAC Squads

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WICHITA, Kan. (macbulldogs.com) --- Seven McPherson College softball players were honored Wednesday as the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) announced its all-conference teams and special award winners for the 2018 softball season.

Sophomores Christie Betker (Reno, Nev., Reno HS) and Jessica Jones (Brentwood, Calif., Liberty HS) were unanimous first-team selections at pitcher and in the outfield, respectively.

Freshman Jenna Christensen (Fortuna, Calif., Fortuna Union HS) was named to the All-KCAC second team, while junior Chelsea Conrad (Ione, Calif., Argonaut HS) and freshmen Kylecia Taylor (Junction City, Kan., Junction City HS) and Taylor Perez (Tulsa, Okla., Memorial HS) received honorable mention from the league's coaches.

In addition, McPherson had two players named to the KCAC Gold Glove Team - Betker and senior second baseman Taylor Hires-Caulk (Fernley, Nev., Central Arizona College).

This is the second all-KCAC selection for Betker and Jones, who were both second-team picks last year. Conrad was a first-team all-league pick and an all-region second-teamer a year ago.

Entering the KCAC Tournament, **Betker** has appeared in 34 games with 28 starts, going 18-12 with a 2.36 ERA, 23 complete games, four shutouts and 220 strikeouts. She set new program single-season records for wins and strikeouts. Betker also set the McPherson career record for strikeouts

with her 380 Ks doubling the previous mark of 190 held by Katie Logan from 2009-12. She ranks fifth in the NAIA in strikeouts.

Jones has posted a KCAC-best .440 batting average and 80 hits while starting all 48 regular-season games. Her hits total ranks fifth in the NAIA and broke her own school record of 71 from a year ago. Jones also scored a team-high 46 runs and was a perfect 22-for-22 in stolen bases.

Christensen started all 47 games she played, batting .331 with 46 hits, 10 doubles, two triples, three home runs and a team-high 38 RBIs - 20 of which came in KCAC play.

Conrad started all 48 regular-season games, hitting .313 with 51 hits, eight doubles, a team-high six triples, 25 RBIs and 34 runs scored. She also stole nine bases.

Taylor started 38 of 48 games played, hitting .324 with 33 hits, seven doubles and 18 RBIs.

Perez played in 33 games, starting 27, hitting .286 with 22 hits and six doubles. She came on during the KCAC season, starting 21 of 22 games and hitting .281 with four doubles, a triple and six RBIs.

Hires-Caulk started all 45 games in which she played, hitting .269 with 32 hits, a team-high 11 doubles, three triples, two home runs and 28 RBIs. A middle infielder by trade, Hires-Caulk posted a .973 fielding percentage, committing just four errors in 149 chances in the field.

Betker was errorless in 27 chances in the circle for the Bulldogs.

2018 KCAC All-Conference Softball Teams and Special Awards

Player of the Year -- Ashley Stone, fr., DP, Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Pitcher of the Year -- Madison Byrd, so., Tabor College

Newcomer of the Year -- Breanna Vest, jr., Utility, Friends University

Freshman of the Year -- Stone

Coach of the Year -- Suzanne Unruh, Tabor College (U)

First Team	School	Year	Pos.	Hometown
Madison Byrd (U)	Tabor	So.	P	Long Beach, Calif.
Christie Betker (U)	McPherson	So.	P	Reno, Nev.
Ashleigh Capps (U)	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Jr.	P	Fort Worth, Texas
Megan Krause (U)	Kansas Wesleyan	So.	P	San Diego, Calif.
Alysia Rodriguez	York	Jr.	RP	Canyon Lake, Calif.
Kerrigan Travens (U)	Tabor	Sr.	C	Reno, Nev.
Ellena Cott-Laurie	Ottawa	Jr.	C	Topeka, Kan.
Kaelyn Smith	Friends	Sr.	1B	Tucson, Ariz.
Alexa Romero (U)	Ottawa	Jr.	2B	Broken Arrow, Okla.
Kaylee Clinton (U)	Oklahoma Wesleyan	So.	SS	Hugo, Okla.
Lindsey Fishman (U)	Saint Mary	Jr.	3B	Las Vegas, Nev.
Michaela Shouldis (U)	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Sr.	OF	Dayton, Ore.
Jessica Jones (U)	McPherson	So.	OF	Brentwood, Calif.
Kenzie Stevens (U)	Ottawa	Sr.	OF	Owasso, Okla.
Kaila Trowbridge	Saint Mary	So.	OF	Kansas City, Kan.
Breanna Vest	Friends	Jr.	UTL	Fayetteville, Ark.
Ashley Stone (U)	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Fr.	DP	Arlington, Texas
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Second Team	School	Year	Pos.	Hometown
Abbey Ely	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Fr.	P	Bartlesville, Okla.

Maci Walker	Friends	Sr.	P	Mansfield, Texas
Rebekah Clinton	Ottawa	Sr.	P	Ponca City, Okla.
Samantha Torres	Saint Mary	Jr.	P	Morgan Hill, Calif.
Mykelti Shelton	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Sr.	RP	Perkins, Okla.
Jenna Christensen	McPherson	Fr.	C	Fortuna, Calif.
Kylie Fox	Friends	Jr.	C	Wichita, Kan.
Dominique Salgado	Sterling	Sr.	1B	Sylmar, Calif.
Madison Primrose	Tabor	Fr.	2B	Fountain Valley, Calif.
Ciera Flores	Bethany	Fr.	SS	San Leandro, Calif.
Miranda Escalera	Sterling	Jr.	3B	Santa Clarita, Calif.
Kori Lacey	Ottawa	So.	OF	Edmond, Okla.
Lindsay Maryon	Kansas Wesleyan	So.	OF	Carlsbad, Calif.
Hailey Reece	Saint Mary	Fr.	OF	Lee's Summit, Mo.
Shelby Belloni	Friends	Jr.	OF	Lakewood, Colo.
Lauren Blue	Kansas Wesleyan	Fr.	UTL	Arlington, Texas
Aryn Smith	Ottawa	Jr.	DP	Wylie, Texas

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Honorable Mention	School	Year	Pos.	Hometown
MacKenzie Lyons	Southwestern	So.	P	Ponca City, Okla.
Rylie Scudder	Bethel	Jr.	RP	Little Elm, Texas
Hannah Jones	Tabor	So.	RP	Las Vegas, Nev.
Tara Stubits	Kansas Wesleyan	Fr.	RP	Topeka, Kan.
Katie Schrag	Bethel	Sr.	C	Haven, Kan.
Lia Hamamoto	York	Fr.	C	Long Beach, Calif.
Elizabeth Endsley	Bethany	Jr.	C	Las Vegas, Nev.
Cady Norton	Southwestern	So.	1B	Elgin, Texas
Leisle Hoffman	Bethel	Jr.	1B	Wichita, Kan.
Kennedy Brunson	Friends	Sr.	2B	Garden City, Kan.
Tomi-Lyn Hickman	Ottawa	Fr.	SS	Oskaloosa, Kan.
Kylecia Taylor	McPherson	Fr.	3B	Junction City, Kan.
Jeni Reichenberger	Bethel	Sr.	OF	Wichita, Kan.
Chelsea Conrad	McPherson	Jr.	OF	Ione, Calif.
Isabella Gonzalez	Friends	Jr.	OF	Bakersfield, Calif.
Taylor Kathler	Tabor	Jr.	OF	Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada
Emily Sparks	Kansas Wesleyan	Sr.	OF	Aurora, Colo.
Shannon Williams	Bethany	So.	OF	Las Vegas, Nev.
Madison McDowell	Bethel	Jr.	UTL	Basehor, Kan.
Peyton Timmerman	Southwestern	Sr.	UTL	Ozark, Ark.
Tiana Bonde	Sterling	Sr.	UTL	Los Alamitos, Calif.
Mikayla Lawrence	York	Jr.	UTL	Lake Elsinore, Calif.
Taylor Perez	McPherson	Fr.	DP	Tulsa, Okla.

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Gold Glove Team	School	Year	Pos.	Hometown
Christie Betker	McPherson	So.	P	Reno, Nev.
Britney Howard	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Sr.	C	Aurora, Texas
Kierra McFadden	Oklahoma Wesleyan	Sr.	1B	Bethany, Okla.
Taylor Hires-Caulk	McPherson	Sr.	2B	Fernley, Nev.
Michelle Schrag	Bethel	Jr.	SS	Moundridge, Kan.
Renee Downey	Friends	So.	3B	Modesto, Calif.
Shannon Williams	Bethany	So.	OF	Las Vegas, Nev.
Alex Ritzema	Southwestern	Jr.	OF	Waterloo, Wis.
Lindsay Maryon	Kansas Wesleyan	So.	OF	Carlsbad, Calif.