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## **Dave Williams National Coach of the Year Award presented by Golf Pride Grips Announced**

**NORMAN, Okla.** – The GCAA in conjunction with Golf Pride Grips today announced the six outstanding collegiate golf coaches receiving the Dave Williams National Coach of the Year Award presented by Golf Pride Grips. Golf Pride Grips will present the coaches with their awards during the Hall of Fame Banquet at the GCAA National Convention on December 9.

Conrad Ray of Stanford (Division I), Lynn's Andy Walker (Division II), Jim Ott of Illinois Wesleyan (Division III), Texas Wesleyan's Bobby Cornett (NAIA), Walt Williams of Midland College (NJCAA Division I), and Aaron Puetz of South Mountain (NJCAA Division II) earned coach of the year honors for 2019. Golf Pride Grips Region and District Coaches of the Year were also named.

Ray helped lead Stanford to a six-win 2018-19 season, including taking home the 2019 NCAA Division I National Championship. The Cardinal only finished outside of the top ten one time this campaign. Along with the NCAA Championship, Stanford took home the 2019 Pac-12 Championship and posted a 12-shot victory on the Stanford Regional.

Walker claimed the NCAA Division II National Championship in his first season at Lynn. The national title was one of five victories for the Fighting Knights this season. Lynn was also runner-up three times and did not place outside the top six in 12 events. Lynn was ranked second in the final regular season Bushnell Golfweek Coaches Poll.

Ott led Illinois Wesleyan to eight wins in 11 tournaments during the 2018-19 campaign. The latest victory coming in the NCAA Division III National Championships, where the Titans took home a three-shot victory. Illinois Wesleyan also added a victory at the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin championships, where five Titans finished in the top six of the individual standings. Illinois Wesleyan's did not finish outside of the top 10 all season long.

Cornett helped lead the Rams to their first National Championship since 1999 after taking the NAIA title by 11 strokes. Cornett was also named Sooner Athletic Conference Coach of the Year after leading Texas Wesleyan to its first SAC championship. The Rams did not finish outside of the top six in any of their events over the season.

Williams's Midland College was victories in nine of its 13 tournaments this season. The Chaps finished third in the NJCAA Division I National Championships, while Midland Sophomore Cal-lum Bruce won the individual title and was named a repeat Jack Nicklaus Award recipient. Midland closed out the regular as the top-ranked NJCAA Division I team for seven-straight rankings in the Bushnell Golfweek Coaches Poll.

Puetz led South Mountain to the NJCAA Division II National Championship, making it their 12th event over the season where they either won outright or tied for the team crown. The one tournament the Cougars did not win outright contained a field primarily of four-year institutions. Along with the team national championship, South Mountain Sophomore Leon D'Souza captured the individual medalist honors, winning by two strokes.

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**Golf Pride Grips Region and District Coaches of the Year****Division I**

Northeast - Colin Sheehan, Yale  
East - Jerry Haas, Wake Forest  
Southeast - Scott Schroeder, North Florida  
Midwest - Mike Small, Illinois  
Central - Jason Enloe, SMU  
West - Conrad Ray, Stanford

**Division II**

East - Matt Arvanitis, Southern New Hampshire  
Atlantic - Will Johnson, Charleston (WV)  
Southeast - Travis Muncy, Lincoln Memorial  
South - Andy Walker, Lynn  
Midwest - Gary Bissell, Grand Valley State  
Central - Derek Schaub, Lindenwood  
South Central - David Lynn, Oklahoma Christian  
West - Val Verhunce, Sonoma State

**Division III**

Northeast - Matthew Greason, Trinity (CT)  
Mid-Atlantic - Dan Rodgers, Carnegie Mellon  
South - Dave Schreyer, Huntingdon  
Great Lakes - Michael Leotta, Wittenberg  
Central - Jim Ott, Illinois Wesleyan  
West - Greg, Sigler (TX)

**NAIA**

North - Cameron Andry, Taylor  
South - Mike Cook, Coastal Georgia  
Central - Bobby Cornett, Texas Wesleyan  
West - Clayton Sikorski, Ottawa (AZ)

**NJCAA Division I**

District I - Zach Smith, Eastern Wyoming  
District II - Walt Williams, Midland College  
District III - Chris Young, Hutchinson  
District IV - Dave Jennings, Central Alabama

**NJCAA Division II**

East - Tommy Snell, Mississippi Gulf Coast  
Central - Corbin Sebens, Parkland  
West - Aaron Puetz, South Mountain