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2008 ASC Softball All-Division Awards, Teams Announced

RICHARDSON, Texas — University of Mary Hardin-Baylor senior catcher **Kacie Kripner** and senior right-handed pitcher **Daphne Kahlig**, Louisiana College senior catcher **Erica Harwell** and junior right-handed pitcher **McCaslin Carson**, and University of Texas at Tyler senior second baseman **Lindsey Peters** all earned top player honors to highlight the 2008 American Southwest Conference softball awards, following a division-only vote by each division's head coaches, the conference office announced on Tuesday.

Kripner (San Antonio, TX / MacArthur HS) was named West Division Player of the Year after batting .387 with six home runs, 14 doubles and a division-high 49 RBIs. She also became the ASC's all-time doubles leader and posted a .995 fielding percentage.

Kahlig (Lott, TX / Rosebud-Lott HS) was named West Division Pitcher of the Year. She went 12-5 with a 2.44 ERA. Kahlig, who tossed eight complete games, walked just 18 batters and allowed only one home run in 100 1/3 innings of work.

Both Kripner and Kahlig helped guide the Cru to a perfect 24-0 run en route to the West title and were first team All-West selections.

Harwell (Houma, LA / H.L. Bourgeois HS) and **Peters** (Shreveport, LA / Huntington HS) shared the honor of East Division Player of the Year. Harwell batted .401 with nine home runs, 15 doubles and 49 RBIs. She also posted a .725 slugging percentage and picked off two runners. Peters hit .432 with seven home runs, 15 doubles and 51 RBIs. She also led the ASC with 53 runs scored and 109 total bases.

Carson (Monroe, LA / Neville HS) was named East Division Pitcher of the Year for the second consecutive season. She went 17-3 with an ASC-best 0.83 ERA and posted 12 complete games. Carson did not allow a home run in 126 innings of work and batters hit only .167 off her.

Harwell and Peters each guided the Lady Wildcats to the ASC and East title, while Peters led the Patriots to a No. 1 national ranking and the runner-up spot in the ASC tournament. All three were first team All-East picks.

Other West Division award winners were Concordia University Texas junior third baseman **Megan Pulido** (Austin, TX / Brown Mackie), who was named newcomer of the year after hitting .401 with eight home runs. CTX shortstop **Jessica Rattan** (Austin, TX / Cedar Park HS) was the top freshman after batting .488 and leading the conference in doubles with 19. Mary Hardin-Baylor's **Kasey Blomquist** and Concordia Texas co-head coaches **Kathy Pittman** and **Stan Warren** shared top coaching honors. Blomquist was honored for the third straight year, while Pittman and Warren were awarded for the first time after guiding the Tornados to the ASC tournament for the first time since 2000.

Other East Division award winners were Texas-Tyler junior first baseman **Megan Richardson** (Platteville, CO / Metro State), who was dubbed newcomer of the year after setting ASC single season records in home runs (13) and RBIs (59). Louisiana College right-handed pitcher **Rene' Schwartzenburg** (Marksville, LA / MHS) was named top freshman after going 15-0 with an ASC-high 135 strikeouts. Louisiana College' **Tim Whitman** was voted coach of the year after guiding the Lady Wildcats' second ASC title in four seasons.

[Note: softball awards are given only at the Division level.]

-ASC WEST DIVISION SOFTBALL AWARDS-

West Division Player of the Year: Kacie Kripner, C, Sr., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

West Division Pitcher of the Year: Daphne Kahlig, RHP, Sr., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

West Division Newcomer of the Year: Megan Pulido, 3B, Jr., Concordia University Texas

West Division Freshman of the Year: Jessica Rattan, SS, Concordia University Texas

West Division Co-Coaches of the Year: Kasey Blomquist, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor;
Kathy Pittman & Stan Warren, Concordia University Texas

(Listed in order of voting point totals; #, & indicates tie in voting at that position)

ALL-WEST DIVISION FIRST TEAM

1B	Sadye Hill	Sr.	Hardin-Simmons	Burleson, TX (BHS)
2B	Erica Salazar#	So.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	San Antonio, TX (Churchill HS)
2B	Jessica Vasquez#	Sr.	Concordia Texas	Austin, TX (Hyde Park Baptist HS)
SS	Katina Penter	Sr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Bishop, TX (Hill JC)
3B	Megan Pulido	Fr.	Concordia Texas	Austin, TX (Brown Mackie)
C	Kacie Kripner	Sr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	San Antonio, TX (MacArthur HS)
OF	Karen Smart	Jr.	Concordia Texas	Maplewood, MN (St. Croix Luth. HS)
OF	Kate McLaughlin	Jr.	Howard Payne	Brock, TX (BHS)
OF	Casey Salinas#	Sr.	Texas Lutheran	Austin, TX (Johnston HS)
OF	Jessica Oliver#	So.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton, TX (BHS)
DP	Megan Bohne	Fr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	College Station, TX (A&M Cons. HS)
UT	Cara Patranella	Sr.	Concordia Texas	Bryan, TX (Bryan HS)
P	Daphne Kahlig	Sr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Lott, TX (Rosebud-Lott HS)
P	Kelsey Greeson	So.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton, TX (Centenary)
P	Laura Rawlings	Fr.	Hardin-Simmons	Mt. Pleasant, TX (MPHS)

ALL-WEST DIVISION SECOND TEAM

1B	Charlsie Cope	Sr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	New Caney, TX (Alvin CC)
2B	Lauren Bollich	Jr.	Howard Payne	Angleton, TX (AHS)
SS	Jessica Rattan	Fr.	Concordia Texas	Austin, TX (Cedar Park HS)
3B	Tara Gonzalez	Jr.	Schreiner	Natalia, TX (NHS)
C	Lydia Bradley	Sr.	Hardin-Simmons	Fort Worth, TX (Azle HS)
OF	Becca Ribera#	Sr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Marble Falls (Hill JC)
OF	Kristie Pinkerton#	Jr.	Howard Payne	N. Richland Hills, TX (Birdville HS)
OF	Cera Beasley	Fr.	Hardin-Simmons	Arlington, TX (Arlington HS)
DP	Kourtney Bailey	Fr.	Hardin-Simmons	Mesquite, TX (Mesquite HS)
UT	Alison Organ	Jr.	Texas Lutheran	Houston, TX (Westfield HS)
P	Jenna Middleton	Jr.	Howard Payne	Katy, TX (KHS)
P	Christina Jacobsen	Sr.	Texas Lutheran	Marion, TX (MHS)
P	Patsy Toman	Jr.	Schreiner	Hockley, TX (Texas-Tyler)

ALL-WEST DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION

1B	Ashley Silva	Fr.	Howard Payne	Angleton, TX (AHS)
2B	Cricket Criner#	Jr.	Hardin-Simmons	Midland, TX (Midland Christian)
2B	Sarah Trevino#	Jr.	Schreiner	Alice, TX (Ben Bolt HS)
SS	Courtney Clark&	So.	Hardin-Simmons	Eula, TX (Abilene Christian)
SS	Meagan Eichman&	Sr.	Schreiner	Devine, TX (Devine HS)
3B	Courtney Buster	Fr.	Howard Payne	Hurst, TX (L.D.Bell HS)
3B	Heather Cobb	Fr.	Hardin-Simmons	Hawley, TX (HHS)
C	Cory Lee	Sr.	Howard Payne	Willow Park, TX (Weatherford HS)
C	Marla Jendrusch	Fr.	Schreiner	LaVernia, TX (LVHS)

OF	Jodi Hierholzer	Fr.	Concordia Texas	Karnes City, TX (Texas State)
OF	Sara Roman#	Fr.	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Bryan, TX (St. Joseph's)
OF	Autumn Vara#	Jr.	Schreiner	Kerrville, TX (Tivy HS)
OF	Lindsey Rutkowski	So.	Schreiner	Jourdanton, TX (Jourdanton HS)
OF	Valarie Olivares&	Jr.	Sul Ross State	San Antonio, TX (Breckenridge HS)
OF	Natalie Suciuc&	Jr.	Texas Lutheran	San Antonio, TX (Marshall)
DP	Audrey Castro	Fr.	Texas Lutheran	Austin, TX (Akins HS)
UT	Lacie Cole	Fr.	Hardin-Simmons	Pattonville, TX (Prairiland HS)

-ASC EAST DIVISION SOFTBALL AWARDS-

East Division Co-Players of the Year: Erica Harwell, C, Sr., Louisiana College;

Lindsey Peters, 2B, Sr., University of Texas at Tyler

East Division Pitcher of the Year: McCaslin Carson, RHP, Jr., Louisiana College

East Division Newcomer of the Year: Megan Richardson, 1B, Jr., University of Texas at Tyler

East Division Freshman of the Year: Rene' Schwartzenburg, RHP, Louisiana College

East Division Coach of the Year: Tim Whitman, Louisiana College

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ALL-EAST DIVISION FIRST TEAM

1B	Megan Richardson	Jr.	Texas-Tyler	Platteville, CO (Metro State)
2B	Lindsey Peters	Sr.	Texas-Tyler	Shreveport, LA (Huntington HS)
SS	Amber Griffin	Sr.	Texas-Dallas	Richmond, TX (Needville HS)
3B	Sara DeStefano	Fr.	Texas-Tyler	Franklin, TX (FHS)
C	Erica Harwell	Sr.	Louisiana College	Houma, LA (H.L. Bourgeois HS)
OF	Jessica Thompson	Sr.	Louisiana College	Pineville, LA (Northwestern St.)
OF	Julie Smith	So.	Texas-Tyler	Huffman, TX (HHS)
OF	Michelle Cochran	Sr.	Mississippi College	Chatawa, MS (Southwest Miss. CC)
DP	Carter Ryan#	Jr.	Texas-Dallas	Frisco, TX (FHS)
DP	Ashley Saulters#	Sr.	East Texas Baptist	Van, TX (Northeast Texas CC)
UT	Carly Collins	So.	Texas-Tyler	Ennis, TX (EHS)
P	McCaslin Carson	Jr.	Louisiana College	Monroe, LA (Neville HS)
P	Rene' Schwartzenburg	Fr.	Louisiana College	Marksville, LA (Marksville HS)
P	Kelsey Harrington	Fr.	Texas-Tyler	Texarkana, TX (Texas HS)

ALL-EAST DIVISION SECOND TEAM

1B	Lauren Coleman	Fr.	Mississippi College	Schlater, MS (Pillow Academy)
2B	Lindsay Haywood	Sr.	LeTourneau	Longview, TX (Spring Hill HS)
SS	Amanda Busby	So.	Texas-Tyler	Elysian Fields, TX (Western TX)
3B	Lacee Chruma	Sr.	Louisiana College	Houma, LA (Vandebilt Catholic HS)
C	Chelsea Joslin	Sr.	Ozarks	Claremore, OK (CHS)
OF	Brandi Harris	Jr.	East Texas Baptist	Van, TX (Paris JC)
OF	Jamie Molling	Sr.	East Texas Baptist	Nacogdoches, TX (Nacogdoches HS)
OF	Karri Marshall	Sr.	East Texas Baptist	Montgomery, TX (MHS)
DP	Kate Bell	Jr.	Texas-Tyler	Forney, TX (Hardin-Simmons)
UT	Adrienne Ard	Sr.	Mississippi College	Clinton, MS (Northwest Rankin HS)
P	Katie Perry#	Sr.	Mississippi College	Metairie, LA (Dominican HS)
P	Chelsea Trochta#	Jr.	East Texas Baptist	Klein, TX (KHS)
P	Stacy Shepherd	Fr.	Texas-Tyler	Houston, TX (Cy-Fair HS)

ALL-EAST DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION

1B	Kaitlyn Poirier	Fr.	Ozarks	Miami, FL (South Dade HS)
2B	Jessica Pianalto	Sr.	Ozarks	Springdale, AR (SHS)
SS	Faith Meriwether	Jr.	East Texas Baptist	Grand Prairie, TX (Texarkana)
3B	Meghan Fisher	Fr.	East Texas Baptist	Cypress, TX (Cy-Fair HS)
C	Brittanni Hanna	Fr.	Texas-Tyler	Mesquite, TX (North Mesquite HS)
C	Kylie Packard	Fr.	LeTourneau	Lindale, TX (LHS)
OF	Kristen Akin-Henton#	Sr.	Texas-Tyler	Longview, TX (Spring Hill HS)
OF	Crissy Simmons#	Fr.	LeTourneau	Cypress, TX (Cy-Fair HS)
OF	Jodi Montagnino	So.	Louisiana College	Baton Rouge, LA (Christian Life HS)
OF	Tawni Ichimura	So.	Texas-Dallas	Plano, TX (Plano West HS)
OF	Lyndsi Ayers	Sr.	Texas-Dallas	Farmington, NM (FHS)
UT	Sarah Otterman	Fr.	Ozarks	Lockport, IL (Township HS)
UT	Adrienne Meier	So.	East Texas Baptist	Bellville, TX (BHS)
UT	Natalie Duran	Fr.	Texas-Dallas	Mesquite, TX (Horn HS)
P	Brooke Frazier	Jr.	LeTourneau	Livingston, TX (Corrigan Camden)
P	Kaleigh Mushinski	Fr.	East Texas Baptist	Magnolia, TX (MHS)