

## Hans Named SNA Sports/WDIIN News 2019 Coach of the Year



### 2019 Conference Coaches of the Year

**AMCC:** Kamela Gissendanner, La Roche College  
**American Collegiate:** Jeff Hans, Thomas More  
**American Rivers:** Justin Heinzen, Loras  
**American Southwest:** E - Polly Thomason, UT Dallas;  
W - Mark Morefield, Mary Hardin-Baylor  
**Atlantic East:** Kate Pearson, Cabrini University  
**Capital:** Bill Broderick, Christopher Newport  
**Centennial:** Katherine Bixby, Johns Hopkins  
**CUNYAC:** John Garrett, Hunter  
**Colonial States:** Rayne Reber, Rosemont College  
**CCIW:** Kent Madsen, Wheaton  
**Commonwealth Coast:** Brittany Hutchinson, Endicott  
**Empire Eight:** Katie Marcella, Hartwick  
**Great Northeast:** Mike McDevitt, Saint Joseph's of Maine  
**Heartland:** Juli Fulks, Transylvania University  
**Landmark:** Veronica Nolt, Elizabethtown  
**Liberty League:** Candice Signor-Brown, Vassar College  
**Little East:** Matt Ducharme, Umass Dartmouth  
**Massachusetts:** Karen Tessmer, Worcester State  
**MAC Commonwealth:** Mike Miller, Messiah  
**MAC Freedom:** Fred Richter, DeSales  
**Midwest:** Lauren Busalacchi, Ripon  
**Minnesota:** Ted Rivero, Augsburg  
**New England:** Courtney Burns, Mitchell  
**New Jersey:** Chessie Jackson, TCNJ  
**NESCAC:** Adrienne Shibles, Bowdoin  
**NEWMAC:** Bill Gould, Emerson  
**North Atlantic:** Kissy Walker, Husson  
**North Coast:** Sara Lee, Denison  
**North Eastern:** Stephanie Stevens, Gallaudet  
**Northern Athletics:** Klay Knueppel, Wisconsin Lutheran  
**Northwest:** Michael Meek, George Fox  
**Ohio:** Kelly Morrone, John Carroll  
**Old Dominion:** Stephanie Flamini, Guilford  
**President's:** David Saur, Chatham  
**St. Louis:** Charlie Just, Spaulding  
**Skyline:** Matt Dempsey, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy  
**Southern Athletics:** Justin LeBlanc, Millsaps  
**Southern California:** Jill Pace, Pomona-Pitzer  
**Southern Collegiate:** Mel Dixon, Texas Lutheran  
**SUNYAC:** Jamie Seward, New Paltz  
**University:** Randi Henderson, Washington  
**Upper Midwest:** Zach Otto-Fisher, Wisconsin-Superior  
**USA South:** Ross James, Mary Baldwin  
**Wisconsin:** Brad Fischer, Wis. Oshkosh

*\* Note: Not every conference selects a Coach of the Year*

Thomas More University head coach Jeff Hans has been named the SNA Sports/*Women's DIII News* Coach of the Year for the third time in the past five seasons. He becomes the fourth coach to have won the award three times after also being honored in 2015 and 2016.

Hans led his Saints to a perfect 33-0 overall record and the 2019 Division III national championship.

"Jeff put his team in position to win a national title each of the past five years and to win three championships, including this season, is a terrific achievement. He is deserving of this honor," said *WDIIN* editor and publisher Gary Rubin. "Along with SNA Sports, we are pleased to recognize him."

"Winning a national championship with a perfect record takes an outstanding effort from the first day of practice to the final buzzer in March," said Jim Peterson, president of SNA Sports, a leading basketball goal and equipment manufacturer. "SNA Sports is honored to partner with *Women's DIII News* to recognize Jeff Hans, his team and all the Division III coaches."

*Women's DIII News* has named a Coach of the Year every season since 1993-94.

### Women's DIII News Coaches of the Year

1994 Dixie Jeffers, Capital  
1995 Becky Geyer, Trinity (TX)  
1996 Tom Palombo, Defiance  
1997 Janice Quinn, NYU  
1998 Lori Kerans, Millikin  
1999 Nancy Fahey, Washington  
2000 Lisa Stone, WI Eau Claire  
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2002 Kris Huffman, DePauw  
2003 Becky Geyer, Trinity (TX)  
2004 Jerry Scheve, Wilmington  
2005 Lori Kerans, Millikin  
2006 Brian Morehouse, Hope  
2007 Kris Huffman, DePauw  
2008 Chris Kielsmeier, H. Payne  
2009 Scott Rueck, George Fox  
2010 Nancy Fahey, Washington  
2011 G.P. Gromacki, Amherst  
2012 Mia Smith, III, Wesleyan  
2013 Kris Huffman, DePauw  
2014 Marc Mitchell, FDU-Flor.  
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