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Softball All-HCAC

**Anderson's Haines and Transy's DeArk Win Top HCAC Softball Awards**

GREENWOOD, IN – Anderson University's **Chelsie Haines (Knightstown, Ind./H.S.)** and Transylvania University's **Kendra DeArk (Jeffersonville, Ind./H.S.)** have been named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player and Pitcher of the Year, respectively.

Haines, a junior third baseman for the Ravens, guided her team to a 10-6 record during the HCAC softball regular season. She was a key to Anderson's offensive attack and hit a league-high seven home runs in conference play. Haines ranked among the HCAC leaders in batting average (.469), on-base percentage (.527), slugging percentage (.980), total bases (48), and RBI (21). For the season, she hit .422 with 28 runs, 37 RBI, five doubles, and 12 home runs.

Anderson finished the season 23-17 overall and finished the HCAC regular season with a 10-6 record.

DeArk, a sophomore pitcher for the Pioneers, was outstanding in the circle this year. She helped lead Transy to the HCAC regular season title and the right to host the conference's tournament. She posted a 6-0 record against conference opponents this season. The sophomore recorded a 0.88 earned run average by allowing just five earned runs in 40.0 innings of work. DeArk struck out 24 opponents and had just seven walks.

Overall for Transylvania this year, DeArk sported a 1.17 earned run average and 14-7 overall record. She threw 144.0 innings and struck out 87 hitters. She was named HCAC Softball Pitcher of the Week twice this year and helped the Pioneers to a 27-12 overall record and 13-3 mark in HCAC play.

The HCAC has also awarded the Freshman of the Year award. Transylvania University's **Kaitlyn Kallenborn (Marshallville, Ohio/Smithville)** was named the recipient after leading the Pioneers to the 2009 HCAC Championship. Kallenborn hit .357 with 13 RBI and four home runs during HCAC competition this spring. Overall this season, the freshman hit for a .253 average at the dish and also added 11 runs, three doubles, six home runs, and 18 RBI.

Transylvania's head coach, **Michelle Manning**, has been named Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. Manning, in her third season as head coach at Transylvania, led the Pioneers to a 27-12 mark and a 13-3 record in the HCAC this season, earning the regular season championship. This award is the first 'Coach of the Year' honor for Manning while in charge at Transy.

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The complete list of awards follows:

**Most Valuable Player:** Chelsie Haines, Anderson University

**Pitcher of the Year:** Kendra DeArk, Transylvania University

**Freshman of the Year:** Kaitlyn Kallenborn, Transylvania University

**Coach of the Year:** Michelle Manning, Transylvania University

#### First Team All-HCAC

Kaitlyn Kallenborn	Transylvania	Freshman	C
Dani Blevins	Manchester	Sophomore	1B
Lindsey Miller	Bluffton	Senior	2B
Jessica Broadhead	Transylvania	Senior	SS
Chelsie Haines	Anderson	Senior	3B
Jayne Marbaugh	Bluffton	Junior	3B
Gretchen Louzon	Anderson	Junior	DP
Marlene Russo	Franklin	Senior	OF
Brittney Bernthold	Rose-Hulman	Junior	OF
Tracey Smith	Franklin	Junior	OF
Amanda Auzins	Defiance	Senior	OF
Brooke Babcock	Bluffton	Junior	P
Kendra DeArk	Transylvania	Sophomore	P
Jordan Goslee	Rose-Hulman	Junior	P

#### Second Team All-HCAC

Mallory Faling	Defiance	Sophomore	C
Melanie Bushman	Defiance	Senior	1B
Megan McCullough	Mount St. Joseph	Senior	2B
Johnna Rebenack	Anderson	Freshman	SS
Loren Bewley	Transylvania	Senior	3B
Chelsea Kunkel	Manchester	Senior	DP
Shayla Hinchman	Anderson	Freshman	OF
Lys Hess	Anderson	Freshman	OF
Casey Waldman	Mount St. Joseph	Junior	OF
Justine Johnston	Defiance	Senior	P
Casey Brookbank	Mount St. Joseph	Sophomore	P
Kellie Kenney	Bluffton	Senior	P
Olivia Wall	Transylvania	Sophomore	P

#### Honorable Mention

Julia Siefring	Anderson	Senior	2B
Chelsie Osborne	Bluffton	Freshman	SS
Tasha Stucke	Defiance	Sophomore	SS
Jennifer Pogue	Franklin	Senior	2B
Blakli Nading	Hanover	Freshman	C
Kristi Brown	Manchester	Junior	P
Kristina Dennett	Mount St. Joseph	Senior	SS
Megan Canary	Rose-Hulman	Freshman	SS
Alicia Winans	Transylvania	Sophomore	2B

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