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PAC-12 VOLLEYBALL POSTSEASON HONORS ANNOUNCED

Bergsma named Player of the Year

Bricio named Freshman of the Year

Plum named Setter of the Year

Hagglund repeats as Libero of the Year

Dunning tabbed Coach of the Year

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - The Pac-12 Conference announced its postseason volleyball awards today. OREGON senior outside hitter Alaina Bergsma has been named the Pac-12 Conference Volleyball Player of the Year, USC outside hitter Samantha Bricio has been honored as the Pac-12 Conference Freshman of the Year, and STANFORD's John Dunning was voted Pac-12 Conference Volleyball Coach of the Year, Commissioner Larry Scott announced Tuesday. In addition, USC junior Natalie Hagglund was voted the Pac-12 Conference Libero of the Year for the second-consecutive year, while OREGON junior Lauren Plum was tabbed the Pac-12 Conference Setter of the Year.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR -- ALAINA BERGSMA, OREGON

Bergsma is the first-ever Oregon Duck to be named the Conference's Player of the Year. The Chandler, Ariz., native has helped lead the Ducks to a second-place showing in the Pac-12, the program's best-ever finish in league play. She leads the Pac-12 with 4.91 kills and 5.40 points per set, ranking fifth in both categories in the NCAA. She also ranks eighth in the Conference with a .328 hitting percentage. She has posted the Pac-12's top-two kills performances, tallying a career-high 32 in the four-set win over Washington State on Nov. 17, one day after posting 31 in the five-set thriller at Washington. Bergsma was named Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week three times this season. Bergsma was a second team AVCA All-American last year and is making her second-career appearance on the All-Pac-12 team.

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR -- SAMANTHA BRICIO, USC

Bricio is the second Trojan in three years and fifth all-time to be named the Conference's Freshman of the Year. The Guadalajara, Mexico native leads the Pac-12 in services aces per set (0.34), while also ranking fifth in kills (4.05) and points (5.40) per set. She was named the Pac-12 Freshman of the Week five times this season, also earned Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors on Oct. 8. Bricio has helped the Trojans to third place in the Pac-12 and a No. 6 seed in the upcoming NCAA Tournament.

SETTER OF THE YEAR -- LAUREN PLUM, OREGON

A native of Poway, Calif., Plum leads the nation in assists per set with an average of 13.25. A starter in every match, she has helped to lead the Ducks to its most successful season in the history of the program, including a second-place showing in the Pac-12 and a No. 5 seeding in the NCAA Tournament, both program bests. She posted a Pac-12-high 75 assists in the five-set loss at Washington on Nov. 16 and was named the AVCA National Player of the Week on Sept. 24. Under her direction, the Ducks lead the nation with 15.90 kills per set, while also posting the best assists per set average in the NCAA (14.88 aps).

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LIBERO OF THE YEAR -- NATALIE HAGGLUND, USC

Junior Natalie Hagglund was voted the Pac-12 Libero of the Year for the second-consecutive year. It is the second year the honor has been awarded. She has posted three of the top-four single-match digs totals in the Pac-12 this season and is the only player to tally over 40, putting up 44 digs in the four-set upset of then-No. 1 Stanford on Nov. 15. The Encinitas, Calif., native leads the Pac-12 with 5.09 digs per set.

COACH OF THE YEAR -- JOHN DUNNING, STANFORD

John Dunning earns the Coach of the Year honor for the fourth time in his career. Dunning has led the Cardinal to the team's 15th all-time league title, its sixth in the last seven years, and a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Stanford was ranked No. 1 in the country according to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Coaches poll for three-consecutive weeks this season from Oct. 29-Nov. 18 and was the only team in the country to receive all 60 first-place votes (Nov. 5 and Nov. 12). Stanford went 16-0 to start the season, the best start in Conference play under Dunning, and its 22-match winning streak from Sept. 7-Nov. 8 was the program's longest in a season under Dunning. The Cardinal has reached the 20-win plateau in each of Dunning's 12 seasons, the longest such streak in program history dating back to 1976.

2012 ALL-PAC-12 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

PLAYER, TEAM	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN
Inky Ajanaku, STAN	MB	6-3	Fr.	Tulsa, Okla.
Alaina Bergsma, ORE**	OH	6-3	Sr.	Chandler, Ariz.
Liz Brenner, ORE	OH	6-1	So.	Portland, Ore.
Samantha Bricio, USC	OH	6-2	Fr.	Guadalajara, Mexico
Jordan Burgess, STAN	OH	6-1	Fr.	Fort Meyers, Fla.
Macey Gardner, ASU	OH	6-0	Fr.	Gilbert, Ariz.
Natalie Hagglund, USC**	L	5-9	Jr.	Encinitas, Calif.
Shannon Hawari, CAL	MH	6-2	Sr.	Plano, Texas
Brittany Howard, STAN	OH	6-3	Fr.	Los Altos, Calif.
Rachael Kidder, UCLA**	OH	6-3	Sr.	Moorpark, Calif.
Tabi Love, UCLA	OH	6-5	Sr.	Dauphin, Manitoba
Lauren Plum, ORE**	S	5-9	Jr.	Poway, Calif.
Krista Vansant, WASH	OH	6-2	So.	Redlands, Calif.
Carly Wopat, STAN**	MB	6-2	Jr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.

** two-time selection

Honorable Mention: Katie Fuller, USC; Jaicee Harris, WSU; Haley Jacob, ORE; Correy Johnson, CAL; Madi Kingdon, ARIZ; Kylin Munoz, WASH; Zoe Nightingale, UCLA; Alexis Olgard, USC; Erin Redd, UTAH, Camille Saxton, OSU; Sara Shaw, USC; Ariana Williams, ORE; Rachel Williams, STAN; Erica Wilson, ASU.

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Jordan Burgess, STAN	OH	6-1	Fort Meyers, Fla.
Macey Gardner, ASU	OH	6-0	Gilbert, Ariz.
Brittany Howard, STAN	OH	6-3	Los Altos, Calif.
Allison Palmer, ASU	S	5-9	Laguna, Calif.

Honorable Mention: Halli Amaro, ARIZ; Alexis Austin, COLO; Nicole Edelman, COLO; Olivia Magill, ARIZ; Alicia Ogoms, USC; Becca Strehlow, UCLA; Cassie Strickland, WASH.