

# 2021 ANNIKA AWARD PRESENTED BY STIFEL FINAL WATCH LIST REVEALED; TOP-10 PLAYERS HEADING INTO THE NCAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

ANNIKA Award Recognizes Most Outstanding Female NCAA Division I College Golfer; Winner to be Announced Tuesday, June 25 on GOLF Channel

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 17, 2021 – The Fred Haskins Commission today announced the final watch list for the 2021 ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel, recognizing the most outstanding NCAA Division I female collegiate golfer for the 2020-21 season as voted on by her fellow players, coaches and the college golf media.

Ten players were selected to the final ANNIKA Award watch list based on their performances in the 2020-21 college golf season. All will be competing in the 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships, taking place May 21-26 at Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, Ariz.

"I'm so proud of these outstanding women who have elevated their games both on the golf course and in the classroom during this difficult season," said Annika. "I look forward to cheering them on at the NCAA Golf Championships and celebrating their outstanding accomplishments this past season, which for them will last a lifetime."

The winner will be announced on GOLF Channel on Tuesday, May 25. She will receive an exemption to compete in the 2022 **Amundi Evian Championship** in France, one of the LPGA Tour's five major championships.

Voting for the 2021 ANNIKA Award is now open at <a href="www.annikaaward.com">www.annikaaward.com</a> and will close on Monday, May 24, one hour following the completion of stroke play at the NCAA Women's Golf Championships. Current NCAA D1 women's golfers, women's coaches, women's golf sports information directors (SID's) and college golf media only are eligible to vote.

### 2021 ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel Final Watch List

Allisen Corpuz, Senior, USC

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 19 | Golfweek – 11

Wins: 2 (Lamkin San Diego Invitational, The Gold Rush)

Other results: second, Silverado Showdown; third, Sun Devil Winter Classic; T-3, Liz Murphey

Classic; fourth, Arizona Wildcat Invitational; T-15, Pac-12 Championship; T-70, NCAA

Stanford Regional

### Karen Fredgaard, Freshman, Houston

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 5 | Golfweek – 8

Wins: 1 (UCF Challenge)

Other results: second, Icon Invitational; third, AAC Championship; third, Mountain View

Collegiate; T-9, Clover Cup

### Linn Grant, Sophomore, Arizona State

**Ranking:** Golfstat -1 | Golfweek -3

Wins: 4 (Clover Cup, Bruin Wave Invitational, Sun Devil Winter Classic, Match in the Desert)

Other results: T-2, NCAA Columbus Regional; T-2, Ping/ASU Invitational; T-5, Pac-12

Championship

#### Rachel Heck, Freshman, Stanford

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 2 | Golfweek – 1

Wins: 5 (NCAA Stanford Regional, Pac-12 Championship, Fresno State Classic, Gunrock

Invitational, U.S. Open Collegiate\*)

Other results: T-2, Ping/ASU Invitational; T-6, Stanford Dual; T-11, Juli Inkster Invitational

\*18 holes

### Ingrid Lindblad, Sophomore, LSU

**Ranking:** Golfstat -3 | Golfweek -2

Wins: 2 (LSU Tiger Classic, Liz Murphey Collegiate)

Other results: second, SEC Championship; second, Blessings Collegiate; T-3, Gamecock Intercollegiate; T-3, The Ally, seventh, Icon Invitational; T-7, Liz Murphey Fall Collegiate;

ninth, Moon Golf Invitational

#### Ana Pelaez, Senior, South Carolina

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 6 | Golfweek – 7

Wins: None

Other results: second, Liz Murphey Collegiate; T-2, Valspar Augusta Invitational; T-3, Moon Golf Invitational; T-6, Gamecock Intercollegiate; T-10, SEC Championship; T-12, NCAA

Louisville Regional

### Pauline Roussin-Bouchard, Sophomore, South Carolina

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 9 | Golfweek – 4

Wins: 4 (SEC Championship, Valspar Augusta Invitational, Moon Golf Invitational, The Ally) Other results: T-3, Liz Murphey Collegiate; eighth, Blessings Collegiate; T-8, East Lake Cup (stroke play); T-34, NCAA Louisville Regional; T-34, Gamecock Intercollegiate; 2-0, East Lake

Cup (match play)

### Emma Spitz, Sophomore, UCLA

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 7 | Golfweek – 9 Wins: 1 (NCAA Louisville Regional)

Other results: second, Sun Devil Winter Classic; T-2, Lamkin San Diego Invitational; T-3,

Silverado Showdown; T-3, Match in the Desert; fourth, Bruin Wave Invitational; T-10, Pac-12 Championship; T-46, Ping/ASU Invitational

## Maja Stark, Sophomore, Oklahoma State

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 4 | Golfweek – 6

Wins: 2 (Heroes Ladies Intercollegiate, Mountain View Collegiate)

**Other results:** second, Big 12 Championship; second, Trinity Forest Invitational; third, NCAA Stanford Regional; T-8, Kissing Tree Invitational; T-11, Arizona Wildcat Invitational; T-12, Icon Invitational; T-14, Cowgirl Classic

## Beatrice Wallin, Junior., Florida State

**Ranking:** Golfstat – 10 | Golfweek – 5

Wins: 2 (Pinetree Collegiate, Florida State Matchup)

**Other results:** second, ACC Championship; T-4, Valspar Augusta Invitational; T-6, Moon Golf Invitational; T-7, NCAA Louisville Regional; T-32, LSU Tiger Classic

Voting for the ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel will be compiled and verified by the Haskins Commission, which oversees the award. Past winners of the ANNIKA Award include Natalie Srinivasan (Furman, 2020); Maria Fassi (Arkansas, 2018-19); Leona Maguire (Duke, 2015, 2017); Bronte Law (UCLA, 2016) and Alison Lee (2014). These past ANNIKA Award recipients tallied 33 wins during their collegiate careers; have been collectively recognized as First Team All-Americans 10 times; and have accumulated three professional wins (Bronte Law – 2019 Pure Silk Championship; Leona Maguire – two Symetra Tour wins). GOLF Channel and Golfweek are media partners for the ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel.

#### **About the ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel**

Created in 2014, the ANNIKA Award presented by Stifel is annually given to the top female U.S. collegiate golfer; the winner voted on by players, coaches and members of the college golf media. Named for and presented by Annika Sorenstam, the award was created in partnership with the Haskins Commission to acknowledge the top female golfer at the end of the season and to match the Haskins Award presented by Stifel, which acknowledges the top male Division I collegiate golfer.

Stifel, one of the nation's leading wealth management and investment banking firms, serves as the presenting sponsor of both the ANNIKA and Haskins Awards, recognizing annually the most outstanding NCAA Division I female and male college golfers. Stifel also serves as a presenting sponsor for the NCAA Division I Women's and Men's Golf Championships on GOLF Channel.

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