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## **Molloy College Lexi Verni Named 2021 D2CCA All-EAST Region Women's Soccer Player of the Year**

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**FLUSHING, N.Y. (Nov. 23, 2021)** – Junior forward Lexi Verni (*Patchogue, N.Y.*) of Molloy College has been named the 2021 Division 2 Conference Commissioners Association Women's Soccer East Region Player of the Year as part of the full announcement of the D2CCA All-East Region women's soccer teams on Tuesday (Nov. 23).

A total of 12 institutions had at least one student-athlete named to the 13-member first and second teams. Molloy College and The College of Saint Rose led the region with five selections, while Wilmington University earned three honorees.

Holy Family, Mercy, Southern New Hampshire, and Jefferson all claimed two spots, while Caldwell, Daemen, Franklin Pierce, Goldey-Beacom, and Stonehill saw one student-athlete named to the team.

The D2CCA Player of the Year award and all-region teams are nominated and selected by the region's sports information directors.

The D2CCA encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of high education. The D2CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies, and regulations that impact NCAA Division II athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

The 13 members of the All-East Region first team will now be placed on the national ballot for All-America consideration. The All-America teams will be released Tuesday, Dec. 7.

## First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
F	Lexi Verni	Molloy College	Jr.	Patchogue, N.Y.
F	Dana Poetzsch^%	Molloy College	Sr.	Hicksville, N.Y.
F	Mia Klammer	The College of Saint Rose	Fr.	Mahopac, N.Y.
F	Alyssa Ruggieri	Goldey-Beacom	Fr.	Hockessin, DE
MF	Allyson Patterson^	Southern New Hampshire University	Sr.	Seekonk, Mass.
MF	Devin Sullivan	Thomas Jefferson University	Jr.	West Deptford, N.J.
MF	Jimena Garcia Risoto	Wilmington University	Jr.	Madrid, Spain
MF	Jacqueline Ziegler	Holy Family	Sr.	Feasterville, Pa.
D	Ai Inoue	Southern New Hampshire University	Sr.	Tokyo, Japan
D	Sanna Rein	The College of Saint Rose	So.	Jyväskylä, Finland
D	Samantha Emmi	Wilmington University	So.	Logan Township, N.J.
D	Sydney Cooper#	Mercy College	Sr.	Long Beach, Calif.
GK	Marika Laurendeau^	The College of Saint Rose	Sr.	Sainte-Juile, Quebec

## Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown
F	Camryn Thompson	Stonehill	Sr.	Lincoln, R.I.
F	Lauren Hoelke	Wilmington University	Sr.	Blackwood, N.J.
F	Sarah Costanza	Caldwell University	Jr.	Morris Plains, NJ
F	Tatyjana Scalisi	Daemen	Jr.	Williamsville, N.Y.
MF	Ciera Lundy	The College of Saint Rose	Sr.	Welland, Ontario
MF	Janina Mueller	The College of Saint Rose	Jr.	Sinsheim, Germany
MF	Annie Coogan	Molloy College	Jr.	Merrick, N.Y.
MF	Nikki Bermudez	Mercy College	Sr.	Oceanside, N.Y.
D	Aino Martikainen	Franklin Pierce	Fr.	Järvenpää, Finland
D	Maura Kilkenny	Holy Family	So.	Huntingdon Valley, Pa.
D	Sarah Tappeto	Molloy College	So.	Merrick, N.Y.
D	Payton Cole#	Thomas Jefferson University	Jr.	Lumberton, N.J.
GK	Jackie Carty	Molloy College	Sr.	East Islip, N.Y.

^ = 2019 All-East Region First Team | # = 2019 All-East Second Team | % = 2017 All-East Region Second Team

**East Region Player of the Year: Jr. Lexi Verni, Molloy**