



MEAC ANNOUNCES BOWLING ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Delaware State's Neuer named Bowler of the Year; Stamm receives Coach of the Year honors

NORFOLK, Va., March 20, 2018—Delaware State's Alexis Neuer was named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Bowler of the Year, the conference office announced today. Ana Olaya, of North Carolina A&T State, was named Rookie of the Year. Delaware State's Kayla Stamm received Coach of the Year accolades.

All awards were voted on by the conference's head coaches and sports information directors.

Neuer, the reigning MEAC Co-Rookie of the Year, is averaging 205.3 pins in traditional play this season, leading the Hornets to their second straight MEAC Northern Division regular-season title. The sophomore from Lewisburg, Pa. leads all conference bowlers with a single-game high of 296, which she recorded in the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Sectionals en route to earning a berth to the USBC National Collegiate Singles Championship for the second straight year. A five-time MEAC Bowler of the Week this season, Neuer was also named the Most Outstanding Performer at the Monmouth Hawk Flight earlier this month.

Alaya averaged a team-best 197.38 pinfall in traditional games this season, racking up 7,895 total pins and leading the Aggies to their fourth straight MEAC Southern Division regular-season title. She bowled a season-best 246 at the USBC Team Sectionals, and she added a 236 at the Stephen F. Austin Ladyjack Classic. She also bowled a 234 in both the Brunswick BearCat Open to start the season and at the third Southern Division meet last month. Olaya was named MEAC Co-Bowler of the Week on Feb. 20.

Stamm led Delaware State to its second straight Northern Division regular-season title after the Hornets were picked to finish second in the preseason poll. Delaware State went 20-4 in MEAC play this season and sits 65-31 overall heading into the MEAC Championships, ranking sixth in the nation in the latest National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) Top 25 poll. The Hornets won two of the three MEAC Northern Division meets this season, while also winning the Kutztown Bud Whitman Invitational and qualifying for the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Joining Neuer and Olaya on the All-MEAC First Team are Chelsey Merklinger of Delaware State, along with Alexandra Hernandez and Jacqueline Rhoda of Maryland Eastern Shore.

[The 2018 MEAC Bowling Championships begin Friday, March 23 at the AMF Lanes in Chesapeake, Va. at 8:30 a.m. with the opening ceremony.](#) In that ceremony, the First Team honorees, regular-season division champions, Bowler of the Year, Rookie of the Year and Coach of the Year will be recognized.

Teams will compete in five traditional games to determine the seeding for day two action.

The championship concludes on Sunday, March 25 with the championship final at 12 p.m.

2017-18 All-MEAC Bowling Teams

As voted on by the conference's head coaches and sports information directors

Bowler of the Year: Alexis Neuer, Delaware State
Rookie of the Year: Ana Olaya, North Carolina A&T State
Coach of the Year: Kayla Stamm, Delaware State

First Team

Name	Class	School	Hometown
Chelsey Merklinger	Sr.	Delaware State	Kinzers, Pa.
Alexis Neuer	So.	Delaware State	Lewisburg, Pa.
Alexandra Hernandez	Jr.	Maryland Eastern Shore	Maracaibo, Venezuela
Jacqueline Rhoda	Jr.	Maryland Eastern Shore	Portage, Ind.
Ana Olaya	Fr.	North Carolina A&T State	Bogota, Colombia

Second Team

Name	Class	School	Hometown
Elizabeth Burkholder	Sr.	Delaware State	Lancaster, Pa.
Demetria Bethel	So.	Florida A&M	Piscataway, N.J.
Briana Gardner	Sr.	Norfolk State	Stone Mountain, Ga.
Alexa Rodriguez	r-Jr.	Norfolk State	Carolina, Puerto Rico
Cameron Strombeck	Fr.	North Carolina A&T State	Durham, N.C.

Third Team

Name	Class	School	Hometown
Amyre Tensley	Sr.	Bethune-Cookman	Detroit, Mich.
Monique Ragland	So.	Florida A&M	Flint, Mich.
Kristyn Mitchell	Sr.	Howard	New Castle, Del.
Sydney Reece	Sr.	Howard	Cary, N.C.
Katherine Clouse	Jr.	Morgan State	Kaneohe, Hawaii