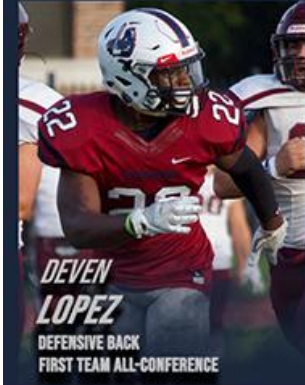


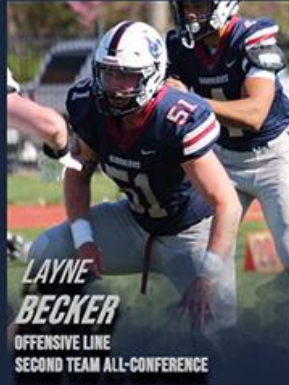
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ALL-CONFERENCE



DEVEN LOPEZ
DEFENSIVE BACK
FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE



LAYNE BECKER
OFFENSIVE LINE
SECOND TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE



CHANCE WHITEHEAD
UTILITY/WIDE RECEIVER
HONORABLE MENTION ALL-CONFERENCE



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FOOTBALL

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WICHITA, Kan. - The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference is pleased to announce the 2020 Football All-Conference selections and individual award winners as voted on by the head coaches.

Sterling had four Warriors make the lists; **Deven Lopez (FR/Needville, Texas)** - First Team Defensive Back; **Layne Becker (SR/Mulvane, Kan.)** - Second Team Offensive Line; **Chance Whitehead (JR/Augusta, Kan.)** - Honorable Mention Utility/Wide Receiver; and **Janson Robeson (SR/Gainesville, Texas)** - Honorable Mention Tight End.

Deven Lopez had a stellar freshman campaign, earning First Team All-KCAC honors or SC. Lopez finished the season with a total of 109 tackles, averaging 12.1 tackles per game. The freshman defensive back was a key piece for the Warrior defense, adding five tackle for a loss, five pass breakups, two interceptions, and fumble recovery. The 12.1 tackles per game by Lopez ranks No. 6 in the NAIA.

Layne Becker earned Second Team All-KCAC honors for the second straight season, as the offensive lineman is now a three-time All-KCAC selection. The senior continued to lead the way on the offensive line for the Warriors that helped Sterling finish the season ranked No. 17 in the NAIA in total rushing offense (1,548 yards) and No. 27 in rushing offense per game (172 yards). Becker will make his way back to Sterling for another season to help anchor the offensive line.

Chance Whitehead was an Honorable Mention All-KCAC selection at Utility and Wide Receiver for Sterling. The junior was a jack of all trades this season for the Warriors, playing multiple roles and positions for SC. Whitehead finished the season with 491 rushing yards and 330 passing yards for a total of 821 yards of offense. He scored eight touchdowns and ranked inside the Top 40 in the NAIA in all-purpose yards, total scoring, and total rushing.

Janson Robeson earned Honorable Mention All-KCAC honors at Tight End for the Warriors, after being named to the Second Team last season. Limited by injuries, the senior only played in a few games this season but had six receptions for 72 yards, good for an average of 12 yards per catch. Robeson will return next season for SC, looking to make another impact for the Warriors.

Bethel College and Avila University were co-regular season champions of the conference, with both teams earning a 6-1 record in conference play. Terry Harrison of Bethel was recognized as the Coach of the Year by his peers, while Paul Kempf, the Threshers' defensive coordinator, was named Assistant Coach of the Year.

Zach Esau of Bethel was named the 2020 KCAC Football Player of the Year. In ten games, Esau racked up 911 passing yards and 521 rushing yards, for a total of 1432 total yards. From the quarterback position, Esau orchestrated the No. 1 rushing offense in the NAIA (362.7 rushing yards/game), contributing over 50 rushing yards per game on the ground himself.

Malik Nesbitt of Avila was selected as the Offensive Player of the Year. Nesbitt rushed for 1156 yards (128.4 yards/game) and scored 17 rushing touchdowns. Nesbitt also contributed in the receiving game, catching 21 passes for 261 yards and two touchdowns.

Josh Seabolt of Bethel earned the 2020 KCAC Defensive Player of the Year honor. Seabolt racked up 100 total tackles on the year (30 solo, 70 assisted), including 20.5 tackles for loss and nine sacks. Seabolt led the conference in both tackles for loss and sacks.

Melvin Reid of McPherson College was named the Special Teams Player of the Year. Reid returned seven punts for 162 total yards (an average of 23.1 per return) and scored two touchdowns on punt returns. In the kick return game, Reid took nine kicks back for 326 total yards (a 36.2 yard average) and scored one touchdown on a kick return.

Devin Senerius of Avila was named the Dr. Ted Kessinger Champion of Character award winner.

Statistical information on the 2020 football season can be found [here](#).

The full list of All-Conference first team, second team, and honorable mention winners, as voted on by the KCAC head football coaches, are listed below.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Zach Esau	QB	Sr.	Bethel College
Malik Nesbitt	RB	Jr.	Avila University
Keyshawn Wyatt	RB	Sr.	Southwestern College
Quincy Sandoval	RB	So.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Chantz Scurry	FB	Jr.	Bethel College
Stevie Williams	WR	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Devin Senerius	WR	Sr.	Avila University
Keyshawn Jones	WR	Jr.	Southwestern College
Layke Hoffman	TE	Jr.	Southwestern College
Dustin Rivera	OL	Sr.	Southwestern College
Keegan Martin	OL	So.	Bethel College
CJ Cunningham	OL	Jr.	Avila University
Ryan Junkermeier	OL	So.	Bethel College
Brett Stindt	OL	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Jacob Garcia	DL	Sr.	Ottawa University
Cortney Cravin	DL	Sr.	Southwestern College
Mark Lanier	DL	Sr.	Bethel College
Malakye Adams	DL	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Josh Seabolt	LB	Jr.	Bethel College
Grant Torgerson	LB	Sr.	Southwestern College
Colby Johnson	LB	Sr.	Ottawa University
Nik Furlow	LB	Jr.	Avila University
Trey Palmer	DB	So.	Bethel College

Marcus Richard	DB	Sr.	Southwestern College
Deven Lopez	DB	Fr.	Sterling College
Dominic Brown	DB	So.	Bethel College

FIRST TEAM SPECIAL TEAMS

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Brayden Francis	Utility	Jr.	Bethel College
Brad Cagle	P	Sr.	Southwestern College
Kaivon Mortazavi	K	Fr.	Avila University
Melvin Reid	KR	Jr.	McPherson College
Melvin Reid	PR	Jr.	McPherson College

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Isaiah Randalle	QB	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Brad Cagle	QB	Sr.	Southwestern College
John Jacobs	QB	Jr.	Avila University
Camryn Harrison	RB	Sr.	Bethel College
Derrick Curtis	RB	So.	Ottawa University
Mason Murray	RB	So.	Bethel College
Roy Sanders	FB	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Andre Jones	WR	Jr.	Southwestern College
Tanner Galliant	WR	Sr.	Bethel College
Drevon Macon	WR	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Andrew Williams	TE	Jr.	Avila University
Earon Garcia	OL	So.	Southwestern College
Arnold Mendoza	OL	Sr.	Ottawa University
Nolan Harris	OL	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Layne Becker	OL	Sr.	Sterling College
Peter King	OL	Jr.	Bethel College

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Avery Hawkins	DL	Jr.	Bethel College
Robert Garcia	DL	Sr.	Friends University
Markeese Jones	DL	Jr.	Southwestern College
Exavior Lowe-Bohannon	DL	Sr.	Avila University
Zyair Velazquez	LB	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Caleb Helsley	LB	So.	Southwestern College
David Akao	LB	Jr.	Friends University
Clayton Downum	LB	Sr.	Southwestern College
Brooks Gardner	LB	So.	Tabor College
Dominique Copeland	LB	Sr.	Bethel College
Titonio Smith	DB	Fr.	Avila University
Esaias Freemon	DB	Fr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Devin Johnston	DB	Jr.	Ottawa University
Scott Helsper	DB	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Travon Crockett	DB	Sr.	Southwestern College

SECOND TEAM SPECIAL TEAMS

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Keyshawn Jones	Utility	Jr.	Southwestern College
Brayden Francis	P	Jr.	Bethel College
Bobby Schmidt	K	Jr.	Friends University
Trey Palmer	KR	So.	Bethel College
Keyshawn Jones	PR	Jr.	Southwestern College

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Dan Dawdy	QB	Sr.	Friends University
Juan Salazar	RB	Sr.	Friends University
JJ Allen	RB	Fr.	Bethany College
Jaquis Coleman	RB	Jr.	Southwestern College
David MacMahon	FB	Jr.	McPherson College
Joaquin Diaz	FB	Sr.	Bethany College
Eren Jenkins	WR	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Tyson Nonette	WR	Fr.	Tabor College
Dylan Foes	WR	Sr.	Ottawa University
Colton Davis	WR	So.	Ottawa University

Brayden Francis	WR	Jr.	Bethel College
Melvin Reid	WR	Jr.	McPherson College
Christian Hopkins	WR	Sr.	Avila University
Cade Nagy	WR	So.	Friends University
Chance Whitehead	WR	Jr.	Sterling College
Jermaine Ziegler	WR	Jr.	Ottawa University
Jake McClure	TE	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Jaron Usher	TE	Jr.	Tabor College
Greg McMahon	TE	Sr.	Ottawa University
Janson Robeson	TE	Sr.	Sterling College
Jarren Hightower	OL	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
John Smith	OL	Sr.	Southwestern College
Grayson Snider	OL	Jr.	Southwestern College
Lucas Santana	OL	Jr.	Tabor College
Tony Aiono Jr.	OL	Jr.	Ottawa University
Dalton Womack	OL	Jr.	McPherson College
Issac Johnston	OL	Fr.	Avila University
Brock Johnston	OL	Sr.	Friends University
Jacob Kerby	OL	Sr.	Friends University
Josh Castillo	OL	Fr.	Bethany College
Dawson Livingston	OL	Sr.	Bethany College
Cor'Darius Wright	OL	Fr.	Avila University
Marvin Phillips	OL	Jr.	Bethel College
Chase Strother	OL	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Darren Hicks	DL	Jr.	Southwestern College
Shane Rodriguez	DL	So.	Southwestern College
Rafael Sangines	DL	Sr.	University of Saint Mary
Parker Folks	DL	Jr.	Tabor College
Aaron Schoemann	DL	Jr.	Ottawa University
David Crowhurst	DL	Sr.	Avila University
Kevin McKenzie	DL	Sr.	Friends University
Adam Brown	DL	Jr.	Friends University
David Serrano	DL	Jr.	Bethany College
Isaiah Veal	DL	Sr.	Ottawa University
Lloydarius Garner	DL	Fr.	Avila University
Jhalen Haynes	LB	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Drew Smith	LB	Jr.	Southwestern College
Israel Harper	LB	Sr.	Southwestern College
Hennessey Thomas	LB	Jr.	University of Saint Mary
Riggs Robben	LB	Fr.	Tabor College
Kolin Goering	LB	Jr.	McPherson College
Jose Bautista	LB	Fr.	Avila University
Jason Weah	LB	Jr.	Friends University
Larry Hall	LB	Jr.	Bethany College
Ryan Clark	LB	So.	Bethel College
Jagger Blubaugh	LB	So.	Friends University
Austyn Fletcher	LB	Fr.	Bethany College
Hunter Patterson	LB	So.	University of Saint Mary
Justin Sullivan	LB	Sr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Drew Labertew	LB	So.	McPherson College
Angelo Trujillo	DB	Jr.	University of Saint Mary
Wyatt Leppke	DB	So.	Tabor College
Gunnar Reiss	DB	Jr.	Tabor College
Jaylin King	DB	Sr.	Ottawa University
Grant Golemon	DB	Fr.	Ottawa University
Ke'Tron Jones	DB	Fr.	Avila University
Christian Ryan	DB	Sr.	Friends University
Drake Damon	DB	Sr.	Friends University
Nick Holmes	DB	Sr.	University of Saint Mary
Jordan Suckow	DB	Jr.	Tabor College
James Lang	DB	So.	Tabor College
Bailey Sites	DB	Jr.	McPherson College

HONORABLE MENTION SPECIAL TEAMS

NAME	POSITION	CLASS	INSTITUTION
Tony Brown	Utility	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Colton Davis	Utility	So.	Ottawa University
Chance Whitehead	Utility	Jr.	Sterling College

Josh Carter	Utility	So.	Southwestern College
Aaron Main	K	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
Joe Cannon	K	So.	Tabor College
Logan Demond	K	So.	Bethel College
Joey Chiavetta	P	So.	Tabor College
Bobby Schmidt	P	Jr.	Friends University
Drevon Macon	KR	Jr.	Kansas Wesleyan University
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