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## **The National Association of Esports Coaches and Directors (NAECAD) Announces September Player of the Month Award**

Des Moines, IA. – CJ Savino of Illinois Wesleyan University has been named the NAECAD Player of the Month for September 2019, the NAECAD national office announced Wednesday.

CJ is on the varsity roster at Illinois Wesleyan University. Callum Fletcher, Illinois Wesleyan University Esports Director had this to say about CJ, “Through the course of the last two months CJ has taken an extremely strong leadership role within the team and has supported players in individual growth and worked hard with the roster during practice/matches to ensure a strong growth as a team. He’s selfless, supportive, and passionate about the team, game, and school. He’s quick to defend and raise his teammates up, and faster to acknowledge when he’s at fault.”

September Nominees: Amy Honey, St. Clair College (Ontario); Darian Hu, University of Missouri, Columbus; William Kim, Grand View University (Iowa); Jordan Williams, Midland University (NE).

This coveted award recognizes individuals for a balance of athletic achievement, sportsmanship and citizenship. While elite performance in the game is important, this award is aimed at recognizing the overall impact the individual has made. Example characteristics include:

- Impactful or notable in-game performance.
- Evidence of good sportsmanship and teamwork.
- Community service.
- Superior academic achievement.
- Overcoming personal obstacles.

Each month, players are nominated and voted on by their NAECAD member coaches or directors. One Player of the Month will be recognized each month (September – April).

The Player of the Month recipients are eligible for nomination of the Player of the Year award. The individual receiving the Player of the Year award will be recognized in person at the NAECAD National Convention each year. The individuals receiving the Player of the Month award will be recognized at the NAECAD National Convention each year. Student athletes nominated for the Player of the Month award will be eligible for nomination of All-American status. Student athletes receiving the top ten most votes will be recognized at both the high school and the university levels for All-American status. The individuals receiving All-American status will be recognized each year at the NAECAD National Convention.