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NSIC SAAC Mental Health Awareness Initiative announced as 2016 NCAA DII Award of Excellence finalist



INDIANAPOLIS - The NSIC was one of three conferences and twenty-two schools that have been named finalists for the 2016 Division II Award of Excellence, an accolade recognizing positive initiatives taken on in 2015.

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committees [created short public service announcements on mental health awareness](#). Member schools also designated an event during the fall athletic season that focused on bringing mental health awareness to their campuses and communities. To view all the PSAs, go to <https://www.facebook.com/NSICSAAC/videos>.


Each finalist - one representing each Division II conference and an independent representative - will receive \$500 for its event or activity that exemplifies any of the six Division II attributes: learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion and service. The winning events include initiatives benefitting Make-A-Wish, Team IMPACT, members of the military and other community groups.

Two runner-up recipients and one overall winner will be announced during the Division II Business Session at the 2016 NCAA Convention on Jan. 16 in San Antonio. The winner will receive \$1,500 and a nationally televised football or basketball game during the 2016-17 seasons. The first runner-up will receive \$1,250, and the second runner-up will receive \$1,000. All prize money is expected to be used on future community engagement initiatives.

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