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## **GVSU's Cullen Finnerty Named 2006 GLIAC Football Player of the Year**

### **2006 GLIAC Football Postseason Awards**

**Player of the Year:** Cullen Finnerty (Sr, QB, Grand Valley State University)

**Freshman of the Year:** Joique Bell (Fr, RB, Wayne State University)

**Offensive Back of the Year:** Joique Bell (Fr, RB, Wayne State University)

**Offensive Lineman of the Year:** Brandon Barnes (Jr, RT, Grand Valley State University)

**Defensive Back of the Year:** Charleston Hughes (Sr, LB, Northwood University)

**Defensive Lineman of the Year:** Michael McFadden (Sr, DE, Grand Valley State University)

**Coach of the Year:** Paul Winters, Wayne State University

**BAY CITY, Mich.** -- Grand Valley State University senior quarterback **Cullen Finnerty** (Brighton, Mich.) was named the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Football Player of the Year in balloting conducted by the league's head coaches. Wayne State University running back **Joique Bell** (Benton Harbor, Mich./Pershing) was voted Freshman of the Year and Offensive Back of the Year, while Wayne State's **Paul Winters** garnered Coach of the Year honors.

The rest of the GLIAC's postseason awards were chosen as follows: senior linebacker **Charleston Hughes** (Saginaw, Mich.) of Northwood University earned Defensive Back of the Year honors; junior tackle **Brandon Barnes** (Detroit, Mich./Pershing) of Grand Valley State was named Offensive Lineman of the Year; while fellow Laker, senior **Michael McFadden** (Saginaw, Mich./Heritage), earned the League's Defensive Lineman of the Year title for the second consecutive season.

**Finnerty**, the national leader in pass efficiency rating (173.5), guided Grand Valley State to an 11-0 regular season mark and the number one seed in the NCAA Division II Northwest Region. Finnerty completed 135-of-228 passes for 2,154 yards and 29 touchdowns, while rushing for 328 yards and six scores on 81 carries. He accounted for 2,486 yards of total offense and 35 touchdowns on the season. Finnerty led the GLIAC in pass efficiency rating (173.5) and TD passes (29), while ranking second in total offense (225.6 ypg) and third in passing yards per game (195.8). Cullen was named the GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week twice during the 2006 campaign and four times in his career. Finnerty, the 2005 GLIAC Offensive Back of the Year and a First Team All-GLIAC honoree, was named the GLIAC Freshman of the Year in 2003.

The all-time winningest quarterback in college football history with a career record of 47-4, Finnerty finished his career second in GLIAC annals in total offense (9,150) and fourth in passing yards (7,606). Cullen moved into fourth all-

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time in D-II career total offense with 11,970 yards, 10th in career passing TDs with 98 and 17th in career passing yards (9,839).

**Bell** became just the 14th player in NCAA Division II history to rush for over 2,000 yards as he gained 2,065 yards during the 2006 campaign. In addition to setting school records for rushing touchdowns (22) and total touchdowns (23), he averaged 5.9 yards per carry on his 348 attempts.

He led the conference in rushing yards per game (187.7) and all-purpose yards per game (223.8), leading rushing by over 60 yards per game and all-purpose by over 90 yards per game versus the second ranked player. He also recorded four 200-plus yard rushing games in addition to setting the GLIAC mark for rushing yards and all-purpose yards in a season. Bell ended the regular-season ranked second nationally in both rushing yards per game and all-purpose yards per game, while finishing third in scoring.

**Winters**, Wayne State's third-year head coach, becomes the first WSU football coach to earn GLIAC Coach of the Year honors since Dick Lowry in 1975. He led the Warriors to their first winning season since 1993 after WSU was tabbed for ninth in the GLIAC preseason coaches' poll. Wayne State finished tied for fourth, its highest conference finish since 1994. The six league wins were the most in school history. The 2006 campaign was just the third winning season for WSU in the last 22 years. The 287 points scored by the Warriors was the second-highest total in program history.

**Barnes** was a key performer for one of the most balanced offensive attacks in the country. The Laker offensive line helped GVSU average 175.4 yards via the ground and 210.8 yards through the air and led the GLIAC in total offense and scoring offense. The GVSU offensive line yielded just 16 QB sacks in 228 pass attempts this season. Barnes, a two-time First-Team All-GLIAC honoree, anchored an offensive line that began the year with four new starters.

**Hughes** was the leader of a Northwood defense that was first in the GLIAC in total defense (269.5) while ranking second in scoring defense (17.0 ppg). Hughes is currently seventh in Division II with 5.7 solo tackles per game. He also ranks fifth in the GLIAC in tackles for loss (1.2 per game) and seventh in total tackles (8.7 per game). Hughes has earned GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week a total of three times in his career, including once this season, after week one. A three-time All-GLIAC honoree (Second Team – 2004, First Team – 2005 & 2006), Hughes earned Honorable Mention All-America accolades from D2football.com a year ago. He has had a consistent senior season finishing with at least one tackle for loss in nine of Northwood's 10 games played.

**McFadden** earned the GLIAC Defensive Lineman of the Year award for the second straight season. Mike tallied 43 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss (-41 yards) and 4.5 sacks (-29 yards) in nine games. McFadden was named the GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts at Ferris State when he recorded six tackles, two tackles-for-loss (-5 yards), a QB sack and recovered a fumble.

McFadden became the NCAA D-II all-time record holder for career quarterback sacks with 33.5 and moved into fourth all-time in D-II career tackles for loss with 55.5. Mike ranks 15th in career tackles for loss per game (1.11) in Division II history. In addition, McFadden tied the NCAA college football all division record for consecutive games with a sack with 17 earlier this season -- a streak that included the final game of 2004, all 13 games in 2005 and the first three games in 2006. Mike is a two-time First-Team All-GLIAC performer.

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## 2006 GLIAC All-Conference Football Teams

## First Team Offense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
QB	Cullen Finnerty	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Brighton, Mich.
RB	Joique Bell	Wayne State	Fr.	Benton Harbor, Mich.
RB	Lee Marana	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Ishpeming, Mich./Westwood
RB	Craig Jenkins	Indianapolis	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Lawrence North
H-Back	Torris Childs	Northwood	So.	North Chicago, Ill.
WR	Ric Cottengim	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Elk Grove, Calif.
WR	Eric Fowler	Grand Valley State	Sr.	New Haven, Mich
WR	Nick Gurica	Hillsdale	Jr.	Adrian, Mich.
WR	Antione Trent	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Ottawa Hills
OL	Brandon Barnes	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Pershing
OL	Bill Bourdlais	Ferris State	Jr.	Newberry, Mich.
OL	Vince Cashdollar	Ashland	Jr.	Newark, Ohio
OL	Dan Marshall	Northwood	Jr.	Belmont, Mich./Rockford
OL	Pete Moyryla	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Laurium, Mich./Calumet
OL	Kurt Troutman	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Saugatuck, Mich.
PK	David Chudzinski	Wayne State	Jr.	Bellville, Mich.
Spec.	Nick Gurica	Hillsdale	Jr.	Adrian, Mich.

## First Team Defense

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
DL	Damion DeRosia	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Flint, Mich./E.A. Johnson
DL	Jimmy Fleshman	Indianapolis	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio/Centennial
DL	Derrick Jones	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Barstow, Calif./Victory Valley College
DL	Michael McFadden	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich./Heritage
DL	Jake Visser	Ferris State	So.	Coopersville, Mich.
LB	Anthony Adams	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Troy, Mich.
LB	Richard Davis	Northwood	Sr.	Naperville, Ill./Harper C.C.
LB	Charleston Hughes	Northwood	Sr.	Saginaw, Mich.
LB	Mike Klobucher	Ferris State	Sr.	Grand Haven, Mich./North Muskegon
LB	Tom Korte	Hillsdale	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Catholic Central
DB	Brandon Carr	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Flint, Mich./Carman-Ainsworth
DB	Derrion Fuqua	Wayne State	Jr.	Detroit, Mich./Henry Ford
DB	Jon Horn	Northwood	Sr.	Battle Creek, Mich./Central
DB	Jared Kell	Hillsdale	Jr.	Wyandotte, Mich./Roosevelt
DB	Jim Skodak	Ferris State	Sr.	Lennon, Mich./Corunna
P	Justin Trumble	Grand Valley State	Fr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich./Macomb Dakota

## 2006 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team

**Ashland:** Matt Baughman (Sr./DL), Luke Busson (Jr./LB), Jeremy Crabtree (Sr./LB), Chris Holland (Sr./DB), Brady Miller (Sr./LB) Chris Meyer (Jr./DL); **Ferris State:** Josh Eichler (Sr./K), Allen Feigel (Sr./OG), Ryan Kaul (Sr./QB), Chris Putra (Sr./OT), Erik Schumacher (Jr./DE), Kevin Teeple (Sr./OT); **Findlay:** Marquis Hayes (Sr./DB), Darren Paige (Jr./WR), Mike Patrick (Sr./OL), Caleb Meyer (Jr./DB); **Gannon:** Dave Conway (Jr./OL), Sam Culberth (Sr./WR), Donald Germany (Sr./LB), Sean Hoffman (Sr./OL), Brandon Jones (Sr./DB), Rich Lee (Jr./LB); **Grand Valley State:** Mark Catlin (Sr./WR), Jacob Henige (Jr./OL), Buster Larkins (Sr./FS), Terry Mitchell (Sr./WR), Dan Skuta (Sr./DL), Sean Stevens (Sr./OL); **Hillsdale:** Steve Balone (Sr./LB), Andy Dion (Sr./DL), Greg Dixon (Sr./HB), Mark Nicolet (Jr./QB), Mike Pavelich (Sr./TE), Mark Scott (Sr./LB); (Continued on page 4)

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QB	Buddy Rivera	Northern Michigan	Jr.	Grandville, Mich.
RB	Astin Martin	Grand Valley State	Sr.	Grand Rapids, Mich./Toledo
RB	Phil Martin	Hillsdale	Sr.	Union City, Mich.
RB	Richard Stokes	Mercyhurst	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods
H-Back	John Vandenberg	Ferris State	Sr.	Trenton, Mich.
WR	Bob Awrey	Saginaw Valley State	Sr.	Freeland, Mich.
WR	Robert Miller	Ferris State	Jr.	Carson, Calif./Harbor C.C.
WR	Justin Russell	Indianapolis	Jr.	Lafayette, Ind./Jefferson
WR	Fred Wells	Northern Michigan	So.	Flint, Mich./Southwestern
OL	Ryan Cue	Wayne State	So.	Davie, Fla./Pace
OL	Billy Eisenhardt	Grand Valley State	So.	Macomb, Mich./Dakota
OL	Grant Fodor	Wayne State	Sr.	Lake Orion, Mich.
OL	Luke Krombach	Northwood	So.	Grayslake, Ill./Carmel
OL	Brent Surface	Indianapolis	Sr.	Michigan City, Ind.
OL	Josiah Swartz	Hillsdale	So.	Canton, Mich./Westland John Glenn
PK	Todd Carter	Grand Valley State	So.	Flint, Mich./Carman-Ainsworth
Spec.	Dante Dunn	Wayne State	So.	Lansing, Mich./Waverly

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<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
DL	Kyle Clement	Northwood	Jr.	Hudsonville, Mich.
DL	Ryan Gaydosch	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Medina, Ohio
DL	Kurt Hout	Ferris State	Jr.	Arvada, Colo./West
DL	Erik Lehmann	Michigan Tech	Sr.	LaSalle, Mich./St. Mary Catholic Central
DL	Eric Weber	Hillsdale	So.	Defiance, Ohio/Tinora
LB	Kirk Carruth	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Saginaw, Mich.
LB	Bryan Klett	Michigan Tech	Sr.	Green Bay, Wis./Southwest
LB	Allen Lattimore	Ashland	Sr.	Dayton, Ohio/Colonel White
LB	Dan Tomko	Gannon	Sr.	Sharon, Pa.
LB	Derek Volmering	Saginaw Valley State	Jr.	Harbor Beach, Mich.
DB	Matt Black	Saginaw Valley State	So.	Toronto, Ontario/Northern Secondary
DB	Bill Brechin	Grand Valley State	Jr.	Addison, Ill.
DB	Cheyne Nelson	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Victorville, Calif./Serrano
DB	Nick Notario	Findlay	Sr.	Monroe, Mich.
DB	Kevin Shaw	Indianapolis	Jr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
P	Brandon Hill	Mercyhurst	Jr.	Timberlake, Ohio/Eastlake North

## 2006 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team (Continued from page 3)

**Indianapolis:** John Adams (Sr./DB), Kenneth Akridge (Jr./DB), Zach Dennis (Jr./OL), Casey Gillin (Jr./QB), Seth Pickett (Jr./TE), Kevin Sanford (Jr./WR); **Mercyhurst:** Brian Boyce (Fr./LB), Al Dailide (Sr./OL), Roger McClinton (Sr./DB), Jeff Nowling (Sr./WR), Dan Salupo (Sr./TE), Dan Schuler (Sr./TE); **Michigan Tech:** Jim Bestull (Sr./OL), Robert Haynes (So./DB/KR), Lee Kamin (Sr./OL), Lee Keys (Jr./DL), Matt Lamberti (Sr./LB), Kirk Williams (Jr./WR); **Northern Michigan:** Joe Dost (Jr./LB), Dan Elmore (So./WR), Jon Hoggard (Jr./DB), Kris Krempien (So./OL), Mike Mahloch (Jr./DL); **Northwood:** Quincy Burts (Sr./DB), Kelly Kiogima (Sr./OL), Kyle Kolbe (Sr./QB), Dexter Reid (Jr./DB), Eric Stevens (Sr./DL), Matt Worton (Jr./DL); **Saginaw Valley State:** Tony Alessi (Sr./OL), Matt Buren-Priebe (Sr./OL), Joe DiGiorgio (Sr./DB), Chris Dougherty (Jr./QB), John Jacobs (Fr./LB), Josh Miller (Jr./DL); **Wayne State:** Tristin Black (So./LB), Alan Guy (Jr./LB), Chris Smilo (Sr./DL), Ty Spencer (Sr./DB), John Rehberg (Jr./TE), Jake Weingartz (Sr./WR)