

Mayhew named National Player of Year

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Kirkwood star DoniRae Mayhew has been named the Junior College National Player of the Year by the National Fast-Pitch Coaches Association, it was announced Tuesday.

This is the third straight year that a member of the Kirkwood softball program has won the national award. Taylor Nearad, now playing at Iowa State, earned the award in 2016 and 2017.

Mayhew led all NJCAA Division II players this year with 30 home runs and 90 RBIs. She batted .446 with 79 hits, 18 doubles, 29 walks and a .538 on-base percentage.

Mayhew also starred for Kirkwood as a pitcher, compiling a 20-3 record and 2.08 ERA with four shutouts and 127 strikeouts in 148 innings.

Mayhew will continue her college softball career at the University of Iowa, with two years of eligibility.

The National Player of the Year award covers all players at Division I, II and III junior colleges.