

Alvin Ashley, Southwest Minnesota State - Wide Receiver for Arena Football League's Grand Rapids Rampage (11th season); 1998 First Team All-Arena; scored 56 total TDs in 1998 and 1999 seasons

Lou Barle, Minnesota Duluth - Member of NFL's Detroit Lions and Cleveland Rams from 1938 to 1939

Ben Barrone, Winona State - Was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the 44th round in 2007.

Brett Beeson, Minnesota State Moorhead - NCAA Division II scoring champion 1995-96 season; playing professional basketball in Europe and Israel since 1996

Bob Bowlsby, Minnesota State Moorhead - Stanford University Director of Athletics; Member of the U.S. Olympic Committee Board of Directors

Wayne Brabender, Minnesota-Morris - Drafted by NBA's Philadelphia 76ers in 1967; 16-year career with Spain's Real Madrid Basketball Team; 1973 European Basketball Most Valuable Player; Six-time European All-Star; 1976 & 1980 Spanish Olympic Basketball Team Participant

YaTarrice Brown, Concordia-St. Paul - Played with the Peoria Rough Riders of the UIF (FB)

Deacon Burns, Northern State - Signed with Minnesota Twins in 2005; plays for Class A affiliate Beloit Snappers

Steve Butler, Concordia-St. Paul - Played for St. Paul Saints

Jamal Clements, Bemidji State - New Mexico Style (ABA) and Colorado

Katie Class, Minnesota State Moorhead - Competed at the 1984 & 1988 Olympic Winter Games in speed skating

Ronnie Cruz, Northern State - Signed with the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs in 2004

Dan Devine, Minnesota Duluth - Arizona State University Head Football Coach from 1955-57 (27-3-1 record); University of Missouri Head Football Coach from 1958-70 (93-37-7 record); Green Bay Packers General Manager & Head Coach from 1971-74; 1972 NFC Central Division Title; University of Notre Dame Head Football Coach from 1975-80; 1977 National Championship (Cotton Bowl); University of Missouri Athletic Director from 1992-94

Larry Grimes, Michigan Tech - Signed by NBA's Detroit Pistons

Jay Guidinger, Minnesota Duluth - Member of NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers from 1992-94

Rocky Gullickson, Minnesota State Moorhead - Strength & Conditioning Coach for NFL's Green Bay Packers; received 2000 President's Award by Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society; Strength & Conditioning Coach for University of Louisville from 1998-1999, University of Texas from 1993-1997, Rutgers University 1990-1992.

Manuel Guzman, Bemidji State - Fuerza Guinda (MEX) 2006-07, Paleras Del Distrito Nacional (Dominican) 2007, Cupes de Los Pepines (Dom.-SRT) 2007

Wayne Hawkins, Southwest Minnesota State - Drafted by NFL's New England Patriots in the 7th Round in 1992

Charles Hanks, Bemidji State - Drafted by the Pennsylvania ValleyDawgs of the United States Basketball League in 2004; Algodoneros (Mex.)2004-05, Drafted by Fort Worth Flyers in 2005 NBA D-League draft also played for Azs Koszalin (Poland DBL)

Derik Hollyfield, Bemidji State - Sauk Valley Rollers (ABA) 2006-07

Cary Hormaman, Northern State - Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 1977

Brian Jamros, Concordia-St. Paul - Played with Correcaminos Uat Victoria of the LNBP (MBB)

Arnold Johnson, Bemidji State - Averaged 10.0 PPG for NBA's Rochester Royals from 1946-53; member of 1950-51 NBA Championship team

Augustus (Gus) Johnson, Winona State - Drafted by NBA's Atlanta Hawks in 1975

Michael Jonsson, Minnesota-Crookston - Played for NFL Europe's Amsterdam Admirals in 2001

Dennis Koslowski, Minnesota-Morris - Holds a national record seven U.S. Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships; 1988 & 1992 Olympics' Greco-Roman Wrestling (Bronze & Silver Medalist)

Duane Koslowski, Minnesota-Morris - Three-time U.S. Greco-Roman Wrestling Champion in 1986, 1987 & 1988; 1986 Greco-Roman World Championships (4th place); Gold Medalist at 1987 Pan-American Games; 1988 Olympic Greco-Roman Wrestling (7th place)

Scott Kramer, Bemidji State - Played professional basketball for FIBA's MZT Skopje in Macedonia in 1994-95; played for Compact in Bulgaria in 1995-96.

Kerry Ligtenberg, Minnesota-Morris - Pitches for MLB's Toronto Blue Jays; member of the Atlanta Braves from 1997-2002 and Baltimore Orioles in 2003

Jeff Loots, Southwest Minnesota State - Quarterback for Arena Football's Grand Rapids Rampage (10th season); part of two ArenaBowl Championship teams with Arizona (1997) and Albany (1999); has thrown 90-plus career TDs

Amir Major, Bemidji State - Twin City Ballers 2007 (ABA) and Chicago Heights Soldiers 2007 (IBL)

Bill Mauer, Concordia-St. Paul - Drafted by Minnesota Twins

Ted McKnight, Minnesota Duluth - Played for the NFL's Buffalo Bills and Kansas City Chiefs from 1977-1982

James McNear, Concordia-St. Paul - Played for the Omaha Beef (UIF) - FB

Basil Meyer, Minnesota-Morris - Signed by MLB's Minnesota Twins in 1987; pitched four years in Minor Leagues

James Midboe, Bemidji State - Manchester Wolves (2007) Arena Football 2 (AF2)

Ben Morie, Bemidji State - Played for the Fargo Freeze (2000) Indoor football league (IFL)

Ryan Morse, SW Minnesota State - Drafted in 13th round of 2005 MLB draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays

Travis Mortimore, Wayne State - Was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 21st round in 2007

Alvin Muse, Bemidji State - Hollywood Fame (ABA) 2006-07

Stacy Pearson-Taylor, Bemidji State - SC Rist-Wedel (Ger.) 2007

Joe Peters, Concordia-St. Paul - Played in the AFL for the Peoria Pirates (2004), Green Bay Blizzard (2005) and the Chicago Rush (2006).

Xavier Powell, Bemidji State - North Mississippi Tornadoes (2006) WBL, Portland Chinooks and Vancouver Volcanoes (2007) IBL.

Erik Quarberg, Concordia-St. Paul - Signed with Sioux City Explorers (American Association of Independent Professional Baseball League)

Larry Ras, Michigan Tech - Signed by NFL's Washington Redskins

Mark Reed, Minnesota State Moorhead - Played quarterback for the NFL's New York Giants, Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams from 1981-1985

RJ Rollins, Minnesota, Crookston - Played for the Omaha Beef (UIF) - FB

CJ Sanderson, Concordia-St. Paul - Played with the Peoria Rough Riders of the UIF (FB)

Joe Schallenberger, Concordia-St. Paul - Played for St. Paul Saints

Jon Schemmel, Concordia-St. Paul - Signed with New York Mets in 2004

Ed Schultz, Minnesota State Moorhead - Nationally syndicated radio talk show host; led NCAA Division II in passing in 1977

Jerry Seeman, Winona State - NFL Official from 1975 to 1990; Super Bowl XXIII and XXV Referee; NFL Senior Director of Officiating from 1991-2001; NFL Officiating Consultant

Scott Simpson, Minnesota State Moorhead - Wrestled professionally as Nikita Koloff

Bjoern Schoo, Northern State University - Signed to play for Aigaleo, a professional basketball team in Greece in July of 2006

Cindy (Olson) Schutt, Southwest Minnesota State - Drafted by Women's Professional Basketball League's Minnesota Fillies in the 10th Round in 1980

Walter Sutton, Southwest Minnesota State - Drafted by the NFL's Atlanta Falcons in the 10th Round in 1991

Tony Schiller, Winona State - Amateur Triathlon World Champion in 1994, 1995, 1996 and 2000; USA National Amateur Triathlon Champion in 1995, 1996 1999 and 2000; 14-time Minnesota State Triathlon Champion (1987-2000); 1995 USA Amateur Triathlete of the Year; won Master's Division World Triathlon Championship in Perth, Australia

Marc Trestman, Minnesota State Moorhead - Offensive coordinator at North Carolina State; Assistant Head Coach and quarterbacks coach for the Miami Dolphins; past Offensive Coordinator for Oakland Raiders, Arizona Cardinals, Cleveland Browns and San Francisco 49ers; coordinated 1995 49er offense that led NFL in scoring and passing (2nd in total offense); Asst. Coach for Detroit Lions, Minnesota Vikings and Tampa Bay Buccaneers; Quarterbacks Coach for 1983 University of Miami National Championship Team

Dave Veaene, Minnesota Duluth - Member of NFL's New England Patriots from 1989-1990

Terrance Watkins, Bemidji State - Member of Sherbrooke Spiders in Australia's Victorian Premier Basketball League

Jerry Wedemeier, Winona State - Signed by NFL's Minnesota Vikings

**NSIC ALUMNI**

Founded in 1986, the Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC, former men's conference) Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor those who made significant contributions to the conference, to create favorable publicity and public relations for the league, and to help preserve the history of the NIC, its member institutions, student-athletes, and other significant individuals affiliated with the league. For the first two inductions (1986 and 1990) each selection hailed from the NIC. In 1992-93, the Northern Sun Conference (NSC, former women's conference) and the NIC merged, creating the current Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). After annual inductions since 2000, today's NSIC Hall of Fame now boasts 123 members.

The 23-member Class of 2000 was the first to include standout female student-athletes in the former NSC. The 2000 inductees entered the Hall at the inaugural NSIC Summer Kickoff Event in Becker, Minn. The distinguished class of 2001 was enshrined in Willmar, Minn., as the conference moved the annual Summer Kickoff Event. This year's NSIC Hall of Fame

includes five prominent inductees that are being recognized at the eighth-annual NSIC Summer Kickoff Event, at its new home in St. Cloud, Minn.

Each NSIC school (who has been a member for the past seven year or more) is asked to submit one candidate per institution for induction into the Hall. Each of the selectees are derived from individuals who have been affiliated with the NSIC, NIC, NSC and their member institutions.

In order to be eligible for the NSIC Hall of Fame, candidates must have made their contributions in the following areas:

1) former student-athletes, 2) administrator/coach, 3) official/supervisor/coordinator, 4) contributor/supporter, and 5) team. Other worthy candidates that do not fall into the above categories are also considered. The conference will provide two plaques, one of which will go to the inductee and one to the institution represented. A history of each inductee will be kept in the league office and each institution will prominently display the plaques of their respective NSIC Hall of Fame inductees.

## NSIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

### 2007

Member	School/Affiliation
Marc Hamren,	Bemidji State
Randall Smith	MSU Moorhead
Jim Kretchman	Northern State
Bill McDonald	SW Minnesota State
Daryl Henderson	Winona State

### 2006

Member	School/Affiliation
Betsy McDowell	Bemidji State
Mike Tobin	SW Minnesota State
Dave Bergstrom	MSU Moorhead
Marlene Lorenz	Northern State
Gene Lorenz	Northern State
Pete Chapman	Wayne State
Gary Grob	Winona State

### 2005

Member	School/Affiliation
Robert P. Dettmer	Bemidji State
Kelli Ritzer Thomas	Minnesota Duluth
Karin Schumacher	Minnesota State Moorhead
Dr. William Haigh	Northern State
Leslie Jacobsen Bosch	Southwest Minnesota State
Pat Neder	Winona State

### 2004

Member	School/Affiliation
Robert Huber	Bemidji State
Jerry Hoy	Minnesota Duluth
Dr. James Nagel	Minnesota State Moorhead
Amy Hohenecker	Northern State
Daniel Lee	Southwest Minnesota State
Scott Wanshura	Winona State

### 2003

Member	School/Affiliation
Ruth Howe	Bemidji State
Lee Kolquist	Minnesota Duluth
Basil Meyer	Minnesota-Morris
Ross Fortier	Minnesota State Moorhead
Kevin King	Northern State
Char Nelson	Southwest Minnesota State
Les Wothke	Winona State
Roy G. Ward	NSIC Basketball Official/Basketball Coord.

### 2002

Member	School/Affiliation
Robert Whelan	Bemidji State
Julie (Hay) Klun	Minnesota Duluth
Doug Patnode	Minnesota-Morris
Mike Quirk	Minnesota State Moorhead
Dave Harvey	Northern State
Curt Strasheim	Southwest State
David Mertes	Winona State
Bill Herzog	NSIC Basketball Officiating Coordinator

### 2001

Member	School/Affiliation
Sherry Hill	Bemidji State
Bob Montebello	Bemidji State
Patricia Rosenbrock	Bemidji State
Bart Berndt	Northern State
Harry Jasinski	Northern State
Georgene Brock	Mankato State
Jay Guidinger	Minnesota Duluth
Dina Kangas	Minnesota Duluth
Dale Race	Minnesota Duluth
Willis R. Kelly	Minnesota-Morris

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Duane Koslowski	Minnesota-Morris
Randy Schwegel	Minnesota-Morris
Mary Ann Donnay	Minnesota State Moorhead
Bill Garland	Minnesota State Moorhead
Arthur "Bucky" Maughan	Minnesota State Moorhead
Pat Fors	Northern State
R. A. Colvin	Southwest State
Jeri Madden	Southwest State
Cindy (Olson) Schutt	Southwest State
Tracy (Nelson) Bungert	Winona State
Tony Schiller	Winona State
Roscoe C. Young	Winona State
Florian "Lefty" Yurek	NSIC Basketball & Football Official

**2000**

Member	School/Affiliation
Chester Anderson	Bemidji State
Marjory Beck	Bemidji State
Victor Weber	Bemidji State
Daniel Devine	Minnesota Duluth
James Malosky, Sr.	Minnesota Duluth
Eleanor Rynda	Minnesota Duluth
Wayne Brabender	Minnesota-Morris
Dennis Koslowski	Minnesota-Morris
Cindy Lonneman	Minnesota-Morris
Katie (Marquard) Class	Minnesota State Moorhead
Jerry Hegna	Minnesota State Moorhead
Ron Masanz	Minnesota State Moorhead
Scott Bosanko	Northern State
Reneé Ruesink	Northern State
Kendell Titze	Northern State
Gladys Ziemer	St. Cloud State
Hugh Curtler	Southwest State
Carmen DeKoster	Southwest State
Mike Sterner	Southwest State
Augustus Johnson	Winona State
David Rislove	Winona State
James Tanniehill	Winona State
James Griffin	NIC Basketball Officiating Coordinator

**1990**

Member	School/Affiliation
Walter Kruger	Bemidji State
Norman Nelson	Bemidji State
Bob Otto	Mankato State
Chuck Peterson	Mankato State
Paul Sharkey	Michigan Tech
Gene Timmer	Michigan Tech
Maurice Gorham	Minnesota Duluth
John Vucinovich	Minnesota Duluth
Doug Maclver	Minnesota-Morris
Al Molde	Minnesota-Morris
Bill Beck	Minnesota State Moorhead
Larry MacLeod	Minnesota State Moorhead
John Kimbrough	St. Cloud State
Keith Nord	St. Cloud State
Randy Brezina	Southwest State
James Norton	Southwest State
Ed Spencer	Winona State
Ralph Spencer	Winona State

**1986**

Member	School/Affiliation
Arnie Johnson	Bemidji State
Don Palm	Bemidji State/Southwest State
James Witham	Bemidji State/Mankato State
Rummy Macais	Mankato State
Bud Myers	Mankato State
Larry Grimes	Michigan Tech
Larry Ras	Michigan Tech
Lou Barle	Minnesota Duluth
Lloyd Peterson	Minnesota Duluth
Michael Bah	Minnesota-Morris
John Nordgaard	Minnesota-Morris
Marco Gotta	Minnesota State Moorhead
Alex Nemzek	Minnesota State Moorhead
Bob Wachs	Northern State
Ed Colletti	St. Cloud State
Lou Filippi	St. Cloud State
Glenn Mattke	Southwest State
Glen Galligan	Winona State
Jerry Wedemeier	Winona State

Since 1985, the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference has honored the outstanding male scholar-athlete in the conference by selecting one individual as the Dr. William Britton Award for Academic Excellence recipient. The award is named in honor of the longtime faculty representative from Bemidji State University.

Each of the eight member institutions select a candidate that meets the following criteria: a minimum grade point average of 3.2 or better (based on a 4.0 scale), evidence of academic excellence beyond the minimum GPA (scholarships, prizes and other academic recognition), evidence of participation in the life of the institution and participation in at least two-thirds of the varsity events of the individual's primary sport. The eight individuals nominated for this prestigious award are also honored as the NSIC Male Honor Student-Athlete of the Year at their respective institutions.



*Dr. William Britton Scholar  
Athlete Award Winner*

**TYLER FISCHER  
SW MINNESOTA STATE**

Fischer, a native of Gettysburg, S.D., is a junior Agribusiness major with an emphasis in Management, Finance and Marketing. A two year starter, and three-time letterwinner for the Mustang football team, Fischer has completed his Pre-Chiropractic Curriculum and plans to attend Chiropractic School following graduation from SMSU. Academically Fischer holds a 3.7 GPA while being named to the Dean's List every semester. He was also a 2005 & 2006 NSIC All-Academic team member, awarded the SMSU Presidential Academic Scholarship, the Paul Pearson Memorial Scholarship, the Cenex Scholarship and was named SMSU Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2007. Fischer has been the President of the SMSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee since 2004. He is also involved with the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisor Board, College Republicans, the University Sportsman Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as well as being an Officer of the Ag Club. On the football field, Fischer has competed in all 33 games of his career. He was NSIC All-Conference Honorable Mention selection in 2005, SMSU Special Teams Player of the Year in 2004 and was third on the team in tackles in both 2005 & 2006. In his spare time, Fischer is a participant in Mustang Readers (reading in elementary schools), YMCA Youth Day, Move-In Day and many other various volunteer jobs on campus and in the community. Fischer joins Bruce Saugstad (1989) as Southwest Minnesota State Britton Award recipients.

**2006-07 NSIC HONOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**

**Todd Zeidler - Bemidji State - Sr. - Track & Field - Plentywood, Mont. Sports Mgmt/Mass Com.**

Zeidler earned all-conference honors on eight occasions while competing in the middle distance and javelin events as a student-athlete at Bemidji State. He was twice crowned Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference champion during his career earning a javelin title in 2007 and a 600-meter dash championship during the 2006 indoor season. A versatile runner, he was an important player in the Beavers' first ever NSIC Outdoor Championship in 2005. Also a decorated student, Zeidler was a member of the BSU Dean's List during each semester at the school and earned a spot on the BSU Athletic Department's 3.0 club. At the conclusion of his senior campaign, he was selected as BSU's Outstanding Sports Management Major and was one of two students nationally selected as a recipient of the College Sports Information Directors of America Undergraduate scholarship in 2006-07.

**Kyle Warren - Concordia-St. Paul - Sr. - Cross Country - Savage, Minn. Biology**

Warren is a three-time all-NSIC performer in cross country as well as a three-time all-academic selection for the Golden Bears. He holds five individual school records (400m, 600m, 800m, 1500m, Mile) and is a member of five relay records in indoor and outdoor track & field. In the spring of 2006, Warren competed at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in the 800m after capturing an NSIC championship in the event. He also took home an NSIC championship in the 1500m and was a member of two NSIC relay championships as well. Outside of his athletic accomplishments, Warren is just as impressive in the classroom as he was named Concordia University's Student-Athlete of the Year

for 2007. He has turned in a 4.0 grade point average while majoring in biology. He helped lead the Concordia men's cross country team to the highest team GPA in the nation at the NCAA Division II level and was named to the 2006 Division II USTFCCCA Men's All-Academic Track & Field team.

**Josh Dinius - University of Mary - Sr. Track & Field - Langdon, S.D. Exercise Science**

Josh Dinius holds the University of Mary record in the 55 meter dash and the 100 meter dash. He was the 2006 Most Valuable Performer for the University of Mary Track & Field Team and was named the Bismarck, N.D., Quarterback Club College Athlete of the Year. The team captain, Dinius earned NAIA All-American status in 2005. Dinius holds a 3.77 GPA and has been a multiple time member on the Dean's List and the NSIC All-Academic Team. He is also involved with SAAC and volunteers with the Special Olympics.

**Kyle Trout - MSU Moorhead - Sr. - Wrestler - Wadena, Minn. Physical Education**

Kyle Trout was an Academic All-American for the NJCAA in 2003-04 & 2004-05. He holds a 3.30 GPA and has been a member of the Dean's List at MSUM. Trout is an NSIC All-Conference wrestler who finished eighth at nationals this past season, earning All-American status. He was also an NSIC Wrestler of the Week as well as undefeated in the NSIC. Trout has volunteered at the Rumble of the Red High School Wrestling Tournament as well as Headstart Day, MSUM Lunch Bunch and Tech Team Youth Wrestling Program.

**Josh LeBrun - Northern State - Sr. - Football - Dell Rapids, S.D. E-Business**

LeBrun has been a member of the NSU football team for five years and has been a starter for three years. The senior holds a 3.52 GPA with a major in E-Business. LeBrun has been on the NSIC All-Academic Team four years and has made the Dean's List six times. He is a member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC), has volunteered in a local special education classroom, and has volunteered for the South Dakota School of the Visually Handicapped. In addition, LeBrun has worked with the NSU Institutional Research office to report data to the NCAA.

**Mitch Walser - Upper Iowa - Sr. - Baseball - Cedar Rapids, Iowa Criminology**

Walser was named to the Rawlings/ABCA and Daktronics All-American 2nd Teams and the 1st Teams of the Daktronics All-Central Region, the Rawlings/ABCA Central Region, the NCBWA All-Central Region, and the Northern Sun All-Conference. He also has been listed on the ESPN the Magazine's Academic All-District Second Team and is Upper Iowa's male representative for the NSIC Honor Student-Athlete Award Winner. Walser graduated with a degree in Criminology and carried a 3.69 GPA at Upper Iowa. Walser hit .427 (73-171) with 15 doubles, a pair of triples, and 11 home runs in his final season for Upper Iowa. The senior right fielder drove in 64 runs while scoring 53 and registering a .731 slugging percentage and a .505 on base percentage. Walser also stole 11 of 11 bases. The Cedar Rapids native led the team in nine categories this season. Walser hit .399 (143-358) with 31 doubles, 4 triples, and 16 home runs. The Kirkwood transfer scored 90 runs while driving in 118 UIU base runners and stole 14 of 17 bases. Walser set one new record for the baseball program this spring as he drove in 64 Peacocks breaking the old record of 57 by Max Edmond in 1998.

**Dustin Jones - Wayne State - Sr. - Baseball - Dakota Dunes, S.D. Bus Mgmt/Marketing**

Jones excelled on and off the field for the Wayne State College baseball team. He finished his Wildcat career as the all-time leader in hits, runs scored and triples and set a new school record for runs scored in a season with 73 while leading NCAA Division II in runs scored per game in 2007 at 1.55. Jones was Second Team Daktronics All-American selection as an outfielder and Third Team All-American by Rawlings/ABCA after hitting for .415 for the Wildcats in 2007. He was named the WSC Male Athlete of the Year as a junior. He was a two-time All-NSIC First Team selection.

Off the field, he served as President of the Wayne State College Student Athletic Advisory Committee and was named to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team this season and was a Third Team Academic

All-American as a junior. Dustin maintained a 3.76 grade point average majoring in Business Management and Marketing.

John Tackmann - Winona State - Sr. - Football - Altoona, Wis. Biology Tackmann was the 2007 Glen Galligan Award winner, which is given to a student-athlete who participates in football at his institution for four years and is academically superior while making a positive contribution to the institution. Tackmann led the nation in solo tackled during the regular season with 6.1 per game. He was named NSIC Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season as well as being named first team all-conference. He was also named a pre-season All-American by Street and Smith's College Football 2006 Yearbook.

Off the field Tackmann participated in mission trips to New Orleans to help clean up following Hurricane Katrina as well as to Colorado to work with troubled youth. Tackmann is a member of the Winona State Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as a leading member of the Winona State Football Leadership Council. He has also worked as a huddle leader for a youth FCA Sports Camp. Tackmann is a three time member of the NSIC All-Academic team.

**Annual Britton Award Recipients**

- 2007 - Tyler Fischer, SW Minnesota State
- 2006 - Dusty Smith, Wayne State
- 2005 - Brett Watson, Wayne State
- 2004 - Baron Blanchard, Northern State
- 2003 - Tucker Willard, Northern State
- 2002 - Steven Brandt, Minn.-Crookston
- 2001 - Mike May, Bemidji State
- 2000 - Adam Vossen, MSU Moorhead
- 1999 - Bart Johnson, MSU Moorhead
- 1998 - Stephen Blackmarr, Minn. Duluth
- 1997 - Jesse Beckermann, Minn. Duluth
- 1996 - Lance Luitjens, Northern State
- 1995 - Nate Gruber, Winona State
- 1994 - Jeff Engbrecht, Winona State
- 1993 - Jay Kusler, Northern State
- 1992 - Jeff Welder, MSU Moorhead
- 1991 - Scott Colbeck, Minnesota-Morris
- 1990 - Dwight Hager, Bemidji State
- 1989 - Bruce Saugstad, Southwest State
- 1988 - Tom Aney, Minnesota Duluth
- 1987 - Dale Harper, Bemidji State
- 1986 - Jeff Kretchman, Northern State
- 1985 - James Scott Bestul, Winona State

**Annual Kelly Award Recipients**

- 2007 - Jessica Trautwein, MSU Moorhead
- 2006 - Kathryn Kramer, Winona State
- 2005 - Lindsay Hartmann, MSU Moorhead
- 2004 - Kristin Peterson, Northern State
- 2003 - Karen Darveaux, Winona State
- 2002 - Christy Kubat, Southwest State
- 2001 - Angela Swanson, Minn.-Crookston
- 2000 - Abby Stritesky, Bemidji State
- 1999 - Janelle Gibbs, Southwest State
- 1998 - Betsy Pachal, Minnesota Duluth
- 1997 - Mollie Odell, Northern State
- 1996 - Paige Karno, Southwest State
- 1995 - Katy Pivec, Southwest State
- 1994 - Amy Tenute, MSU Moorhead
- 1993 - Amy Erickson, Minnesota Duluth
- 1992 - Kristin Nelson, Minnesota Duluth
- 1991 - Jayne Dusich, Bemidji State
- 1990 - Mary Kortan, Northern State
- 1989 - Shauna Wendland, Southwest State
- 1988 - Tara Haiskanen, Minnesota Duluth
- 1987 - Teresa Greenwood, MSU Moorhead
- 1986 - Lisa Muehlbauer, Minnesota Duluth

The Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence is presented annually to a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference outstanding female scholar-athlete. Each of the eight NSIC institutions nominate one candidate based on the following criteria: a minimum grade point average of 3.2 or better (based on a 4.0 scale), evidence of academic excellence beyond the minimum GPA (scholarships, prizes and other academic recognition), evidence of participation in the life of the institution, and participation in at least two-thirds of the varsity events of the individual's primary sport. Each nominee for this prestigious award is also honored as the NSIC Female Honor Student-Athlete of the Year at their respective institution.

The NSIC women's scholar-athlete of the year award is named in honor of Willis R. Kelly, an associate professor of physical education at the University of Minnesota-Morris. Kelly, a member of the NSIC Hall of Fame, coordinated the UMM Physical Education Department from 1970-1987. She became the first director of women's intercollegiate athletics at UMM in 1976 and was later promoted to athletic director for the entire department. Kelly passed away in 1988.



*Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award Winner*

**JESSICA TRAUTWEIN  
MSU MOORHEAD**

Jessica Trautwein, a senior from Fargo, N.D., was a two sport athlete at MSU Moorhead, competing in track & field and women's basketball. Trautwein was an All-American high jumper in 2006 and holds the MSU Moorhead record in the triple jump. She also was the NSIC Outdoor Track & Field long jump and triple jump champion in 2004, 2005 and 2006 as well as the high jump in 2004 and the heptathlon in 2005. She was named NSIC Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year in 2005 and 2006 as well as MSUM Female Athlete of the Year in 2005. Trautwein also played for the 2005 NSIC Women's Basketball Championship team and was named Most Improved Athlete that season for the Dragons. In the class room, Trautwein is a 4.0 student. She was named an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American in Track & Field in 2006 as well as being named to the NSIC All-Academic team five times. The Mathematics Education major has been named to the Dean's List every semester and was awarded the MSUM Department of Mathematics Certificate of Achievement in 2003-04 as well as the MSUM Upperclassman Math Scholarship in 2005-06. In her free time Trautwein works as a senior high volunteer group leader, at Castaway Young Life summer camp, as an adult GED tutor, as a Fargo Park District Youth Baseball/Softball Supervisor and at the Fargo Park District Playground. Trautwein joins Teresa Greenwood (1987), Amy Tenute (1994) and Lindsey Hartmann (2005) as MSU Moorhead's Kelly Award recipients.

**2006-07 NSIC HONOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Sheena DeVine - Bemidji State - Jr. - Track & Field - North Branch, Minn.

**Business Administration**

Sheena Devine, Bemidji State, Jr., Track and Field, North Branch, Minn. After only two years at Bemidji State, Devine has already cemented herself among the Beavers' greatest individual student-athletes. A two-time NCAA Division II outdoor shot put champion, two-time conference champion and five-time all-NSIC performer, she holds NSIC records in the indoor and outdoor shot put events as well as owning BSU's all-time top marks. Devine has been named as the NSIC's Female Field Athlete of the Week on five occasions while earning the USTAF-Minnesota Athlete of the Month award following her 2007 outdoor shot put title. Devine has also excelled in the classroom, a member of the BSU Dean's List as well as the BSU Athletic Department's 3.0 club, Devine was recently selected to the 2007 ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA College Division Academic All-District V Women's Track and Field Team.

Jessica Lucia - Concordia-St. Paul - Sr. - Volleyball - Plymouth, Minn. Education

Jessica Lucia capped off her impressive career with her second consecutive AVCA All-America first team award. The Plymouth, Minn. native was a two-time NSIC and North Central Region Player of the Year, became the only player in

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school history to reach 1,500 kills (1,647) and digs (1,542) in her career. In the 2006-07 season, Lucia finished eighth in NCAA Division II with 4.88 kills per game in leading the Golden Bears to a 36-3 overall record and a perfect 18-0 mark to capture their four straight NSIC regular season championship. She also led Concordia to their third straight conference tournament title as well. In her four year career, Lucia played in four NCAA North Central Region Championship matches with two regional titles, two NCAA Elite Eight appearances. In her freshman season, Lucia played a key reserve role in helping the Golden Bears advance to the NCAA Championship match. Lucia has helped the team to a 130-15 overall record and a 61-1 mark in conference games throughout her four year career.

Off the court, Lucia has accumulated an impressive academic resume as well, being named an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American for two consecutive seasons with first team honors as a senior and second team honors as a junior. At the time of her award in the fall of 2006, Lucia carried a 3.85 grade point average while majoring in K-8 education.

Kayla Campbell – University of Mary Sr. – Track and Field - Bottineau, N.D. Exercise Science

The success a student-athlete can have in the classroom and in athletic competition is personified in Kayla Campbell. Campbell helped lead the Marauders to both the 2007 Northern Sun Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship and the Outdoor Track and Field Championship in U-Mary's first year competing in the NSIC. Campbell won the indoor long jump title while setting a conference record. At the outdoor championships, she finished second to a teammate in both the long jump and triple jump to earn All-NSIC honors. Even more impressive is her success in the classroom. A Dean's List honor student, Campbell graduated from U-Mary in April 2007 with a degree in Exercise Science and a 3.9 GPA. Campbell was active in SAAC, Health Pro, the Exercise Science Student Association, and coached Special Olympic basketball and track. Twice she was named to the NSIC All-Academic Team. In summer 2007 she begins a six-month cardiac rehabilitation and testing internship at Michigan Heart in Ypsilanti, MI.

Erin Flynn - Minnesota, Crookston - Sr. - Volleyball - Bloomer, Wis.

Pre-Physical Therapy and Business Mgmt

Erin Flynn joined the Golden Eagle Volleyball team as a freshman in 2003 and immediately made her presence known. Erin played in every match and game as a freshman finishing as the team leader in blocks and fifth in kills. It didn't take her long to stamp her name in the record books setting the UMC record for solo blocks in a game early on in her freshman season with five against Minnesota, Morris. Erin would continue her outstanding play throughout her career earning All-Conference Honorable Mention Honors her sophomore and junior seasons while being a captain in her junior and senior years. In her final season as a Golden Eagle, she would prove to be a leader night in and night out. Early in the season she would become the UMC career leader in block assists and total blocks while also becoming just the fourth member of the 1,000 kill club.

Flynn is a two-time member of the NSIC All-Academic team and she currently holds a 3.9 GPA. She has been a member of the Crookston Student Association for the past three years and has been a member of the chancellors 4.0 club.

Carolin Becker - Northern State - Sr. - Basketball - Beulah, N.D.

Fitness Management/Physical Education

Carolin Becker is a four-year member of the women's basketball team, which she has captained for two years. She is a two-time All-Conference selection and is one of 26 players in NSU history to score more than 1,000 points in a career. Becker has been on NSU's Dean's List throughout her collegiate career and was a member of the NSIC All-Academic Team three times. She is also a member of the National Dean's List. Becker holds a 3.948 GPA while majoring in Fitness Management/Physical Education with a Coaching minor. She has been a member and President of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for three years. Becker is a lifeguard and swim coach for the South Dakota School for the Visually Handicapped and has volunteered as a referee for various local basketball tournaments and camps.

Erin Oakland - SW Minnesota State - Sr. - Golf / Basketball - Fulda, Minn.

Math & Psychology

Erin Oakland graduated from Southwest Minnesota State with a 3.91 GPA. Oakland was a four-year letterwinner in golf and three-year letterwinner in basketball. Academically, Oakland was a three-time member of the NCAA Division II All-American Scholar golf team, two-time academic All-District, three-time academic All-NSIC in both golf and basketball, SMSU female scholar-athlete of the year in 2007, three-time SMSU scholar-athlete, a winner of the Prestigious Student Scholarship, Tammy Sterzinger Memorial Scholarship and a member of the Dean's List in every semester at SMSU. On the golf course, Oakland was named first team All-NSIC four times, NSIC Player of the Year in 2005, and helped Southwest Minnesota State to three conference championships. In addition, she was a four-time NCAA North Regional qualifier, NCAA North Region individual champion, NCAA Division II Championships qualifier, and MSCGA Freshman Golfer of the Year in 2004.

Oakland has been very active off the playing fields as well, as a three-year member of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, a member of Math and Computer Science Club, Psych Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has also volunteered in many various areas in the Marshall community.

Jena Kilburg - Upper Iowa - Sr. - Softball - Bellevue, Iowa

Accounting and Financial Management

Kilburg was named to Daktronics All-Region 2nd Team and the Northern Sun All-Conference and All-Tournament 1st Team. Kilburg graduated with a 3.98 GPA at Upper Iowa. Kilburg earned the honor as an outfielder finishing the season with a .372 average. The Peacocks' senior right fielder registered 58 hits in 156 at bats including 13 doubles, 4 triples, and 2 home runs. Kilburg scored 30 runs while driving in 30. Kilburg finishes her softball career after playing in and starting every game as a Peacock (184). Her career average is .356 (219-616). The Bellevue native drove in 78 runs, scored 122 runs, and stole 61 of 70 bases for the Peacocks.

Tanna Walford - Wayne State - Sr. - Track & Field - York, Neb. Biology

Tanna Walford earned All-American honors during the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons as a senior, placing seventh at both national meets for the Wildcats. She jumped a career-best 5' 8 3/4" in her final collegiate meet to collect All-American honors. Walford was a six-time NCAA national qualifier (four indoor, two outdoor) and a four-time NSIC high jump champion (three indoor, one outdoor). Academically, Tanna was a three-time selection to the NSIC Winter and Spring All-Academic Teams and was awarded the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship of \$7,500, one of just 29 female student-athletes from NCAA Division I, II and III to receive the honor. Walford was also named the Wayne State College Female Athlete of the Year in 2007.

Bria Magnuson - Winona State - Sr. - Track & Field - Cold Springs,

Minn. Nursing

Bria Magnuson literally took Winona State University to new heights in her indoor and outdoor pole vaulting performances for the track and field team. Magnuson set the WSU indoor and outdoor records in the pole vault this year and advanced on to NCAA Division II National Track and Field Championships for both seasons. Magnuson earned All-American honors for her eighth-place in the NCAA II 2006 outdoor championships and for placing third in the 2007 NCAA II indoor championships. She was a three-time conference all-academic for both the indoor and outdoor seasons and was all-conference three times in indoor competition and twice in outdoor competition. Magnuson's athletic accomplishments reflected the time, commitment and dedication she invested into being the very best athlete she could be. She gave everything to her sport and then carried her determination and leadership skills to the successful activities of the WSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She applied these same qualities to her academic achievements. Magnuson juggled the demands of the rigorous academic coursework and clinical experiences required for the nursing with her track and field accomplishments. This challenged her to design organizational and time management skills so she could be successful in the dual role of student-athlete.