

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

Matt Borman, Concordia-St. Paul - Rockford River Hawks in the Frontier League (2008)

Bob Bowsby, 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

YaTarrie Brown, Concordia-St. Paul - Sioux Falls Storm (2008), 2007 UIF All-Star

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

Jim Eisenreich - SCSU, 1980 - Former major leaguer who played for Minnesota, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Florida and LA Dodgers. Played baseball at SCSU -

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 National (Dominican) 2007, Cupes de Los Pepines (Dom.-SRT) 2007, Sabadell (Spain-ESP) (2007-08).

Clay Harrell, Northern State - Offensive lineman for the Los Angeles Avengers (Arena Football League), 2008.

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 Valley-Dawgs 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)

Jonathan Hawks, Bemidji State - Wide Receiver/Defensive Back for Arena Football League (AFL2) Lexington Horsemen in 2008.

Dave Hazewinkel - SCSU - 1966 - Member of US Olympic wrestling teams in 1968 and 1972.

Larry Heinemi - SCSU - 1965 (football and wrestling at SCSU) - professional wrestler who competed as Lars Anderson (one of the fabled Minnesota Wrecking Crew).

Bob Hegman - SCSU - 1980 - Played major league baseball for the Kansas City Royals and went on to become the director of minor league operations for Kansas City.

Scott Hollingsworth, Concordia-St. Paul - Signed as a free agent in 1999 with Texas Rangers organization (Pulaski Rangers, Rookie Level)

Derik Hollyfield, Bemidji State - Rollers (ABA) 2006-07, Elgin Racers (IBL) 2007-08.

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

Adam Kampsen, Northern State - Infielder for the Evansville Otters in 2008 (part of the Independent Professional Baseball Federation).

Dana Kiecker - SCSU - 1983 (final year was in the NCC) - Played major league baseball for Boston Red Sox.

John Kimbrough - SCSU - 1976 - Played pro football for Buffalo - SCSU - New England and Oakland

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 Windy City Soldiers 2007-2008 (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

Van Nelson - SCSU - 1968 – member of the 1968 USA Olympic track team.

Tony Nault, Concordia-St. Paul – Duluth Dukes in the Northern League

Keith Nord - SCSU - 1978 – Played pro football for the Minnesota Vikings

Jeff Passolt - SCSU - 1981 – Channel 9 news anchor (played hockey at SCSU).

Stacy Pearson-Taylor, Bemidji State - SC Rist-Wedel (Ger.) 2007, San Lázaro (Dominican Rep.-DOM)

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 Tornados (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)

Russ Rabe, Minnesota Duluth - Signed with New Orleans in May 2005, was a member of the NFL Europe's Hamburg Sea Devils in the summer of 2006.

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

Eldon "Rip" Repulski - SCSU - 1950 - Played major league baseball with Cardinals - SCSU - Phillies - SCSU - Dodgers and Red Sox from 1953-1961.

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. San Diego Padres organization, reached AAA (2007), now with San Antonio Missions (AA)

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

Greg Thayer - SCSU - 1971 – Played major league baseball for Minnesota.

Bruce Thompson - SCSU - 1973 – Member of USA Olympic wrestling team in 1976 and 1980.

John Tobler - SCSU - 1969 – former member of the U.S. national diving team. A national and world diving champion during his competitive career.

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

Megan Wallner, Bemidji State – Member of Sundsvall, Sweden's Sundsvall DFF (Soccer).

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

Les Wolff - SCSU - 1966 - (football and wrestling) Professional wrestler who competed as Buddy Wolf.

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 128 members and one team.

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 four prominent inductees and one team that are being recognized at the ninth-annual NSIC Summer Kickoff Event, at its new home in St. Cloud, Minn.

Each NSIC school (who has been a member for the past ten 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

2008

Member	School/Affiliation
Irv St. John	Bemidji State
Randy Sullivan	MSU Moorhead
Nancy Trebbensee	Southwest Minnesota State
Brian Paulson	Winona State
1993-94 Northern State Women's Basketball Team	

2007

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

2006

Member	School/Affiliation
Betsy McDowell	Bemidji State
Mike Tobin	Southwest 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

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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

2001 (CONT)

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 ten 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 ten 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
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE**

Tyler Fischer, a native of Gettysburg, S.D., becomes the first student-athlete to repeat as the NSIC Britton Award winner after being named last year as a junior. The senior Agribusiness major with an emphasis in Management, Finance and Marketing is a three year starter, and four-time letterwinner for the Mustang football team. Fischer has completed his Pre-Chiropractic Curriculum and plans to work for NFO in Washington, D.C. after graduation from SMSU. Academically Fischer holds a 3.76 GPA while being named to the Dean's List every semester. He was also a three-time 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 & 2008. 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. He was also a part of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team in 2007, which game national exposure. On the football field, Fischer has competed in 43 of 44 games over his career and was awarded the Glen Galligan Award. He was NSIC All-Conference Honorable Mention selection in 2005 & 2007, 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; was Captain of the Relay for Life team raising \$3,700 for American Cancer Society; he helped organize a food drive which obtained over 1,500 pounds of food and over \$1,000 for the Marshall Food Shelf; and was involved in many other various volunteer jobs on campus and in the community. Fischer joins Bruce Saugstad (1989) as Southwest Minnesota State Britton Award recipients.

2007-08 NSIC HONOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Kirk Ingram - Concordia University-St. Paul - Jr. - Baseball - Woodbury, Minn.
The closer for the Golden Bears, Kirk Ingram has already etched his name into the Concordia baseball record book as the all-time saves leader with nine saves through his junior season. The left handed relief specialist is also just three appearances shy of the career record, having appeared in 48 games in three seasons. He has received some sort of all-NSIC accolade every year, shoring up NSIC All-Academic honors in his sophomore and junior seasons while adding an All-NSIC Honorable Mention selection as a freshman. Ingram is involved in so many different activities that he is always the first person who comes to mind when athletics is looking for a spokesperson. Kirk is a leader of Tri-Pi, the math club on campus, and he has organized game nights and other miscellaneous events for the math club. He tutors numerous teammates and other students at the drop of a hat when they need help. Ingram was asked to become a paid tutor. His response was shaking his head and saying that payment is unnecessary. That is how important service is to him. Kirk was involved in the Leadership Development program during the Fall 2007. He became the unofficial leader of that class when it came to organizing a book and clothing drive. Peer Advising, athlete mentoring, and Spirit Squad are a few of the other programs Kirk is involved in. He has assisted in organizing activities for the first year students on campus such as Twins games and FYS Activity Day. The Concordia athletic department honored Kirk in 2008 as one of CU's "Top

Four" student-athletes. He is the first underclassmen to be awarded the honor which recognizes four Concordia student-athletes for their all-around service and dedication. Kirk is a Math major and the son of Brian and Theresa Ingram of Woodbury, Minnesota.

Kurt Rettig - University of Mary - Sr. - Cross Country/Track & Field - Medina, N.D.
A success on the track and off, Kurt Rettig garnered nine All-Northern Sun citations in cross country and track while also earning NSIC All-Academic recognition five times in two years. A two-year cross country team captain and a two-time all-conference performer, Rettig capped his collegiate career with three All-NSIC honors and one honorable mention mark at the 2008 outdoor track championships. An exercise science major with a 3.40 GPA, Rettig was active in SAAC, Special Olympics, a U-Mary "Learn by Doing Track Clinic" volunteer, and a member of the U-Mary Exercise Science club.

Tyler Tubbs - MSU Moorhead - Sr. - Wrestling - Chokio, Minn.
All-American Tyler Tubbs was named to the 2007-08 NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic first team after the 174-pound junior earned All-American honors for a seventh place finish at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tubbs defeated Jesse Feinsold of New Mexico Highlands 6-5 in the seventh place match.

Craig Nelson - Northern State University - Sr. - Basketball - Mayville, N.D.
Craig Nelson played both basketball and golf at Northern State. In basketball, Nelson scored 1,247 career points and hit 262 three-point shots (3rd all-time). He was a three-time All-NSIC selection. Nelson was named to the Academic All-NSIC Team every eligible semester and was awarded the NSU Dean's Scholarship. He was a 2006-07 NCAA Conference Commissioner's Association Sportsmanship Award Recipient.

Dan Goodson - Upper Iowa University - Sr. - Wrestling - Rochester, Minn.
Dan Goodson was a three-year starter for the Peacock wrestling program. He earned 73 varsity wins and holds a career record of 73-47. The career record includes a combined record of 48-22 in his junior and senior seasons. The heavyweight from Rochester, Minnesota was a two-time North Regional Finalist and National Qualifier. Goodson earned one All-American honor at heavyweight in 2007. He was a two-time Northern Sun All-Conference wrestler, a two-time first team Academic All-American, and a two-time Northern Sun Academic All-Conference student-athlete. Goodson was a part of the back-to-back wrestling NSIC championships that the Peacocks boast from the past two seasons and has never lost to an NSIC opponent.

Dan has twice participated in Fayette Appreciation Days which included cleaning up Volga River. Dan has presented research at a Psychology fair for Upper Iowa University and has been a tutor/mentor for Hispanic students within the Rochester school system. He was a volunteer counselor at our All-American Heavyweight Camp. He has volunteered at numerous youth wrestling events as a referee, table worker, and a clinician. He has also been on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll for the last four years. Goodson enters his final term at Upper Iowa with a 3.2641 GPA as he is majoring in Psychology and minoring in Criminology.

Matt Rathje - Wayne State College - Sr. - Basketball - Watkins, Iowa
Rathje overcame six surgeries on his ankles and knees during his WSC career to excel on the basketball court while maintaining a stellar grade point average in the classroom. Matt was a Third Team All-NSIC selection during his junior season after averaging career-highs of 12.2 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. As a senior, Rathje averaged 10.2 points and 6.0 rebounds per game despite being double teamed every night. Rathje is a three-time NSIC All-Academic award recipient and carried a 3.90 grade point average majoring in criminal justice. Following graduation, Rathje landed a job with Berkshire Hathaway in Omaha.

Kevin Loeffler - Winona State University - Sr. - Golf - Caledonia, Minn.
Loeffler was a GCAA Division II Ping All-Central Region member in 2005-06. He was a three time NSIC All-Academic and All-Conference selection for the Warriors. He finished T69th in the 2005-06 NCAA DII National Golf Tournament as he played in 54 collegiate events in his career and had a 76.6 stroke average. His highest NSIC Tournament finish came in 2008 when he was third. He finished tied for fifth the year before. He finished tied for fourth at the NCAA DII Fall Central Region meet and was third at the 2006 NCAA DII Super Regional.

Annual Britton Award Recipients

- 2008 - Tyler Fischer, Southwest Minnesota State
- 2007 - Tyler Fischer, Southwest 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, Minnesota, Crookston
- 2001 - Mike May, Bemidji State
- 2000 - Adam Vossen, MSU Moorhead
- 1999 - Bart Johnson, MSU Moorhead
- 1998 - Stephen Blackmarr, Minnesota Duluth
- 1997 - Jesse Beckermann, Minnesota 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

- 2008 - Kallie Tellefson, Winona State
- 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 ten 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

**KALLIE TELLEFSON
WINONA STATE**

Kallie Tellefson, a senior from Andover, Minn., becomes Winona State's third Kelly Award winner, joining Kathryn Kramer (2006) and Karen Darveaux (2003). Tellefson saw much success in both the classroom and on the field. With a 4.0 GPA she was named to the WSU Dean's List every semester as well as the NSIC All-Academic Team three-times. In 2006 she was named NSCAA/Adidas Scholar All-Central Region Honorable Mention and well as ESPN The Magazine All-District V Academic Third Team. In 2007 she was named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V First Team and ESPN The Magazine All-America Second Team. She was also a four-time Thrivent Financial Scholarship and Presidential Honors Scholarship recipient as well as the Randolph Miller Foundation Scholarship recipient. She was also one of 58 student-athletes nationwide to be awarded the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

On the field Tellefson helped the Warrior soccer team to a regular-season Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship and a berth in NCAA Division II regional tournament play in 2007. She started every game at Winona State from 2004-2007 (89 games) while scoring nine goals, four game winners to go with 13 assists in her career. She was a four year letter winner and a two year captain. She was also named NSIC All-Conference First Team, NSCAA/Adidas All-Central Region Third Team, and ESPN The Magazine Third Team All-District V.

In her free time Tellefson participates in the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), which does a variety of fund-raisers throughout the year. She is also involved in the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Exercise Science Club.

2007-08 NSIC HONOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

Sheena Devine - Bemidji State University - Sr. - Track & Field - North Branch, Minn. A two-time Beaver Pride Athlete of the Year, Devine recently completed her second consecutive perfect indoor season by being selected Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Female Field Athlete of the Year. She wrapped the campaign up with league championships in the weight throw and shot put and earned her fourth All-America accolade by successfully defending her indoor shot put title at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships. Her mark of 52-02.50 at the meet stands as BSU's indoor shot put standard. For her efforts she was recognized in Sports Illustrated's "Faces in the Crowd" column. Devine's individual title, was the 21st in BSU history and just the fourth at the NCAA Division II level. She is one of only two BSU athletes to have earned three or more individual national titles, joining John Tobler who was a three-time NAIA champion in the men's gymnastics during the mid 1960s.

She leaves BSU as a four-time All-American, three-time national champion, seven-time all-conference performer as well as owning four school records. In addition to her indoor shot mark, she also set a new mark in the weight throw (57-04.75) during the 008 indoor slate, as well as owning outdoor records in the hammer throw (150-09) and the shot put (49-02.25).

KELLY AWARD

Katie LaViolette - Concordia-St. Paul - Sr. - Basketball - Manitowoc, Wis. LaViolette etched her name into the athletic department history as a senior for multiple reasons, as an individual and as a tri-captain of one of Concordia's most successful teams. She led the Golden Bears to an 18-0 start in 2007-08 as the Golden Bears climbed as high as second in the nation before defending NSIC regular season and tournament titles. In the process, she was named NSIC Co-Player of the Year and repeated as the NSIC Tournament Most Valuable Player, becoming the first player to repeat as tournament MVP.

That's only the tip of the iceberg with LaViolette, who would put together a second-straight season of national prominence in helping her teammates succeed, finishing second in the nation in assists per game, averaging 8.5 per contest while leading the nation in assist-turnover ratio at 3.32. She also ranked 15th among all Division II women's basketball players in free throw percentage, hitting 86.4% at the line, getting there often as she hit 108-125 attempts. Only five of the top-15 free throw shooters had more attempts than LaViolette and only six others in the top-15 had at least 100 attempts.

LaViolette wrapped-up one of the most prolific point guard careers in NCAA Division II history, finishing tied for ninth in career assists with 775 and 14th in career assist average at 6.40 assists per game. She became the seventh player in NCAA Division II history to achieve 1,000 career points (1,082), 700 assists (775) and 400 rebounds (453). She holds the NSIC and Concordia career assist records, the NSIC and Concordia single season assist record and had the fourth-most assists in a single season in NCAA Division II history with 297 as a junior when she led the nation.

Off the court she was just as much of a leader, in the classroom and in the community. She was a leader at Concordia in the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and carried a 4.0 grade point average which helped her earn two-time ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America status as well as three-time NSIC All-Academic honors. She was a first team all-region athlete and an All-America honorable mention performer on the hardwood for Concordia and carried a career record of 95-32 in her four years.

Ashley Maas - University of Mary - Sr. - Volleyball - Rapid City, S.D. A three-year starter on the Marauders volleyball team, Ashley Maas made just as big an impact for the University of Mary community off the court as she did on it. The team captain as a senior, Maas was the first U-Mary player to earn NSIC Player of the Week honors and averaged a team-leading 3.2 kills as a senior to earn the squad's Leadership (most valuable player) Award. She was the team's defensive player of the year in 2006. Maas was a member of SAAC for three years, a member of U-Mary's Health Pro and Exercise Science organizations, a volunteer for Make-a-Wish, Special Olympics, and the United Way, promoted fitness and strength training to a local high school, and served as a Junior Olympic volleyball coach. A member of the Dean's List all four years at U-Mary, Maas earned a 3.94 GPA and was accepted to attend the University of Minnesota physical therapy school.

Ashley Roemer - MSU Moorhead - Sr. - Track & Field/Cross Country - Maple Lake, Minn. Ashley Roemer was named a regional honoree for the 2008 NCAA Division II women's outdoor track and field season by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Roemer was a triple winner in the heptathlon (4,755), high jump (5-6), and 800 meters (2:15.36) and was a member of the winning relay teams in the 4 x 400 (3:59.88) and 4 x 800 (9:13.36) at the NSIC Outdoor Track & Field Championship. Roemer was high point performer at the NSIC Outdoor and NSIC Field Athlete of the Year. She advanced to NCAA National Track & Field Championship in both the heptathlon and high jump.

Theresa Crance - Minnesota, Crookston - Sr. - Volleyball/Basketball - Timber Lake, S.D. Crance was a middle hitter for the Golden Eagle Women's Volleyball program and a forward for the women's basketball program. She averaged 2.59 kills/game and led the team with a .302 attack percentage. Defensively, she tallied 78 total blocks and was named NSIC All-Conference Honorable Mention for volleyball. On the basketball court, Crance had a .917 free-throw percentage and grabbed 35 total rebounds. Her 3.6 cumulative GPA earned her recognition on both the NSIC volleyball and basketball All-Academic teams. Crance is double-majoring in Pre-Medicine and Biology. She is the daughter of Roy and Anne Crance of Timber Lake, S.D.

Abby Oakland - Southwest Minnesota State - Sr. - Basketball/Golf - Fulda, Minn. Oakland, a native of Fulda, Minn., earns All-NSIC honors for the third straight season in women's golf. She was a first team honoree as a freshman in 2005-06 while earning second team honors last season. This season Oakland finished with an 89.5 stroke average in 17 rounds. In eight events she finished in the top five once and in the top 15 four times. Oakland carded the team's lowest 18-hole round of the season with a 4-over-par 76 in the second round of the Buffalo Ridge Invite at Bakkers Crossing G.C. in Sioux Falls, S.D. In 51 career rounds Oakland has an 86.8 career stroke average.

Christi Schulte - Northern State University - Sr. - Softball - Sioux Falls, S.D. Christi Schulte toed the rubber for Northern State's softball team for four years. She earned numerous scholarships and endowments throughout her career and received funding from the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program to complete a summer internship in neuroscience at the University of North Dakota. She was named NSIC Academic All-Conference three times.

Lauren Smith - Upper Iowa University - Sr. - Soccer - Flint, Mich. Lauren Smith was a four-year letter winner for the Peacock women's soccer program. Smith played in 78 games for Upper Iowa starting 55 of them. The Flint, Michigan native scored 22 goals in her four seasons and dished out 15 assists as she accumulated 59 points. Smith also scored 5 game winning goals in her career. This past season, the senior forward earned Northern Sun All-Conference honors and made the Daktronics All-Central Region second team. She has been on the NSIC Academic All-Conference team for two straight years as she carries a 3.2440 GPA in her pursuit of a degree in Marketing and Journalism.

On campus, Smith is very involved as a member of the both the Balancing Alcohol Choices (B.A.C.) Program and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She also works within the Student Alumni Chapter and the Phi Beta Lambda business organization. Smith is a member of a sorority on campus and works as a resident assistant in the dorms at Upper Iowa. Smith has also volunteered in both Fayette Appreciation Days over the last two years which has included work on the town little league fields, low ropes course, and frisbee golf course.

Emily Schroeder - Wayne State College - Sr. - Volleyball - Belden, Neb. Schroeder helped WSC win their first-ever NSIC Volleyball Tournament title during her senior season and was named Second Team AVCA and Daktronics All-American for the second straight season. She finished with 591 kills, 487 digs and 205 blocks, ranking third in NCAA Division II in blocks per game. Schroeder was named the AVCA National Volleyball Player of the Week on November 12, 2007 after recording back to back triple-doubles for the Wildcats in NSIC Tournament wins over #9 Southwest Minnesota State and MSU Moorhead. In three seasons with the Wildcats, Schroeder helped WSC to a 79-30 record and three consecutive trips to the NCAA National Tournament. Emily also excelled in the classroom, recording a 3.86 grade point average majoring in graphic design.