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LSC ANNOUNCES ALL-ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR SOFTBALL

RICHARDSON, Texas -- Southeastern Oklahoma pitcher Christina Cearley repeated as Lone Star Conference North Division Academic Player of the Year to highlight the league's annual softball academic awards that were announced Wednesday by LSC officials.

Cearley, a senior standout who owns several Southeastern and LSC pitching records, earned her second straight nod as the North's top achiever on the field and in the classroom, while Eastern New Mexico second baseman Tracy Jordan earned the South Division's Academic Player of the Year award.

Cearley was placed alongside eight other standouts on the LSC North Division All-Academic Team, while Jordan was joined by 10 others on the South Division All-Academic Team. Additionally, 19 more softball players were named to the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

To be eligible for LSC academic honors, student-athletes must carry at least a 3.20 grade point average and have reached sophomore status both athletically and academically. The Academic Player of Year award and All-Academic Team are selected from the list of academically qualified players, with the league's sports information directors voting on the basis of both academic and athletic achievement. All qualifying student-athletes not selected for the All-Academic Team are then named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

In all, 39 softball players were recognized through the league's academic awards program, including at least one from 13 of the 14 softball-playing member institutions.

Joining Cearley on the North Division All-Academic Team were SOSU teammate Emily McNamara, Central Oklahoma's Alli Blake, Lindsay Mitchell and Meagan Campbell, Cameron's Jen Morse, East Central's Melissa Stewart, Midwestern State's Kristen Stonecipher and Southwestern Oklahoma's Sarah Hamilton.

On the South All-Academic Team along with Jordan were ENMU teammates Danielle Flores and Amanda Nightingale, Texas A&M-Kingsville's Jennifer DeMay and Kenna Gipson, Tarleton State's Meredith Ward, Abilene Christian's Jessica Johnson and Claudia Stephens, Angelo State's Whitney Meeks and Rhonda Sherman and Amanda Arnold of Texas Woman's.

Complete list of LSC softball academic honors can be found on the following page of this release



2006 LSC SOFTBALL ALL-ACADEMIC AWARDS

NORTH DIVISION ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

<i>Player, Pos.</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Christina Cearley, P	Southeastern Oklahoma	Sr.	Communications	Tulsa, Okla.
Alli Blake, P	Central Oklahoma	So.	Public Relations	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Jen Morse, OF	Cameron	Sr.	Sport/Fitness Mgmt.	Greeley, Colo.
Kristen Stonecipher, 3B	Midwestern State	So.	Exercise Physiology	Lewisville, Texas
Lindsay Mitchell, OF	Central Oklahoma	Sr.	Exercise/Fitness Mgmt.	Stillwater, Okla.
Melissa Stewart, 1B	East Central	Jr.	Biology	Prague, Okla.
Emily McNamara, SS	Southeastern Oklahoma	Sr.	Psychology	North St. Paul, Minn.
Sarah Hamilton, 3B	Southwestern Oklahoma	Sr.	Elementary Education	Mangum, Okla.
Meagan Campbell, P	Central Oklahoma	So.	Marketing	Broken Arrow, Okla.

LSC North Division Softball Academic Player of the Year: Christina Cearley, Southeastern Oklahoma

NORTH DIVISION COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

Central Oklahoma: Rachel Smith, So.; **East Central:** Cara Gaskins, Jr.; Mindy Long, So.; **Midwestern State:** Allison Tidwell, Sr.;
Northeastern State: Jessica Johnson, So.; **Southeastern Oklahoma:** Tressi Irby, Jr.; Rachel Sill, So..

SOUTH DIVISION ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

<i>Player, Pos.</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Yr.</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Tracy Jordan, 2B	Eastern New Mexico	Sr.	Physical Education	Rosamond, Calif.
Danielle Flores, LF	Eastern New Mexico	Jr.	Criminal Justice	Loving, N.M.
Jennifer DeMay, P	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Sr.	Pre-Pharmacy	El Paso, Texas
Meredith Ward, UTIL	Tarleton State	Sr.	Interdisciplinary Ed.	Stephenville, Texas
Jessica Johnson, DP	Abilene Christian	So.	Marketing	Canyon Country, Calif.
Whitney Meeks, OF	Angelo State	So.	International Business	Denton, Texas
Amanda Nightingale, P	Eastern New Mexico	Sr.	Biology	Mesquite, Texas
Kenna Gipson, 3B/SS	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Sr.	Kinesiology	Skiatook, Okla.
Claudia Stephens, OF	Abilene Christian	Sr.	Business Management	Enumclaw, Wash.
Rhonda Sherman, IF	Texas Woman's	So.	Psychology	Highland Village, Texas
Amanda Arnold, 1B	Texas Woman's	Sr.	Kinesiology	The Colony, Texas

LSC South Division Softball Academic Player of the Year: Tracy Jordan, Eastern New Mexico

SOUTH DIVISION COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

Abilene Christian: Allison Crouse, Jr.;
Eastern New Mexico: Christina Helland, So.; Tina Whitt, Sr.; Elizabeth Hawkins, Sr.;
Tarleton State: Ashley Bray, Jr.; Susana Rutledge, So.;
Texas Woman's: Lindsay Russ-Keller, Jr.; Rachel Townsend, Sr.; Amanda Emory, Jr.; Sarah White, Sr.; Amanda Danesi, So.; Ashley Hartley, Jr.