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NSIC Announces 2014 Britton and Kelly Award Recipients

Burnsville, Minn. — The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) has announced the University of Sioux Falls' William Brockmueller as the 2014 Dr. William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award winner and Southwest Minnesota State University's Rachel Patnoe as the 2014 Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award recipient. The Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence, in its 30th year, recognizes the NSIC's top male student-athlete, while the Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award, in its 29th year, is presented to the NSIC's top female student-athlete.

The Britton Award was created in 1985 in honor of Dr. William Britton, a longtime faculty representative at Bemidji State University. The Kelly Award is named in honor of Willis R. Kelly, an associate professor of physical education at the University of Minnesota, Morris. A member of the NSIC Hall of Fame, Kelly also coordinated the Minnesota-Morris Physical Education Department from 1970-87. She became the first director of women's intercollegiate athletics at Minnesota-Morris in 1976 and was later promoted to athletic director for the whole department. Kelly passed away in 1988.

The member institutions of the NSIC nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the Britton and Kelly Awards. The nominees must meet the following criteria: a grade point average of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale); evidence of academic excellence beyond the minimum grade point average (scholarship prizes and other academic recognition), evidence of participation in the life of the institution, and evidence of participation in at least two-thirds of the varsity events of the individual's primary sport. The award is voted on by the NSIC Faculty Athletic Representatives.

The 30 student-athletes nominated for the NSIC's two most prestigious awards will also be honored as NSIC Male and Female Honor Student-Athletes of the Year at their respective institutions. Brockmueller and Patnoe will be recognized Wednesday, July 9 at the 2014 NSIC Hall of Fame Banquet at the Best Western Kelly Inn and Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minn. Brockmueller and Patnoe will each receive a \$2,500 post-graduate scholarship.



2014 Dr. William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence William Brockmueller, University of Sioux Falls - Track & Field / Cross Country

William Brockmueller, a native of Brandon, S.D., is a junior majoring in applied mathematics and computer science while minoring in accounting and theology at the University of Sioux Falls. The Brandon Valley High School graduate holds a 4.00 GPA while excelling in cross country and track & field for the Cougars. Brockmueller is the first student-athlete from the University of Sioux Falls to earn the Britton Award.

Brockmueller boasts the honor of earning the NCAA Elite 89 Award on two separate occasions. He first earned the award at the 2012 NCAA Cross Country National Championships and again at the 2014 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships. The Elite 89 Award is given to the student-athlete with the highest GPA competing at each of the 89 championships. Brockmueller also earned multiple regional and national awards, including being named to the NSIC All-Academic team and earning the NSIC Myles Brand Award. He was also selected as an Undergraduate

Fellow in the South Dakota Bio-medical Research Infrastructure Network (SDBRIN) Undergraduate program in summer 2012. His research project explored the possibility of quantum tunneling of electrons in the human brain.

On campus Brockmueller was involved in the student senate, was president of the Math and Computer Science Club, tutored physics and computer science and was a member of the USF Honor Program.

Brockmueller was a 2013 NCAA Cross Country All-American, All-Region and All-Conference performer. He also earned NSIC All-Conference and All-Region honors in indoor and outdoor track & field. He holds the USF record in the indoor mile and the outdoor 10000m run and is part of a record holding indoor distance medley relay team.

In his spare time, Brockmueller has assisted with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, providing a free service support to low-income individuals and families with the filing of their taxes. He has also volunteered at the Sioux Falls Furniture Mission, Food Pantry, the Ronald McDonald House and with Feed my Starving Children throughout his college career. He also volunteered at Swan Lake Christian Camp as a worship leader and support staff, leading music and activities for children in 3rd grade to high school.



2014 Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence Rachel Patnoe, Southwest Minnesota State University - Golf

Rachel Patnoe, a native of Milbank, S.D., is a senior majoring in biology and minoring in psychology at Southwest Minnesota State University. The Milbank High School graduate holds a 3.98 grade point average while playing golf for the Mustangs. She joins Christy Kubat (2002), Janelle Gibbs (1999), Paige Karno (1996), Katy Pivec (1995) and Shauna Wendland (1989) as the only Mustangs to earn the Kelly Award.

Patnoe has made the Dean's List every semester and has been named an SMSU Scholar Athlete the last three years. She was a four-time National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA) All-American Scholar Athlete and a Capital One Academic All-District VII At-Large team member in 2013. She also received the NSIC Myles Brand Award this past spring and has been named to the NSIC All-Academic team three times. Patnoe is the recipient of over a dozen scholarships at SMSU.

Patnoe is involved in many clubs and organizations at SMSU. She is part of the National Society of Leadership and Success, the Environmental Awareness Club and is involved in the Biology and Chemistry Clubs, just to name a few.

Patnoe has been involved in the Marshall Community. She was part of the Mustang Pen Pal program; Adopt-a-Highway; Rake-a-Thon; Marshall Food Pantry Collection and Youth Science Day. She donated her hair for cancer patients and has given youth golf lessons in her hometown.

On the golf course, Patnoe has played in every round of golf for the Mustangs since her freshman year including two NCAA regional teams in 2011 and 2012. She has been consistent on the course and holds an 86.3 stroke average this season, second best on the team. She sits in 20th place in the NSIC Championship individual standings following the first two rounds of play.



2014 NSIC Britton/Kelly Awards Release

2013-14 NSIC Men's Honor Student-Athlete Award Winners

Craig Haukom	Augustana College	Senior	Golf	Marshall, Minn.	Marshall HS
Buckley Wright	Bemidji State University	Senior	Football	Sioux City, Iowa	Bishop Heelan Catholic HS
Nicholas Rudolph	Concordia University, St. Paul	Junior	Track & Field / CC	Waseca, Minn.	Waseca HS
Logan Romines	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Senior	Football	Forest Lake, Minn.	Forest Lake HS
Jacob Ball	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Senior	Track & Field / CC	Hudson, Wis.	Hudson HS
Jamin Heller	Minot State University	Senior	Baseball	Lethbridge, Alberta	Vauxhall HS
Jonathan Feist	Northern State University	Senior	Baseball	Bismarck, N.D.	Bismarck HS
Nick Smith	Southwest Minnesota State University	Senior	Men's Basketball	Johnston, Iowa	Johnston HS
Phillip Klaphake	St. Cloud State University	Senior	Football	Princeton, Minn.	Princeton HS
Grant Singer	University of Mary	Junior	Football	Turtle Lake, N.D.	Turtle Lake HS
Andrew Pattock	University of Minnesota Duluth	Senior	Football	Circle Pines, Minn.	Centennial HS
William Brockmueller	University of Sioux Falls	Junior	Track & Field / CC	Brandon, S.D.	Brandon Valley HS
Tyler Adams	Upper Iowa University	Senior	Baseball	Onalaska, Wis.	Onalaska HS
Mickey Doerr	Wayne State College	Senior	Track & Field	Bloomfield, Neb.	Bloomfield HS
Jonathan Nelson	Winona State University	Senior	Baseball	Johnston Iowa	Johnston HS

2013-14 NSIC Women's Honor Student-Athlete Award Winners

Meg Thacker	Augustana College	Junior	Soccer	Omaha Neb.	Westside HS
Tiffany VanHaften	Bemidji State University	Senior	Soccer / Basketball	Chaska, Minn.	Chaska HS
Eryn Johnson	Concordia University, St. Paul	Senior	Golf	Onalaska, Wis.	Holmen HS
Shannon Deutsch	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Junior	Golf	Apple Valley, Minn.	Eastview HS
Alexandra Wilkinson	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Senior	Basketball	Blue Mounds, Wis.	Wisconsin Heights HS
Jennifer Dixon	Minot State University	Senior	Softball / Volleyball	Brandon, Manitoba	Vencent Massey HS
Alison Kusler	Northern State University	Senior	Basketball	Aberdeen, S.D.	Central HS
Rachel Patnoe	Southwest Minnesota State University	Senior	Golf	Milbank, S.D.	Milbank HS
Abby Rasmussen	St. Cloud State University	Junior	Swimming	Sauk Rapids, Minn.	Sauk Rapids-Rice HS
Jennifer Agnew	University of Mary	Senior	Track & Field / CC	Onamia, Minn.	Onamia HS
Hannah Rutten	University of Minnesota Duluth	Senior	Basketball	New York Mills, Minn.	New York Mills HS
Tavia Rutherford	University of Sioux Falls	Senior	Golf	Bakersfield, Calif.	Frontier HS
Kelsey Taldone	Upper Iowa University	Senior	Soccer	Crystal Lake, Ill.	Crystal Lake South HS
Ashton Yossi	Wayne State College	Junior	Basketball	Dallas Center, Iowa	Dallas Center-Grimes HS
Rebecca McCoy	Winona State University	Senior	Soccer	Eagan, Minn.	Eagan HS

Annual Britton Award Recipients

2014 - William Brockmueller, Sioux Falls
 2013 - Alex Coulter, Winona State
 2012 - Cody Lensing, Augustana
 2011 - Matt Braithwaite, Augustana
 2010 - Marcus Greatens, Winona State
 2009 - Kirk Ingram, Concordia-St. Paul
 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

2014 - Rachel Patnoe, Southwest Minnesota State
 2013 - Elizabeth (Ellie) Duffy, Concordia-St. Paul
 2012 - Kendra Heuttl, Minnesota State
 2011 - Rebecca Anderson, Minnesota Duluth
 2010 - Lauren Brown, Winona State
 2009 - Mary Slinger, Concordia-St. Paul
 2008 - Kallie Tellefsen, 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, Minnesota 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

