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NSIC MYLES BRAND ALL-ACADEMIC WITH DISTINCTION AWARD

Burnsville, Minn. - Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Commissioner Erin Lind is proud to announce the sixth annual NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award winners. The honor, named for the late NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, is bestowed to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate. Each student-athlete will be recognized by the NSIC with a certificate of achievement and a wrist watch. Furthermore, each institution is highly encouraged to have these student-athletes be publicly recognized at a home athletic event. A total of 113 student-athletes from the NSIC's 16 institutions will receive the award in its sixth year.



"The Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award is one of the highest honors a student-athlete in the NSIC can achieve. To earn this prestigious honor, one must show a commitment and dedication to both academics and athletics, characteristics in which Dr. Myles Brand emphasized. I am extremely proud of all these student-athletes for their devotion to their universities, the NSIC and to their personal academic and athletic goals. I have no doubt these student-athletes will continue to achieve success in life well beyond the classroom and the competition venues," said Lind.

Dr. Myles N. Brand, visionary leader, educator and reformer, served as the President of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) from 2003-2009. He passed away in September 2009 at the age of 67 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Brand presided over passage of the most comprehensive academic reform package for intercollegiate athletics in recent history – a package that refocused the attention of student-athletes, coaches and administrators on the education of student-athletes. Brand also changed the national dialog on college sports to emphasize the educational value of athletics participation and the integration of intercollegiate athletics with the academic mission of higher education. His impact on Division II ran deep by implementing an identity campaign and a strategic-positioning platform tied to specific divisional attributes. He challenged Division II to continue its game-environment and community-engagement focus, and improve academic success rates.

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AUGUSTANA

Name	Sport	Hometown	Major
Payton Pry	Soccer	Lawton, Iowa	Elementary Education
Vaughn Thada	Track & Field	Owatonna, Minn.	Biology

BEMIDJI STATE

Rachel Craig	Volleyball	Wadena, Minn.	Business Administration
Emily Turner	CC/Track	Windom, Minn.	Biology

CONCORDIA-ST. PAUL

Molly Mullins	Golf	Caledonia, Minn.	Sports Management
Thomas Obarski	Football	Burnsville, Minn.	Finance
Nic Rudolph	CC/Track	Waseca, Minn.	Exercise Science
Anika Whiting	Basketball	Ashland, Wis.	Biology

UNIVERSITY OF MARY

Troy Guptill	Football	Quinn, S.D.	Athletic Training
Nick Jolliffe	Football	Bismarck, N.D.	Human Performance
Michael Mortenson	Football	Dickinson, N.D.	Math Education & Business Admin
Grant Singer	Football	Turtle Lake, N.D.	Sports Management
Kathryn Stewart	Track & Field	Kingston, Jamaica	Masters in Business Mgmt
Michael Vollrath	Baseball	Winnipeg, Manitoba	Finance

MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Cayla Bendel	Soccer	Lakeville, Minn.	Natural Resources
Matt Bjorgo	Golf	Crookston, Minn.	Information Technology
Matt Borowicz	Football	Stephen, Minn.	Health Science
Kenzie Church	Basketball	Fairmount, N.D.	Management
Jesse Jennings	Baseball	Robbinsdale, Minn.	Criminal Justice
Brittany Looker	Volleyball	Rochester, Minn.	Health Science
Travis Magdazas	Baseball	Duluth, Minn.	Criminal Justice
Ashley Martell	Basketball	Somerset, Wis.	Health Science
Richie Navratil	Baseball	Blansko, Czech Republic	Management

MINNESOTA DULUTH

Courtney Driscoll	Soccer	Apple Valley, Minn.	Psychology, Criminology, Spanish
Aaron Handorff	Track & Field	Andover, Minn.	Accounting, Finance
Alyssa Kerkhoff	Basketball	St. Peter, Minn.	Public Health and Promotion
Amelia Maher	Track & Field	Sauk Center, Minn.	Psychology
Katelyn Schneider	Soccer	Brookings, S.D.	Biochem/Molecular Biology
Maureen Stormont	Soccer	Stillwater, Minn.	Psychology, Communication Sciences
Ana Zdechlik	Soccer	Woodbury, Minn.	Cell and Molecular Biology

MINNESOTA STATE

Madison Alexander	CC/Track	Boyden, Iowa	Nursing
Kimberly Allan	CC/Track	Flagstaff, Ariz.	Exercise Science
Laura Chopp	CC/Track	Monroe, Wis.	Biomedical Sciences
Haley Doran	Volleyball	Ankeny, Iowa	Communication Disorders
Robert Kraft	Golf	Superior, Wis.	Biomedical Sciences
Olivia Kukur	Volleyball	Blue Mounds, Wis.	Chemistry
Justin McMurtry	Track & Field	Fairmont, Minn.	Psychology
Jenna McNallan	Volleyball	Andover, Minn.	School Health Education
Joshua Meeker	Football	Omaha, Neb.	Construction Management
Tiana Runk	Volleyball	Springfield, Minn.	Art
Breanna Steele	Soccer	Eagan, Minn.	Elementary Education
Stephanie Steenhoek	CC/Track	Hutchinson, Minn.	Exercise Science
Bryanna Sudman	CC/Track	Eden Prairie, Minn.	Geography
Josiah Swanson	CC/Track	Fond Du Lac, Wis.	Economics
Lexie Ulfers	Basketball	Waseca, Minn.	Pre-Med/Psychology
Jenni Vantinen	CC/Track	Helsinki, Finland	Social Work

MSU MOORHEAD

Megan Amundson	Golf	Elbow Lake, Minn.	Elementary Education
Shannon Deutsch	Golf	Apple Valley, Minn.	Accounting
Nathan Cole	Track & Field	Fergus Falls, Minn.	Business Administration

MINOT STATE

Melissa Bell	Softball	Belgrade, Mont.	Biology, Chemistry
Emily Byrne	Volleyball	Reno, Nev.	Athletic Training
Alison Cygan	Softball	Bozeman, Mont.	Corporate Fitness
Leyna Downey	Softball	Missoula, Mont.	Corporate Fitness
Tyler Flatland	Track & Field	Watford City, N.D.	Biology Education
Kowan O'Keefe	Golf	Creston, B.C.	Chemistry, Mathematics
Phillip Streccius	Track & Field	Minot, N.D.	Physical Education

NORTHERN STATE

Name	Sport	Hometown	Major
John Eckstein	Baseball	Buffalo, Minn.	Sports Marketing
Kasey Gengler	Baseball	Jamestown, N.D.	Sports Marketing
Kara Hofschild	Basketball	Andover, Minn.	Biology
Jared Jacobson	Football	Rapid City, S.D.	Accounting
Rachel Krogman	Basketball	Elkton, S.D.	Elementary/Special Education
Mariah Nelson	Track & Field	Mitchell, S.D.	Sociology
Kami Smesmo	Softball	St. Peter, Minn.	Human Performance
Brady Schwan	Baseball	Surrey, N.D.	Management Information Systems

SIOUX FALLS

Bobby Brockmueller	CC/Track	Brandon, S.D.	Computer Information/Business Admin
Billy Brockmueller	CC/Track	Brandon, S.D.	Accounting/Business Admin/Mathematics
Tia Chase	Golf	Huron, S.D.	Biology, Chemistry
Hailee Heitkamp	Cross Country	Adrian, Minn.	Exercise Science
Emily Johnson	Volleyball	Platte, S.D.	Exercise Science
Samantha Lovell	Volleyball	Bellevue, Neb.	Nursing
Lindsey Mettler	CC/Track	Wessington Springs, S.D.	Exercise Science, Art
Brock Murdock	Football	Linden, Calif.	Business Administration
Jonathan Nebelsick	Track & Field	Mount Vernon, S.D.	Biology/Exercise Science/Chemistry
Morgan Robey	Tennis	Watertown, S.D.	Psychology & Sociology
Katie Rutcosky	Track & Field	Blair, Neb.	Elementary Education
Tavia Rutherford	Golf	Bakersfield, Calif.	Exercise Science, Psychology
Rebecca Wessel	Volleyball	Stanton, Neb.	Business Administration

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE

Ryan Engels	Baseball	Watertown, S.D.	Exercise Science
Katie Grebinoski	Track & Field	Holdingford, Minn.	Graphic Design
Jason Minett	Baseball	Ruthon, Minn.	Ag Business
Alex Pantze	Soccer	Faribault, Minn.	Psychology
Christian Skillings	Wrestling	Minneota, Minn.	Finance

ST. CLOUD STATE

Kelsie Fitch	Softball	Carver, Minn.	Special Education
Carley Jeffery	Basketball	Cambridge, Wis.	Recreation & Sport Mgmt
Ben McPhail	Wrestling	Pine Island, Minn.	Community Psychology
Connor Niehaus	Basketball	Fremont, Neb.	Statistics
Taylor Thomas	Softball	Fontana, Calif.	Marketing

UPPER IOWA

Lauren Buck	Basketball	Anamosa, Iowa	Elementary Education
Lindsay Carroll	Basketball	Roscoe, Ill.	Elementary Education
Tara Duran	Softball	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Elementary Education
Courtney Fullmer	Cross Country	Buford, Ga.	Biology
Carmen Lezpona	Golf	Onalaska, Wis.	Biology
Olivia Meier	Basketball	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Biology
Laura TerHark	Basketball	Algona, Iowa	Elementary Education
Amanda Weiss	Volleyball	West Bend, Wis.	Biology
Olivia Winkler	Basketball	Castle Rock, Colo.	Psychology

WAYNE STATE

Jordan Hobza	Soccer	Omaha, Neb.	Elementary Ed/Special Education
Mallory Hoyt	Soccer	Glenwood, Iowa	English Education
Patrick Kurth	Basketball	Sioux City, Iowa	Exercise Science
Alex Mathers	Soccer	Firth, Neb.	Elementary Education
Brody Rohach	Football	Moorpark, Calif.	Speech Communication
Ashton Yossi	Basketball	Dallas Center, Iowa	Mathematics Education

WINONA STATE

Kelsey Bethke	Track & Field	Arden Hills, Minn.	Elementary Education
Chase Blazier	Baseball	Harvard, Ill.	Accounting
Chelsea Schrubbe	CC/Track	Mukwonago, Wis.	Nursing
Leah Karsten	CC/Track	Rochester, Minn.	Nursing
Ethan Kuehn	Baseball	Randolph, Minn.	Accounting/Business Admin
Cailyn McCauley	Soccer	Owatonna, Minn.	Mathematics
Shauna Rodman	Soccer	Anoka, Minn.	Nursing
Ashley Walker	Softball	Shakopee, Minn.	Health Promotion
Catherine Whitcomb	CC/Track	Shakopee, Minn.	Nursing
Jessica Young	CC/Track	Winona, Minn.	Exercise/Rehab Science
Laura Zeamer	Volleyball	Jackson, Wis.	Biology/Pre-Medicine

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