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USM Spires Men's and Women's Basketball Players Named to All-Conference Teams

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Three University of Saint Mary Spires—two from the USM Men's Basketball Team and one from the Lady Spires squad—have been named to the Kansas Athletic Conference's (KCAC) All-KCAC teams for the 2010-2011 basketball season.

From the men's team, senior Brandon Coleman, a 6'3" guard out of Kansas City, Mo., was named KCAC Newcomer of the Year and as a unanimous selection to the All-KCAC First Team. J.E.B. Greenberg, a 6'2" sophomore guard from Leavenworth, Kan., was named to the All-KCAC Honorable Mention Team.

From the women's squad, senior Samantha Ciani, a 6'0" forward out of Glenwood Springs, Colo., earned an Honorable Mention All-KCAC nod.

"I am proud of both Brandon and J.E.B. for their accomplishments on the court this season," said USM Head Men's Basketball Coach John Bishop. "These honors come to individuals because the team has success and both of those guys know that more than anyone. J.E.B. has been a very productive player, and Brandon is the third consecutive Newcomer of the Year for USM."

Mike Basler, USM's head women's basketball coach, added "Samantha's game has really grown in her time here at Saint Mary. She led the KCAC in rebounding this season from start to finish, which is a really great accomplishment... I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to work with her on a daily basis.

The honorees were recognized at the KCAC Tournament championship game on Monday, Feb. 28.

The KCAC member schools also honored their respective KCAC Champions of Character during the championship games. USM's selections for the Champions of Character awards for the 2010-2011 basketball season are J.E.B. Greenberg from the Men's Team and Michelle Chrisman, a junior guard from Linwood, Kan.

The Spire Men qualified for the KCAC Championship Tournament with a 10-8 conference record. Sixth-seeded USM fell to No. 3 Bethany College in a 69-66 overtime battle on Feb. 23.

Saint Mary has 12 varsity sports programs—football, volleyball, baseball, softball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, cross country, and track & field—along with co-ed cheerleading and dance. Visit www.gospires.com to learn more about USM athletics.

The University of Saint Mary is a Catholic co-educational applied liberal arts university founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth. The University of Saint Mary is located at 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan., with additional locations in Overland Park and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

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