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## University of Saint Mary Spires Baseball Players Earn NAIA Gold Glove, Scholar-Athlete Honors

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Four University of Saint Mary Spires baseball players have won awards from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for the recently-completed 2011 baseball season, including a coveted Rawlings-NAIA Baseball Gold Glove for Josh Barnes of Easton, Kan.

The Rawlings-NAIA Gold Glove Team is selected by the NAIA-American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-American Selection Committee. Nine players are selected each year based on their fielding success.

“This award is really as good as it gets,” said Rob Miller, USM’s head baseball coach and athletic director. “That Josh won is a testament to all of the hard work he puts into his game. I’m proud of him, and everything he and the team accomplished this season.”

Barnes was also among four USM Baseball players named as 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for their efforts both on the field and in the classroom

The honored Spires are:

- **Andrew Hashman**, from Shawnee, Kan.
- **Barnes**, from Easton, Kan.
- **Stephen Maurin**, from Kansas City, Kan.
- and **Winston Hines**, from Dodge City, Kan.

The USM honorees are four of only 228 NAIA baseball players to be selected for the honor nationwide. To be considered, nominees must be in at least their junior year academically and maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

USM was one of only two member schools of the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference represented on the NAIA’s list of Scholar-Athletes.

“I’m proud of my guys,” Miller said. “They played hard this year, and they still did great when it came to academics.”

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.gospire.com](http://www.gospire.com) to learn more about USM athletics.

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