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Three University of Saint Mary Student-Athletes Named KCAC Champions of Character

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Three University of Saint Mary student-athletes are among the names on the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) slate of coach-nominated All-Conference Champions of Character award winners.

The honored Spires are women's soccer player **Jessalyn Sadler**, a senior defender from Bondurant, Iowa; men's soccer player **Michael Bille**, a junior defender from Bonner Springs, Kan.; and volleyball player **Shelby Titus**, a sophomore setter from Ottawa, Kan.

Each school in the conference has a designated Champion of Character in each sport. Nominations are made by the respective head coaches. The selectees have demonstrated the Champion of Character core values as put forth by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)—respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, and servant leadership.

The All-KCAC Champions of Character Award winners also must meet several criteria: they must have participated in intercollegiate athletics for a minimum of one full academic year and must be currently participating in a varsity sport program; they must be a full-time student in good standing; and they must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

"USM student-athletes epitomize the ideals behind the NAIA's Champions of Character program," said USM Athletic Director Rob Miller. "Our student-athletes excel on the field and in the classroom, and they pride themselves on performing service in the community.

"Our athletic program instills important values like service and sportsmanship, and our athletes embrace those values. We're very proud of our Champions of Character."

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.

Go to www.GoSpires.com for more information on USM sports.

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