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University of Saint Mary Inducts Four Graduates Into Athletic Hall of Fame

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary inducted four graduates into its Athletic Hall of Fame during a ceremony between the men’s and women’s home basketball games on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Ryan Sports Center.

This year’s class of inductees are: Sabrina Meier, a 2003 graduate and former star softball player; Kim Hankins, a 2004 graduate who played basketball and softball for the university; and Blaine Brown and Marc Spellman, both 2002 graduates and former baseball phenoms.

The inductees were also honored at a banquet on Friday, Jan. 23, in the Saint Joseph Dining Hall.

Each inductee has a long list of athletic accomplishments at USM. Among their achievements: Brown, of College Park, Md., was the first member of the inaugural Saint Mary baseball team and notched First Team All-KCAC and NAIA Academic All-American honors in 2002; Spellman, of Bonner Springs, Kan., was the first Saint Mary baseball player to receive First Team All-KCAC honors; Hankins, of Kansas City, Mo., is USM’s all-time leading scorer in women’s basketball; Meier, of Topeka, Kan., was a three-time First Team All-KCAC and two-time NAIA Academic All-American.

“This is one of the most accomplished hall of fame classes we’ve inducted,” said USM Athletic Director Rob Miller. “They were all exemplary athletes and students, and great ambassadors for the university.”

The USM Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee, headed by Miller, evaluates candidates for induction based on several criteria. Inductees exemplify excellence in individual and team athletic performance, demonstrate leadership in both the program and college community, and show strength through self-improvement and fostering improvement in others.

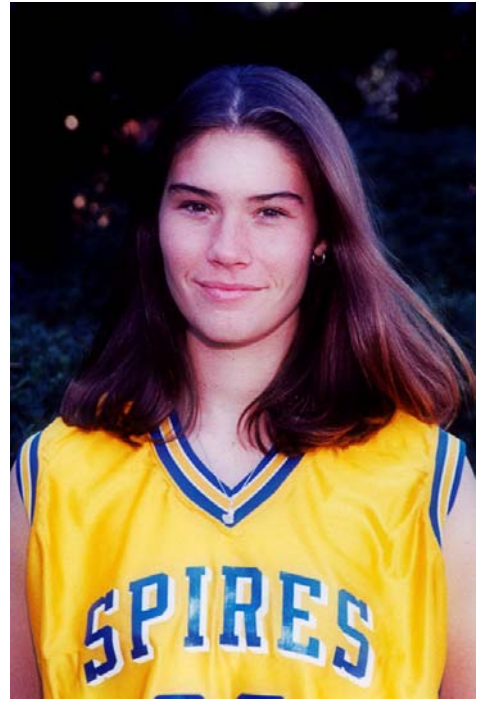
The USM Athletic Hall of Fame is located inside Ryan Sports Center on the main campus, 4100 South 4th Street in Leavenworth, Kan. Saint Mary has eight varsity sports: football, volleyball, baseball, softball, men’s and women’s basketball, and men’s and women’s soccer.

The University of Saint Mary is a private, 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, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

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Blaine Brown



Kim Hankins



Sabrina Meier



Marc Spellman