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USM to Induct Three Former Students and Local Businessman Bill Geiger into Athletic Hall of Fame

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—The University of Saint Mary will recognize the inspired athletic careers of three of its former students as well as the generous spirit of local business owner Bill Geiger during the annual induction ceremony into USM's Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010.

The ceremony will be held between the men's and women's basketball games against Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference Southwestern College in USM's Ryan Sports Center. The women's game starts at 5 p.m. and the men's game tips off at 7 p.m. Call Rob Miller at (913) 758-6160 for more information.

This year's student-athlete inductees are:

- Softball player 2003 graduate Alena (Nardinger) Prosser of Palmer, Alaska. Prosser's USM career included two First Team NAIA All-Region awards and three All-Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) First Team appearances.
- Hoopster and 2005 graduate Amber (Seevers) Bode of Lansing, Kan. Bode was twice named to the KCAC's honorable mention team, and she's USM's career rebounding leader.
- Baseball player and Gardner, Kan., resident Dustin Brown, also from the class of 2005. Brown is a two-time All-KCAC First Teamer and the university's 2005 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Bill Geiger, owner of Geiger Ready-Mix, is being recognized for his meritorious service to the university and its athletic program. Geiger Ready-Mix is a frequent donor of materials to university construction projects.

USM Athletic Director Rob Miller praised this year's class of inductees.

"These three student-athletes stood out as shining examples for their peers," Coach Miller said. "They excelled both in the classroom and on the field of play, and they were great ambassadors for the university."

Geiger, he added, "has been a true friend to the university, and his service to USM is greatly appreciated."

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 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, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu on the web for more information.