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Three USM Lady Spires Softball Players Named to All-Conference Teams

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Three University of Saint Mary softball players were named to the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference’s (KCAC) All-Conference softball teams this week for their efforts on the field during the recently-completed 2010 softball season.

Lady Spires catcher Nichole Twitchel, a senior out of Lansing, Kan., was named to the KCAC All-Conference First Team; pitcher Amie Riddle, a junior from Tonganoxie, Kan., made the Second Team; and infielder Jessica Gridley, a sophomore out of Raytown, Mo., made the Honorable Mention team.

Lori Lorenzen, USM’s head softball coach, praised her players for their work this season.

“These awards are a big honor for Nichole, Amie, and Jessica,” Lorenzen said. “The awards emphasize how hard they worked during the year, and what great players—and students—I have on the USM Softball team.”

The Lady Spires made the KCAC Softball Championship Tournament held on Thursday April 29, and Friday, April 30, but was eliminated after losses to McPherson College and eventual KCAC runner-up Friends University on Day One of the tournament.

Saint Mary has eight varsity sports: football, volleyball, baseball, softball, men’s and women’s basketball, and men’s and women’s soccer. Go to www.gospire.com for more information on USM Spires 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, Shawnee, and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

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