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## University of Saint Mary Spires Baseball Players Earn KCAC All-Conference & Gold Glove Awards

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Seven University of Saint Mary Spires Baseball players have been honored by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC), earning designations to the KCAC's All-Conference teams and winning KCAC Gold Glove awards.

The USM Spires had a particularly strong showing in the conference's Gold Glove awards—which recognize outstanding individual fielding performance—winning four of the nine possible nods.

The Saint Mary Gold Glove winners were:

- **Travis Quick**, a freshman catcher from Kansas City, Kan.
- **Lucas Murphy**, a senior first baseman from Overland Park, Kan.
- **Devin Hupp**, a junior third baseman from Leavenworth, Kan.
- and **Josh Barnes**, a senior outfielder from Easton, Kan.

The Spires honored with All-Conference team designations were:

- **Hupp**, named First Team All-Conference as an extra infielder
- **Steven Maurin**, a senior from Kansas City, Kan., named as a shortstop to the KCAC's Honorable Mention Team
- **Cody McCary**, a junior from Redding, Calif., named as a designated hitter to the KCAC's Honorable Mention Team
- and **Evan Faulkner**, a senior from Osage City, Kan., named as a starting pitcher to the KCAC's Honorable Mention Team

"I can't say enough about the effort and dedication our players showed this season," said USM Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach Rob Miller. "Like an ideal Saint Mary student-athlete, they work hard both on and off the field."

The Saint Mary Baseball Team qualified for the KCAC Championship Tournament as a four seed. The Spires won their first round game against No. 5 Ottawa University last week, before bowing out of the tournament with losses against eventual finalists Kansas Wesleyan University and Tabor College. The Spires finished the season with a 15-13 conference record and a 24-33 mark overall.

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

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