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USM's Lady Spires Softball Players Named to All-Conference Teams by KCAC

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Three University of Saint Mary Lady Spires Softball players were named to All-Conference teams by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference this week for their strong play during the recently-completed spring 2011 softball season.

The Saint Mary players honored with All-Conference team designations were:

- **Victoria Toplikar**, a freshman from Olathe, Kan., named to the All-Conference Second Team as a utility player
- **Renee Brammer**, a junior from Tina, Mo., named as a third baseman to the KCAC's Honorable Mention Team
- **Amie Riddle**, a senior from Tonganoxie, Kan., named as a pitcher to the KCAC's Honorable Mention Team.

"I'm very proud of the efforts of Victoria, Renee, and Amie—and of all my players—this season," said USM Head Softball Coach Lori Lorenzen. "They're the kind of student-athletes you hope to have on a team. They played hard, and they didn't shirk their academic responsibilities. They showed true character."

The Saint Mary Softball Team qualified for the KCAC Championship Tournament as a nine seed. The Lady Spires bowed out of the tournament with a 9-8 loss to Sterling College and a 7-2 loss to Tabor College. USM finished the season with a 2-14 conference record and a 4-31 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.gospire.com to learn more about USM athletics.

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