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University of Saint Mary Spires Softball Players Earn Scholar-Athlete Honors from the NAIA

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Four University of Saint Mary Softball players have been named as 2011 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for their efforts both on and off the field during the recently completed 2011 softball season.

- The honored Lady Spires are:
- **Amie Riddle**, from Tonganoxie, Kan.
- **Emily Gripka**, from Tonganoxie, Kan.
- **Jacquelyn Kerr**, from Colmesneil, Texas
- and **Jessica Zoglman**, from Garden Plain, Kan.

Riddle, Gripka, Kerr, and Zoglman, are four of only 326 NAIA softball players to be selected for the honor nationwide. To be considered, nominees must be in at least their junior year academically and maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

“I am proud of our players for everything they’ve accomplished, both in softball and in the classroom,” said USM Head Softball Coach Lori Lorenzen. “USM players are dedicated to their sports, but they don’t ignore their studies.”

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.

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 and Kansas City, Kan. Visit www.stmary.edu for more information.

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