



NSIC Announces 2010 Britton and Kelly Award Recipients

St. Paul, Minn. — The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) has announced Winona State University's Marcus Greatens as the 2010 Dr. William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award winner and Winona State University's Lauren Brown as the 2010 Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award recipient. The Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence, in its 26th year, recognizes the NSIC's top male student-athlete, while the Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award, in its 25th year, is presented to the NSIC's top female student-athlete.

The Britton Award was created in 1985 in honor of Dr. William Britton, a longtime faculty representative at Bemidji State University. The Kelly Award is named in honor of Willis R. Kelly, an associate professor of physical education at the University of Minnesota, Morris. A member of the NSIC Hall of Fame, Kelly also coordinated the Minnesota-Morris Physical Education Department from 1970-87. She became the first director of women's intercollegiate athletics at Minnesota-Morris in 1976 and was later promoted to athletic director for the whole department. Kelly passed away in 1988.

The member institutions of the NSIC nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the Britton and Kelly Awards. The nominees must meet the following criteria: a grade point average of 3.20 or better (on a 4.0 scale); evidence of academic excellence beyond the minimum grade point average (scholarship prizes and other academic recognition), evidence of participation in the life of the institution, and evidence of participation in at least two-thirds of the varsity events of the individual's primary sport. The award is voted on by the NSIC Faculty Athletic Representatives.

The 26 student-athletes nominated for the NSIC's two most prestigious awards will also be honored as NSIC Male and Female Honor Student-Athletes of the Year at their respective institutions. Greatens and Brown will be recognized Wednesday, July 14 at the 2010 NSIC Hall of Fame Banquet at the Best Western Kelly Inn and Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minn. Greatens and Brown will each receive a \$2,500 post-graduate scholarship.



2010 Dr. William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence

Marcus Greatens, Winona State University - Football

Marcus Greatens, a native of Oneida, Wis. and graduate of Pulaski High School, is a senior majoring in Cell & Molecular Biology and Pre-Medicine at Winona State University. He has a cumulative grade point average of 4.00 and has made the WSU Dean's List every semester.

Greatens is a three-time member of the NSIC All-Academic Team and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He was a 2009 NSIC Glen Galligan Award winner, named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American First Team and was a National Football Foundation Campbell Trophy Semifinalist. He was also named to the NSIC Football All-Conference First Team last season.

Outside the classroom, Greatens has volunteered at dozens of events including Earth Day clean up, Winona area flood restoration and with the Winona Healing Field (an organization against child abuse). He also volunteered at an area hospital, was an aid worker during the severe flooding in Winona and has worked with the Big Brother Program.

Greatens is presently acting as a personal care assistant for a young man with spina bifida, helping him with physical therapy and is helping him find recreational activities to be active, have fun and experience life.

Greatens is the fourth Britton Award winner from Winona State University, joining Nate Gruber (1995), Jeff Engbrecht (1994) and James Scott Bestual (1985).



2010 Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence

Lauren Brown, Winona State University - Volleyball / Track & Field

Lauren Brown, a native of Madison, Wis. and graduate of Robert M. Lafollette High School, is a senior majoring in Cell & Molecular Biology and Pre-Medicine at Winona State University. She holds a 4.00 grade point average while being named to the Winona State Dean's list every semester.

Brown, a four-time NSIC All-Academic Team member, was a 2009 NCAA Academic All-American in Track & Field. She was an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Third Team member for volleyball in 2008 and 2009. She placed 13th at the 2009 NCAA DII Outdoor Track & Field National Championships in the javelin throw with a toss of 120 feet, nine inches. Earlier that season she won the javelin throw at the NSIC Outdoor Championships with a toss of 127 feet, ten inches.

Brown is the president of the WSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She was the recipient of the Most Dedicated Player Award for all four seasons she played volleyball at WSU. In 2009 she was named the Winona State Student-Athlete of the Year.

Outside the classroom, Brown has volunteered for the NSIC Make-A-Wish Foundation initiative, at the Twin Cities Shriner's Hospital, the Winona Steamboat Days Kid's Craft Booth, the Adopt-a-Highway program and at Jefferson Elementary School. Brown also works with the Winona State Tutoring Services and is a member of the Tri-Beta Biology Club.

Brown is the fourth Kelly Award winner from Winona State University, joining Kallie Tellefsen (2008), Kathryn Kramer (2006) and Karen Darveaux (2003).



2009-10 NSIC Men's Honor Student-Athlete Award Winners

Austin Vande Berg	Augustana College	Sr.	Cross Country	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Zachary Preble	Bemidji State University	Sr.	Track & Field	Coleraine, Minn.
John Pimental	Concordia University- St. Paul	Sr.	Track & Field	Ripon, Wis.
Andrew Leer	University of Mary	Sr.	Baseball	Williston, ND
Tobias Lemke	University of Minnesota Duluth	Sr.	Football	Essen, Germany
Michael Robinson	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Jr.	Football	Wausau, Wis.
Harrison Dotson	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Sr.	Football	Long Prairie, Minn.
Cody Hagamen	Northern State	Sr.	Track & Field	Hoven, S.D.
Kevin Andrews	Southwest Minnesota State University	Sr.	Basketball	Marion, Iowa
David Deminsky	St. Cloud State University	Sr.	Baseball	Sartell, Minn.
Matthew Lesan	Upper Iowa University	Jr.	Basketball	Solon, Iowa
Brian J. Metz	Wayne State College	Sr.	Basketball	Keswick, Iowa
Marcus Greatens	Winona State University	Sr.	Football	Oneida, Wis.

2009-10 NSIC Women's Honor Student-Athlete Award Winners

Ellen A. Andrews	Augustana College	Sr.	Volleyball	Bancroft, Neb.
Madeline Pletta	Bemidji State University	Sr.	Soccer	Rochester, Minn.
Maggie McNamara	Concordia University-St. Paul	Sr.	Volleyball	Zumbrota, Minn
Elizabeth Sipma	University of Mary	Sr.	Basketball	Dickinson, ND
Becky Anderson	University of Minnesota Duluth	Jr.	Soccer	Duluth, Minn.
Elizabeth Trauger	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Sr.	Basketball	Livermore, Iowa
Allson Nash-Gerlach	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Sr.	Basketball	Roseville, Minn.
Kayla Ysteboe	Northern State	Sr.	Volleyball	Grand Forks, ND
Danielle Hildebrandt	Southwest Minnesota State University	Sr.	Tennis	St. James, Minn.
Heather Miller	St. Cloud State University	Sr.	Track & Field	Columbus Wis.
Paige Devine	Upper Iowa University	Sr.	Basketball	St. Charles, Minnesota
Jennifer Hefner	Wayne State College	Jr.	Volleyball	Archer, Neb.
Lauren Brown	Winona State University	Sr.	Volleyball/Track & Field	Madison, Wis.

Past Britton Award Recipients

- 2010 - Marcus Greatens, Winona State
- 2009 - Kirk Ingram, Concordia-St. Paul
- 2008 - Tyler Fischer, Southwest Minnesota State
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- 2006 - Dusty Smith, Wayne State
- 2005 - Brett Watson, Wayne State
- 2004 - Baron Blanchard, Northern State
- 2003 - Tucker Willard, Northern State
- 2002 - Steven Brandt, Minnesota, Crookston
- 2001 - Mike May, Bemidji State
- 2000 - Adam Vossen, MSU Moorhead
- 1999 - Bart Johnson, MSU Moorhead
- 1998 - Stephen Blackmarr, Minnesota Duluth
- 1997 - Jesse Beckermann, Minnesota Duluth
- 1996 - Lance Luitjens, Northern State
- 1995 - Nate Gruber, Winona State
- 1994 - Jeff Engbrecht, Winona State
- 1993 - Jay Kusler, Northern State
- 1992 - Jeff Welder, Moorhead State
- 1991 - Scott Colbeck, Minnesota-Morris
- 1990 - Dwight Hager, Bemidji State
- 1989 - Bruce Saugstad, Southwest State
- 1988 - Tom Aney, Minnesota Duluth
- 1987 - Dale Harper, Bemidji State
- 1986 - Jeff Kretchman, Northern State
- 1985 - James Scott Bestul, Winona State

Past Kelly Award Recipients

- 2010 - Lauren Brown, Winona State
- 2009 - Mary Slinger, Concordia-St. Paul
- 2008 - Kallie Tellefsen, Winona State
- 2007 - Jessica Trautwein, MSU Moorhead
- 2006 - Kathryn Kramer, Winona State
- 2005 - Lindsay Hartmann, MSU Moorhead
- 2004 - Kristin Peterson, Northern State
- 2003 - Karen Darveaux, Winona State
- 2002 - Christy Kubat, Southwest State
- 2001 - Angela Swanson, Minnesota, Crookston
- 2000 - Abby Stritesky, Bemidji State
- 1999 - Janelle Gibbs, Southwest State
- 1998 - Betsy Pachal, Minnesota Duluth
- 1997 - Mollie Odell, Northern State
- 1996 - Paige Karno, Southwest State
- 1995 - Katy Pivec, Southwest State
- 1994 - Amy Tenute, Moorhead State
- 1993 - Amy Erickson, Minnesota Duluth
- 1992 - Kristin Nelson, Minnesota Duluth
- 1991 - Jayne Dusich, Bemidji State
- 1990 - Mary Kortan, Northern State
- 1989 - Shauna Wendland, Southwest State
- 1988 - Tara Haiskanen, Minnesota Duluth
- 1987 - Teresa Greenwood, Moorhead State
- 1986 - Lisa Muehlbauer, Minnesota Duluth

