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87 STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED AS WCHA SCHOLAR-ATHLETES FOR 2014-15
All 10 men's and all eight women's member institutions are represented on 10th annual group

EDINA, Minn. – March 3, 2015 – The Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), through Ferris State University President David Eisler (Chair, Men's League), St. Cloud State University Faculty Representative Bill Hudson (Chair, Women's League), men's Commissioner Bill Robertson and women's Commissioner Aaron Kemp, today announced that 87 conference-member student-athletes make up the 10th annual group of WCHA Scholar-Athlete Award recipients for 2014-15.

“On behalf of the entire Western Collegiate Hockey Association family, we extend our sincere congratulations to all of our men's and women's WCHA Scholar-Athletes for 2014-15,” said Dr. Eisler, Dr. Hudson, Robertson and Kemp in a joint statement. “While the WCHA is proud to be among the most tradition-rich, historic and successful conferences in all of college athletics, our utmost priority will always be to providing the very best experience for our student-athletes – both on and off the ice.

“We are thrilled to publicly recognize the wonderful academic accomplishments of these outstanding young men and women. To compete at the highest collegiate level in your chosen sport, while also maintaining exemplary academic standards, takes tremendous commitment, effort and dedication. Our Scholar-Athlete Award recipients are a true testament to the mission of the WCHA and its member institutions. We commend and applaud each and every one of them.”

The WCHA Scholar-Athlete Award was developed through member team Faculty Representatives and approved by the conference membership for the 2005-06 season. To earn recognition as a WCHA Scholar-Athlete, conference-member student-athletes must have completed at least one year of residency at their present institution prior to the current academic year and must also have a grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.0 scale for the previous two semesters or three quarters, or may qualify if his/her overall GPA is at least 3.50 for all terms at his or her present institution.

Over the 10 years of the award, there have now been more than 830 WCHA Scholar-Athlete honorees representing every men's and women's conference-member institution. Forty-seven (47) of this season's 87 recipients are repeat honorees, with 13 of those now being three-time honorees.

In addition, Kathleen Rogan, a senior forward for Minnesota State, became the ninth four-time WCHA Scholar-Athlete honoree in the 10-year history of the award.

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The full list of 2014-15 WCHA Scholar-Athletes, by institution (** indicates four-time recipient; *** indicates three-time recipient; ** indicates two-time recipient):**

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Chad Brears** (Jr., F, Cold Lake, Alberta); Brent Fletcher (So., F, New Westminster, British Columbia); Jeff Vanderlugt** (Sr., F, Richmond Hill, Ontario); Anderson White** (Jr., D, Caledon, Ontario)

University of Alaska Anchorage

Michael Matyas** (So., G, Calgary, Alberta); Zack Russell (So., F, Calgary, Alberta); Austin Sevalrud** (Jr., D, Calgary, Alberta)

University of Alaska

Sean Cahill** (Sr., G, Calgary, Alberta); Matt Friese** (Jr., F, Wasilla, Alaska); Nolan Huysmans** (Jr., F, Ponoka, Alberta); Colton Parayko** (Jr., D, St. Albert, Alberta)

Bemidji State University

Kristine Grenier (Sr., F, St. Leon, Manitoba); Brendan Harms (So., F, Steinbach, Manitoba); Madison Hutchinson (So., D, Manitou, Manitoba); Megan Lushanko (Jr., F, Chisago City, Minn.); Graeme McCormack (Jr., D, Thunder Bay, Ontario); Lauren Miller (So., F, Brockville, Ontario); Reid Mimmack** (So., G, Brainerd, Minn.); Hanna Moher** (Jr., F, Milton, Ontario); Brittni Mowat (So., G, Glenboro, Manitoba); Matt Prapavessis*** (Sr., D, Oakville, Ontario); Whitney Wivoda*** (Jr., F, Fairbanks, Alaska)

Bowling Green State University

Tomas Sholl (So., G, Hermosa Beach, Calif.); Mike Sullivan** (Sr., D, Toronto, Ontario)

Ferris State University

Jason Binkley** (Sr., D, Powell, Ohio); Chad McDonald (So., F, Battle Creek, Mich.); Matt Robertson** (Jr., F, Rohnert Park, Calif.); Kyle Schempp (So., F, Saginaw, Mich.); Jared VanWormer (So., F, Traverse City, Mich.); Travis White** (Sr., D, Sterling Heights, Mich.)

Lake Superior State University

Jayson Angus (So., F, Latrobe, Pa.); Alex Globke (So., F, Waterford, Mich.); Austin McKay** (Jr., F, Toronto, Ontario)

Michigan Technological University

Brent Baltus (So., F, Nanaimo, British Columbia); C.J. Eick** (Jr., F, Appleton, Wis.); Tanner Kero*** (Sr., F, Hancock, Mich.)

University of Minnesota

Rachael Bona** (Sr., F, Coon Rapids, Minn.); Hannah Brandt (Jr., F, Vadnais Heights, Minn.); Kelsey Cline (So., D/F, Bloomington, Minn.); Sidney Peters (RS-F, G, Geneva, Ill.); Kate Schipper (So., F, Brooklyn Park, Minn.); Lee Stecklein (So., D, Roseville, Minn.)

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University of Minnesota Duluth

Kayla Black (Jr., G, Blyth, Ontario); Brienna Gillanders** (Kyle, Saskatchewan); Zoe Hickel (Sr., F, Anchorage, Alaska); Emma Stauber (Sr., D., Duluth, Minn.)

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Nicholas Buchanan** (Jr., D, Victoria, British Columbia); Anna-Maria Fiegert (So., D, Landshut, Germany); Sean Flanagan (So., D, Kindersly, Saskatchewan); Cole Huggins (So., G, Centennial, Colo.); Jon Jutzi** (Jr., D, Tavistock, Ontario); Erin Krichiver*** (Jr., G, Chicago, Ill.); Dylan Margonari** (Jr., F, Greensburg, Pa.); Jordan Nelson (So., F, Williston, N.D.); Kathleen Rogan**** (Sr., F, British Columbia)

University of North Dakota

Shelby Amsley-Benzie*** (Jr., G, Warroad, Minn.); Annie Chipman (RS-F, G, Winnipeg, Manitoba); Andrea Dalen*** (Sr., F, Hønefoss, Norway); Meghan Dufault** (Jr., F, Winnipeg, Manitoba); Tanja Eisenschmid** (Kaufbeuren, Germany); Johanna Fällman** (Luleå, Sweden); Kayla Gardner (So., F, Warroad, Minn.); Samantha Hanson (Jr., D, White Bear Lake, Minn.); Leah Jensen** (Jr., F, East Grand Forks, Minn.); Shannon Kaiser*** (Jr., F, Crookston, Minn.); Halli Krzyzaniak (So., D, Neepawa, Manitoba); Sam LaShomb** (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.); Layla Marvin (Jr., F, Warroad, Minn.); Amy Menke (So., F, Shakopee, Minn.); Tori Williams (Sr., D, The Pas, Manitoba)

Northern Michigan University

Cohen Adair** (Jr., F, Stratford, Ontario); Ryan Kesti** (Sr., F, Red Wing, Minn.); Aaron Leach** (Jr., F, Marquette, Mich.); Brock Maschmeyer (So., D, Bruderheim, Alberta); Sami Salminen (So., F, Helsinki, Finland)

Ohio State University

Claudia Kepler (So., F, Verona, Wis.); Taylor Kuehl*** (Sr., F, Minnetrista, Minn.); Katie Matheny (So., F, Chesterfield, Mo.); Bryanna Neuwald** (Jr., D, Oakville, Ontario); Kari Schmitt*** (Sr., D, Canton, Mich.); Sara Schmitt*** (Sr., D, Canton, Mich.)

St. Cloud State University

Hanna Brodt** (Jr., F, Roseville, Minn.); Julie Friend*** (Sr., G, Minnetonka, Minn.); Caroline Markström (Kovland, Sweden); Christa Moody (So., D, Battle Creek, Mich.)

University of Wisconsin

Katy Josephs*** (Sr., F, Calgary, Alberta); Jenny Ryan (So., D, Victor, N.Y.)

About the men's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The Western Collegiate Hockey Association, among the most historic, tradition-rich and successful conferences in all of collegiate athletics, proudly marks its 63rd season of men's competition in 2014-15. Covering five time zones and more than 4,200 miles, the 10-team Division 1 conference consists of the University of Alabama in Huntsville (Chargers), the University of Alaska Anchorage (Seawolves), the University of Alaska (Nanooks), Bemidji State University (Beavers), Bowling Green State University (Falcons), Ferris State University (Bulldogs), Lake Superior State University (Lakers), Michigan Technological University (Huskies), Minnesota State University (Mavericks) and Northern Michigan University (Wildcats).

About the women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA)

The women's Western Collegiate Hockey Association has won a record 14 national championships in 15 years since its inception in 1999, while producing six Patty Kazmaier Award winners, 70 All-Americans and numerous Olympic and international team members. The eight-team Division 1 conference consists of: Bemidji State University (Beavers), the University of Minnesota (Golden Gophers), the University of Minnesota Duluth (Bulldogs), Minnesota State University (Mavericks), the University of North Dakota, Ohio State University (Buckeyes), St. Cloud State University (Huskies) and the University of Wisconsin (Badgers).

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