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NSIC Announces 2005 Britton and Kelly Award Recipients

St. Paul, Minn. — The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) has announced Wayne State College's Brett Watson as the 2005 Dr. William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award winner and Minnesota State Moorhead's Lindsay Hartmann as the 2005 Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award recipient. The Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence, in its 21st year, recognizes the NSIC's top male student-athlete, while the Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award, in its 20th 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 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 3.2 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 15 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. Watson and Hartmann will be recognized Friday, July 29 at the 2005 NSIC Hall of Fame Banquet at the Best Western Kelly Inn and Convention Center in St. Cloud, Minn. Watson and Hartmann will each receive a \$1000 post-graduate scholarship.

2005 Dr. William Britton Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence Brett Watson, Wayne State College

Watson, a native of Elk Horn, Iowa, is a senior education major and four-year member of the Wildcats' men's basketball team. A three-time NSIC All-Conference Academic selection, Watson was also named to the NSIC's All-Conference first team in 2004-05. Watson was co-captain of the men's basketball squad for the 2004-05 season and was selected the NSIC's Player of the Week twice during the season. He was named to the Omaha World Herald Division II First Team and was the Nebraska NCAA Division II Player of the Week twice. Watson averaged 16.4 points, 5.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists during his senior season and ranked third in the conference in scoring. For his career, Watson totaled 1,208 points to rank 13th on the all-time list at Wayne State. Watson spent the spring semester completing his student-teaching, handling this responsibility during the basketball season in which he led his team in scoring. Other activities Watson has been active in while at Wayne State include supervising the Elk-Horn Lutheran Church's Confirmation Camp, participating in the Wayne State College Elementary Reading Program, and volunteering at the Oaks Retirement Home. Watson has also worked at various summer basketball camps and worked at the Wayne Country Club. Watson is Wayne State's first Britton Award recipient.

Willis R. Kelly Scholar-Athlete Award for Academic Excellence Lindsay Hartmann, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Hartmann, a senior from Alexandria, Minn., played basketball for the Dragons for three years after transferring from Southwest Minnesota State. Team captain and a starter during the 2004-05 season, Hartmann helped lead the team to its first conference title in 20 years and its first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance. Hartmann led the team in three-point field goals in her three seasons and ranked in the top 25 nationally in three point field goal percentage as a senior. She ended her career ranked fifth on the all-time list with 106 three point field goals. A three-time NSIC All-Academic selection, ranked among the top 25 players in the conference in numerous categories as a senior. Off the court, Hartmann has been involved in a number of campus activities including serving as president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, working at the campus radio and television stations, serving as the assistant sports information director and volunteering her time with the Health Equipment Recycling Organization, Habitat for Humanity, Adopt a Highway, Boys and Girls Club of America and childcare at various area churches. A double major in Broadcast Journalism and Integrated Advertising and Public Relations, Hartmann served as the public relations coordinator of the Students in Free Enterprise and the Student Activities Committee. In addition, she was a team member of the Public Relations Student Society of America. Her academic accolades include the Who's Who in American College Students award, the USAA National Collegiate Communication Arts Award, being named to the Dean's List in all semesters, receiving the Highest Honor Award in all semesters, earning the Special Honors Award and Upperclassmen Scholarship. Hartmann is also Minnesota State Moorhead's two-time NSIC Women's Student-Athlete Award winner. Additionally,

Hartmann was the NCAA National Student-Athlete Day award winner at her institution and was honored with the President's Cup for holding the highest grade point average of all female athletes at Minnesota State Moorhead. Hartmann joins Amy Tenute (1994) and Teresa Greenwood (1987) as Minnesota State Moorhead's Kelly Award recipients.

2004-05 NSIC Men's Honor Student-Athlete Award Winners

Phillip McCollam	Bemidji State University	Sr.	Track and Field	Idaho Falls, Idaho
Brian Jamros	Concordia University-St. Paul	Sr.	Basketball	Moose Lake, Minn.
Josh Jansen	Minnesota State University Moorhead	Sr.	Wrestling	Breckenridge, Minn.
Ross Sandine	Northern State University	Sr.	Track and Field/Football	Harrisburg, S.D.
Andy Brown	Southwest Minnesota State University	Sr.	Football	Hutchinson, Minn.
Chad Barfknecht	Winona State University	Sr.	Basketball	Ladysmith, Wis.

2004-05 NSIC Women's Honor Student-Athlete Award Winners

Kristin Smith	Bemidji State University	Sr.	Volleyball	Caledonia, Ill.
Lyndsey Gagas	Concordia University-St. Paul	Sr.	Soccer	Stevens Point, Wis.
Karna Plaine	University of Minnesota, Crookston	Jr.	Basketball	Hatton, N.D.
Angie Olson	Northern State University	Ssr.	Softball/Volleyball	Belle Fourche, S.D.
Michelle Bruns	Southwest Minnesota State University	Sr.	Basketball	Hecla, S.D.
Jodi Rhodig	Wayne State College	Sr.	Track and Field	Republican City, Neb.
Sara Goldstrand	Winona State University	Sr.	Volleyball	Apple Valley, Minn.