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Soccer

Trio of Three-Time Selections Lead Academic All-NCC Soccer Team

Sioux Falls, S.D. -- Twenty-two student-athletes have been selected to the 2002-2003 Academic All-North Central Conference Soccer Team by a vote of the league's sports information directors.

Three student-athletes -- April Bielejeski (North Dakota), Katie Hoffman (Augustana) and Tara Sweeney (North Dakota State) -- were selected to the squad for the third time in their careers. Nine other student-athletes were named to the team for the second time. Those honored for the second time are: Northern Colorado's Christine Devaney & Kalyn Sprehe, Minnesota State's Amber Dusosky, Allison Vroman & Jamie Whitcomb, South Dakota's Janel Johnson, Ali Magel & Jamie Strong and Nebraska-Omaha's Stephanie Kirby & Stephanie Kruse.

Minnesota State, Northern Colorado and South Dakota lead the way with four student-athletes on the squad each. Nebraska-Omaha and North Dakota State each placed three athletes on the squad while North Dakota, St. Cloud State and South Dakota State each had one representative on the team.

The select group has a combined grade point average of 3.73 with three members Emily Gunter (USD), Ali Magel (USD) and Allison Vroman (MSU) holding 4.00 grade point averages.

Here is the 2002-2003 Academic All-NCC Soccer Team:

2002-2003 Academic All-North Central Conference Soccer Team

Name	Team	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown
April Bielejeski [^]	North Dakota	Sr.	3.78	Civil Engineering	Sartell, Minn.
Jessica Cella	St. Cloud State	Sr.	3.61	Communications Studies	Geneva, Ill.
Olivia Cole	North Dakota State	So.	3.91	Pharmacy	Champlin, Minn.
Christine Devaney*	Northern Colorado	Sr.	3.66	Kinesiology	Albuquerque, N.M.
Amber Dusosky*	Minn. St., Mankato	Jr.	3.37	Physical Education	Anoka, Minn.
Janine Fagan	South Dakota State	Sr.	3.282	Journalism	Newcastle, England
Kelly Gilbertson	North Dakota State	Sr.	3.66	Electrical Engineering	Bloomington, Minn.
Emily Gunter	South Dakota	Jr.	4.00	Spanish/Pre-Phys. Ther.	Rapid City, S.D.
Katie Hoffman [^]	Augustana	Sr.	3.88	Mathematics	Harrisburg, S.D.
Catie Holden	Northern Colorado	Sr.	3.96	English	San Jose, N.M.
Janel Johnson*	South Dakota	Sr.	3.413	Dental Hygiene	Bellevue, Neb.
Stephanie Kirby*	Nebraska-Omaha	Jr.	3.967	Biology/Pre-Med	Elkhorn, Neb.
Stephanie Kruse*	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	3.723	Marketing	Columbus, Neb.
Ali Magel*	South Dakota	Jr.	4.00	Business Man./Finance	Sioux City, Iowa
Sara Peterson	Northern Colorado	Sr.	3.48	Kinesiology	Shelton, Wash.
Kalyn Sprehe*	Northern Colorado	Sr.	3.87	English	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jaime Strong*	South Dakota	Sr.	3.924	Exercise Science	McCook Lake, S.D.
Tara Sweeney [^]	North Dakota State	Sr.	3.62	Man. Info. Systems	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Akeisha Varnado	Nebraska-Omaha	Sr.	3.517	Marketing	Kansas City, Mo.
Allison Vroman*	Minn. St., Mankato	Sr.	4.00	English	Neenah, Wis.
Jamie Whitcomb*	Minn. St., Mankato	Sr.	3.85	Psychology	Bloomington, Minn.
Angelene Wolters	Minn. St., Mankato	Sr.	3.67	Art	Minneapolis, Minn.

[^] - indicates three-time selection; * - indicates two-time selection

Class Breakdown: Seniors (17), Juniors (4), Sophomore (1).

Team Breakdown: Augustana (1), Minnesota State, Mankato (4), Nebraska-Omaha (3), North Dakota (1), North Dakota State (3), Northern Colorado (4), St. Cloud State (1), South Dakota (4), South Dakota State (1).

Honorable Mention: **Augustana:** Erin Doyle, Emily Estacion, Kylie Tamke; **Minnesota State, Mankato:** Sarah Cox, Stacey McGuire, Amber Salzman, Lisa Tripanier; **Nebraska-Omaha:** Heidi Bargmann, Heather Frost, Julie Moeller, Michelle Villanueva, Randi Worhol;

North Dakota: Gale Dockstader, Johanna Mulroni, Dana Parry; **North Dakota State:** Amy Masterson, Caitlin Schultz; **Northern Colorado:** Shanna Swineheart, Kiha Thomas; **St. Cloud State:** Jenny Ganser, Jessica Wolke; **South Dakota:** Teri Atkinson; **South Dakota State:** Amy Goodrich, Jennifer Hasis, Josie Hutchinson, Michelle Rahe, Melissa Speiser.