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Six USM Spires Men's and Women's Basketball Players Earn KCAC All-Conference Accolades

(Leavenworth, Kan.)—Six University of Saint Mary Spires basketball players—five from the men's team and one from the women's team—have earned top honors from the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) for their stand-out play during the 2011-2012 regular season.

From the Men's Team, Spires junior guard **JEB Greenberg**, of Leavenworth, Kan., and junior guard **Kevin Harvey**, of Athens, Ga., were named to the All-KCAC First Team. Harvey was also selected KCAC Newcomer of the Year by the conference coaches. Harvey is the fourth consecutive conference Newcomer of the Year for Saint Mary.

Senior guard **Brandon Dougherty**, of Leavenworth, and junior guard **Jordan Wilcox**, of Holcomb, Kan., were named Honorable Mention by the conference. Dougherty was also named to the All-KCAC Defensive Team.

Freshman forward **Manuel Barnes**, from Marseille, France, was named to the conference's All-Freshman team.

"I couldn't be prouder of my guys," said USM Head Men's Basketball Coach Jon Bishop. "Our team enjoyed great success this year, making the championship game and finishing second in the league in the regular season. None of that would have been possible without the excellent efforts of my players, both as a team and on an individual level."

From the Lady Spires, senior forward **Jasmine Johnson**, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was named to the All-KCAC First Team as well as the All-KCAC Defensive Team.

"Jasmine is the first unanimous First Team All-KCAC selection in school history and also the first player we have had to be selected on the All-Defensive Team," said USM's Head Women's Basketball Coach Mike Basler.

"I'm extremely proud of her and all of her accomplishments this year," he added, noting that Jasmine set single season Spires records for blocks and rebounding. She averaged a double-double in points and rebounds on the year, and led the KCAC in blocked shots and rebounds. "This will go down as one of the best years any Lady Spire has had in our program," Basler said.

Both Spires hoops squads had strong showings this year. The USM Men's Basketball Team will play in the KCAC championship game on Monday, Feb. 27, against No. 1 seed McPherson College in Hartman Arena in Park City, Kan. The men's team finished the regular season nationally-ranked and second in the conference.

The Women's Basketball Team finished the season with a 5-13 conference mark, and the eighth seed in the KCAC championship tournament. The Lady Spires battled hard against top-ranked Friends University in the first game of the tourney on Wednesday, Feb. 22, but lost 61-57.

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. Go to www.GoSpires.com for more information on USM sports.

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