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Saint Mary’s Athletics host Senior Award Banquet

The Saint Mary's College athletic department hosted their annual Senior Awards Banquet Sunday evening, honoring several graduating student-athletes with awards.

Alison Shevik (Volleyball, Crown Point, Ind./Andrean) and Liz Hanlon (Golf, Fort Wayne, Ind./Homestead) were co-recipients of the Improvement Award. Shevik did not play volleyball her initial year on campus and grew into a team leader and the team’s Defensive Specialist, and Hanlon did not even play on her high school’s golf team but has excelled to become a member of the NCAA Championship squad that placed fourth in the nation at last season’s NCAA Division-III Golf Championship.

Libby Wilhelmy (Softball, Mendota Heights, Minn./Visitation) was honored with the Sportsmanship Award for fellowship and contribution to the College. She has been a four year starting pitcher within the program, a team captain, and two year Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) representative for her team, this past year serving as the Council’s Secretary.

Kris Spriggle (Tennis, Holland, Ohio/Notre Dame Academy) was presented the Service Award after spending multiple years as the Tennis representative to SAAC, consecutive years as the Chair of first the Prize then the Marketing Committee for the athletic department’s Midnight Madness, team captain for tennis, a member of the Student Diversity Board, webmaster of the Student Nursing Association, along with serving as the Vice President of the Senior Class Board.

The Belles Varsity Club Award is given to the senior individual that best exemplifies the winning spirit of the athletic program, and this year was presented to Erin Sullivan (Softball, Schaumburg, Ill./James B. Conant). Sullivan just completed the regular season in softball as the MIAA Batting Champion. She has been a four year starter, two year team captain, and clutch player for the Belles.

Megan Ramsey (Swimming, Michigan City, Ind./Phillips Academy) was honored with both the Academic & Athletic Achievement Award and the Marvin Wood Outstanding Senior Athlete Award. Ramsey’s accomplishments in the pool over her four years include the swim program’s first individual conference champion, their first swimmer to achieve any NCAA Qualifying Standard, the College’s first student-athlete to earn First Team All-MIAA all four years, a four time team MVP, and she has broken and individual record on seven occasions along with swimming on eight relays that broke team records. She is a seven time Honor’s List member at Saint Mary's College, a three time Academic GPA All-MIAA honoree, and the College’s first ever NCAA Academic All-American.

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