



2012 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE SOFTBALL

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Missouri Valley Conference Announces Softball Scholar-Athlete Teams

ST. LOUIS -- Twelve conference softball student-athletes have been named to the 2012 MVC Scholar-Athlete first team, including four repeat selections, as voted on by the league's softball sports information directors and announced by the Missouri Valley Conference office today.

Southern Illinois' Mallory Duran-Sellers and Illinois State's Megan Warner earned their third first team honor, making them the 20th and 21st players in league history to be named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete first team in each season of eligibility. Duran-Sellers and teammate Brittney Lang both sport a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Southern Illinois placed four student-athletes on the first team, the most in the league. Drake claimed three spots with Creighton and Illinois State student-athletes earning two spots each. Northern Iowa earned one nod. In all, five conference schools are represented on the first team.

Impressively, Southern Illinois has earned at least two MVC Scholar-Athlete first team selections for 15-consecutive seasons.

In order to be eligible, student-athletes must have at 3.2 GPA or higher, be at least a sophomore in athletic and academic standing and meet certain playing requirements.

2012 MVC Softball Scholar-Athlete First Team

Name, School	Yr.	Pos.	GPA	Major	Hometown/Last School
Kelsea Ashton, Southern Illinois	So.	3B	3.92	Biological Sciences	Carterville, Ill./Carterville
Becca Changstrom, Creighton	So.	P	3.81	Chemistry	Lincoln, Neb./Southwest
Torey Craddock, Drake	Sr.	2B	3.44	Health Sciences	Tucson, Ariz./Salpointe Catholic
Mallory Duran-Sellers, Southern Illinois\$*	Sr.	OF	4.00	English Education	Windsor, Colo./Windsor
Jamie Fisher, Northern Iowa	So.	P	3.50	Leisure Youth High School	Conrad, Iowa/BCLUW
Caiti Kopp, Illinois State*	Sr.	C	3.96	Anthropology	Normal, Ill./Normal Community West
Brittney Lang, Southern Illinois	Jr.	P	4.00	Exercise Science	Leavenworth, Kan./Lansing
Amy Pierce, Drake	So.	SS	3.45	Pharmacy	Olathe, Kan./Olathe Northwest
Christa Ruf, Creighton%*	Sr.	OF	3.90	Nursing	Omaha, Neb./Westside
Jayna Spivey, Southern Illinois	Sr.	OF	3.80	Biological Sciences	Rosiclare, Ill./Hardin County
Lindsay Vande Wall, Drake	Jr.	OF	3.88	Elementary Education	Prairie City, Iowa/Prairie City-Monroe
Megan Warner, Illinois State\$*	Sr.	P	3.82	Exercise Science	Milan, Ill./Sherrard

*2011 First Team; \$2010 First Team; %2010 Honorable Mention

2012 MVC Softball Scholar-Athlete Honorable Mention

Erin Carney, Wichita State; Mariah Cole, Bradley; Alyssa Doyle, Indiana State; Lauren Kellar, Illinois State; Madeline Lynch-Crumrine, Bradley; Rachel Milnark, Wichita State; Halee Myers, Indiana State; Whitney Plein, Northern Iowa; Julie Sherman, Bradley

