Minot State University Athletics
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MSU Named Champions of Character Institution

Minot State University, through its athletic department, has been named a “Champions of Character Institution” for the 2008-09 school year. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) office announced the designation recently in a press release. This is the eighth consecutive year that MSU has been recognized as a Champions of Character Institution.

Introduced in 2000 by the NAIA, the nationally recognized Champions of Character program seeks to create environments in which student-athletes, youth, parents, coaches, officials and spectators are committed and understand the true spirit of competition through the five character values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

“We’re excited, once again, to be chosen as a Champions of Character institution,” stated MSU Athletic Director Rick Hedberg. “We work hard to achieve this distinction. I want to commend our coaches and student-athletes for their involvement. They have made a commitment to this program.”

During the past year, MSU student-athletes have been involved in such projects as an elementary reading program, character development presentations in local schools, a food drive for a local food pantry, a giving tree Christmas project through the Domestic Violence Center, involvement and support of the North Dakota Special Olympics, and fundraising for breast cancer awareness.

“Our involvement on campus and in the community is important for our department,” said Hedberg. “The community supports us a great deal and we want to be able to give something back.”

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