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Summary: Twelve student athletes at UMM are the newest members of the national collegiate athletic honor society, Chi Alpha Sigma. UMM is the first college or university in the state of Minnesota to establish a chapter of this honor society.

(May 18, 2006)-Twelve student athletes at the University of Minnesota, Morris are the newest members of the national collegiate athletic honor society, Chi Alpha Sigma. UMM, awarded a chapter of Chi Alpha Sigma in April 2006, is the first college or university in the state of Minnesota to establish a chapter of this honor society.

"This seemed an appropriate move for an institution like UMM," said Tracey Anderson, UMM faculty athletic representative for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. "UMM administrators and athletic staff were very supportive."

"We're proud of the accomplishments of our students," said Sandy Olson-Loy, UMM vice chancellor for student affairs. "Chi Alpha Sigma offers a significant way to recognize students who meet high standards of excellence at this academically rigorous liberal arts college - in the classroom as well as their chosen sport."

UMM students who qualified for membership are Kirsten Neilson, Kelly Whipple, Stephanie Tomte, Rosalynn Johnson, Austin Krohn, Shawn O'Neil, Eric Smolensky, Andrew Anderson, Kyle Schwartz, Alicia Mendez, Christina Meyer and Adam Turgeon.

"It takes a very unique and special person to be able to excel in both academics and athletics during [their] college career," said Paul Grove, chapter adviser, Chi Alpha Sigma and UMM head men's basketball coach. "I am extremely proud of these individuals for what they have meant to the University of Minnesota, Morris, what they have accomplished here and look forward to seeing the great things they do in the future."

Chi Alpha Sigma was established in 1996 to recognize the high academic achievements of student athletes at the collegiate level. Student athletes who contribute significantly to at least one intercollegiate sport while maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their junior and senior years are eligible for membership in Chi Alpha Sigma.

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