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Summary: Athletic award recipients for 2007-2008 have been announced by the Office of Intercollegiate Athletics. The awards represent excellence by UMM's student-athletes both on and off the field of play.

(May 8, 2008)-The University of Minnesota, Morris 2007-2008 athletic award recipients have been announced. This year’s recipients are:

Arnold Henjum Award
The Arnold Henjum Award is given to an outstanding graduating male student-athlete from UMM. This year there are co-award recipients, Jeff Karschnik and Nick Hervin.

A three-year starting quarterback for the Cougar football team, Karschnik (Windom, Minn.) led UMM to its first ever Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) title in 2007 and was named UMAC offensive player of the year in 2007. He earned all-conference honors all three years in a Cougar uniform and became the all-time UMM leader in passing touchdowns with 56. Karschnik is also second in career passing yardage at UMM with 6,005 yards. In 2006 he also set the single season record for passing touchdowns with 22.

Off the field, Karschnik maintained a 3.3 GPA.

Hervin (Cold Spring, Minn.) was second on the Cougar baseball team in hitting this past season with a .418 batting average. He had 38 hits in 91 at bats with eight doubles and 12 runs batted in. A four-year starter, Hervin finished his career at UMM with a .350 batting average, just 20 points behind career leader Shane Pribyl.

A four time all-conference player, Hervin was named first team all-conference in 2006 and 2007 and earned UMAC honorable mention honors in 2005 and 2008.
Willis Kelly Award
Named for former UMM Athletic Director Willis Kelly, the award is presented to the outstanding graduating female student-athlete at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

This year’s recipient is Alaina Benson (Clinton, Minn.) who became just the 17th player in Cougar women’s basketball history to reach the 1,000 point plateau. She is currently tied for 14th on the all-time scoring list with 1,063 points.

A two-year captain, Benson also earned UMAC first team all-conference honors as a junior and a senior and was named to the all-defensive team as a senior.

She helped lead the Cougar women’s basketball team to the UMAC post-season tournament the past three seasons.

Women’s Honor Athlete
The Women’s Honor Athlete for 2007-2008 is Ashley Simpson of the Cougar women’s soccer team.

Simpson (Broomfield, Colo.) was named UMAC Academic All-Conference three times, earned UMAC all-conference accolades three times. She also served as team captain for two years and was named to the UMAC all-tournament team twice.

With a 3.8 GPA, Simpson earned several honors off the field as well. She was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association Academic All-Region team in 2006 and 2007. She was a member of the Chi Sigma Alpha Honor Society in 2006 and 2007, an American Achievement Academy Academic All-America and made the Dean's List every semester.

Simpson helped lead the Cougars to three straight UMAC post-season championships from 2004-2006.

Men’s Honor Athlete Award
Brady Janzen has been selected as the Men’s Honor Athlete Award recipient for 2007-2008.

Janzen (Mountain Lake, Minn.) has been a starter with the Cougar football team in the past three seasons. He earned defensive UMAC honorable mention all-conference honors in 2004, was named first team all-conference in 2005 and second team in 2006.

Brady maintained a 3.4 GPA.

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