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Western Illinois earns first Summit League Sportsmanship Award

Leathernecks earn first-ever Summit League Sportsmanship Award

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. –For the first time in league history, Western Illinois has been selected by its fellow institutions with the 2018-19 Summit League Sportsmanship Award.

The Summit League Sportsmanship Award is given annually to the institution that is judged by its peers to be the best in the league in living up to the ideals of sportsmanship. Areas for evaluation include student-athlete conduct, staff/administrator conduct, coaches' conduct and event management.

Southern Utah continues to own the league record with five Sportsmanship Awards, followed by Centenary and South Dakota with three apiece. Purdue Fort Wayne, Omaha and South Dakota State each earned a pair of awards while IUPUI, Kansas City and Valparaiso have each earned the honor once.

Sportsmanship Award History

1998-99 – Kansas City

1999-2000 – Southern Utah

2000-01 – IUPUI

2001-02 – Valparaiso

2002-03 – Southern Utah

2003-04 – Southern Utah

2004-05 – Southern Utah

2005-06 – Southern Utah

2006-07 – Centenary

2007-08 – Centenary

2008-09 – South Dakota State

2009-10 – Centenary

2010-11 – South Dakota State

2011-12 – Fort Wayne

2012-13 – Omaha

2013-14 – Omaha

2014-15 – Fort Wayne

2015-16 – South Dakota

2016-17 – South Dakota
2017-18 – South Dakota
2018-19 – Western Illinois

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