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IPFW GARNERS FIRST SUMMIT LEAGUE SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD *Institution wins first honor in school history*

ELMHURST, Ill. - IPFW has been honored by its fellow institutions with the 2011-12 Summit League Sportsmanship Award. It marks the first time the Mastodons have earned the prestigious 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.

UMKC won the inaugural Sportsmanship Award following the 1998-99 academic year. South Dakota State earned the honor last season. Southern Utah has a record five Sportsmanship Awards, followed by Centenary with three and SDSU with two. IPFW, IUPUI, UMKC and Valparaiso have each captured the honor once.

Celebrating its 30th anniversary season at the Division I level in 2011-12, The Summit League offers 19 championship sports and has a combined enrollment of over 155,000 at 11 universities, five of which are located in the top 76 U.S. media markets (Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Tulsa and Omaha). Member institutions include: IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne), IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis), UMKC (University of Missouri-Kansas City), the University of Nebraska Omaha (which begins league competition in 2012-13), North Dakota State University, Oakland University, Oral Roberts University, the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Southern Utah University and Western Illinois University. Eastern Illinois University is an associate member in swimming and diving and men's soccer.

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SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

YEAR-BY-YEAR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD LISTING

Academic Year	School
1998-99	UMKC
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	IPFW