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South Dakota Earns Third Summit League Sportsmanship Award *Coyotes claim award for the third-consecutive year*

ELMHURST, Ill. – For the third-consecutive year, South Dakota has been honored by its fellow institutions with the 2017-18 Summit League Sportsmanship Award. This marks the third time in league history that the Coyotes 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.

Southern Utah owns the league record with five Sportsmanship Awards, followed by Centenary, and now South Dakota, with three. Fort Wayne, Omaha and South Dakota State each claim a pair of awards. IUPUI, Kansas City and Valparaiso have each earned the honor once.

ABOUT THE SUMMIT LEAGUE

Through 35 years of Division I athletics, The Summit League offers 19 championship sports and has a combined enrollment of nearly 100,000 at eight institutions, including three located in top 60 U.S. metro populations and two land-grant universities. Member institutions include: Denver (University of Denver), Fort Wayne (Indiana University-Purdue University-Fort Wayne), North Dakota State University, Omaha (University of Nebraska Omaha), Oral Roberts University, the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University and Western Illinois University with the University of North Dakota becoming an official member on July 1, 2018. Previously known as the Mid-Continent Conference, The Summit League rebranded in 2007 and has since produced nine NCAA Champions along with over 90 Academic All-Americans, nearly 100 All-America selections and numerous former student-athletes competing at the highest professional level. For more information about the league, visit www.thesummitleague.org website, follow The Summit League on Twitter @thesummitleague.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD **YEAR-BY-YEAR SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD LISTING**

Academic Year	School
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