

Seward's All Everything Mark Recognized for Academics

In a career in which she continues to pile up different awards and records on the softball diamond, Thursday Seward County's Stephanie Mark received recognition for her work on the field and in the classroom as she was one of just three junior college student-athletes out of the nearly 400 selected to be named Capital One Academic All-District.

The 2013 Capital One Academic All-District Softball Teams, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America, have been released to recognize the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom. Capital One has been the entitlement rights holder to CoSIDA's Academic All-America teams programs since 2011.

The Academic All-District teams include the student-athletes listed on the following pages and are divided into eight geographic districts across the United States and Canada. This is the second year of the expanded Academic All-America(r) program as CoSIDA moved from recognizing a University Division (Division I) and a College Division (all non-Division I) and has doubled the number of scholar-athletes honored. The expanded teams include NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II and NCAA Division III participants, while the College Division team combines NAIA, Canadian and two-year schools.

Mark was named to the District 6 College Division Academic All-District Team. The District 6 team is comprised of players from non-NCAA schools throughout the states of Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Mark, a sophomore from Ogden, Utah, is an Engineering major and holds a 3.83 GPA. Along with her success off the field, Mark has had another outstanding year with the bat and the glove for the Lady Saints. Throughout the course of the 2013 season she has broken the school's all-time hits, doubles and RBI records and leads Seward in five major offensive categories including batting average (.438), hits (81), doubles (18), home runs (17), and RBI's (68).

First-team Academic All-District honorees including Mark now advance to the Capital One Academic All-America Team ballot, where first-, second- and third-team All-America honorees will be selected later this month.