

Athletic Hall of Fame Adds Seven in 2011

St. Cloud, Minn. – St. Cloud State University inducted seven new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Sept. 10, 2011 at the St. Cloud Civic Center.

Former Husky Hockey player and Hall of Fame member Jeff Passolt emceed the ceremony.

With the induction the Athletic Hall of Fame numbers 171 individuals and three teams.

This year the inductees included five athletes, a coach and a Distinguished Service Award winner. Among the inductees are three local women who all attended St. Cloud Technical High School in the 1990's.

Tina Gust – Distinguished Service Award Winner

Tina Gust ('97) is a life long friend and supporter of Husky Athletics. It all began on Saturday mornings in the Husky Hot Shot program where she honed her skills and nurtured her love of Husky Athletics. She attended St. Cloud Tech High School and earned a bachelor's degree in mass communications from St. Cloud State in 1997. In 1998 she was granted a master's degree in sports administration and facility management from Ohio University. She joined the Minor League Baseball staff in June of 1998 as an assistant in the Licensing Department, was promoted to assistant director, associate director and then director of licensing in 2008. In January of 2011 she became the first female Vice President in the 109-year history of the Minor League Baseball office when she was named Vice President, Business Development. She continues to follow Husky Athletics on the web, on return trips to St. Cloud and whenever a Husky team travels to Florida.

Charlie Basch – Coach

Charlie Basch is a long time St. Cloud State coach and instructor having served the University from 1968 to 1991. Basch was the head coach of Husky Hockey from 1968 to 1984 and an assistant football coach for ten years. He coached seven hockey All-Americans including two-time All-American's Pat Sullivan and Dave Reichel. In 1979-80 the Huskies posted a 20-9-1 record and advanced to the NCAA DII-III Western Division Playoffs. St. Cloud State returned to the Western Division II Playoffs in 1980-81 with a 19-11-1 record. Basch was among a group of college hockey coaches who formed the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) in 1981-82 which further promoted the college game at the Division II and III level.

Toni Jameson Hall – Athlete

Toni Jameson Hall ('90 or '94) was a stand out athlete in basketball and track and field from 1986-1990. An outstanding rebounder, Jameson was a four-year starter in basketball, appearing in every game from 1986 to 1990. A three-time All-Northern Central Conference (NCC), including two first team honors, Jameson held the career record in league rebounds with 577. She led the NCC in rebounding in 1990 averaging 10.3 rebounds per game. She was named to the NCAA Division II North Central Region All-Tournament team in 1989 and in 1990 was named a Second

Team American Women's Sports Federation (AWSF) All-American and to the WBCA Kodak All-District team. Jameson played in 115 games during her career at SCSU, scored 1,573 points and pulled down 1,046 rebounds. She currently ranks ninth on the all-time career scoring chart and is third in career rebounds. She still ranks in the top ten chart in career field goals made and attempted, free throws made and attempted, assists, and steals. During her career, the Huskies on the 1989 NCC title, the first for the women, played in four NCAA North Central Region Tournaments, one NCAA quarterfinal game, and posted an 83-32 overall record. Upon the completion of her collegiate career, Jameson landed on the United States Team Handball team winning three national titles. The 1992 Handball Team won the Gold Medal at the Pan American Games. She made the 1996 Olympic team that finished eighth.

Jack Haddorff – Athlete and Coach

Jack Haddorff ('63, 68') competed in basketball and track for the Huskies in the early 1960s. He was a member of two Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) Championship basketball teams in 1962 and 1963, and was a team captain in 1963. Twice he was named All-Conference and in 1962 was named a Basketball Regional Little All-American. A point guard, Haddorff left St. Cloud State as the career assist leader. He was a member of the 1962 track team. He returned to St. Cloud State in 1968 and served as an assistant basketball coach and head tennis coach, winning two conference championships in each sport. (Haddorff went on to coach basketball at the University of Minnesota, Morris from 1970-74 and was named the NIC Coach of the Year in 1974. Following his coaching career, Haddorff spent 25 years as a United Methodist Minister.)

Michelle Lechner – Athlete

Michelle Lechner (2000) was a two-sport athlete competing in softball from 1995 to 1999 and tennis during the 1999-2000 season. A four-year starter in softball, Lechner posted a career batting average of .380, striking out only 18 times in 534 at-bats. (She also had a .993 fielding percentage during her career.) Lechner was named to two All-Conference, two All-Region and two Academic All-American teams. She also earned North Central Region All-Tournament team honors in 1999. She was a member of the 1998 North Central Conference (NCC) Championship softball team and was named the St. Cloud State Female Athlete of the Year in 1999. When she completed her softball career at SCSU, Lechner held career records for hits with 208, singles with 182 and batting average of .381. She also held the single season record for singles with 62. Lechner played in 190 career games and in 1998 batted her career high .425. The Huskies won 142 games during her career including a then record 44 wins during the 1999 season. In tennis she was the NCC runner-up at #4 singles and #1 doubles for the Huskies who finished second in the conference in 2001. She posted a 20-8 singles record and shared the single season record for wins with 44. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from SCSU and was a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She was inducted into the Minnesota Fastpitch Coaches' Association Hall of Fame in 2004 and the St. Cloud Tech Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

David Linehan – Athlete

Dave Linehan ('67) was a four-year varsity starter on the St. Cloud State men's basketball team from 1962 to 1966. A team co-captain his junior and senior years, he helped lead the Huskies to

four Northern Intercollegiate Conference (NIC) Championships. He was named the top forward in the NIC, was a two-time All-Conference selection and was named an Honorable Mention All-American. Linehan scored 30 points as a freshman in his first varsity starting role and went on to average 26.4 points his rookie season. The Huskies won their first ever NAIA District 13 title in 1962 and returned to the NAIA finals in 1966. Linehan set the career field goal shooting percentage mark in 1966 and currently ranks fourth on the career chart with a .566 field goal percentage (220-387).

Simona Samuelson – Athlete

Simona Samuelson ('92) played on three straight NCAA Division II North Central Region Basketball Tournament teams during her career that lasted from 1987 to 1991. The Huskies won the 1989 North Central Conference (NCC) title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Quarterfinal round. Samuelson was a two-time All-NCC team choice including first team honors in 1990. In 1991 she earned Kodak Honorable Mention All-American honors. Samuelson led the NCC in blocked shots in 1989, 1990 and 1991, and set an NCC record for blocks with 50 in 1991, which stood until 1995. She also set an NCC record for best field goal percentage for a sophomore in 1989 with a .641 (66-103) mark. During her career, she set school record for most blocks in a game with ten, a record she still holds and most blocked shots in a career with 285. She scored 1,291 career points which ranks 17th all-time at SCSU and is 12th all-time in rebounding with 680 rebounds. She still ranks among the top players in field goal percentage, free throws made and free throw attempts. In 1992 she competed on the SCSU track and field team with outstanding results winning the NCC outdoor championships in the discus and the shot put. She went on to earn All-American honors in both events placing second at the NCAA Championships in the discus and eighth in the shot put.