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Paula U'Ren Named to Maple River Hall of Fame:

Mapleton, Minn. – St. Cloud State head softball coach Paula U'Ren was recently named to the inaugural class of the Maple River High School Hall of Fame. Honoring Academics, Arts and Athletics, U'Ren joins 15 others in the inaugural class of the Mapleton, Minn. High School.

At Maple River High School, U'Ren played on four State Tournament softball teams, and led her 1990 squad to a runner-up finish the Class A, Minnesota State Tournament.

After her days at MRHS, U'Ren took her talents to Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. where she would parlay her talents to All-American status her sophomore, junior and senior seasons. U'Ren closed her college career ranking among the best Division II players to step on the field. In the all-time annals of the NCAA's second best division, U'Ren ranks fourth in career RBI (192), sixth in home runs (32), and 15th in doubles (41).

After her playing days, U'Ren stepped to the sidelines as a coach, first as a graduate assistant at St. Cloud State, before becoming the Head Coach in 1998. In her 11 season's leading SCSU, U'Ren has guided her teams to three conference titles, six NCAA tournament appearances, a North Central Region Championship, and a third place finish at the 2004 NCAA Championships. Her teams have also produced over 400 wins and five All-Americans during her tenure.

"I am honored to be selected to the first ever Maple River Hall of Fame Class. Looking at the list of individuals going into the Hall this year, it is very special to be a part of such an outstanding group, and I am honored to be among them," U'Ren commented.

"Through the support of my parents and some great high school coaches, such as Jeff Annis, participating in athletics at Maple River High School was a great experience. It allowed me to pursue a college scholarship at a top softball school, which opened the door for me to continue my career in athletics as a coach. I owe a great deal to my parents and all those coaches that worked with me, and spent countless hours with me in the gym and on the ball field during those years at Maple River."

She concluded, "I will never forget those state softball tournament experiences and riding the fire trucks back into town after our big wins. The support that the Maple River community has for its athletes is second to none. After those big wins, they would always be right there waiting for us when we got back into town and really made it something special to be a Maple River athlete."

St. Cloud State University is the largest member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system. Founded in 1869, and located 70 miles northwest of Twin Cities in St. Cloud, Minn. along the banks of the scenic Mississippi River, SCSU boasts an enrollment of nearly 17,000 students and is a member of NCAA Division II athletics where they compete in the North Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).



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