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THREE HUSKIES LAND ON COSIDA ACADEMIC TEAMS

St. Cloud, Minn. – The 2008-09 St. Cloud State men's and women's swimming and diving squad had three individuals named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 2008-09 At-Large College Division teams. Those individuals included **Mitch Dickison** (Faribault), **Kelsey Berkeland** (Coon Rapids) and **Kelly Vieau** (Delano).

Dickison was named to the Academic All-District V Second Team after posting a 3.84 grade point average in criminal justice at SCSU. The senior swimmer earned the Husky of the Year honors this year after tabbing All-American Honorable Mention honors in three events at the 2009 NCAA Division II Championships.

Berkeland landed herself on the Academic All-District V First Team for the first time in her career, sporting a 3.94 GPA in elementary education. The four-time All-American will now advance to the Academic All-America ballot. She topped off her senior season with a sensational finish, posting two All-American runner-up marks at the 2009 NCAA Division II Championships with a 446.05 on the three-meter and a 437.85 on the one-meter. The Coon Rapids native gained the individual championships on both the one (400.85) and three-meter (452.80) boards at the 2009 Northern Sun Championships and was named the Northern Sun Female Diver of the Year. Serving as a team captain this year, Berkeland charted 13 first place finishes in 2008-09 and was voted her team's Female Diver of the Year.

Vieau garnered Academic All-District V Second Team accolades for the first time in her career after charting a 3.96 GPA in elementary education. Originally from Delano, Vieau posted All-American status in the 200 free relay at the 2009 NCAA Division II Championships with a fourth place finish in a time of 1:34.18. She also tabbed two All-American Honorable Mention accolades in the 400 freestyle relay (9th/3:28.32) and the 800 freestyle relay (16th/7:46.84). A member of the 400 free relay that charted the Northern Sun title, touching the wall in 3:30.02, Vieau qualified for nationals in the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free relay, 400 free relay and the 200 medley relay this season. She was voted her team's Husky of the Year after tallying 13 first place finishes during her junior campaign. Vieau has been named a team co-captain for the upcoming 2009-10 season.

The Huskies sent a school record 20 athletes to the NCAA Division II Championships in 2008-09, and had one of their best showings as a result. The SCSU women finished in the top-10 for just the second time in school history, placing eighth, and were 12 spots better than last year's 20th place finish. Their 158 total points are also the second best mark in school history, settling behind the 2000 team that finished fifth with 259 points.

The Husky men had their best showing this decade, finishing in 14th with 102.5 points. The 14th place tally is tied with the 1999 team for the second best finish in school history, behind only the ninth place 1981 team. However, the 102.5 points is the highest total in team history, breaking the record of 98 set by last year's 15th place team.

Jeff Hegle completed his eighth season on the deck as the head swimming and diving coach for the men's and women's programs at St. Cloud State University in 2008-09. For his efforts in 2008-09, Coach Hegle was named the 2009 Northern Sun Women's Coach of the Year and the Men's Co-Coach of the Year after leading the Huskies to a clean sweep of the men's and women's Northern Sun Championships for the first time in school history in 2009.

St. Cloud State University, an NCAA Division II affiliate, was founded in 1869 and enrolls over 16,000 students, making it the second largest college in the state of Minnesota.



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