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Minnesota Crookston Softball Player Morales Earns CoSIDA Academic All-District



CROOKSTON, Minn. – University of Minnesota Crookston softball player [Maggie Morales](#) (So., 1B/DP, Tucson, Ariz.) was named College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District 7 for softball as announced Thurs., May 4. The award recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances athletically and in the classroom.

Morales is one of just two student-athletes in the NSIC recognized in softball as CoSIDA Academic All-District selections, joining Minnesota State University-Mankato's Coley Ries. Morales has maintained a 3.79 GPA in exercise science and wellness. The sophomore started 40 games for the Golden Eagles, hitting .272 with 10 runs scored, 10 doubles, two home runs and 12 RBI's. She is an NSIC All-Academic recipient and has been a member of the UMC Chancellor's List. Morales is the first student-athlete to earn CoSIDA Academic All-District honors at Minnesota Crookston since Katrina Nordick following the 2015-16 women's basketball season.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale). The nominee athletes must have participated in at least 50 percent of the team's games. No student-athlete is eligible until she has completed one full calendar year at her current institution and has reached sophomore athletic eligibility.

Academic All-District teams are divided into eight geographic districts across the United States and Canada. This is the sixth year of the expanded Academic All-America® 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 Academic All-America® Team combines NAIA, Canadian and two-year schools.

The Division II and III Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division II and III national governance structures, to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2016-17 DII and DIII Academic All-America® teams program.

First-team Academic All-District honorees advance to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team ballot, where first-, second- and third-team All-America® honorees will be selected later this month.

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