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Muskingum's Hoying Named March OAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month

By Muskingum Sports Information Department

Austintown, OH- Muskingum College junior softball player Kari Hoying has been named the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Scholar-Athlete of the Month for March.

Hoying, a physical education major who carries a 3.50 grade-point-average, is one of the most decorated student-athletes at Muskingum. She was named First Team Academic All-Ohio Athletic Conference, First Team All-OAC, First Team All-Central Region and First Team All-American in 2006.



Hoying's devotion on and off the field is a quality admired and respected by her teammates and coaches. Last season, Hoying was honored as the Gayle Lauth OAC Softball Player of the Year and set the Muskingum all-time record for hits in a season with 82 and led the conference in RBI (64), home runs (12), total bases (144) and at-bats (174). In addition to her athletic achievements, Hoying is active in numerous school and community affairs.

On campus, she serves as a work study advisor, is a head coach for Muskingum's Field of Dreams fall softball league, note taker for the PLUS Program, community picnic volunteer and assists with Muskingum's Hall of Fame breakfast. In the community, Hoying tutors at Cambridge City Schools, is a volunteer helper at Catholic Mass on campus and in Russia (Ohio) and volunteers as a hitting coach for summer softball leagues.

"Kari is the essence of the scholar student-athlete," said Head Coach Donna Newberry. "The dedication and commitment that she demonstrates is something that her fellow students and teammates admire."

Hoying helped lead the Muskies, who have been ranked in the top-25 national poll every week since 1999 and who are currently ranked #1 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Preseason Top-25 poll, to their ninth straight OAC regular season and tournament titles last season. Additionally, she has been an integral part of the Muskies' last two NCAA Division III World Series runs.

"Kari is a fierce competitor who always wants to win every time she steps on the field or into the classroom," said Newberry. "Her constant work ethic is something that her teammates try to emulate. She always strives to be the best at whatever she does."

In its ninth year of existence, the OAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month honors an exceptional student-athlete on a monthly basis. Criteria for the award consist of the student-athlete being a junior or senior status, competition in a sport that is in-season, sportsmanlike conduct and carrying a cumulative grade-point average (gpa) of at least 3.0.