

Drake Named WIAC Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete

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MADISON - UW-Eau Claire men's basketball player **Casey Drake** (Sr. -*Rhineland*) has been named the 2005 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Max Sparger Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete, it was announced recently by WIAC Commissioner Gary Karner.

Drake is majoring in broadfield social studies-teaching and maintains a 3.53 grade point average. He was recently named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Five College Division Men's Basketball Second Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Drake is a three-time selection to the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll and has also been recognized on UW-Eau Claire's Dean's List and Honor Roll all nine semesters. This past fall, he was a recipient of the Blugold Super Six Award, which is the highest honor given to a UW-Eau Claire student-athlete recognizing both academic and athletic excellence.

Drake, a two-year team captain, has earned all-WIAC first team honors the last two seasons. He is a two-time team Most Valuable Player and finished his career 20th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,177 points.

Drake is a three-year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and has participated in a grade school reading program and community clean-up day. He also works the front desk at a UW-Eau Claire residence hall and has volunteered as a Babe Ruth baseball coach.

Drake becomes the second men's basketball student-athlete from UW-Eau Claire to receive the conference's top scholastic honor, joining Todd Oehrlein (1991).

Also nominated for this year's scholar-athlete award were: UW-Stevens Point's Eric Maus, UW-Stout's Luke Loney and UW-Superior's Mark Rothschadl.

The WIAC Scholar-Athlete Award is sponsored by Culver's. In order to be nominated for the scholar-athlete award, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average, be in their last year of competition, or on schedule to graduate this academic year, and have competed for a minimum of two years.

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