12 inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

Hayes named first Honoree

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee's athletic department inducted 12 student-athletes and the first-ever Honoree into the on March 18 at the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame, the ninth class of inductees for the honor society.

The first Honoree was longtime Track Head Coach Dean Hayes.

There were eight females and four males, including four from



track, three from men's golf, two from women's basketball and one each from soccer, baseball, and volleyball.

The women honored were Kelsey Branstetter (soccer), Autumn Gipson (track), Tressanique Hampton (track), Rachel Islam (track), Laken Leonard (basketball), Lindsey Purvis (volleyball), Ebony Rowe (basketball), and Stephanie Smith (track).

The men were Brett Patterson (golf), Paul Sansom (golf), Sam Thompson (golf), and Aaron Hyder (baseball).

Chi Alpha Sigma is a non-profit organization established to recognize college students who earn a varsity letter in at least one sport while maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their junior and senior years. The goal of the organization is to recognize outstanding academic achievement by intercollegiate athletes.

Middle Tennessee has now inducted a total of 115 student-athletes into the society after just eight years of eligibility. In 2005, the first year Blue Raider student-athletes could be inducted, a total of 26 were recognized. Middle Tennessee placed 10 student-athletes into the society in 2006, 15 more in 2007, 10 in 2008, nine in 2009, 16 in 2010, 13 in 2011, four in 2012, and 12 in 2013.

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