

Spring Clean-Up

Unprecedented spring performances propelled Augustana to its first Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference/US Bank All-Sports Award and its highest-ever finish in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings.

Emily Kvidera, class of 2013, tied for 15th at the NCAA Championship, the highest finish for a Viking. She was named to the NSIC All-Tournament Team after finishing third at the NSIC Championship and was the medalist at the Concordia Invite in September 2010.



It's Been a Great Year to be a Viking

Augustana women won conference championships in golf, softball, tennis, and track. Five of the eight spring teams qualified for NCAA Division II championship play. Gretta Melsted (softball), Peggy Kirby (women's golf), Marc Kurtz (women's tennis), and Tracy Hellman (women's track) were chosen conference coaches of the year.

In 2010-11 Augustana captured seven conference championships and one division crown. In addition to the spring clean-up, the Vikings won women's and men's cross country titles, and football claimed a division title in the fall. The wrestling team prevailed in the winter. Since joining the NSIC in 2008, the Vikings have finished no lower than second in the all-sports rankings.

Kirby's golf team was especially dominant. The Vikings breezed to conference and region championships by a combined 96 strokes. Leading the way were freshmen Allie Ostrander and Maggie Leland. Ostrander was the Central Region medalist, while Leland was named NSIC newcomer of the year. Augustana made its fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Championships finishing in a tie for ninth.

Behind the success of the spring squads, Augustana won the NSIC/US Bank All-Sports Standing for the first time in school history. The Vikings also finished third in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings, the highest finish for an NSIC institution this year.

Accomplishments also came in the classroom for Augustana. Three Vikings – Dan Schoen, Matt Braithwaite and Jay Sherer – were awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships in 2010-11. A total of 116 student-athletes were also named Academic All-NSIC.