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College of Saint Mary Athletics Honors All-Time Greats

OMAHA, Neb. – On Tuesday, February 5, during half-time of the College of Saint Mary (CSM) vs. Haskell Indian Nations University Basketball Game, the Flames Athletic Department recognized former player, Ann (Heller) Hanigan and student-athlete, Senior Karyn Bixler.

Hanigan, a 1978 graduate, held the all-time career scoring record at CSM for 35 years with 1,341 points. Bixler surpassed this mark on January 18. During Hanigan’s career at CSM, she was named team MVP and voted onto the Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska team. During the 1977-1978 season, she scored 40 points against Dana College. When she graduated from CSM, Hanigan held two all-time records. She was inducted into the CSM’s Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

As Dr. Maryanne Stevens, CSM President, escorted Hanigan out to center court, Hanigan received a standing ovation from the crowd. Jim Krueger, CSM Athletic Director, presented Hanigan with a CSM Basketball team jersey. Bixler joined Hanigan, and Bixler was presented with a framed #34 CSM Basketball Jersey.

Hanigan’s Basketball Coach, Bob McCabe, was on hand to witness the presentation. McCabe coached The Flames for eight seasons, 1973-1981, and finished with a career mark of 82-61. Included in his winning totals were victories over Creighton, Chadron State, University of Nebraska Kearney and University of Nebraska Omaha. McCabe was inducted into the CSM Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. Several of Hanigan’s former teammates attended the game to offer congratulations.

College of Saint Mary Athletic Teams are members of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Midland Collegiate Athletic Conference (MCAC). College of Saint Mary, founded in Omaha in 1923, is the region’s only Catholic college for women. With approximately 1,000 students, CSM is dedicated to the education of women in an environment that calls forth potential and fosters leadership. For more information on CSM, visit CSM.edu.

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