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12 Stars named to All-Academic Squad

Stephens College's Lesley Nielsen named to AMC's All-Conference softball team

COLUMBIA — Stephens College's Lesley Nielsen has been named to the 2011 American Midwest Conference All-Conference softball team. Nielsen, a junior catcher from **St. Johns, Ariz.**, was named to the conference's honorable mention squad.

Nielsen finished the season with a .910 fielding percentage. She led the Stars with a .325 batting average.

Nielsen was also named to the Academic All-Conference team.

"Lesley has been a great asset for us," Stars coach Tim Price said. "She transferred to us from junior college not as a catcher, but hoping to play first base and maybe pitch on occasion. She not only filled this position, but did it with enthusiasm and worked very hard to help the team out."

Also receiving Academic All-Conference honors for Stephens were Andie Young, junior, **Bosworth, Mo.**; Brittany Tutt, freshman, **Dawn, Mo.**; Nae Miller, sophomore, **Kansas City, Mo.**; Brooke Warren, freshman, **Macon, Mo.**; Rebecca Brannon, freshman, **Marble Hill, Mo.**; Mariah Overstreet, sophomore, **New Franklin, Mo.**; Sydney Haven, senior, **Groveland Ill.**; Emily Park, freshman, **Topeka, Kan.**; Kelsey Benson, junior, **Spencer, Neb.**; Cara Leis, senior, **Rapid City, S.D.**; Casey Martin, senior, **Olive Hill, Tenn.**

"Softball is a great sport; one that brings athletes together to accomplish a common task as a unit," Price said. Great lifetime friendships are forged, but the main reason for these amazing young ladies to be at Stephens has never been lost by them — the pursuit of their educational goals. It does not surprise me that all of the young ladies have been named to the AMC's Academic All Conference squad. This speaks highly not only of the quality of the Stephens College academic programs, but also the seriousness our athletes' commitment to the "student" role of being a student athlete."