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BEOUGHNER OF CEDARVILLE AND TIDEMAN OF SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY NAMED RECIPIENTS OF THE EMRIL S. LISTON AWARD **NAIA Basketball Players Recognized for Excellence in Character, Playing Ability and Scholarship**

Olathe, Kan. – The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced today Kristi Beoughner of Cedarville University (Ohio) and Blake Tideman of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology the 2006 recipients of the prestigious Emil S. Liston Award. The award presented annually by Daktronics recognizes a male and female junior basketball player based on scholarship, character and playing ability. Since 1950, the award honors the memory of the NAIA's first executive director Emil S. Liston. Mr. Liston was the founder of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) and played a principal role in the NAIA men's basketball tournament.

Beoughner and Tideman were selected by the NAIA Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives from a field that included nominees from the NAIA's 289 member institutions. Cedarville University and South Dakota School of Mines and Technology will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship award from Daktronics in the name of the winner.

From Louisville, Kentucky, Beoughner was honored as an All-America Scholar-Athlete for the 2005-06 basketball season. Beoughner, a six-foot forward, is a Dean's Honor List student majoring in youth ministry. She earned a spot on the NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete list which recognizes juniors and seniors who maintain a minimum 3.50 cumulative grade point average.

"She is an outstanding young lady who is disciplined, self-motivated and a tremendous asset to our program both on and off the court," said Cedarville Women's Basketball Head Coach Kirk Martin. "She has become an integral part of our team along with gaining respect from our opponents."

Another NAIA student-athlete making news is South Dakota School of Mines and Technology junior Blake Tideman. A Civil Engineering scholar from Winner, S.D., he has earned accolades and respect from his professors, teammates and coaches.

"Blake has been a key player on our basketball team the past three seasons. He works hard every day, is a joy to coach, competes with tenacity and is an outstanding team player," said South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Director of Athletics Hugh Welsh. "During his years at School of the Mines Blake has been a consummate student-athlete."

Beoughner and Tideman represent the ideals of the NAIA scholar athlete as evidenced by their scholarship, character, citizenship and athletic ability. To learn more about the NAIA and other national and sport specific awards visit www.naia.org.

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