Four SUNY Cortland Athletes Named
SUNYAC Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

SUNY Cortland women's tennis player Jen Hemedinger (Binghamton/Chenango Forks), field hockey midfielder Judy Slopnick (Mohawk), women's basketball guard Kaylin VanDusen (Schuyler/West Canada Valley) and men's swimmer Andy Chevalier (Chazy/Chazy Central Rural) have been chosen as State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award winners in their respective sports during the fall and winter seasons.

The awards are given to one student-athlete in each SUNYAC sport who has the highest cumulative grade point average among all first-team or second-team all-conference selections. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have completed at least three semesters.

The awards were presented by SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King at a ceremony at the Wyndham Hotel in Syracuse on Monday, April 25. The Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement within the SUNY system at the Division I, Division II and junior college levels.

Hemedingen is a junior special education and childhood education major with a 3.71 overall grade point average. She was part of the winning third doubles team at last fall's SUNYAC Women's Tennis Championships, helping the Red Dragons win their second straight league title. She finished the season with a 13-3 doubles record.

Slopnick is a senior sport management major with a 3.56 grade point average. She was sixth on Cortland's field hockey team in scoring last fall with nine points on two goals and five assists. She was named first team All-SUNYAC for the second straight season and was chosen to compete in the annual North-South Senior All-Star Game. Cortland finished 15-2, won the SUNYAC title and advanced to the NCAA Division III quarterfinals.

VanDusen is a junior sport management major with a 3.93 grade point average. A three-year starting guard on Cortland's women's basketball team, she averaged 11.5 points and two assists per game and was named to the all-league second team. She was selected to the ESPN the Magazine District I All-Academic second team this winter, and was a SUNYAC all-tournament team selection as both a freshman and sophomore. The Red Dragons finished the season 19-7 and advanced to the league tournament semifinals.

Chevalier is a sophomore kinesiology major with a 3.83 grade point average. He won SUNYAC swimming titles this past season in both the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medleys, and he placed second in the 200-yard butterfly. He won all three of those events as a freshman to earn Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet honors at the 2004 SUNYAC Championships. The Red Dragons enjoyed a 10-4 dual-meet record and placed third at the league championship meet this winter.

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