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(Neb.)-Beran elected to RMAC Hall of Fame

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Casey Beran, a former football player at Chadron State College, has been elected to the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, commissioner Joel R. Smith announced.

Beran, who played for the Eagles from 1995 to 1999, will join six individuals – Colorado Mines' Chad Friehauf, Adams State's Brenda Jarvis-Eriksson, Frank Powell and Richard Ulrich, UCCS' Crystal Krebs and Metro State's Mark Worthington – and three national championship teams from Adams State during the induction ceremony July 12.

"I was really excited when I heard the news," Beran said. "In all reality, though, being elected to the hall of fame is a tribute to how good our team was and how good our coaching staff was when I was playing. It isn't an individual honor to me because it makes me think of all the great players I played with. They made what I did possible."

Beran was the first Chadron State football player to earn both All-American and Academic All-American honors. He was a three-time RMAC All-Conference First Team selection and as a senior in 1999 he was named the conference's outstanding defensive player. In 2009, he was selected as one of the top 12 defensive players in RMAC history at its Centennial Celebration.

As a senior, Beran, a Sargent native, was named a Football Gazette and USA Football First Team All-American and was placed on the Daktronics and Associated Press Little All-American Second Teams. When he graduated he owned the CSC record for most sacks (36.5). He also caused seven fumbles and had 38 quarterback hurries.

In addition to his defensive duties, Beran played fullback and scored seven touchdowns as a junior and four as a senior.

Beran majored in human biology and graduated Magna Cum Laude in the spring of 1999. He graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2004 and is now an orthopedic surgeon for Alegent Creighton Clinic.

The 11th annual RMAC Hall of Fame ceremony will be Friday, July 12 at the Colorado Springs Marriott Hotel. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6. A table of 10 can be purchased for \$500. Individual reservations are \$55 prior to July 5.

The 2013 RMAC Hall of Fame class was chosen by a committee comprised of Patti Arnold, Eric

Danner, Marv Kay, Todd Kelly, Con Marshall, Joan McDermott, Sarah Meier, Larry Mortensen and Smith.