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Pixler, Schmitz, Madden Gain Scholar Athlete of the Year Distinction in Division II

In addition, 276 individuals receive All-Academic status for the track & field seasons

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NEW ORLEANS – Jessica Pixler (Seattle Pacific), Darcie Schmitz (Fort Hays State), and Amanda Madden (Northern State) were named on Thursday as Scholar Athletes of the Year in Division II for the 2010 track & field seasons by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). The four represent collegiate track & field's best in both athletics and academics. In addition, 276 were tapped as USTFCCCA All-Academic honorees.

Scholar Athletes are determined from among those who earned All-Academic status and placed highest in individual events at the most recent NCAA Championships. Those who earn multiple individual championship titles rank higher in the tie-breaking process, and cumulative GPA is weighed as the final tiebreaker to establish a winner. Separate awards are given to track athletes and field athletes for the indoor and outdoor seasons, resulting in four categories.

Indoor Track Scholar Athlete of the Year/Outdoor Track Scholar Athlete of the Year – Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific

Pixler, a native of Sammamish, Wash., earned Scholar Athlete of the Year titles for the indoor and outdoor seasons. In addition to compiling a 3.94 cumulative GPA while majoring in English, Pixler won a total of 12 NCAA Division II Championship titles between cross country and track and field. Included in the count were a national title in the mile from this indoor season and a national crown in the 1500 meters during the latest outdoor season. It has been announced that Pixler will continue her graduate work at the University of Colorado and has one year of eligibility in outdoor track & field remaining. Pixler is a five-time winner of the Scholar Athlete of the Year award for track and field and three-time previous winner in cross country.

Indoor Field Scholar Athlete of the Year – Darcie Schmitz, Fort Hays State

Schmitz, a native of Baileyville, Kan., was the NCAA indoor champion in the long jump and was also the runner-up in the triple jump at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships. Schmitz, a junior in 2010, carries a 3.86 cumulative GPA as an art major.

Outdoor Field Scholar Athlete of the Year – Amanda Madden, Northern State

Madden, a native of Herreid, S.D., won the NCAA outdoor crown in the hammer throw by over 10 feet with a toss of 192-7 (58.70m). In addition, Madden won the NCAA indoor title with the weight throw earlier in the year. Madden, an art major, notched a 3.72 cumulative GPA through the winter 2010 term.

Past Winners

Indoor Track & Field (track athlete)

2010: Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific

2009: Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific

Indoor Track & Field (field athlete)



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2010: Darcie Schmitz, Fort Hays State
 2009: Jenna Schmidt, Central Missouri

Indoor Track & Field (single award)
 2008: Sheena Devine, Bemidji State
 Katelin Rains, Minnesota State
 2007: Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific

Outdoor Track & Field (track athlete)
 2010: Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific
 2009: Ashley Puga, Northwest Nazarene
 2008: Nandelle Cameron, Lincoln (Mo.)
 Emma Erickson, South Dakota

Outdoor Track & Field (field athlete)
 2010: Amanda Madden, Northern State
 2009: Linda Rainwater, UC San Diego
 2008: Jessica Selby-Tallman, Missouri Southern

Outdoor Track & Field (single award)
 2007: Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific

276 Earn All-Academic Status

In addition to the Scholar Athletes of the Year, the USTFCCCA also announced the women's 2010 Division I All-Academic Track & Field team. A record total of 276 student-athletes representing 72 institutions compose the group. Slippery Rock, Shippensburg, and Grand Valley State led the way with 12 representatives on the All-Academic Team apiece.

National champions Steph Tinney (Ashland), Abby Kacsandi (Ashland), Anja Puc (Neb.-Omaha), Katrina Biermann (Truman State), Michelle Cumberbatch (Lincoln (Mo.)), Racquel Anderson (Lincoln (Mo.)), Alicia Nelson (Adams State), Nelly Spence (Shippensburg), Shermaine Williams (Johnson C. Smith), and Jacqui Barrett (UMass Lowell) joined those who won Scholar Athlete of the Year honors as All-Academic honorees.

Sixteen All-Academic honorees were reported to have cumulative GPAs of 4.0 and above.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have met either the NCAA Division I Indoor automatic or provisional qualifying standard or participated in the NCAA Division I Outdoor Championships (including preliminary rounds) in their respective event.

The male Scholar Athletes of the Year in Division II, along with additional individuals given All-Academic status, will be released tomorrow, Friday, July 30. Those institutions given All-Academic Team status will be named on Monday, August 2 (men) and Tuesday, August 3 (women).

USTFCCCA 2010 Division II Track & Field All-Academic Honorees, WOMEN

NAME	INSTITUTION
Jessica Adams	Adams State College

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Jenna Bohnen	Adams State College
Janette Cary	Adams State College
Amanda Doyle	Adams State College
Lindsey Grasmick	Adams State College
Renee Harris	Adams State College
Addison LeMaster	Adams State College
Kristen McGlynn	Adams State College
Cassie Mitchell	Adams State College
Alicia Nelson	Adams State College
Vanessa Roy	Adams State College
Danielle Lyons	Adelphi University
Danielle Matteo	Adelphi University
Bidemi Balogun	American International College
Kambryn Williams	American International College
Whitney Bishoff	Anderson University (South Carolina)
Leah Allen	Ashland University
Cheryl Bourne	Ashland University
Ashley Gregory	Ashland University
Abby Kacsandi	Ashland University
Kayla King	Ashland University
Lisa Roth	Ashland University
Stephanie Tinney	Ashland University
Noel Bentele	Augustana College (South Dakota)
Bobbi Jo Buyck	Augustana College (South Dakota)
Linn Nilsson	Augustana College (South Dakota)
Annie Pfeifle	Augustana College (South Dakota)
Caitlin Polgreen	Augustana College (South Dakota)
Kristi Buerkle	Bemidji State University
Melinda Bastian	Benedict College
Alia Gray	California State University, Chico
Kara Lubieniecki	California State University, Chico
Shannon Rich	California State University, Chico
Jonah Weeks	California State University, Chico
Shianne Smith	California State University, Los Angeles
Sandy Estep	California University of Pennsylvania
Shakeria Love	California University of Pennsylvania
Clare McSweeney	California University of Pennsylvania
Jerica Snedden	California University of Pennsylvania
Torrie Self	Central Washington University
STEPHANIE ORJI	Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Kim Hanslovan	Clarion University of Pennsylvania
Hilary Hurst	Colorado School of Mines
Sydney Laws	Colorado School of Mines
Marie Patton	Colorado School of Mines
Kristen Rinedollar	Colorado School of Mines

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Trina Carito	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Corinne Fitzgerald	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Lynn Mayor	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Janelle Smith	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Danielle Cerroni	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Kathryn Davison	Emporia State University
Jaquelyn Jacobs	Emporia State University
Katelyn Mona	Emporia State University
Ranae Weaver	Emporia State University
Christina Muir	Ferris State University
Alyssa Osika	Ferris State University
Anna Rudd	Ferris State University
Amie Algrim	Fort Hays State University
Carissa Heim	Fort Hays State University
Kelsey Martin	Fort Hays State University
Darcie Schmitz	Fort Hays State University
Morgan Witzel	Fort Hays State University
Lauren Calorel	Georgian Court University
Lynsey Ardingo	Grand Valley State University
Ashley Botham	Grand Valley State University
Kelly Crowley	Grand Valley State University
Maegan Doyen	Grand Valley State University
Leiah Hess	Grand Valley State University
Christina Kettelhut	Grand Valley State University
Monica Kinney	Grand Valley State University
Amy Kolin	Grand Valley State University
Megan Maceratini	Grand Valley State University
Karie McDonald	Grand Valley State University
Emily McKerchie	Grand Valley State University
Sara Parks	Grand Valley State University
Katy Grant	Harding University
Erin Benjamin	Hillsdale College
Anna Leutheuser	Hillsdale College
Marta Scheiwe	Hillsdale College
Jennifer Shaffer	Hillsdale College
Chelsea Wackernagel	Hillsdale College
Maddy Outman	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Nikki Boston	Johnson C. Smith University
Rosemarie Carty	Johnson C. Smith University
Monique Kelly	Johnson C. Smith University
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Racquel Anderson	Lincoln University of Missouri
Jhanell Brown	Lincoln University of Missouri
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Kirlene Roberts	Lincoln University of Missouri
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Brenae Edwards	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Xenia Flores	Metropolitan State College of Denver
Elicia Anderson	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Rebekah Moore	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Kayla Kapsner	Minnesota State University Moorhead
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