NCAA DII Cross Country Team Academic Awards – 2015

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NEW ORLEANS — For the first time since 2009 and for the first time ever, respectively, the **Adams State** women and **Colorado Mines** men have been named the 2015 NCAA Division II Cross Country Scholar Teams of the Year by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

These two Scholar Teams stand out among 137 women's programs and 104 men's programs that earned All-Academic Team honors.

ASU and CSM earned the honor as the highest-finishing teams at the NCAA Championships to have garnered All-Academic Team honors. Teams must have compiled a cumulative grand point average of at least 3.0 and must have scored at an NCAA Division II regional meet to qualify for All-Academic awards.

The full lists of All-Academic Teams can be found below.

Prior to this season, Adams State's national champion women had last won the NCAA team and earned Scholar Team of the Year awards in 2009. This year's iteration of the Grizzlies posted a team GPA of 3.17 while derailing the three-time defending national champion Grand Valley State women. ASU toppled the Lakers in Joplin, Missouri, 83-97.

Each of the five Adams State scorers garnered All-America honors, of whom four also earned All-Academic Individual plaudits. **Noel Prandoni, Jenna Thurman** and **Maura O'Brien** led the way in 10th, 11th and 14th. All told, five Grizzlies earned All-Academic Individual honors.

Beyond the NCAA Championships, the Grizzlies also won titles at the South

PAST WINNERS
WOMEN
2015: Adams State
2014: Grand Valley State
2013: Grand Valley State
2012: Grand Valley State
2011: Western State
2010: Grand Valley State
2009: Adams State
2008: Adams State

Central Regional and the RMAC Championships, and finished seventh out of 26 teams in the Division I race at the Roy Griak Invitational.

After finishing a program-best runners-up at the 2012 NCAA Championships, the Colorado Mines men finally broke through for their first national team title in program history in 2015. The Orediggers, who compiled a cumulative team GPA of 3.155, took down three-time defending national champion Adams State, 100-127.

CSM got All-America performances from four runners, led by the trio of **Marty Andrie** in 18th, **Nathanael Williams** in 21st and**Dan Mahoney** in 22nd. **Logan Winfield** and **Seth Topper** earned All-Academic honors for the Orediggers.

Prior to the NCAA Championships, Colorado Mines finished runner-up in both the South Central and the RMAC to Adams State, and finished as the top non-DI program at the Arkansas Chile Pepper Festival.

PAST WINNERS

MEN
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2013: Adams State
2012: Adams State
2011: Western State
2010: Western State
2009: Adams State
2008: Adams State
2007: Abilene Christian
2006: Western State

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In total, 149 unique programs were recognized, including 93 schools that had both their women's and men's squads recognized.

The women from **Clarion University of Pennsylvania** and the **Gannon University** men both earned 3.8 GPAs to top their respective genders' lists.

Clarion just narrowly edged out **Maryville (Mo.)** for the top women's GPA at 3.799, followed by **Union (Tenn.)** at 3.795 and **Pittsburg State** at 3.7823.

Maryville (Mo.) also reported the second-highest men's GPA at 3.679, followed again by **Union** at 3.667 and**Lindenwood** at 3.59.

The full list of All-Academic Teams can be found below.

2015 DIVISION II MEN'S ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS		
Institution	**Head Coach**	**GPA**
Academy of Art University	Torrey Olson	3.27
Adams State University	Damon Martin	3.21
Alderson Broaddus University	Jesse Weiner	3.268
Ashland University	Tom Scott	3.17
Assumption College	Stacie Wentz	3.22
Augustana University (South Dakota)	Tracy Hellman	3.19
Azusa Pacific University	Preston Grey	3.23
Bellarmine University	James Vargo	3.18
Bentley University	Kevin Curtin	3.52
Black Hills State University	Scott Walkinshaw	3.02
Caldwell University	Patrick Sullivan	3.14
California State University, Monterey Bay	Greg Rhines	3.06
California University of Pennsylvania	Daniel Caulfield	3.188
Cedarville University	Paul Orchard	3.395
Central Washington University	Kevin Adkisson	3.1

Christian Brothers University	Bill Hoffman	3.11
Clayton State University	Mike Mead	3.13
Colorado School of Mines	Chris Siemers	3.155
Colorado State University-Pueblo	Matt Morris	3.49
Columbus State University	JD Evilsizer	3.069
Concordia University, St. Paul	Jonathan Breitbarth	3.14
Dallas Baptist University	Jacob Phillips	3.1909
Dixie State University	Justin Decker	3.33
East Central University	Steven Sawyer	3.22
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Joseph Koch	3.08
Emporia State University	Eric Wellman	3.23
Felician University	Rob DeCarlo Jr.	3.095
Florida Institute of Technology	Peter Mazzone	3.57
Florida Southern College	Ben Martucci	3.01
Fort Hays State University	Jason McCullough	3.36
Franklin Pierce University	Zach Emerson	3.31
Gannon University	John Carrig	3.8
Georgia College & State University	Steven Cary	3.29
Grand Valley State University	Jerry Baltes	3.448
Harding University	Steve Guymon	3.46
Hillsdale College	Andrew Towne	3.269
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Joey Zins	3.34
Le Moyne College	Ewen Love	3.036
Lees-McRae College	Ley Fletcher	3.22
Lewis University	James Kearney	3.1
Limestone College	Kevin Eagle	3.21
Lincoln Memorial University	Jeremy Donahue	3.08
Lindenwood University	Randy Cole	3.59
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	Aaron Russell	3.155
Lubbock Christian University	Nick Cordes	3.19
Maryville University of Saint Louis	Micky Kaufman	3.679
Merrimack College	Chris Cameron	3
Metropolitan State University of Denver	Nick Maas	3.07
Michigan Technological University	Joe Haggenmiller	3.27
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Loren Ahonen	3.04
Minot State University	Stu Melby	3.299
Missouri Southern State University	Bryan Schiding	3.04
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Sterling Martin	3.4
Newman University	Joshua Schepis	3.47
Northern State University	Kevin Bjerke	3.27
Northwest Nazarene University	Jake Perry	3.36
Northwood University (Michigan)	Jamie Moreno	3.5685
Nova Southeastern University	Bryan Hagopian	3.15
Oklahoma Christian University	Wade Miller	3.388
Philadelphia University	Dave thomas	3.267
Pittsburg State University	Russ Jewett	3.3495
Queens University of Charlotte	Tsehaye Baney	3.09
Roberts Wesleyan College	Andrew and Jennifer Dorr	3.23
Saginaw Valley State University	Rod Cowan	3.018
Saint Leo University	Kent Reiber Jr	3.095
San Francisco State University	Tom Lyons	3.1

Institution	Head Coach	GPA
Seattle Pacific University	Karl Lerum	3.19
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Steve Johnson	3.305
Southern Connecticut State University	John G. Wallin	3.198
Southern New Hampshire University	Lex Butler	3.401512
Southwest Baptist University	Corey McElhaney	3.201
St. Cloud State University	Sam Kettenhofen	3.19
St. Martin's University	Jim Brewer	3.3
Stonehill College	Karen Boen	3.13
Tarleton State University	Pat Ponder	3.1375
Texas A&M University-Commerce	Ross Smithey	3.18
The College of Saint Rose	Andrew Rickert	3.01
The University of Findlay	Lisa Klingshirn	3.56
Trevecca Nazarene University	Austin Selby	3.379
Truman State University	Tim Schwegler	3.13
Union University	Gary Johnson	3.667
University of Alaska Anchorage	Michael Friess	3.05
University of California, San Diego	Nate Garcia	3.122154
University of Central Missouri	Kirk Pedersen	3.39
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Mark Misch	3.079
University of Indianapolis	Kathy Casey	3.4
University of Mary	Dennis Newell	3.193
University of Minnesota Duluth	Paul Nisius	3.15
University of Montevallo	Tommy Barksdale	3.132
University of Nebraska at Kearney	Brady Bonsall	3.331
University of Sioux Falls	Grant Watley	3.47
University of Southern Indiana	Mike Hillyard	3.0247
University of the Sciences	Richard DiGiacomo	3.16
University of Wisconsin, Parkside	Micah VanDenend	3.075
Valdosta State University	Todd Smoot	3.38
Walsh University	Rob Mizicko	3.37
Wayne State College (Nebraska)	Marlon Brink	3.144
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Andrew Huber	3.126
West Texas A&M University	Darrem Flowers	3.19
West Virginia Wesleyan College	Jesse Skiles	3.04
Western Oregon University	Mike Johnson	3.3
Western State Colorado University	Jennifer Michel	3.15
Wilmington University (Delaware)	Keith Jones	3.2
Winona State University	Brett Ayers	3.16

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Adams State University	Damon Martin	3.17
Alderson Broaddus University	Jesse Weiner	3.3025
American International College	Leo Mayo	3.58
Arkansas Tech University	Tom Aspel	3.12
Ashland University	Tom Scott	3.67
Assumption College	Stacie Wentz	3.29
Augusta University	Adam Ward	3.01
Augustana University (South Dakota)	Tracy Hellman	3.12

Azusa Pacific University	Preston Grey	3.64
Bellarmine University	Kris Horton	3.39
Bemidji State University	Kevin Kean	3.21
Bentley University	Kevin Curtin	3.4
Black Hills State University	Scott Walkinshaw	3.3
Caldwell University	Patrick Sullivan	3.06
California Baptist University	Ben Gall	3.367
California State University, Chico	Gary Towne	3.018
California State University, Monterey Bay	Greg Rhines	3.57
California State University, San Bernardino	Thomas Burleson	3.00
California University of Pennsylvania	Daniel Caulfield	3.619
Catawba College	Jason Bryan	3.64
Cedarville University	Jeff Bolender	3.691
Central Washington University	Kevin Adkisson	3.54
Clarion University of Pennsylvania	Eric Laughlin	3.8
Clayton State University	Mike Mead	3.316
Colorado School of Mines	Chris Siemers	3.556
Colorado State University-Pueblo	Matt Morris	3.78
Columbus State University	JD Evilsizer	3.48
Concord University	Michael Cox	3.36
Concordia University, St. Paul	Jonathan Breitbarth	3.22
Dallas Baptist University	Jacob Phillips	3.1765
Dixie State University	Justin Decker	3.56
Dominican University of California	Teressa DiPerna	3.42
East Central University	Steven Sawyer	3.47
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania	Joseph Koch	3.19
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania	Rick Hammer	3.614
Felician University	Rob DeCarlo Jr.	3.166
Flagler College	Brian Beil	3.226323
Florida Institute of Technology	Peter Mazzone	3.16
Florida Southern College	Ben Martucci	3.29
Fort Hays State University	Jason McCullough	3.43
Franklin Pierce University	Zach Emerson	3.43
Gannon University	John Carrig	3.7
Georgia College & State University	Steven Cary	3.72
Grand Valley State University	Jerry Baltes	3.448
Harding University	Steve Guymon	3.52
Hillsdale College	Andrew Towne	3.315
Humboldt State University	Scott Pesch	3.348
Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Joey Zins	3.64
King University	Amanda Williamson	3.51
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Ray Hoffman	3.35
Lake Erie College	Grant Lofdahl	3.68
Lake Superior State University	Jason Davis	3.512
Le Moyne College	Ewen Love	3.324
Lewis University	James Kearney	3.47
Limestone College	Kevin Eagle	3.43
Lincoln Memorial University	Jeremy Donahue	3.5
Lindenwood University	Randy Cole	3.514
Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania	Aaron Russell	3.037
Lubbock Christian University	Nick Cordes	3.29

Malone University	Jack Hazen	3.404
Mars Hill University	Michael Owens	3.53
Maryville University of Saint Louis	Micky Kaufman	3.799
Mercyhurst University	Kathryn Noble-Fraley	3.527
Merrimack College	Chris Cameron	3.3
Michigan Technological University	Joe Haggenmiller	3.41
Minnesota State University Moorhead	Ryan Milner	3.71
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Jen Blue	3.49
Minot State University	Stu Melby	3.337
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Sterling Martin	3.59
Montana State University Billings	Dave Coppock	3.42
New York Institute of Technology	Lenroy Raffington	3.2
North Greenville University	Cameron Stober	3.475
Northern Michigan University	Jennifer Ryan	3.57
Northern State University	Kevin Bjerke	3.73
Northwest Nazarene University	Jake Perry	3.24
Northwood University (Michigan)	Jamie Moreno	3.5679
Nova Southeastern University	Bryan Hagopian	3.43
Oklahoma Christian University	Wade Miller	3.595
Palm Beach Atlantic University	Maryellen Powers	3.424
Pfeiffer University	Chris Wood	3.24
Philadelphia University	Dave Thomas	3.581
Pittsburg State University	Russ Jewett	3.7823
Queens University of Charlotte	Tsehaye Baney	3.27
Roberts Wesleyan College	Andrew and Jennifer Dorr	3.5978
Saginaw Valley State University	Rod Cowan	3.693
Saint Leo University	Kent Reiber Jr	3.39
Seattle Pacific University	Karl Lerum	3.56
Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	Steven Spence	3.356
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	Steve Johnson	3.433
Southern Arkansas University	Tim Servis	3.31
Southern Connecticut State University	Melissa Stoll	3.483
Southwest Baptist University	Corey McElhaney	3.459
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Shane Brookshire	3.13
St. Cloud State University	Sam Kettenhofen	3.52
St. Martin's University	Jim Brewer	3.41
St. Thomas Aquinas College	Nicole Ballou	3.04
Stonehill College	Karen Boen	3.13
Texas A&M University-Commerce	Ross Smithey	3.32
The College of Saint Rose	Andrew Rickert	3.39
Trevecca Nazarene University	Austin Selby	3.572
Truman State University	Tim Schwegler	3.78
Union University	Gary Johnson	3.795
University of Alabama-Huntsville	David Cain	3.562
University of Alaska Anchorage	Michael Friess	3.32
University of California, San Diego	Nate Garcia	3.282369
University of Central Missouri	Kirk Pedersen	3.66
University of Central Oklahoma	JD Martin	3.5
University of Charleston (West Virginia)	John Blankenship	3.306875
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs	Corey Kubatzky	3.394

University of Indianapolis	Kathy Casey	3.6
University of Mary	Dennis Newell	3.407
University of Minnesota Duluth	Joanna Warmington	3.34
University of Montevallo	Julia Marquardt	3.617
University of Nebraska at Kearney	Brady Bonsall	3.62
University of New Haven	Nicholas Noheimer	3.27
University of North Alabama	Scott Trimble	3.43
University of North Georgia	Tom Williams	3.34
University of Sioux Falls	Grant Watley	3.532
University of South Carolina Aiken	Kara Kreutzer	3.438
University of Southern Indiana	Mike Hillyard	3.527
University of the Sciences	Richard DiGiacomo	3.51
University of West Florida	Caleb Carmichael	3.08
University of West Georgia	Tim Brooks	3.308605
University of Wisconsin, Parkside	Micah VanDenend	3.198
Upper Iowa University	Nate Rucker	3.46
Valdosta State University	Todd Smoot	3.39
Walsh University	Rob Mizicko	3.58
Wayne State College (Nebraska)	Marlon Brink	3.675
West Chester University of Pennsylvania	Andrew Huber	3.574
West Virginia Wesleyan College	Jesse Skiles	3.58
Western Oregon University	Mike Johnson	3.33
Western State Colorado University	Jennifer Michel	3.6
Wheeling Jesuit University	Ricky Moore	3.21
Wilmington University (Delaware)	Keith Jones	3.31
Wingate University	Ashley Vaughn Glover	3.604
Winona State University	Brett Ayers	3.46
Young Harris College	Barry Brown	3.349