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Oregon Men Win Inaugural John McDonnell Program of the Year Award

NEW ORLEANS – With a second place finish at the NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the Oregon Ducks have won the inaugural NCAA Division I John McDonnell Program of the Year Award as announced by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association on Thursday.

Oregon, which won the cross country and indoor track and field men's national titles, finished with five points towards the final John McDonnell standings earning three points for a second-place tie at the outdoor championships with Florida and Florida State.

Stanford, which posted top ten finishes at the cross country national championships (third), and the outdoor track and field national championships (seventh), finished second in the final standings with 21 points. Following Stanford in third place was Florida State with 32.5 points. The Seminoles finished the track and field season with back-to-back top five finishes at the indoor track and field championships (third) and outdoor track and field championships (second).

Texas A&M, the 2009 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field National Champions, finished fourth in the team standings with 40 points, followed by Arkansas, fifth overall, with 45 points.

The NCAA Division I John McDonnell Program of the Year Award is awarded annually to the most outstanding NCAA Division I men's cross country/track & field program. The award honors the institution that has achieved the most success in each academic year (spanning the cross country, indoor track & field, and outdoor track & field seasons) based on the institution's finish at the NCAA Division I Championships.

In order to be eligible for the award, teams must qualify for the NCAA Championships. Scoring is based on the team's finish at each NCAA Division I Championship in cross country, indoor track & field, and outdoor track & field (i.e. 1st = 1 point, 2nd = 2 points, 31st = 31 points) with the lowest total score for all three championships combined determining the award recipient.

The John McDonnell Program of the Year Award is named after USTFCCCA Hall of Famer and former Arkansas head coach John McDonnell. McDonnell's Arkansas teams won a combined 40 National Championships and finished in the top ten in cross country, indoor and outdoor track & field in 24 of his 36 seasons in Fayetteville. Five of his teams won the NCAA Triple Crown.

The John McDonnell Program of the Year Award Final Standings:

Final Standings	Institution	Cross Country Finish	Points Awarded	Indoor Finish	Points Awarded	Outdoor Finish	Points Awarded	Total Points
1	Oregon	1	1	1	1	2 (tie)	3	5
2	Stanford	3	3	11	11	7	7	21
3	Florida State	26 (tie)	26.5	3	3	2 (tie)	3	32.5
4	Texas A&M	30	30	9	9	1	1	40
5	Arkansas	28	28	8	8	9	9	45
6	Auburn	5	5	41 (tie)	43.5	12	12	60.5
7	California	22	22	12	12	25 (tie)	27	61
8	BYU	9	9	41 (tie)	43.5	13 (tie)	13.5	66
9	Minnesota	15	15	14 (tie)	14.5	37 (tie)	38	67.5
10	Washington	18	18	33 (tie)	35	20 (tie)	21	74
11	Virginia	14	14	47 (tie)	49.5	48 (tie)	49.5	113
12	Alabama	10 (tie)	10.5	41 (tie)	43.5	62 (tie)	64	118
13	Michigan	24	24	32	32	62 (tie)	64	120
14	Penn State	25	25	39 (tie)	39.5	62 (tie)	64	128.5
15	Notre Dame	19	19	59 (tie)	62.5	48 (tie)	49.5	131
16	Georgetown	10 (tie)	10.5	59 (tie)	62.5	56 (tie)	58.5	131.5