

# 2006 NJCAA Division I Men's & Women's Cross Country National Championship

November 4 • El Paso Community College; El Paso, Texas

El Paso Community College was the site of the 48th Annual Cross-Country Championships November 4, 2006. Competing this year were 26 teams and 206 individuals in the men's race and 28 teams and 199 individuals in the women's race.

New champions were crowned in each race this year with Rend Lake College (Ila, Ill.) winning the men's championship. The Warriors won the program's first-ever Division I title and the program's fourth title overall (they won Division II titles in 2001, 2002 and 2003). Rend Lake totaled 64 points, besting defending national champion Central Arizona College by 10 points. Three Rend Lake runners received All-America honors with freshman Elkanah Kibet leading the way with a third-place finish in 22:44, receiving first-team honors. Teammates sophomore Steeve Gabart finished ninth in 24:07 and freshman Cory Currie finished 11th in 24:24, receiving second- and third-team honors, respectively.

South Plains College (Levelland, Texas) won the women's title this year, totaling 128 points. The Texans bested second-place Johnson County Community College (Kan.) by 23 points behind All-Americans Lillian Badaru, Happy Mary Bacia, Augusta Newmeyer and Mary Patuel. Badaru finished second in 17:04 and Bacia was third in 18:00, both receiving first-team honors. Newmeyer came in sixth (18:52) for second-team honors and Patuel was 13th (19:34) for third-team honors.

The men's champion, freshman Tyson David of Central Arizona, is the Vaquero's fourth-consecutive national champion and the sixth in school history. Mark Roberts won the 1986 and 1987 championships, Obed Mutanya was the national champion in both 2003 and 2004 and Joseph Simuchimba won the 2005 championship. David ran a new NJCAA record time of 22:36.

Freshman Betty Rotich of Colby Community College (Kan.) took home the women's title in a new NJCAA record time of 17:03. Rotich is the second national champion from Colby and the first at the Division I level. Amber Stephens won the Division II title in 2000.

The brother and sister team of Heath and Samantha Hatch each earned All-American honors for Paradise Valley Community College (Ariz.) this year. Heath finished 15th in a time of 24:48 for third-team honors and Samantha finished ninth in a time of 19:12 for second-place honors.

**Five athletes received all-America honors for the second-consecutive year:**

**Men-Joseph Simuchimba, Central Arizona College**

**Joseph Maina, Butler Community College**

**Dane Steward, Garden City Community College**

**Women-Happy Mary Bacia, South Plains College**

**Augusta Newmeyer, South Plains College**



## Men's Team Results

Finish	College; City, State	Total
1	Rend Lake College; Ila, Ill.	64
2	Central Arizona College; Coolidge, Ariz.	74
3	Butler Community College; El Dorado, Kan.	107
4	South Plains College; Levelland, Texas	139
5	Cowley County Community College; Arkansas City, Kan.	161
6	Garden City Community College; Garden City, Kan.	164
7	Paradise Valley Community College; Phoenix, Ariz.	167
8	Lansing Community College; Lansing, Mich.	201
9	GateWay Community College; Phoenix, Ariz.	222
10	Johnson County Community College; Overland Park, Kan.	250

## Women's Team Results

Finish	College; City, State	Total
1	South Plains College; Levelland, Texas	128
2	Johnson County Community College; Overland Park, Kan.	151
3	Central Arizona College; Coolidge, Ariz.	153
4	Cowley County Community College; Arkansas City, Kan.	155
5	Butler Community College; El Dorado, Kan.	164
6	Yavapai College; Prescott, Ariz.	178
7	Pima Community College; Tucson, Ariz.	229
8	Paradise Valley Community College; Phoenix, Ariz.	236
9	El Paso Community College; El Paso, Texas	243
10	Lansing Community College; Lansing, Mich.	249

## Men's Individual Results

Place	Name	Year	College, State	Time
1	Tyson David *	Fr.	Central Arizona College	22:36
2	Daniel Maina *	Fr.	Cowley County Community College, Kan.	22:41
3	Elkanah Kibet *	Fr.	Rend Lake College, Ill.	22:44
4	John Kosgei *	Fr.	South Plains College, Texas	23:03
5	Joseph Simuchimba *	So.	Central Arizona College	23:25
6	Mohamud Ige ^	Fr.	Central Arizona College	23:43
7	Joseph Maina ^	So.	Butler Community College, Kan.	23:47
8	Johnny Shuping ^	Fr.	Cloud County Community College, Kan.	23:52
9	Steeve Gabart ^	So.	Rend Lake College, Ill.	24:07
10	Alonso Contreras ^	So.	GateWay Community College, Ariz.	24:09
11	Cory Currie #	Fr.	Rend Lake College, Ill.	24:24
12	Stanley Mugo #	Fr.	Cowley County Community College, Kan.	24:38
13	Jay Wilson #	Fr.	South Plains College, Texas	24:39
14	Dane Steward #	So.	Garden City Community College, Kan.	24:44
15	Heath Hatch #	So.	Paradise Valley Community College, Ariz.	24:48

## Women's Individual Results

Place	Name	Year	College, State	Time
1	Betty Rotich *	Fr.	Colby Community College, Kan.	17:03
2	Lillian Badaru *	Fr.	South Plains College, Texas	17:04
3	Happy Mary Bacia *	So.	South Plains College, Texas	18:00
4	Irene Kosgei *	Fr.	Cowley County Community College, Kan.	18:31
5	Jennifer Cheroni *	Fr.	Cowley County Community College, Kan.	18:46
6	Augusta Newmeyer ^	So.	South Plains College, Texas	18:52
7	Teresa Booth ^	So.	Ellsworth Community College, Iowa	19:03
8	Christa Heideman ^	Fr.	Johnson County Community College, Kan.	19:09
9	Samantha Hatch ^	So.	Paradise Valley Community College, Ariz.	19:12
10	Alyson Siegest ^	So.	Butler Community College, Kan.	19:24
11	Michelle Howe #	So.	Yavapai College, Ariz.	19:25
12	Jadian Richards #	Fr.	New Mexico Junior College	19:30
13	Mary Patuel #	Fr.	South Plains College, Texas	19:34
14	Ashley Crum #	Fr.	Cowley County Community College, Kan.	19:37
15	Gabriela Rios #	Fr.	El Paso Community College, Texas	19:39

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\* First-Team All-American ^ Second-Team All-American # Honorable Mention All-American

# 2006 NJCAA Division III Men's & Women's Cross Country National Championship

November 11 • Alfred State College; Alfred, N.Y.

By Paul Welker, Alfred State SID

199 athletes representing 28 different NJCAA Division III cross country programs competed in the mud at Alfred State at the 2006 National Championships. Gloucester (N.J.) County College won their first ever National title on the women's side while SUNY Delhi (N.Y.) won the men's title for the third straight year.

SUNY Cobleskill's (N.Y.) April Ackermann won the women's individual title in 21:25.50. She finished ahead of Herkimer's (N.Y.), Sarah Lazarus (22:01.47), Erie's (N.Y.) Anna Bogdanets (22:08.82), Harper's (Ill.) Nicole Anderson (22:17.01) and Gloucester's (N.J.) Lisa Jones (22:18.02).

Gloucester scored a 59 while SUNY Cobleskill and Harper tied for runner-up with 67 points. Finger Lakes tallied a score of 118 to finish fourth.

Gloucester head coach Ryan Hughes was named both the Coach of the Championships and the Coach of the Year.

John Fry of the College of DuPage (Ill.) won the men's individual title in a time of 28:33.14. SUNY Delhi's (N.Y.) Matt Conant finished second (28:55.93), Delhi's Ben Jackson finished third (29:18.22), Harper's (Ill.) Pat Walsh finished fourth (30:05.74) and Cobleskill's (N.Y.) Creig Levens finished fifth (30:22.81).

Delhi ran away with the title with a score of 36. The College of DuPage (Ill.) finished second with 95, Mohawk Valley (N.Y.) finished third with 127 and Harper (Ill.) finished fourth with 128.

Delhi head coach Bob Backus was named the Coach of the Championships while College of DuPage head coach Matt Cousins was named Coach of the Year.

Harper (Ill.) College won the Pepsi Cup for the best combined men's and women's finish.



2006 Men's National Champion John Fry of College of DuPage.



2006 Women's National Champion April Ackermann of SUNY-Cobleskill.



## Men's Team Results

Finish	College; City, State	Total
1	SUNY-Delhi; Delhi, N.Y.	36
2	College of DuPage; Glen Ellyn, Ill.	95
3	Mohawk Valley Community College; Utica, N.Y.	127
4	Harper College; Palatine, Ill.	128
5	SUNY-Cobleskill; Cobleskill, N.Y.	159
6	Erie Community College; Buffalo, N.Y.	176
7	Howard Community College; Columbia, Md.	194
8	Alfred State College; Alfred, N.Y.	208
9	Palo Alto College; San Antonio, Texas	212
10	Kingsborough Community College; Brooklyn, N.Y.	251



## Women's Team Results

Finish	College; City, State	Total
1	Gloucester County College; Sewell, N.J.	59
2	SUNY-Cobleskill; Cobleskill, N.Y.	67
2	Harper College; Palatine, Ill.	67
4	Finger Lakes Community College; Canandaigua, N.Y.	118
5	Mohawk Valley Community College; Utica, N.Y.	124
6	Alfred State College; Alfred, N.Y.	125
7	College of DuPage; Glen Ellyn, Ill.	147
8	Herkimer County Community College; Herkimer, N.Y.	166

## Men's Individual Results

Place	Name	College, State	Time
1	John Fry *	College of DuPage, Ill.	28:33.14
2	Matt Conant *	SUNY-Delhi, N.Y.	28:55.93
3	Ben Jackson *	SUNY-Delhi, N.Y.	29:18.22
4	Pat Walsh *	Harper College, Ill.	30:05.74
5	Creig Levens *	SUNY-Cobleskill, N.Y.	30:22.81
6	Eric Stermer ^	SUNY-Delhi, N.Y.	30:36.93
7	Pat Nickerson ^	SUNY-Delhi, N.Y.	30:38.67
8	Kevin Garwick ^	Columbus State Community College, Ohio	30:41.32
9	John Fisher ^	College of DuPage, Ill.	30:44.63
10	Reggies King ^	Howard Community College, Md.	30:46.46
11	Zak Williamson #	Alfred State College, N.Y.	30:49.87
12	Eric Molino #	Finger Lakes Community College, N.Y.	30:52.49
13	Ronald Guenard #	Community College of Rhode Island	30:57.92
14	Geoff Wahome #	Northern Essex Community College, Mass.	31:04.63
15	Travis Dragoon #	Mohawk Valley Community College, N.Y.	31:06.57

## Women's Individual Results

Place	Name	College, State	Time
1	April Ackermann *	SUNY-Cobleskill, N.Y.	21:25.50
2	Sarah Lazarus *	Herkimer County Community College, N.Y.	22:01.47
2	Anna Bogdanets *	Erie Community College, N.Y.	22:08.82
4	Nicole Anderson *	Harper College, Ill.	22:17.01
5	Lisa Jones *	Gloucester County College, N.J.	22:18.02
6	Karen Menzies ^	Harper College, Ill.	22:29.91
7	Gabby Dello ^	SUNY-Delhi, N.Y.	22:35.73
8	Christine Tylee ^	Suffolk Community College-Selden, N.Y.	22:38.46
9	Julie Burr ^	Mohawk Valley Community College, N.Y.	22:52.01
10	Sarah Furman ^	SUNY-Cobleskill, N.Y.	23:00.06
11	Denise Belz #	Gloucester County College, N.J.	23:02.42
12	Jessica Valladares #	Harper College, Ill.	23:07.31
13	Alyssa Jones #	Mohawk Valley Community College, N.Y.	23:14.64
14	Bryn Johnston #	Finger Lakes Community College, N.Y.	23:17.50
15	Katelyn Robertson #	Gloucester County College, N.J.	23:21.59

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