Former Titan featured in NCAA anniversary series

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Former University of Wisconsin Oshkosh swimmer and track and field standout Sarah Schettle was the featured student-athlete in the Sept. 18 edition of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) 40-in-40 Project.

During a yearlong celebration of Division III's 40th anniversary, the NCAA will publish 40 weekly profiles of student-athletes who attended institutions since 1973.

Titled *40-in-40*, the project seeks to bring to life the philosophy and ideals of Division III athletics by featuring individuals who have exemplified the attributes of proportion, comprehensive learning, passion, responsibility, sportsmanship and citizenship – not just during their time on campus, but also in their careers.

Schettle lettered as a member of the UW Oshkosh women’s track and field team from 2004-07. She earned All-America honors in the 1,600-meter relay at the 2006 and 2007 NCAA Division III indoor championships. Schettle helped the Titans capture NCAA Division III indoor titles in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and outdoor championships in 2004, 2006 and 2007.

Schettle also was a four-time letter winner in swimming and diving. She collected 12 medals for finishing in the top-eight as an individual or relay team member at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Championship.

Schettle won the WIAC's Judy Kruckman Scholar-Athlete Award for indoor track and field in 2007 and swimming and diving in 2008. She was named to the 2008 Academic All-America Team and announced by UW Oshkosh as one of its nine 2008 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence winners. In 2006, the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct named Schettle as one of its two National Sportsmanship Award winners.

Schettle received various academic scholarships while attending UW Oshkosh, including the Ronald Reagan College Leaders Scholarship, the Kimberly Clark Bright Future Scholarship, the UW Oshkosh Foundation Scholarship and the John E. Kerrigan Scholarship.

She was involved in many campus activities and organizations, including No Limits Support Association, Student Alumni Ambassadors, University Honors Program, Athletes in Action, Biology Club and the Optimist Club. She also co-founded eMentors, an online program connecting students with alumni.

Schettle volunteered with the Winnebago County Republican Party and was a leader of College Republicans at UW Oshkosh. In the community, she volunteered at blood drives and with Special Olympics.

Schettle graduated with majors in both biochemistry and Spanish from UW Oshkosh in 2008. The Oshkosh native currently works as a physician's assistant at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Read more:

- Sarah Schettle's 40-in-40 Feature
- NCAA's 40th Anniversary Website