

## **Former UWO coach to enter Track & Field, Cross Country Hall of Fame**

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Former University of Wisconsin Oshkosh coach John Zupanc has been selected for induction into the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) Hall of Fame.

Zupanc, who spent 30 years coaching men's cross country and track and field at UW Oshkosh, is associated with a 2012 Hall of Fame class that includes legendary coaches Dick Booth, Dick Hill, Vin Lananna, Bob Pollock and Fran Welch. The USTFCCCA Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be Dec. 19 in Orlando, Fla.

Zupanc retired from coaching following the 2010 cross country season. He became an assistant coach with the men's track and field team in 1981 and then took over as the head men's cross country coach in 1982. Zupanc served as an assistant track and field coach until becoming the head outdoor coach in 2005 and the head indoor coach in 2006.

"I'm honored and humbled to be inducted into the USTFCCCA Hall of Fame," said Zupanc. "This induction represents the hard work and accomplishments of so many outstanding student-athletes that competed for UW Oshkosh."

During his 29 years as head cross country coach, Zupanc led UW Oshkosh to 20 appearances at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Championship. The Titans won four national titles (1988-90, 2002), while placing third in the country three times and fourth once. He also guided UW Oshkosh to seven Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championships (1989-90, 1992, 1995, 2000, 2002-03).

Zupanc, a seven-time WIAC Cross Country Coach of the Year selection, was named the NCAA Division III Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2002. He led 21 cross country runners to 37 All-America awards and owned five WIAC champions.

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