Six Titans chosen to national All-Academic Track & Field Team

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh had six members of its women's track and field team receive All-Academic honors by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).

Named to the 2012 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III squad were Heather Conroy (Fr. • Wisconsin Dells), Cassandra Hemmen (Fr. • Appleton), McKenzie Kelly (Jr. • New Richmond), Kayla Oberstadt (Sr. • New London), Breanna Strupp (Jr. • Slinger) and Brittni Wirtz (Fr. • Sobieski). The USTFCCCA recognized 340 individuals, including a league-best 48 from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC).

Strupp gathered four All-America finishes at the NCAA Division III championships, including an individual title in the outdoor shot put. She owns a 3.62 cumulative grade point average as an education major.

Wirtz also was an All-American at both the indoor and outdoor national meets. She placed fourth in the outdoor 100-meter dash and sixth in the indoor 60-meter dash. Wirtz holds a 3.69 grade point average while majoring in nursing.

At the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championship, Oberstadt placed eighth in the hammer throw and Conroy 10th in the shot put. Oberstadt is a human services major with a 3.61 grade point average, while Conroy is a business major with a 3.40 grade point average.

Majoring in education with a 3.61 grade point average, Kelly qualified for the national outdoor meet in the 1,500-meter run. Hemmen owns a 3.60 grade point average and ran with Wirtz on the Titans' outdoor 400-meter relay team that finished 13th.

Laura Sigmund of Wartburg College (Iowa) was named the Indoor Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Catherine Street of Linfield College (Ore.) the Outdoor Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

In addition to the Scholar Teams of the Year, the USTFCCCA also announced the All-Academic Teams. UW Oshkosh compiled a cumulative team grade point average of 3.16 to become one of 137 NCAA Division III schools earning recognition. Ursinus College (Pa.) led all programs with a 3.71 grade point average, while Bluffton College (Ohio) ranked second at 3.64.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track & Field Team, the student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 and have either competed in an NCAA Indoor or Outdoor Championship or finished the regular season ranked in the national top 35 of an individual event or in the national top 25 of a relay event on the official NCAA Proof of Performance list.

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