

Awards

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

The Academic Awards and Scholarship Committee nominates as many qualified student-athletes as possible for academic awards, leadership awards, conference attendance, and scholarships presented to groups outside the University.

2009-10 Committee Members

Pam Bradetich	Senior Associate Director of Athletics
Gretchen Daumen	Athletic Training Services
Debra Farwell	Track and Field
Lisa Hart	Tennis
Lindsey Henahan	Swimming
Michelle Lipsker	Athletic Foundation
Jason Krump	Communications Coordinator
Cori Metzgar-Deacon	Strength and Conditioning
Corrie McGrath	Rowing
Joe Nickell	Sports Information
Donna Poire	Office of the Faculty Athletics Representative
Matt Potter	Soccer
Steve Robertello	Compliance Office
Aaron Schlueter	Equipment Operations
Wanda Tennant	Academic Support Services

Individual Academic Recognition

- **Semester Honor Roll:** Student-athletes are recognized for achieving at least 3.0 semester GPA while passing minimum 12 credits in a given semester.
- **Two Semester All-Academic Team:** Student-athletes are recognized for earning minimum 24 credits with a minimum 3.0 GPA average during the previous spring and fall semesters or maintain a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA. Students receive an award with the “Excellence in Academics” insignia at a WSU athletics event.
- **Freshmen/Transfer All-Academic Team:** Freshmen and first semester transfers are recognized for earning a minimum of 12 credits with at least a 3.0 semester GPA in the first semester at WSU. Students receive an award with the “Excellence in Academics” insignia at a WSU athletics event.
- **Cougar Academic Top 50 Scholar-Athletes.** Student-athletes are recognized for the previous academic year performance. Varsity student-athletes qualify who maintain a minimum of 3.30 cumulative GPA, have been on the roster at least two semesters, and earned a minimum of 24 credits fall and spring semesters, and have one of the highest 50 cumulative GPAs of all student-athletes are recognized as WSU’s Top 50.
- **Senior Excellence in Academics Award:** Student-athletes are recognized for their academic careers at WSU. Seniors who earn a minimum of 90 credits with at least a

3.50 cumulative GPA, have been members of the WSU Athletics All-Academic Team each semester, enrolled at WSU for at least two years as a student-athlete, exhausted eligibility, and excelled in their degree program and sport program are recognized at the annual Senior Banquet.

- **Athletic Director's Star Performance Award:** Each semester, student-athletes who have less than a 2.70 cumulative GPA and earn at least a 2.50 semester GPA, with their semester GPA being at least a quarter of a grade point higher than their cumulative GPA, while passing 12 or more credits, are recognized as star performers.

Team Academic Recognition

- **Glenn Kranc Academic Award:** The Glenn Kranc plaque is awarded each semester to the WSU Athletic team with the highest team semester GPA.
- **Seehafer Academic Award:** The Seehafer plaque is awarded each semester to the WSU Athletic team showing the greatest academic improvement in semester GPA or the team that shows the greatest effort in achieving their academic goals.
- **Teams over 3.0 GPA:** Teams are recognized for earning a 3.0 semester and/or cumulative GPA.
- **Win It Right! Award:** The Win It Right! Award is presented to the team that best represents excellence in academics and athletics. A team must be represented in NCAA post-season competition and demonstrate academic excellence in the classroom. This award is to be presented annually at the Fall Sports Banquet.

Team and individual student-athlete academic honors are recognized in the department's Scoop Sheet, Butch's Beat, and posted on the award board outside the Academic Support Services Office in Bohler Athletic Complex 285.

Conference Academic Recognition

The Pac-10 Conference recognizes All-Academic Teams for each sport. Media information officer and coaches provide nominees to the Awards and Scholarship Committee. Selected nominees are forwarded to the Pac-10 Conference Office. The student-athletes must be a significant contributor and maintain a 3.00 or higher cumulative GPA.

District and National Academic Recognition

The Awards and Scholarship Committee forwards selected nominees to the appropriate organization. The student-athletes must be a significant contributor and maintain a 3.00 or higher cumulative GPA.

Team and individual student athlete academic honors are recognized in the department's Scoop Sheet, Butch's Beat, press releases, and posted on the awards board outside the Academic Support Services Office in the Bohler Athletic Complex 285.

ATHLETICS LETTER/POST SEASON/TEAM RECOGNITION AWARDS

Criteria for Earning a Varsity Letter Awards

To earn a varsity letter award a student-athlete must participate in a minimum of one **varsity** competition. Note: in the sport of Rowing, novice and JV team members are eligible to letter based on participation in a minimum of one competition. After the minimum requirement is met, it is at the head coach's discretion to determine additional requirements. All exceptions to the minimum requirement must be justified in writing.

Award System

A student-athlete must participate in at least one varsity competition and meet additional criteria required by the head coach to earn a varsity letter award at Washington State University.

- **First Varsity Letter Award—Windbreaker**
Earns first varsity letter award.
- **Second Letter Award—Jacket**
Earns second varsity letter award.
- **Third Varsity Letter Award—Watch**
Earns third varsity letter award.
- **Fourth Letter Award—Ring**
Earns fourth varsity letter award.
- **Graduation Award—Blanket**
Earns two varsity letter awards, completes eligibility, and graduates from Washington State University.
- Transfer student-athletes will receive an award based on the number of varsity letter awards received at WSU or at coach's discretion based on team contributions (award to begin no higher than second letter award).
- Conference team champions will receive watches inscribed with sport and WSU logo.
- Teams and individuals participating in NCAA championships will receive an appropriate memento in accordance with NCAA rules and WSU guidelines.
- NCAA team and individual champions will receive appropriate rings.
- Football bowl teams will receive appropriate mementos in accordance with NCAA rules and WSU policies.
- Each athletic team may have recognition awards at the discretion of the head coach and in accordance with NCAA rules.
- Special requests must be submitted to the Senior Associate Athletics Director/SWA and will be considered by the Senior Executive Staff.

Procedure

At the conclusion of the sport season, the coach will verify with the Awards Coordinator that the student-athlete has met the criteria for lettering and award to be received. When completed, the coach will notify the student-athletes to contact the equipment room staff in Bohler Athletic Complex B50 to be measured for that year's award. Student-athletes will be notified by the Equipment Room when their award is in and can be picked up.

- The student-athlete is responsible for picking up their award.
- If an award is not picked up, the equipment room staff will notify the head coach at the end of the academic year. The head coach will be responsible for notifying the student-athlete to pick up their award at the start of the next academic year.
- If a student-athlete has completed their eligibility and will not be returning to WSU, they will complete a form with a forwarding address. The equipment room staff will mail the letter award and/or graduation award to them.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

While there are specific criteria for each postgraduate scholarship or internship, the following standards and procedures generally apply:

- The Awards and Scholarship Committee nominates seniors for postgraduate scholarships.
- The academic support services office will notify students of their nomination for a postgraduate scholarship. The student-athlete will then work with the academic support services staff to complete the application by the designated deadline.
- Student-athletes who receive the scholarship must enroll in a full-time graduate program. Some postgraduate scholarships allow recipients to delay enrollment for up to five years.
- Student-athletes must have an overall GPA of 3.00 or higher.
- The evaluation is usually based on all academic work completed at the end of the fall semester of the student's last year of eligibility. Athletic performance can also weigh heavily with some scholarships (e.g., all-conference or all-American recognition).
- Student-athletes must be completing their last year of eligibility.
- Financial need is not a factor in the granting of any of the postgraduate scholarships.

Graduating seniors may be nominated for national/conference post-graduate scholarships and internships, including:

- **NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Program:** Awarded to those student-athletes who have excelled academically and athletically. \$7,500 one time award. **Application deadline:** Fall sports—January; Winter sports—March; Spring sports – May.

- **Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Program:** Awarded to one male and one female student-athlete annually in recognition of outstanding academic achievement and potential for success in graduate study. Must have a 3.5 or higher cum GPA. \$12,500 stipend, one time award. **Application deadline:** mid-January
- **NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women's Enhancement Program:** The goal of this program is to increase the pool of and opportunities for qualified minority and female candidates in intercollegiate athletics. The program offers ten postgraduate scholarships and ten internships at the NCAA national office. Candidates must be accepted into a sports administration or related program. \$6,000 one-time award. Internships are for one year. **Application deadline:** mid-February
- **NCAA Foundation/The Freedom Forum:** Eight \$3,000 scholarships are awarded to college juniors who have career goals in sports journalism. Candidates must be journalism majors or participate in some form of campus sports. **Application deadline:** mid-December
- **Black Coaches Association Ethnic Minority Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics:** The BCA awards 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each. The awards have been established to increase the pool of and opportunities for qualified minority candidates in intercollegiate athletics. **Application deadline:** mid-May
- **Pacific-10 Conference Administrative Fellowship:** This Fellowship is an eleven-month internship with approximately \$25,000 stipend. Former student-athletes must have a bachelor's degree and have an interest in pursuing a career in intercollegiate athletics. The internship is designed to enhance the professional preparation opportunities for ethnic minorities. **Application deadline:** mid-April

LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

Arthur Ashe, Jr. Award (Deadline mid-February)

Nominated by the Awards and Scholarship Committee, the Arthur Ashe, Jr. Award provides national recognition for "minority student-athletes who have aspired to achieve on and off the playing field because they embody the spirit of Arthur Ashe." WSU student-athletes nominated for this national award represent Arthur Ashe's high standard of intellectual and athletic excellence.

NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference (Deadline January)

Student-athletes are nominated by staff and coaches to attend the NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference each spring. Four sophomore or junior level student-athletes (two male and two female) are recommended by the Senior Associate Athletics Director/SWA, Director for Career and Personal Development, and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee based on the students' consistent support of the WSU Athletics life skills program, strong leadership demonstrated within their team and the athletics department, and availability to attend. The NCAA selects one or two students from each university to attend.

Pac-10 Conference Student-Athlete Committee Representatives

Student-athletes are nominated by staff, coaches, or Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to attend the Pac-10 SAAC Forum each fall and spring. Student-

athletes are selected by SAAC and the athletics administration based on the students' support for SAAC, leadership skills, and availability to attend.

PROWL/Team CARE Outreach Award (Spring Semester)

Nominated by support staff or coaches to the Awards and Scholarship Committee. Two student-athletes (one male and one female) are selected to recognize their consistent support of the WSU Athletics life skills program, strong citizenship skills, and commitment to service in the community.

WSU President's Leadership Award (Deadline mid-February)

Students are recognized for their excellence in leadership and service at WSU. Students submit application with appropriate letters of reference from Athletic Staff. The University's President's Award Selection Committee will notify students of their selection.

World Financial Group/Pac-10 Leadership Award

Awarded to one male and one female student-athlete in the conference each year. These scholarships for postgraduate study are designed to recognize student-athletes who have served on their institutional SAAC and demonstrated leadership.

The Big Ten Senior Award (mid-March)

The WSU Student Alumni Connection recognizes the most qualified senior man and woman who demonstrate superior excellence in Athletics. Coaches nominate senior athletes for the award.

SPECIAL ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Beulah M. Blankenship Outstanding Student-Athlete Award

To acknowledge personal achievements as a student-athlete at Washington State University and for contributions to the highest values of athletic expression by sportsmanship, dedication, and positive regard for others. One male and one female senior student-athlete are selected by the Awards and Scholarship Committee from a pool of student-athletes that have been nominated by their coaches. Criteria includes: personal qualities of sportsmanship, leadership and service—50%; academic achievement— 20%; athletic excellence—20%. All nominees must have at least a 2.70 cumulative GPA

SAAC True Cougar Award

One male and one female student-athlete is selected by SAAC (Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) based on athletic excellence and other criteria determined by SAAC.

Senior Recognition Luncheon

At the end of the spring semester all seniors will be honored for their participation in Cougar Athletics at the Senior Recognition Luncheon, sponsored by the athletics department. Senior student-athletes will be presented a plaque with a picture of them.

Pac-10 Conference Medal

One male and one female senior student-athlete are nominated by the Awards and Scholarship Committee and selected by the director of athletics. Selection is based on

the greatest combination of performance and achievement in scholarship, athletics, and leadership.

PAC-10 AND NCAA RECOGNITION

Pac-10 All Conference Teams

Selected by conference coaches based on criteria approved by the Pac-10 Council.

NCAA Woman of the Year

Each institution selects a recipient who then is eligible for the regional and national awards. Coaches nominate senior student-athletes based on athletic excellence—33%; academic achievement—33%, service and leadership—33%. The awards committee will select the WSU recipient and forward to the Senior Woman Administrator.

NCAA Top 6 Award

Six finalists are chosen in fall sports and six in winter/spring sports from institutional nominees. Six award recipients are selected for recognition at the NCAA Honors Dinner at the annual convention. Selection is based on athletic ability and achievement—50%; academic achievement—25%; character and leadership—25%.