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David McNeill of Northern Arizona Named Division I Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Individuals given USTFCCCA All-Academic status also named

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NEW ORLEANS – David McNeill of Northern Arizona has been named as Division I's male cross country Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the 2009 season as announced by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) on Monday. McNeill is also among 58 given All-Academic status for the previous cross country season for their efforts in the classroom and on nation's cross country courses.

McNeill, a junior from Melbourne, Australia, has a 3.75 cumulative GPA in Exercise Science. The Scholar-Athlete of the Year award goes to the highest individual finisher from the previous year's NCAA Cross Country Championship among those given USTFCCCA All-Academic status.

This fall, McNeill placed second at the NCAA Cross Country Championships in Terre Haute, Ind., to follow up a NCAA Mountain Region title. McNeill was named as the USTFCCCA Mountain Region Athlete of the Year after he won his region for the second-straight year. In this year's regional race, McNeill used the final 1000 meters to open a 12-second gap on the field. McNeill also won the Big Sky Cross Country Championship for the second-straight year, doing so in 2009 by 56 seconds.

The award honors those student-athletes who have succeeded both academically and athletically. To be eligible for the award a student-athlete must carry a minimum 3.25 cumulative grade point average and must finish among the top 15 finishers (or top 10 percent) of the field at their respective NCAA regional meet.

The 58 USTFCCCA All-Academic honorees represent 35 schools around the country.

The list also includes five regional champions and seven who finished in the nation's top 10 at the NCAA Cross Country Championships.

Iona and Stanford each placed four as All-Academic honorees while national champion Oklahoma State had three.

The Big 12 and the Pac-10 each had seven of its conference members reach All-Academic status while the BIG EAST had six.

The female Scholar-Athlete of the Year in Division I is Illinois' Angela Bizzarri. Those institutions given All-Academic Team status will be named on Wednesday, March 3 (women) and Friday, March 5 (men).

USTFCCCA 2009 Division I Cross Country All-Academic Honorees, MEN

^ Scholar-Athlete of the Year

ATHLETE	MAJOR	INSTITUTION
Brandon Bethke	Interdisciplinary Studies	Arizona State University
Miles Batty	Exercise Science	Brigham Young University
Tommy Gruenewald	Exercise Science	Brigham Young University
Andy Baker	Business	Butler University
Madison Roeder	Education	Butler University
Zach Gates	Undeclared	College of William and Mary
Brian Sklodowski	Finance	College of William and Mary
Brendan Martin	Economics	Columbia University
Tom Robbins	Chemistry	Dartmouth College
Chris Zablocki	History	Dartmouth College
Bo Waggoner	Mathematics	Duke University
Matthew Leeder	Psychology	Florida State University
Andrew Bumbalough	Professional Studies	Georgetown University
Mark Dennin	Undeclared	Georgetown University
Daniel Chenoweth	sociology	Harvard University
Zachary Mayhew	Business	Indiana University, Bloomington
Andrew Poore	Mathematics	Indiana University, Bloomington
Thorsten Baumeister	Undeclared	Iona College
Matthew Bayley	Accounting	Iona College
Ryan Sheridan	History	Iona College
Alexander Soderberg	Chemistry	Iona College
Hillary Bor	Accounting	Iowa State University
Tyler Jones	Information Technology	La Salle University
Evans Kosgei	Computer Science Engineering	Lehigh University
Moldovan Bobby	Elementary Education	North Carolina State University
Patrick Campbell	Biological Sciences	North Carolina State University
David McNeill^	Exercise Science	Northern Arizona University
German Fernandez	Sociology	Oklahoma State University
Colby Lowe	Sports Management	Oklahoma State University
Ryan Vail	International Studies	Oklahoma State University
Rob Speare	Physics	Princeton University
Caden Shields	Bio-Chemistry	Purdue University
Chris Derrick	undeclared	Stanford University
Elliott Heath	Biomechanical Engineering	Stanford University
Justin Marpole-Bird	International Relations	Stanford University
Miles Unterreiner	Undeclared	Stanford University
DuPont Patrick	Music Composition	Syracuse University
Jeff Scull	Exercise Science	Syracuse University
Mitch Bible	Mechanical Engineering	Texas A&M University, College Station
Joe Sauvageau	Petroleum Engineering	Texas A&M University, College Station

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