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ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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2021 OUTDOOR SCHEDULE

MARCH

3/19 Whitworth Essential (*Spokane*)
3/19 Trojan Invitational (*Los Angeles*)
3/20 Trojan Invitational (*Los Angeles*)

3/25 Whitworth Invite (*Spokane*)
3/26 Whitworth Invite (*Spokane*)

APRIL

4/2 Oregon Meet (*Eugen, OR*)
4/2 H.I.R. Invite (*Walla Walla, WA*)
4/3 Oregon Meet (*Eugen, OR*)

4/9 Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner
Invitational (*Los Angeles*)

4/16 Bryan Clay Invitational (*Azusa, CA*)
4/17 Bryan Clay Invitational (*Azusa, CA*)
4/17 Sam Adams Classic (*Spokane*)

4/30 BUC Scoring (*Spokane*)
4/30 West Coast Relays (*Fresno, CA*)

MAY

5/5 Whitworth Twilight (*Spokane*)
5/7 UW Invitational (*Seattle*)

5/14 Pac-12 Championships (*Los Angeles*)
5/15 Pac-12 Championships (*Los Angeles*)
5/16 Pac-12 Championships (*Los Angeles*)

JUNE

6/9 NCAA Outdoor Championships
(*Eugene, OR*)
6/10 NCAA Outdoor Championships
(*Eugene, OR*)
6/11 NCAA Outdoor Championships
(*Eugene, OR*)
6/12 NCAA Outdoor Championships
(*Eugene, OR*)

2021 OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD MEET NOTES

WHITWORTH ESSENTIAL INVITE

Thurs.-Fri., March 25-26 | Spokane, Wash. | Boppell Track

Thursday Event Start - 12 p.m. (PST)
Friday Event Start - 2:30 p.m. (PST)



LAST TIME OUT (*USC TROJAN INVITATIONAL*)

The Washington State University Track and Field program wrapped up the action from the USC Invitational Saturday afternoon from Loker Stadium.

Charisma Taylor continued her dominant streak, picking up where she left off during the indoor season, running a 13.45 in the 100-meter hurdles. That time from Taylor is the second-best all-time in Washington State history as well. Emily Coombs earned the win in the pole vault, posting a mark of 12-feet 11 1/2 inches (3.95m). Multiple Cougars turned in winning performances throughout the day as well including Kaylee Sowle in the high jump, Kendra Sachse in the javelin, and the squad of Jordyn Tucker, Skyler Walton, Jasneet Nijjar, and Elise Unruh-Thomas getting the victory in the 4x100m relay.

Two Cougars were in action at the USC Invitational to begin the meet Friday, as Carolina Ulloa-Daza and Sasha Korolenko competed in the hammer throw. Ulloa-Daza posted an impressive Washington State debut finishing second, with a throw of 191-feet 3 inches (58.30m), which is a WSU freshman record in the event, and is fifth best all-time in Cougar history as well.

The WSU men saw several great performances on the day as well, starting with RayRay Wells getting the win in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.38. Gabriel Shouman posted a victory in the javelin in his Cougar debut with a throw of 197-feet 5 inches (60.19m). The men's relay team also earned a win in the 4x100m relay as the team of Sam Brixey, Ja'Maun Charles, Ethan Willems, and Wells posted a time of 40.61 overall.

QUICK FACTS

Founded/Location: 1890/Pullman, Wash.

Enrollment: 20,286 (Pullman only)

Colors: Crimson and Gray

President: Kirk Schulz

Faculty Athletic Rep.: Nancy Swanger

Director of Athletics: Patrick Chun

Deputy Director/SWA: Anne McCoy

Conference: Pac-12

Mascot: Cougars

Facebook: [wsucougartf](https://www.facebook.com/wsucougartf)

Twitter/Instagram: [wsucougartf](https://www.instagram.com/wsucougartf)

Website: [wsucougars.com](https://www.wsucougars.com)

Head Coach: Wayne Phipps (Sixth year)

Alma Mater: British Columbia, 1991

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COUGARS ENTERED AT WHITWORTH INVITE - MARCH 25-26

Women

100m: Jordyn Tucker, Skyler Walton

400m: Elise Unruh-Thomas, Ronna Iverson

800m: Elena Willems

1500m: Kiyena Beatty, Geneva Schlepp, Pia Richards

100m Hurdles: Jasneet Nijjar

3000m Steeple: Pia Richards

High Jump: Aislinn Overby, Suzy Pace, Kaylee Sowle, Giovanna Rhoads

Pole Vault: Emily Coombs, Tessa Watkins, Tayla Beavers

Long Jump: Anna Rodgers, Lauren Newman, Jasneet Nijjar

Shot Put: Audrey Hughes, Julia Parra

Discus: Audrey Hughes, Julia Parra, Hannah Aaenson

Hammer: Carolina Ulloa-Daza, Sasha Korolenko, Amy Kraemer, Tara Koonce,
Audrey Hughes

Heptathlon: Peyton Teevens

Men

100m: RayRay Wells Jr., Ja'Maun Charles, Blake Deringer, De'antae Choates, Ryan Davy

200m: RayRay Wells Jr., De'antae Choates, Ryan Davy

400m: Ethan Willems

1500m: Ethan Martin, Cooper Cortinas, Sam Griffith, Cameron Dean

5000m: Ethan Martin

110m Hurdles: Dairus Ballou, Adrian Thomas

3000m Steeple: Kennan Schrag, Cameron Dean, Sam Griffith

High Jump: Mitch Jacobson, Max English, Taino Ferdinand, Daylon Hicks,
Beau Sheeran, Colby White

Pole Vault: Jacob Englar, Lucas Tallin

Long Jump: Joseph Heitman, Ja'Maun Charles

Shot Put: Jerrod Lee

Discus: John Kolb, Joseph Jensen

Hammer: Marty Munyon

Decathlon: Seth Andres

MEN'S USTFCCCA INDOOR NATIONAL RANKINGS March 29, 2021

Rank School Points

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA INDOOR NATIONAL RANKINGS March 29, 2021

Rank School Points

WEST REGION MEN - OUTDOOR MARCH 29, 2021

Rank Team Points

WEST REGION WOMEN - OUTDOOR MARCH 29, 2021

Rank Team Points

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Wayne Phipps

Director Cross Country/Track & Field (Sixth Year)

Phipps moved eight miles west from Moscow, Idaho to Pullman July 1, 2014, to become the 15th coach to take the reins of the Cougars men's program and the second coach for the combined men's and women's program at WSU. In December of 2017 Phipps signed a contract to remain the coach through June 2023. All-America honors.

For the past four consecutive seasons, the WSU

men's cross country team has received an at-large berth to the NCAA Championships and twice have finished higher than the USTFCCA national ranking entering the title meet. The 2016 squad, ranked No. 18 nationally, placed 14th, the highest finish by a WSU team in 32 years. In 2017, the No. 27 Cougars finished 24th while in 2015 WSU was ranked No. 25 and finished 26th

The 2015 squad was led by junior John Whelan and sophomore Michael Williams who had second and third-place finishes, respectively, at the West Region meet. The WSU team, comprised mostly of freshmen recruited by Phipps, finished fourth in the highly-competitive West Region. The 2016 WSU men harriers took fifth place at the West Region meet with Williams, now a junior, and Whelan, now a senior, taking 17th and 18th places, respectively, and the pair repeated as All-Region honorees. Williams earned All-America honors with his 30th-place finish at the NCAA meet and became the first Cougar since Bernard Lagat and Eric Kamau in 1998 to become an All-American. Williams, a senior finished 12th and junior Chandler Teigen finished 20th at the West Region meet, both earning All-Region honors.

The 2017 cross country season brought honors to Vallery Korir on the women's team. Korir, a junior who transferred into WSU in January of 2017, earned All-America honors with her 33rd-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Korir became only the fourth woman in WSU women's cross country history to earn All-America honors (top 40 individuals). She earned the at-large berth to the national meet after her 19th-place finish at the NCAA West Region and winning the Nuttycombe Open Race earlier in the Fall.

In three seasons of mentoring the distance corps, hurdlers and multi-events competitors in track and field, the Cougars also found success. In 2015, CharLee Linton ran the WSU women's record in the 10,000m (34:03.69) at the Stanford Invite. At the Pac-12 Championships, Alissa Brooks-Johnson won the heptathlon title, Jesse Jorgensen won the men's 800m title, Dino Dodig finished fifth in the decathlon, and a trio of Cougars scored 12 points in the women's intermediate hurdles. During the 2015 indoor and outdoor seasons, 18 marks were either written into or moved up in the WSU all-time records top 10 lists.

In the 2016 T&F seasons, CJ Allen won his second Pac-12 intermediate hurdles title in three years and was joined by heptathlete Liz Harper as NCAA outdoor second-team All-Americans. The Cougars tallied 25 new entries into the WSU all-time records during the 2016 indoor and outdoor seasons including Linton's 5000m indoor record time of 16:34.89i and Dino Dodig's indoor heptathlon record of 5,635i points.

The 2017 indoor and outdoor seasons saw titles won by Liz Harper in the pentathlon at the MPSF Championships, Brock Eager in the hammer throw at the Pac-12 Championships, and Alissa Brooks-Johnson won her second Pac-12 heptathlon

title and placed sixth at the NCAA Championships earning All-America honors. Eager and intermediate hurdler CJ Allen earned second team All-America honors at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

During the past three track and field seasons, Phipps and his staff have mentored student-athletes to school top-ten performances 24 times in the indoor season and 47 times in the outdoor season.

Additionally, during Phipps' tenure at WSU, there have been conference all-academic honors awarded to WSU student-athletes 51 times in cross country, 88 times in indoor track and 86 times in outdoor track.

Phipps had been the University of Idaho's Director and Track & Field/Cross Country from 2010 through 2014, and was a coach with the Vandals program for a total of 19 years. He served as co-head coach from 2000-09, after serving as an assistant coach from 1995-99. During that time, Phipps was honored 14 times as a conference coach of the year and led the Vandals to a record 16 total conference titles.

From 2000, Phipps guided an Idaho track and field/cross country program that was highly successful at the conference level producing seven individual cross country champions, 52 indoor track and field champions, and 117 outdoor champions. The Vandals claimed 23 conference athletes of the year awards, broke 15 conference records, qualified for the NCAA Championships 79 times, earning 45 NCAA All-American awards including two individual NCAA champions, nine individual NCAA runner-ups, and six individual third-place finishes. During this time Idaho athletes set 30 indoor school records, 23 outdoor records, and at least one school record has fallen every year during Phipps' tenure. As a team, Idaho finished in the top 25 in the nation 11 times in track & field including highs of 16th for the women and 17th for the men; and once in cross country.

During Phipps' head coaching tenure, the Vandals produced five Olympians, two World Track and Field Championship finalists, and one World Cross Country Championship participant. Phipps currently coaches former Vandal All-American Angela Whyte, who is a two-time Olympian, six-time World Championship participant and a two-time World Championship finalist. Whyte finished sixth at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games in the 100m hurdles and sixth at the 2013 World Track and Field Championships in the 100m hurdles. He has coached two-time Olympian and World Championship finalist Tawanda Chivira, former WSU NCAA All-American and world-ranked hurdler Arend Watkins, and Olympian Sherwin James.

Additionally, Idaho had a very strong academic reputation with yearly honorees among the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Division I All-Academic Teams in both men's and women's cross country and track and field. Since 2005, five Idaho track and field athletes have earned the Western Athletic Conference's prestigious Stan Bates Award as the top male or female student-athlete in the conference, and the team's athletes have been recognized with a combined 490 WAC All-Academic honors.

Phipps began his coaching career in his hometown of Prince George, British Columbia, with the Prince George Track and Field Club. During that time, he coached several provincial and national medalists and champions. As an athlete, Phipps was a three-year letterwinner in basketball and a four-year letterwinner in track and cross country at D.P. Todd Secondary. He also competed for the Prince George Track and Field Club where he was coached by his father, Ron.

Phipps competed for the University of Montana and the University of British Columbia, where he graduated with a degree in exercise science in 1991. He earned his masters of science from the University of Oregon in exercise and movement science, with a sports medicine major and minors in biomechanics and exercise physiology.

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Julie Taylor

Associate Head Coach (Sixth Year)

Julie Taylor joined the Washington State University track and field coaching staff in July 2014 after a long and highly successful career as both a coach and a student-athlete at the University of Idaho.

In the three years coaching the throwers, Taylor has mentored Cougars to ten marks written into the WSU All-Time Top 10 lists.

In her first year at WSU, without any of her own recruits competing yet, Taylor's throwers scored 15 points at the Pac-12 Track & Field Championships. In her second season, Taylor spent much of the outdoor season working on

techniques with redshirt throwers but saw success in competition from transfer Katie Wardsworth, and returning throwers Kelsie Taylor, Brock Eager, Travis Pickett and Brad Stevens. Wardsworth had the fifth-best WSU throw in the hammer of 182-4 (55.58m), and eighth-best weight throw all-time of 54-0i (16.64m). Eager had a weight throw that was seventh-best in WSU records of 63-2 3/4i (19.27m) and then redshirted during the outdoor season. At the Pac-12 Championships, Taylor took fifth in the javelin while Stevens was sixth in the men's javelin and Pickett was eighth in the hammer.

The 2017 indoor season found Eager's 35-pound weight throw distance of 66-8 1/2i (20.33m) move up to third-best all-time while Wardsworth move up to seventh in the weight throw with a toss of 58-7 1/2i (17.87m) and Aoife Martin's throw of 52-4 1/2i (15.96m) was ninth-best. Moving outdoors, Eager threw the hammer 225-3 (68.66m), fourth-best in school records. Eager went on to win the Pac-12 hammer title and finished 14th at the NCAA Championships, earning All-America second team honors. Adam Mahama tossed a discus mark of 189-7 (57.79m) for eighth-best at WSU. Atina Kamasi threw the javelin a freshman school record of 171-8 (52.32m) for third on the WSU list while Kelsey Kehl's javelin throw of 160-0 (48.76m) was ninth-best all-time. Wardsworth heaved the hammer 191-3 (58.29m), fourth in WSU records and Martin's hammer throw of 178-11 (54.53m) is seventh-best.

Taylor led the Idaho competitors to unprecedented levels of success in her 20 years as an assistant coach in charge of the Vandals' throws program before being promoted to Head Track & Field Coach in 2011.

A very accomplished thrower herself, Taylor held Idaho outdoor school records in both the shot put and discus when she graduated in 1986. Since that time, her student-athletes have broken and re-broken every Idaho throws record and Taylor saw her own name bumped out of the Idaho record book in 2011. She holds an incredible distinction in Idaho's history in that she coached every single competitor who has made an entry in Idaho's all-time top-10 in the women's shot put, discus, hammer throw and javelin throw.

During Taylor's time at Idaho, Vandal throwers qualified for the NCAA Championships 48 times and won two NCAA titles, 26 Western Athletic Conference titles, eight Big West Conference titles, nine Big Sky Conference titles and have claimed 28 All-America honors. At least one school record in the throws has fallen at Idaho in eight of her final nine seasons.

Notable highlights from Taylor's coaching career include the 2008 outdoor season when Idaho was the only men's NCAA program to have four competitors hit the 200-foot mark in the hammer throw. Taylor's group of Marcus Mattox (208-2), James Rogan (203-2), Matt Wauters (203-1) and Russ Winger (202-3) all achieved the feat in one competition over the span of a couple hours in April of that year. The Vandal men won the team title at the 2012 WAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships with a contribution of three individual titles and 68 points from the men's throwers.

Taylor's top men's pupil was Winger, who competed from 2004-08 and was one of the most versatile collegiate throwers of his era. He is just the second man in NCAA history to hit 65 feet in both the shot put and weight throw in the same indoor season, achieving the feat in both 2007 and 2008. Additionally, in 2008 Winger was the only man to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Championships in the shot put, discus throw and hammer throw, although he chose not to compete in the hammer to focus the other two events.

Taylor also coached the first and only individual NCAA champion in Idaho women's athletics history, Katja Schreiber, who won the 2001 national title in the discus with a school-record heave of 197-11.

As a standout thrower for the Vandals from 1983-86, Taylor, a native of Onaway, Idaho, broke both the shot put and discus school records and earned three All-Big Sky Conference honors. She scored points at every Big Sky meet during her career and still ranks 31st in Idaho history in all-time outdoor conference scoring at 28 points.

Taylor is married to another all-time great Vandal thrower, Tim Taylor, who was a volunteer assistant throws coach at Idaho and has continued to volunteer at WSU. They have one son, Alex, who threw at the University of Idaho, and one daughter, Kelsey, who was an all-WAC performer for the Idaho volleyball team from 2007-10 and working as a physical therapist.



Yogi Teevens

Associate Head Coach (Sixth Year)

Yogi Teevens (pronounced, tee-vins) joined the Washington State staff in the summer of 2014, bringing 25 years of successful coaching experience to Pullman. Teevens coaches the Cougars sprinters and relays.

In her first two years at WSU, Teevens mentored veteran Cougars to outstanding performances and marks. In 2015 Briana Watley ran the second-best 200m dash (23.35) in WSU history and also ran the lead leg of the second-best women's 400m relay all-time (44.61). The women's 1600m relay also ran into the WSU all-time top 10 with the third-best time (3:35.66). In 2016, Dominique Keel ran the fourth-fastest 200m dash (23.55) and was a member of the 4x400m relay squad that ran the fourth-best time in school history: Regyn

Gaffney, Keel, Christiana Ekelem and Liz Harper ran a time of 3:36.76 at the Mt. SAC Relays.

In the 2017 season, Gaffney tied the WSU record for the 60m dash with her blazing time of 7.57i and clocked in the third-fastest 100m dash time of 11.60. Cougars men sprinters reached PRs 34 times and women sprinters achieved PRs 24 times.

Teevens spent four highly productive seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Utah State where she coached the sprinters, the long and triple jumpers, and the relay teams. While in Logan, Utah, Teevens mentored 28 competitors to Mountain West Conference titles, 118 student-athletes to All-MWC first team honors, 28 participants to NCAA West Region Preliminary Rounds, four to the NCAA Outdoor Championships, and saw eight school records broken. Recent Aggie highlights include Teevens coaching Charl Hawkins to back-to-back All-America honors in the heptathlon (2013, 2014) in addition to earning second team All-America honors in the pentathlon in 2014. Hawkins set the school and MWC pentathlon record with 4,173 points, earning MWC Indoor T&F Athlete of the Year. On the men's sprint side, Teevens mentored Nic Bowens to 2014 MWC 60m and 200m indoor titles, 100m and 200m outdoor titles, setting school records in all four events, as well as the 4x100m relay. Bowens was the MWC Outstanding Male Performer at both the indoor and outdoor championships. To complete the Aggie sprint sweep, Cole Lamborne won the 400m dash at the MWC outdoor meet, and the 1600m relay won the MWC title indoors and outdoors. This past season Teevens coached 26 All-MWC first team honorees, 13 in each the indoor and outdoor championships. Six student-athletes qualified for the 2014 NCAA West Region Prelims in 10 events.

Not a stranger to the Palouse, Teevens spent 15 seasons at the University of Idaho (1996-2010), starting as the women's head coach but was promoted to co-head coach of the men's and women's program with Wayne Phipps for 11 years. Teevens focused on the sprints, jumps and multi-events areas during her Moscow coaching stint, and Vandal student-athletes broke school records 38 times, including some records multiple times. Teevens' tenure at Idaho was marked with continual success including: two women's team and two men's team Big West Conference titles, 51 individual conference champions, four conference champion relays, six conference Athlete of the Year honorees, one conference Freshman of the Year award. Additionally, Vandals qualified for NCAA Championships 33 times and earned 16 All-America honors including Idaho's first woman NCAA champion in Katja Schreiber (2000), and Olympian in Angela Whyte.

During Teevens' tenure, the UI women's track and field team finished 16th at the 2011 NCAA Championships which was the first time women's track finished in the NCAA top 25, and then took 20th in 2003. The men's team won the Big West T&F championships in 2000 and 2001, while the Idaho women's team captured BWC T&F titles in 2001 and 2003 as Teevens garnered Big West Women's Track & Field Coach of the Year honors both years. When UI moved to the WAC in 2005, Vandals thrived with 79 First Team All-WAC honors (top three finishers at conference meet), set six WAC championship meet records and three WAC all-time records. In her final season at Idaho, the women's team tallied 26 entries into the school's all-time top-10 performance lists.

Academics was also a high priority for Teevens as Vandals racked up three CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, 17 USTFCCA DI All-Academic honors, and a pair of WAC Stan Bates Award winners for top student-athletes among all conference sports.

Carla "Yogi" Weigel was an outstanding three-sport athlete at Tulane University and was inducted into the Tulane Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001 for her accomplishments in basketball, volleyball and track and field. She had a notable career at Henderson County Junior College (Athens, Texas) and was recruited to Tulane to play basketball, but she found success on the volleyball court and also became an award-winning track and field competitor for the Green Wave. Teevens was a primarily a long and triple jumper but also competed in the heptathlon. She was ranked in the top 20 nationally in the triple jump as both a junior and senior. She left Tulane holding indoor and outdoor triple jump school records with her outdoor PR of 40-11 1/2, and her indoor mark of 39-0 3/4. Teevens was honored as Tulane's Female Athlete of the Year three times and was chosen twice to the All-Louisiana Division I Track and Field Team.

Teevens started her coaching career in 1990 as an assistant coach at her alma mater, Tulane, where she coached for five years. She led the Green Wave to its first Metro Conference championship in 1995. After serving one year as the head coach for Wisconsin-Stout, Teevens moved to Idaho.

Teevens has been involved with the USA Track and Field's youth and elite programs and helped coordinate the officials for the 1996 U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials and at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. She is married to Sam Teevens and the couple has one son, Cody, and one daughter, Peyton.



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Doug Fraley

Assistant Coach (Second Year)

Doug Fraley, who is well renowned in the world of pole vaulting, will join the Cougars coaching staff after most recently spending nine years with Tulane University track and field.

Coach Fraley has quite the decorated history with the Green Wave, totaling five All-Americans, sending seven student-athletes to the NCAA Championships, totaling 27 overall entries in NCAA Outdoor Regionals, seven conference championships, 30 total All-Conference selections, and one indoor track freshman of the year.

Fraley has been a staple on the New Orleans track and field scene, coaching with various high school and club organizations, along with officiating in the area, for the last 18

plus years. His pupils have gone on to win 18 LHSAA State Championships in the pole vault, and claim multiple long jump, triple jump and high jump titles. Fraley has seen four of his understudies win USATF or AAU National titles and many others have enjoyed success on a national level.

Doug has remained incredibly active in the development of the sport that he has dedicated his life to performing and teaching. He has been a keynote speaker and is an annual lecturer at the National Pole Vault Summit in Reno, Nev. and has acted as the Master of Ceremonies at the National Pole Vault Summit and the North American Pole Vault Championships, both events which he helped organize. He also continues to contribute to the growth of track and field by serving as a member of the United States Track and Field Pole Vault Development coaching staff, a post he has held since 1995.

"We are very excited to have Doug and Erica join our staff," Phipps discussed. "Very few people have the ability to coach all four jumps and Doug does so at the very highest level. In addition, to add Erica to help with pole vault as well makes this an awesome combination. Doug and Erica were world-class athletes who became world-class coaches, and are clearly world-class people."

"I am thrilled to be heading to the Palouse to join the track and field staff at WSU," Fraley Said. "I would like to thank Coach Phipps for the fantastic opportunity to lead the jumps program. It is a dream come true for me to coach at a school like Washington State University and in the Pac-12," Fraley continued. "I can't wait to get started!"



CharLee Linton

Assistant Coach (Fourth Year)

CharLee Linton joined the Washington State University track and field staff in July 2017 to assist in the coaching women's distance corps.

In her first cross country season as a coach, Linton mentored junior Vallery Korir to an All-America (33rd-place) finish at the NCAA Championships. Korir became the fourth WSU women to ever earn All-America status in cross country. She finished 19th at the NCAA West Region Championships earning All-Region honors and her 13th-place finish at the Pac-12 Championships led to her selection to the All-Pac-12 second team. Linton mentored a relatively youthful 2017 women's team to a 10th-place finish at the Pac-12 Championships and 15th place at the NCAA West Region.

Linton walked-on the WSU cross country and track teams in 2012 after a prep career at Shorewood High School in Shoreline, Wash. She earned a scholarship for her junior and senior years at WSU. Linton scored for the Cougars three consecutive years at the Pac-12 Cross Country Championships as well as at the NCAA West Region Cross Country Championships. On the track indoors, Linton ran the school record time of 16 minutes 34.89 seconds in the 5000 meters in 2016. Outdoors, Linton broke a 12-year-old school record in the 10,000 meters as a junior with her time of 34:03.69 at the 2015 Stanford Invitational. Her senior year Linton etched her name into the WSU all-time top ten lists in the 3000 meters with an indoor time of 9:35.49, eighth-best, and the 5000 meters with a time of 16:31.43, seventh-best. Linton scored at the 2016 Pac-12 Championships with seventh place finish in the 10k.

She graduated from WSU in May 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. After graduation, Linton remained in Pullman and served as a volunteer coach for the Cougars distance program and began working on a second degree in history.

Linton also volunteered as an elementary teacher assistant from 2010-14 and as an undergraduate at WSU was a member of Cougar Pals who are student-athletes pen pals for elementary students in the Pullman schools. She completed Green Dot Bystander Training which brings awareness to campus violence in 2015.

She received the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) True Cougar Award at the 2016 Athletics Senior Recognition luncheon; an award presented to a male and female student-athlete who started their WSU careers as non-scholarship student-athletes and who, to their respective teams, define leadership, commitment to excellence, and Cougar Pride.