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2008 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 GYMNASTICS TEAM ANNOUNCED

IRVING, Texas — The Big 12 Conference has named 24 student-athletes to the 2008 Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics Team, the league office announced.

Missouri led the conference with nine selections, all on the first team.

Nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services and the media relations offices, the gymnastics academic all-league team consisted of 20 first team members combined with four on the second team. First team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA, and the second team are those who have a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of her team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

Oklahoma will host the Big 12 Gymnastics Championship on Saturday for the fourth time in conference history. Nebraska, the defending champion, has claimed a league-leading eight crowns (1997-99, 2001-03, '05, '07). Iowa State has won two titles ('00, '06) while the Sooners earned top honors in '04.

2008 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 GYMNASTICS TEAM

FIRST TEAM (3.20-PLUS GPA; * - INDICATES NOMINATED WITH A 4.00 GPA)

Name, School	Class	Major	Hometown
Ashley Kent, Iowa State	Jr.	Nutritional Science	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Nikki Dilbert, Iowa State	So.	Health and Human Performance	Champlin, Minn.
Ceilia Maccani, Iowa State	Jr.	Health and Human Performance	Racine, Wis.
Jennifer Salfen, Iowa State	Jr.	Biology	Littleton, Colo.
Melanie Tham, Iowa State	So.	Open Option	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Jasmine Thompson, Iowa State	Jr.	Journalism	McDonald, Ohio
Brooke Boehmer, Missouri	So.	Chemistry	Overland Park, Kan.
Nikki Bowman, Missouri	Sr.	Marketing	Virginia Beach, Va.
Alicia Hatcher, Missouri	Jr.	Magazine Journalism	Blue Springs, Mo.
Ashley Khederian, Missouri	Sr.	Marketing	Carlisle, Mass.
Adrienne Perry, Missouri	Jr.	Textile and Apparel Management	Columbia, Mo.
Lisa Puccio, Missouri	Sr.	Marketing	Kirkwood, Mo.
Becky Scholle, Missouri	So.	Business	Chesterfield, Mo.
Liz Straatmann, Missouri	So.	Undeclared	Washington, Mo.
Julie Abaray, Missouri	Sr.	Broadcast Journalism	Cincinnati, Ohio
Kathryn Howard, Nebraska	So.	Undeclared	Houston, Texas
Haley DeProspero, Oklahoma	Jr.	Zoology	McKinney, Texas
Caitlin Hinkis, Oklahoma	Sr.	Psychology	Simsbury, Conn.
Ashley Jackson, Oklahoma	Jr.	Zoology	Hudsonville, Mich.
Jessica Kinder, Oklahoma	Jr.	Health and Exercise Science	Kansas City, Mo.

SECOND TEAM (3.00 TO 3.19 GPA)

Name, School	Class	Major	Hometown
Jody McKellar, Iowa State	So.	Elementary Education	Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Anna Robey, Iowa State	So.	Health and Human Performance	Mason, Ohio
Jackie Flanery, Oklahoma	So.	Human Relations	Plattsburg, Mo.
Mary Mantle, Oklahoma	So.	Human Relations	Bellvue, Colo.

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