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Horizon League Announces Academic All-League Teams for Winter Sports

University of
Detroit Mercy

*UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee boast most honorees (12 apiece);
Butler, Youngstown State each have 11*

University of
Illinois at Chicago

INDIANAPOLIS — The Horizon League experienced a highly successful season of competition this past winter. That success continued in the classroom, as well, as the League announced its 2006-07 Winter Academic All-Horizon League teams on Tuesday (April 17).

Loyola
University Chicago

A total of 82 student-athletes from six sports were honored in balloting by the League's faculty athletics representatives and sports information directors. The **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay** and the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** led the way with 12 selections apiece, followed by **Butler University** and **Youngstown State University**, each with 11. **Wright State University** had ten student-athletes recognized, two more than the **University of Illinois at Chicago** (eight). The **University of Detroit Mercy** and **Loyola University Chicago** each boasted seven honorees, with **Cleveland State University** receiving five awards.

University of
Wisconsin-Green Bay

For the second consecutive year, Butler featured three members of the **men's basketball** Academic All-League team. Junior **A.J. Graves** was a First-Team Academic All-America selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) last month, and received All-America Honorable Mention after averaging 17 points per game for the Bulldogs, who won a League-record 29 games and reached the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Championship. He owns a 3.394 grade-point-average, majoring in actuarial science.

University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Junior teammates **Julian Betko** (3.858, business administration) and **Drew Streicher** (3.947, chemistry/pre-med) joined Graves as repeat choices on the honor roll, with Streicher earning the award for a third consecutive year.

Wright State
University

Wright State senior **Drew Burleson** (3.228, communications studies) and UW-Green Bay sophomore **Mike Schachtner** (3.844, general studies) rounded out the men's basketball list. Burleson averaged 8.6 points per game to help lead WSU to its first-ever League title and a berth in the NCAA Championship, while Schachtner posted a rate of 14.9 points per contest for the Phoenix, hitting nearly 46 percent of his shots from three-point range.

Youngstown State
University

In **women's basketball**, three of the five honorees were repeat selections from last year's rolls, led by Butler senior **Jackie Closser**. The First-Team All-League performer was sixth on the loop scoring charts at 14.6 points per game while also handing out 3.74 assists per contest for fourth place on that list. In the classroom, Closser carries a 3.616 GPA as an elementary education major.

UW-Green Bay senior **Amanda Popp** (3.793, psychology/human development) and Wright State junior **Whitney Lewis** (4.000, psychology) were also named to the Academic All-League team for the second year in a row. Popp averaged 10.2 points per game, helping the Phoenix to a 29-4 overall record which included the Horizon League title as part of a 26-game winning streak, while Lewis posted 11.4 points per contest for the Raiders. UW-Green Bay junior **Kayla Groh** (3.610, business

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administration) led the circuit with a .859 free-throw percentage, with Youngstown State junior **Lauren Branson** (3.93, special education) ranking second with her rate of 4.32 assists per contest.

In **men's swimming**, UIC's **Blake Booher** led a quartet of Flames on the Academic All-League list. The senior was named the League Athlete of the Year after winning the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events at the 2007 Horizon League Championships and helping UIC to first-place finishes in two relay events. Booher, a two-time recipient of the League's U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete of the Week award, is an Academic All-League choice for the third year in a row and owns a 3.29 GPA as a political science major.

Flame teammates **Mike Conroy** (3.37, business) and **Mark Pappalardo** (3.49, secondary education/mathematics) also earned their third Academic All-League awards, along with fellow senior **Andrew Johnston** (3.766, business administration) of UW-Green Bay. Johnston was one of four Phoenix representatives on the Academic All-League squad, along with senior **Dan Lindstrom** (3.50, urban and regional studies), a repeat selection from last year. Cleveland State's four honorees included repeat honoree and 2006 League Athlete of the Year **Bjorn Schantz** (3.89, marketing and international business).

Wright State senior **Ryan Klasmeier** (3.481, mechanical engineering) and UW-Milwaukee senior **Karl Winderl** (3.953, accounting) were honored for the second year in a row as part of the 18-member group.

The **women's swimming** team also features 18 student-athletes, with ten repeat selections including a trio of three-time honorees. UW-Milwaukee senior **Lindsay Caldwell** leads that group after winning the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle events at the League Championships to garner Swimmer of the Meet honors for the third year in a row. Caldwell owns a 3.573 GPA as a journalism/mass communications major. UW-Green Bay seniors **Kristin Carlson** (3.79, business administration) and **Mary Schoen** (3.945, human biology) also were honored for the third consecutive season.

Four of the Academic All-League selections captured event titles at the League summit, with repeat honoree **Colleen Dougherty** of UIC (3.91, psychology) helping the Flames set League records in the 200- and 400-yard freestyle relays, while Wright State junior **Catalina Martinez** (3.352, biomedical engineering) won the 1,000- and 1,650-yard events. Wright State sophomore **Kelsey Cooper** (3.733, English) was the top finisher in the 100-yard backstroke, with UW-Milwaukee senior **Crystal Szymanski** (3.432, Spanish) posting a blue-ribbon performance in one-meter diving.

The other repeat honorees included Youngstown State senior **Becky Bertuzzi** (3.85, business marketing), Wright State seniors **Dani DiMasso** (3.705, language arts education) and **Amanda Mueller** (3.955, marketing), WSU junior **Jessica Weidert** (4.000, modern languages), UW-Milwaukee junior **Emma McKeith** (3.948, education), and UW-Green Bay senior **Janet Weidert** (3.794, human development). WSU and UW-Green Bay each boasted a League-high five honorees.

Detroit had six of the 18 honorees in **men's indoor track and field**, including repeat winners in senior **Zack Bolton** (3.729, mechanical engineering) and junior **Andrew Hayner** (4.000, political science/history). Youngstown State senior **Drew Weizer** (3.80, health) garnered recognition for the third consecutive year.

The 18-member **women's indoor track and field** team included five representatives from Loyola and four from Youngstown State. Junior **Bethany Anderson** (3.35, health) is part of the Penguin contingent, winning her second Academic All-League award after capturing the shot put and weight throw crowns to claim Outstanding Field Performer honors at the League Championships.

Another two-time academic honoree---Butler senior **Genni Gardner**---won Outstanding Running Performer accolades at the League summit for her first-place efforts in the 1,000 meters and one-mile run. Gardner, who boasts a 3.47 GPA as a communications disorders major, joined Anderson among five event champions on the Academic All-League squad, along with UW-Milwaukee sophomore **Jenni Saarinen** (3.808, elementary education), who claimed top honors in the pentathlon. Loyola senior **Marcia Faustin** (3.48, biology) received her third academic citation after winning the high jump, while Rambler sophomore **Pam Staton** (3.61, biology) broke the tape in the 800 meters.

Four additional performers received academic recognition for the second consecutive year. Wright State senior **Jill Britton** (3.797, accountancy), Youngstown State senior **Lindsay Cobey** (3.64, physical education) and Loyola junior **Rachel Hansen** (3.96, biology) joined UIC senior **Lisa Petty** (3.72, teaching of history) in that group of two-time selections.

The Horizon League recognizes student-athletes with Academic All-League teams in each of its 19 championship sports. To be eligible for Academic All-Horizon League consideration, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.20 or higher (based on a 4.00 scale) and have completed at least one year at the member institution having earned 24 semester-hour or 36 quarter-hour credits.

Note: A complete list of the honorees for each sport follows on the next two pages.

Academic All-Horizon League Teams -- Winter 2006-07**Men's Basketball**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Julian Betko-%	Butler	Jr.	3.858	Business Administration	Ruzomberok, Slovakia (Sharon, Pa.)
Drew Burleson	Wright State	Sr.	3.228	Communications Studies	Wheelersburg, Ohio (Wheelersburg)
A.J. Graves-%	Butler	Jr.	3.394	Mathematics/Actuarial Science	Switz City, Ind. (White River Valley)
Mike Schachtner	UW-Green Bay	So.	3.844	General Studies	Somerset, Wis. (Somerset)
Drew Streicher-#	Butler	Jr.	3.947	Chemistry (Pre-Med)	Washington, Ind. (Washington)

Women's Basketball

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Lauren Branson	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.93	Special Education	Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop McNicholas)
Jackie Closser-%	Butler	Sr.	3.616	Elementary Education	Alexandria, Ind. (Alexandria-Monroe)
Kayla Groh	UW-Green Bay	Jr.	3.610	Business Administration	Elkhart Lake, Wis. (Glenbeulah)
Whitney Lewis-%	Wright State	Jr.	4.000	Psychology	Lynchburg, Ohio (Lynchburg-Clay)
Amanda Popp-%	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.793	Psychology, Human Development	Brillion, Wis. (Brillion)

Men's Swimming and Diving

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Joe Badziong	Cleveland State	Sr.	3.32	Accounting	Parma, Ohio (Padua)
Bobby Balow	UW-Green Bay	Jr.	3.52	Chemistry	Racine, Wis. (Park)
Blake Booher-#	UIC	Sr.	3.29	Political Science	Barrington, Ill. (Barrington)
Jason Brozek	Butler	Sr.	3.562	History/Chemistry	Great Bend, Kan. (Great Bend)
Mike Conroy-#	UIC	Sr.	3.37	Business	Hoffman Estates, Ill. (Hoffman Estates)
Raj Duggal	Butler	Sr.	3.312	Pharmacy	Columbus, Ind. (North)
Josh Johnson	UIC	Jr.	3.42	Biology	Channahon, Ill. (Illinois Math & Science Acad.)
Andrew Johnston-#	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.766	Business Administration	Chippewa Falls, Wis. (Chippewa Falls)
Ryan Klasmeyer-%	Wright State	Sr.	3.481	Mechanical Engineering	Cincinnati, Ohio (Sycamore)
Robby Leibold	UW-Milwaukee	So.	3.845	Undecided	Neenah, Wis. (Neenah)
Dan Lindstrom-%	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.50	Urban and Regional Studies	Vulcan, Mich. (Vulcan)
Nedim Nisic	Cleveland State	So.	3.40	International Business	Tuzia, Bosnia and Herzegovina (Gymnasium Mesa Selimovic)
Mark Pappalardo-#	UIC	Sr.	3.49	Secondary Education / Math	LaGrange, Ill. (Lyons Township)
Stef Potgieter	Cleveland State	So.	3.33	Communication	Sasolborg, South Africa (Sasolborg)
Bjorn Schantz-%	Cleveland State	Sr.	3.89	Marketing & International Business	Loddekopinge, Sweden (Polhemskolan)
Karl Winderl-%	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	3.953	Accounting	Hubertus, Wis. (Hartford Union)
Mike Witte	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.394	History and Political Science	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
David Yugo	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.	3.657	Business	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)

Women's Swimming and Diving

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Mary Beth Arnold	Butler	Sr.	3.689	Journalism	Indianapolis, Ind. (Franklin Central)
Becky Bertuzzi-%	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.85	Business Marketing	Warren, Ohio (John F. Kennedy)
Lindsay Caldwell-#	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	3.573	Journalism / Mass Communications	West Bend, Wis. (West)
Kristin Carlson-#	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.79	Business Administration	Maple Grove, Minn. (Maple Grove)
Kelsey Cooper	Wright State	So.	3.733	English	Springfield, Ohio (Northwestern)
Molly Cox	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.621	Elementary Education	Berlin, Wis. (Berlin)
Dani DiMasso-%	Wright State	Sr.	3.705	Language Arts Education	Cincinnati, Ohio (Sycamore)
Colleen Dougherty-%	UIC	Jr.	3.91	Psychology	Woodstock, Ill. (Woodstock)
Sarah Economides	UIC	Sr.	3.61	Movement Science	Downers Grove, Ill. (North)
Sarah Lynne Gates	Butler	So.	3.856	Pre-Pharmacy	Lexington, Ky. (Catholic)
Carissa Lindholm	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.665	Elementary Education	Manitowoc, Wis. (Lincoln)
Catalina Martinez	Wright State	Jr.	3.352	Biomedical Engineering	Cali, Colombia
Emma McKeith-%	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.	3.948	Education	Madison, Wis. (West)
Amanda Mueller-%	Wright State	Sr.	3.955	Marketing	Mequon, Wis. (Homestead)
Mary Schoen-#	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.945	Human Biology	Chaska, Minn. (Chaska)
Crystal Szymanski	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	3.432	Spanish	Hales Corners, Wis. (Whitnall)
Janet Weidert-%	UW-Green Bay	Sr.	3.794	Human Development	Colbert, Wash. (Colbert)
Jessica Weidert-%	Wright State	Jr.	4.000	Modern Languages	Spokane, Wash. (Mead)

Academic All-Horizon League Teams -- Winter 2006-07 (continued)**Men's Indoor Track and Field**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Justin Bohler	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.	3.223	Civil Engineering	Janesville, Wis. (Parker)
Zack Bolton-%	Detroit	Sr.	3.729	Mechanical Engineering	Belding, Mich. (Belding)
Ryan Byrne	Detroit	Sr.	3.867	Mechanical Engineering	Essex, Ontario (St. Anne's)
Larry Ehrhorn	UW-Milwaukee	Jr.	3.310	Education	Madison, Wis. (Memorial)
Andrew Hayner-%	Detroit	Jr.	4.000	Political Science and History	Royal Oak, Mich. (UD Jesuit)
Eli Kafer	Detroit	Sr.	3.364	Architecture	Palmyra, Mich. (Blissfield)
Andrew Lindsay	Detroit	Jr.	3.407	Criminal Justice	Burlington, Ontario (Notre Dame)
Shawn Lucas	Loyola	Sr.	3.27	HR Management / Sports Mgmt.	Elgin, Ill. (St. Edward)
Aaron Merrill	Youngstown State	So.	3.51	Criminal Justice	Leetonia, Ohio (Leetonia)
Dan Nemergut	Youngstown State	So.	3.30	Electrical Engineering	Youngstown, Ohio (South Range)
Michael Perri	Youngstown State	So.	3.34	Business Marketing	Chillicothe, Ohio (Chillicothe Unioto)
Oscar Pina	UIC	So.	3.86	Criminal Justice	Cicero, Ill. (Morton East)
Andy Sbertoli	Loyola	Gr.	3.40	MBA (Information Systems)	Wood Dale, Ill. (Fenton)
Adam Schleis	UW-Milwaukee	So.	3.351	History	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
John Sheppard	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.58	Exercise Science	Huron, Ohio (Firelands)
Sinisa Simic	Detroit	Sr.	3.385	Architecture	Windsor, Ontario (Kennedy Collegiate)
Chris Smith	Butler	Sr.	3.245	English	Chagrin Falls, Ohio (Chagrin Falls)
Drew Weizer-#	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.80	Health	Garfield Heights, Ohio (Trinity)

Women's Indoor Track and Field

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Bethany Anderson-%	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.35	Health	Jamestown, N.Y. (Southwestern)
Jill Britton-#	Wright State	Sr.	3.797	Accountancy	Newark, Ohio (Newark)
Jacqueline Clonch	Youngstown State	So.	3.93	Fashion Merchandising	Newton Falls, Ohio (Newton Falls)
Lindsay Cobey-%	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.64	Physical Education	Canfield, Ohio (Canfield)
Sara DeMars	Loyola	Sr.	3.67	Biology	Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich. (Regina)
Amanda Domich	Loyola	Sr.	3.36	Elementary Education	Algonquin, Ill. (Dundee-Crown)
Marcia Faustin-#	Loyola	Sr.	3.48	Biology	Orland Park, Ill. (Carl Sandburg)
Darcelle Formby	Youngstown State	So.	3.87	General Studies	Cleveland, Ohio (Cleveland Rhodes)
Genni Gardner-%	Butler	Jr.	3.46	Communications Disorders	Bramley, U.K. (St. Peters)
Rachel Hansen-%	Loyola	Jr.	3.96	Biology	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
Kristi Hertzler	Butler	Jr.	3.688	Biology	Harrisburg, N.C. (Carmel, Ind.)
Marie McVetta	Wright State	Sr.	3.778	Management Information Systems	Grafton, Ohio (Midview)
Kourtney Nault	UW-Milwaukee	Sr.	3.412	ASL / Special Education	Port Washington, Wis. (Port Washington)
Holly Nearman	UW-Milwaukee	So.	3.619	Journalism	Monroe, Wis. (Monroe)
Lisa Petty-%	UIC	Sr.	3.72	Education (Teaching of History)	Brookfield, Ill. (Lyons Township)
Jenni Saarinen	UW-Milwaukee	So.	3.808	Elementary Education	Lappeenranta, Finland (Kimpisen Iukio)
Ashley Schinske	Detroit	So.	3.848	Mathematics and Spanish	Paw Paw, Mich. (Paw Paw)
Pam Staton	Loyola	So.	3.61	Biology	Ingleside, Ill. (Grant Community)

% -- Academic All-Horizon League in 2006 (repeat honorees)

-- Three-Time (2005, 2006, 2007) Academic All-Horizon League honorees

Academic All-League Selections by School

School	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Men's Swim/Dive	Women's Swim/Dive	Men's Indoor Track	Women's Indoor Track	Total
UW-Green Bay	1	2	4	5	0	0	12
UW-Milwaukee	0	0	3	3	3	3	12
Butler	3	1	2	2	1	2	11
Youngstown State	0	1	0	1	5	4	11
Wright State	1	1	1	5	0	2	10
UIC	0	0	4	2	1	1	8
Detroit	0	0	0	0	6	1	7
Loyola	0	0	0	0	2	5	7
Cleveland State	0	0	4	0	0	0	4
Total	5	5	18	18	18	18	82

Comprised of nine public and private institutions of higher learning, the Horizon League is an NCAA Division I athletics conference that sponsors 19 intercollegiate championship sports and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. The League and its member institutions aspire to teach young people, through athletic competition, the value of learning, service to others and personal responsibility.