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## 2008 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION INDOOR TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Woodland, Calif. – By a vote of MPSF head coaches **Jackie Johnson** and **Ryan Whiting** of Arizona State University have been honored as 2008 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Athletes of the Year in Indoor Track and Field.

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### **2008 MPSF Female Athlete of the Year**

JACQUELYN JOHNSON • Senior • Multi-Events • Arizona State



Jackie Johnson • **Senior • Multi-Events • Yuma, AZ • Yuma HS**

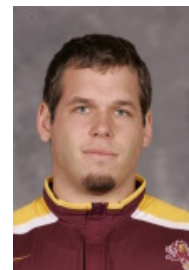
Johnson won three events at the MPSF Indoor Championships and scored in another event as she won the 60m hurdles, the long jump and anchored the victorious 4x400m relay team while also placing fifth in the high jump. The five-time NCAA Champion is in line to become only the ninth woman to win the same event three times at the NCAA Indoor Championships as her score of 4,312 points is the national leader in the pentathlon, the event she has won in 2006 and 2007. Johnson currently ranks fifth in the long jump and eighth in the high jump nationally and will compete in both, along with the pentathlon, at the NCAA Indoor Championships.

### **2008 MPSF Male Athlete of the Year**

RYAN WHITING • Sophomore • Throws • Arizona State

RYAN WHITING • **rsSoph • Throws • Harrisburg, PA • Central Dauphin HS**

Only a redshirt sophomore, Whiting has become one of the top shot put competitors in the nation and the world as his mark of 21.47m (70-05.50) not only won the MPSF, but also gave him the national lead in the shot put and ranks him fourth in the world currently. His mark is the fourth-best all-time in Pac-10 history and the second-best among Pac-10 schools behind Stanford's Terry Albritton, who threw 21.50m (70-06.50) in 1977. Whiting is a two-time All-American in the shot put, taking third indoors in 2007 and fourth outdoors.



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