



# Mountain West Conference NEWS

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## 18 MWC Student-Athletes Selected To The Verizon Academic All-America Team

Utah's Kulikowski named Verizon Academic All-America Team Member of the Year

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.** – The Mountain West Conference placed 18 student-athletes on the 2002-2003 Verizon Academic All-America Teams. Utah gymnast Theresa Kulikowski was named Verizon Academic All-America At-Large Team Member of the Year in the University Division.

The Verizon Academic All-America Teams program recognizes student-athletes who have succeeded on the field and in the classroom. To be eligible for the team, a student-athlete must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), be in their second year of participation at the school and be a varsity starter or key contributor to their team.

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) selects Verizon Academic All-District teams in 12 programs: football, women's volleyball, men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's track & field/cross country, women's track & field/cross country, men's at-large (fencing, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis, volleyball, water polo and wrestling) and women's at-large (crew, gymnastics, skiing, fencing, ice hockey, swimming, water polo, field hockey, lacrosse, tennis, golf and rifle). A first team, second team and third team are selected in both the University (Division I and I-AA) and College (Division II, III and NAIA) Divisions. Football consists of just first and second teams.

The 18 MWC members on the Verizon Academic All-America Team list include six from Utah, four from Colorado State, two from Air Force, New Mexico and Wyoming, and one from BYU and San Diego State.

### 2002-2003 Mountain West Conference Verizon Academic All-Americans (By sport)

<u>Football</u>					
Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major(s)
Brooks Bahr	Utah	Sr.	Bountiful, Utah	3.95	Biology/MBA
Eric Pauly	Colorado St.	Jr.	Conway Springs, Kan.	3.78	Bus. Admin./Computer Info. Systems
Drew Wood	Colorado St.	Jr.	Buena Vista, Colo.	3.63	Psychology
<u>Women's Soccer</u>					
Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major(s)
Maren Harper	Utah	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif.	4.0	Political Science
Erchen Theys	New Mexico	Jr.	Langdorp, Belgium	4.0	International Business

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**Women's Basketball**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major(s)</b>
Shannon Strecker	Colorado St.	Sr.	Littleton, Colo.	3.99	Consumer & Family Studies

**Baseball**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major(s)</b>
Josh Phifer	Air Force	Sr.	Torrington, Wyo.	3.87	Operations Research
Dustin Young	New Mexico	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	3.81	General Management

**Men's Track & Field/Cross Country**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major(s)</b>
Christopher Hess	Wyoming	Sr.	Glendale, Wis.	4.00	Exercise & Sport Science

**Women's Track & Field/Cross Country**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major(s)</b>
Christine Ahn	Colorado St.	Jr.	Santa Monica, Calif.	4.00	Psychology
Brooke LoBue	Utah	Sr.	Visalia, Calif.	3.92	Deaf Education

**Men's At-Large**

<b>Name (Sport)</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major(s)</b>
Jernej Bukovec (Skiing)	Utah	Sr.	Liubiana, Slovenia	3.64	Finance
Kaisorn Chaichana (Tennis)	Utah	Sr.	Sandy, Utah	3.99	Biology
John Dayton (Swimming)	Air Force	Sr.	Hendersonville, Nev.	3.79	Aerospace Engineering
Aaron Russell (Diving)	Air Force	Gr.	Orem, Utah	3.52	Portuguese

**Women's At-Large**

<b>Name (Sport)</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major(s)</b>
Theresa Kulikowski (Gymnastics)	Utah	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	4.00	Physical Therapy
Alison McGuire (Golf)	Wyoming	Sr.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	4.00	Political Science
Silvia Tornier (Tennis)	San Diego St.	Sr.	Hamburg, Germany	3.85	Kinesiology

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