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2009 NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee announced today the team and individual qualifiers for the 2009 Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

In order to be eligible to participate in the championships, teams and individuals must qualify in their respective NCAA regions.

Thirty-two teams were selected to participate in each championship. The top two, seven-person teams automatically qualified from each of the eight regions, for a total of 16 teams. Sixteen additional teams were selected at-large.

Fifty-six individuals, the first seven athletes from each region who are not a part of a qualifying team, were selected to participate in each championship.

Baldwin-Wallace College will host the championships, November 21, at Highland Hills Golf Course in Highland Hills, Ohio. The women's race will begin at 11 a.m. Eastern time followed by the men's race at noon Eastern time.

The following teams and individuals were selected to the championships:

Men's Automatic Qualifying Teams

Allegheny
Amherst
Calvin
Carnegie Mellon
Claremont –Mudd-Scripps
Emory
Heidelberg
Lynchburg
Nebraska Wesleyan
North Central (Illinois)
St. Thomas (Minnesota)
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Geneseo
Willamette
Williams
Wisconsin-La Crosse

Men's At-large Teams

Brandeis
Colorado College
Dickinson
Elizabethtown
Hamline
Haverford
Keene State
Manchester
Mount Union
New York University
Rochester Inst.
St. Lawrence
St. Olaf
Washington U. in St. Louis
Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Wisconsin-Platteville

Women's Automatic Qualifying Team

Calvin
Carleton
Dickinson
Emory
Johns Hopkins
Middlebury
MIT
Nebraska Wesleyan
Oberlin
Rhodes
St. Lawrence
SUNY Geneseo
Washington U. in St. Louis
Whitman
Whitworth
Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Women's At-large Teams

Amherst
Baldwin-Wallace
Case Western Reserve
Central (Iowa)
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
DePauw
Haverford
Ithaca
New York University
Rensselaer
St. Olaf
Wartburg
Wesleyan (Connecticut)
Williams
Wisconsin-La Crosse
Wisconsin-Oshkosh

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Men's Individual Automatic Qualifiers

Atlantic Region

Peter	Kosgei	Hamilton
Michael	Keyman	Plattsburgh State
Abad	Akhtar	Richard Stockton
Brian	Lang	Rochester
Ben	Flanagan	Hobart
Eddie	Novara	Fredonia State
Tom	Bocchino	TCNJ

Central Region

Daniel	Greeno	Bethel
Brent	Haglund	Augsburg
Dustin	Franta	St. John's (MN)
Wade	Ekstrom	Macalester
Charles	Gamble	Carleton
Andrew	Tobben	Cornell College
Dan	Kraus	Grinnell

Great Lakes Region

Makorobo	Salukombo	Denison
Alan	Bowsher	Ohio Northern
Kevin	McCarthy	Wabash
Justin	Dickman	Ohio Northern
Eric	Line	Oberlin
Seth	Einterz	Wabash
Evan	Hitchcock	Ohio Wesleyan

Midwest Region

Garrett	Cichowitz	Grove City
Chris	Wasnetsky	Scranton
Paul	Thistle	Susquehanna
Steve	Tobochnik	Johns Hopkins
Bobby	Torphy	Muhlenberg
Matthew	Bailey	Juniata
Jeff	Smeiles	Messiah

Midwest Region

Chris	Zook	Augustana (Illinois)
Nate	Stymiest	Wis.-Oshkosh
Jason	Lindelof	Wis.-Superior
Brian	Wurtz	Wheaton (Illinois)
Aron	Kehoe	Wis.-Whitewater
Nick	Schaefer	Wis.-Stevens Point
Josh	Williams	Edgewood

New England Region

Jesse	Faller	Tufts
Thompson	Ogilvie	Bowdoin
Brian	Fuller	Springfield
Michael	Schmidt	Middlebury
Colman	Hatton	Bowdoin
Greg	Redfield	Johnson & Wales (RI)
Tyler	Jasud	Southern Maine

South/Southeast Region

Frank	Devar	Mary Washington
Jason	Parks	Centre
Bryant	Wright	Trinity (Texas)
Richy	Bikko	Eastern Mennonite
Brian	Fulton	Mary Washington
Sean	Whitson	Virginia Wesleyan
Chris	Moore	Rhodes

West Region

Eric	Kleinsasser	Occidental
Francis	Reynolds	Puget Sound
Shawn	Fisher	Linfield
Ray	Ostrander	Cal Lutheran
Aaron	Jenkins	Whitworth
Nicholas	Gallagher	Whitworth
Karl	Dickman	Lewis & Clark

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Women's Individual Automatic Qualifiers

Atlantic Region

Jena	Peacock	Rowan
Jenny	Schaffhouser	Plattsburgh State
Michelle	Wallace	TCNJ
Stefanie	Braun	Plattsburgh State
Lauren	Norton	Rochester
Jouhan	Allende	Rochester Inst.
Lauren	Mesi	College at Brockport

Central Region

Marie	Borner	Bethel
Margot	Branigan	Hamline
Greta	Sieve	St. Catherine
Linda	Keller	Minnesota-Morris
Katelyn	Meger	St. Scholastica
Catie	Ellingson	Simpson
Heather	Jelen	Bethel

Great Lakes Region

Katie	Navarre	Denison
Alison	Stenbrunner	Ohio Northern
Jillian	McLaughlin	Kalamazoo
Heather	Waterman	Franklin
Mary	Pfeifer	Wittenberg
Heather	Stalter	Mount Union
Annie	Cekada	Wilmington (Ohio)

Midwest Region

Jenn	Cronin	Lebanon Valley
Kerrin	Epstein	Gettysburg
Caitlin	Dorgan	Delaware Valley
Casey	Hess	Susquehanna
Emily	Wobb	Carnegie Mellon
Erin	Rhodes	Messiah
Megan	Vandenhengel	Elizabethtown

Midwest Region

Jenny	Scherer	St. Norbert
Megan	O'Grady	Carroll
Kerry	Devitt	Illinois-Wesleyan
Mary	Beyer	Monmouth (Illinois)
Kate		
Jennifer	Parisi	Wheaton (Illinois)
Lauren	Hooks	North Central (IL)
Amanda	Laesch	North Central (IL)

New England Region

Kerry	Arouca	Westfield State
Paige	Mills	Keene State
Amy	Wilfert	Tufts
Katrina	Gravel	Colby
Cassandra	Knight	Colby
Randelle	Boots	Wellesley
Grayce	Selig	Brandeis

South/Southeast Region

Caitlin	Masse	Trinity (Texas)
Jennie	Pernisi	Lynchburg
Carla	Lewis	McMurry
Jennifer	Cooper	Mississippi College
Lolly	Plummer	Hendrix
Katherine	Telfeyan	Washington and Lee
Ashley	Meyer	Lynchburg

West Region

Alicia	Freese	Pomona-Pitzer
Marci	Klimek	Linfield
Michele	Callaway	Whittier
Mikayla	Murphy	UC Santa Cruz
Tina	Patel	Willamette
Hayley	Walker	Puget Sound
Rose	Haag	Pomona-Pitzer

In 2008, the State University of New York at Cortland men's team captured its first championship, hosted by Hanover College. They finished with 80 points to defeat runner-up North Central College, which finished with 115 points.

On the women's side, Middlebury College defeated Calvin College to win their fifth championship. Middlebury totaled 179 points to Calvin's 237.

Individual honors went to Marie Borner of Bethel University (Minnesota) who won the individual title, finishing 9 seconds ahead of Amherst College's Elise Tropicano. In the men's championship, individual honors went to Peter Kosgei of Hamilton College. Kosgei, who finished second in 2007, finished 10 seconds ahead of Willy Kaul of the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

For more information regarding the championships, log on to www.ncaa.com.