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Horizon League Announces Academic All-League Teams for Spring Sports

University of
Detroit Mercy

Youngstown State wins top honors with 16 selections, Butler next at 13

INDIANAPOLIS — As one of its platforms, the Horizon League stresses the importance of academic achievement. That emphasis was evident Wednesday (June 27) with the announcement of its 2007 Spring Academic All-Horizon League teams.

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The League honored 82 student-athletes from eight sports following balloting by the League's faculty athletics representatives and sports information directors. **Youngstown State University** topped the charts with 16 selections, followed by **Butler University** (13) and the **University of Detroit Mercy** (12). **Loyola University Chicago**, the **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee** and **Wright State University** each featured eight honorees, with **Cleveland State University** boasting seven and the **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay** and the **University of Illinois at Chicago** claiming five apiece.

Loyola
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The 12-member **baseball** honor roll included representatives of all six League teams sponsoring the sport, with Wright State sophomore **Justin Parker** adding the academic award to his First-Team All-League accolades on the field. Parker led the League with 26 doubles and finished fourth on the loop charts with a .379 batting average. In the classroom, he carries a 3.493 grade-point average as an organizational leadership major. Milwaukee senior pitcher **Robert Michalkiewicz** (3.374, accounting) and Youngstown State junior utility player **Josh Page** (3.88, middle childhood education) were both Second-Team All-League selections for their performances on the diamond.

University of
Wisconsin-Green Bay

University of
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Page was named to the Academic All-League squad for the third consecutive year, while Butler junior pitcher **Jon Dages** (3.293, finance) and YSU junior pitcher **Ryan Sellman** (3.68, integrated social studies education) joined Cleveland State senior outfielder **John Westra** (3.74, history) as repeat selections.

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Five First-Team All-League players are also part of the 12-member Academic All-League **softball** team. Two-time League Player of the Year **Kaleigh Rafter** (3.84, criminal justice) of Detroit headlines that list, as the junior catcher-infielder topped the circuit with a school-record 14 home runs and drove in 35 runs to go along with her .413 batting average. Rafter also gained First-Team CoSIDA/ESPN *the Magazine* Academic All-America notice for her efforts.

Youngstown State
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Joining Rafter on the list of doubly-honored performers were junior outfielder **Ashlee Ackerman** of UIC (3.49, sociology), Youngstown State junior third baseman **McKenzie Bedra** (3.41, exercise science), Detroit senior infielder **Sarah Dickey** (3.61, criminal justice), junior shortstop **Kat Krause** of Loyola (3.78, psychology/sociology). Dickey and Bedra finished one-two on the League batting-average charts at .448 and .416, respectively, while Krause was second to Rafter with 11 home runs. Detroit senior **Adrienna Baran** (3.44, biochemistry) and Cleveland State senior catcher-outfielder **Michele Penney** (3.73, anthropology) were both Second-Team All-League choices on the field.

Dickey gained Academic All-League acclaim for the third year in a row, with Rafter, Krause, Penney, Cleveland State senior **Sarah Milosek** (3.80, biology) and junior **Jacqueline Macy** (3.809, athletic training) of League champion Wright State honored for the second consecutive season.

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Green Bay dominated the **men's tennis** team, comprising half of the six-member Academic All-League squad. Junior **Tim Prudlow** (3.435, human biology) added the latest academic award to his personal trophy case, which also includes First-Team All-League honors from this past spring as well as Academic All-League acclaim in 2006 when he was the League's Player of the Year. Junior **Mark Goldin** (3.507, business administration)---a Second-Team All-League selection on the courts---joined Prudlow for the second year in a row, along with junior **Eric Hines** (3.626, accounting/business administration). Butler senior **Evan West**, a Second-Team All-League player, was named to the academic rolls for the third year in a row for his 3.809 GPA as a chemistry major.

Six different schools were honored on the six-member **women's tennis** squad, led by junior **Grace Gill-Morlis** of League champion UIC. Gill-Morlis, a repeat academic honoree, helped the Flames to their 11th consecutive League title as a First-Team All-League performer on the courts while maintaining a 3.78 GPA as a business major. Youngstown State senior **Gina Peretti** (3.88, political science) earned her second consecutive award and was a Second-Team All-League player. Detroit sophomore **Annie Moore** (3.585, communications) and Green Bay senior **Heather Harding** (3.560, earth science) also gained Second-Team All-League honors on the courts, while Wright State senior **Audra Beckett** netted her third Academic All-League certificate with a perfect 4.000 GPA as a political science major.

For the second consecutive year, Detroit's **Mark Sommerfeld** was both the League **men's golf** Player of the Year and a member of the seven-member Academic All-League squad. Sommerfeld carries a 3.440 GPA as an international business major and helped lead the Titans to the League title in 2007, along with fellow junior and two-time Academic All-League choice **Mikhail Pasic** (3.99, business administration). Cleveland State senior **Ben Grandy** (3.77, biology) earned academic honors for the third straight year, with Loyola junior **Aaron Harter** (3.89, economics) picking up his second consecutive award.

In **women's golf**, four members of the First-Team All-League squad also are part of the Academic All-League rolls. Butler junior **Niki Garden** (3.421, pharmacy) tops that list, along with junior teammate **Paige McCracken** (3.844, English writing), Detroit junior **Mandi Dupuis** (3.426, business administration) and Youngstown State junior **Brittany Jones** (3.73, middle childhood education). Garden was the League's Player of the Year, while McCracken earned medalist honors at the League Championships, helping Butler to a first-place showing in the team standings. Youngstown State senior **Bonnie Sherman** (3.85, accounting) joined the list of three-time Academic All-League honorees, with Loyola senior **Rachel Sinnen** (3.68, finance) gaining her second Academic All-League certificate.

Youngstown State boasted four of the 13 academic honorees in **men's outdoor track and field**, including a repeat selection in junior **Drew Weizer** (3.78, health/pre-med). That group also included a pair of individual winners at the League Outdoor Track and Field Championships last month, where Milwaukee sophomore **Adam Schleis** (3.366, history) won the 110-meter high hurdles and Detroit senior **Sinisa Simic** (3.38, architecture) outdistanced the field in the steeplechase. Butler senior **Chad Ware** (3.531, chemistry) was the only other student-athlete to repeat from last year's academic rolls.

For the women, five Academic All-League competitors won events at the League Outdoor Championships, including three-event winner **Jenni Saarinen** of Milwaukee. The sophomore was named the meet's Outstanding Field Performer after claiming top honors in the the long jump, javelin and heptathlon, and carries a 3.77 GPA as an elementary education major. Youngstown State junior **Bethany Anderson** (3.46, physical education) finished first in both the shot put and hammer throw at the loop summit, with Loyola senior **Amanda Domich** (3.39, elementary education) running away from the competition in the 5,000- and 10,000-meter events. Senior teammate **Marcia Faustin** (3.46, biology) won her fourth consecutive high-jump title, with Butler junior **Genni Gardner** (3.942, communications disorders) breaking the tape in the 800 meters.

Two of the 19 honorees are on the list for the third year in a row, as Faustin and Wright State senior **Jill Britton** (3.797, accountancy) each capped their career with the classroom honor. Anderson, Domich and Gardner are all Academic All-League selections for the second consecutive year.

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.

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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.

Academic All-Horizon League Teams -- Spring 2007**Baseball**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Michael Babin	Cleveland State	So.	3.74	Political Science	Medina, Ohio (St. Vincent-St. Mary)
Jon Dages-%	Butler	Jr.	3.293	Finance	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence North)
Andy Hetebrueg	Milwaukee	So.	3.764	Marketing	West Bend, Wis. (West Bend West)
Peter Ifft	UIC	Fr.-R	4.00	Engineering	Rockford, Ill. (Boylan)
Stephen Marquez	Wright State	Sr.	3.611	Organizational Leadership	West Sacramento, Calif. (River City)
Ross McCoy	Milwaukee	Sr.	3.257	Biochemistry	Menomonee Falls, Wis. (Menomonee Falls)
Robert Michalkiewicz	Milwaukee	Sr.	3.374	Accounting	Menasha, Wis. (St. Mary's Catholic)
Alex Montagano	Butler	So.	3.598	Marketing	Valparaiso, Ind. (Chesterton)
Josh Page-#	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.88	Middle Childhood Education	Plain City, Ohio (Jonathan Alder)
Justin Parker	Wright State	So.	3.493	Organizational Leadership	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Wayne)
Ryan Sellman-%	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.68	Integrated Social Studies Education	Twinsburg, Ohio (Twinsburg)
John Westra-%	Cleveland State	Sr.	3.74	History	Sturgis, Mich. (Sturgis)

Softball

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Ashlee Ackerman	UIC	Jr.	3.49	Sociology	Alto Loma, Calif. (Alto Loma)
Michelle Baggio	Detroit	Sr.	3.64	Education	Windsor, Ontario (Holy Names)
Adrienne Baran	Detroit	Sr.	3.44	Biochemistry	Richmond, Mich. (Richmond)
McKenzie Bedra	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.41	Exercise Science	Bowling Green, Ohio (Bowling Green)
Sarah Dickey-#	Detroit	Sr.	3.61	Criminal Justice	Brampton, Ontario (Turner-Fenton)
Jenny Jacobs	Butler	Jr.	3.684	Elementary Education	Indianapolis, Ind. (Lawrence North)
Kat Krause-%	Loyola	Jr.	3.78	Psychology/Sociology	Arlington Heights, Ill. (Hersey)
Jacqueline Macy-%	Wright State	Jr.	3.809	Athletic Training	Middletown, Ohio (Madison)
Sarah Milosek-%	Cleveland State	Sr.	3.80	Biology	Brighton, Mich. (Brighton)
Michele Penney-%	Cleveland State	Sr.	3.83	Anthropology	Ravenna, Ohio (Crestwood)
Kaleigh Rafter-%	Detroit	Jr.	3.84	Criminal Justice	Guelph, Ontario (St. James Catholic)
Jamie Wonderly	Butler	Sr.	3.582	Psychology	Helena, Ohio (Gibsonburg)

Men's Tennis

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Mark Goldin-%	Green Bay	Jr.	3.507	Business Administration	Bayside, Wis. (Nicolet)
Eric Hines	Green Bay	Sr.	3.626	Accounting/Business Administration	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)
Tim Prudlow-%	Green Bay	Jr.	3.435	Human Biology	Elm Grove, Wis. (Brookfield Academy)
Evan West-#	Butler	Sr.	3.809	Chemistry	Greenwood, Ind. (Center Grove)
Rob West	Cleveland State	So.	3.74	Psychology	Guernsey, United Kingdom (Millfield School)
Steven Wipprecht	Cleveland State	So.	3.92	Health Sciences	Middletown, Ohio (Lakota East)

Women's Tennis

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Audra Beckett-#	Wright State	Sr.	4.000	Political Science	Hamilton, Ohio (Edgewood)
Chelsey Casperson	Butler	Sr.	3.709	Secondary Education	Neenah, Wis. (Neenah)
Grace Gill-Morris-%	UIC	Jr.	3.78	Business	Lima, Peru (Villa Maria)
Heather Harding	Green Bay	Sr.	3.560	Earth Science	Brookfield, Wis. (Central)
Annie Moore	Detroit	So.	3.585	Communications	St. Clair, Mich. (St. Clair)
Gina Peretti-%	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.88	Political Science	Boardman, Ohio (Boardman)

Men's Golf

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Sean Bidzinski	Loyola	So.	3.89	Biology	Belvidere, Ill. (Boylan)
Ben Grandy-#	Cleveland State	Sr.	3.77	Biology	Southgate, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)
Aaron Harter-%	Loyola	Jr.	3.89	Economics	Ojai, Calif. (Villanova Prep)
Abe Mulvihill	Butler	Jr.	3.291	Finance	Caledonia, Mich. (Caledonia)
Mikhail Pasic-%	Detroit	Jr.	3.99	Business Administration	London, Ontario (H.B. Beal)
Mark Sommerfeld-%	Detroit	Jr.	3.440	International Business	Waterloo, Ontario (Bluevale)
Keith Stelzer	Green Bay	Jr.	3.664	Business Administration	DePere, Wis. (DePere)

Women's Golf

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Felicia Ciotola	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.55	Early Childhood Education	Canfield, Ohio (Canfield)
Mandi Dupuis-%	Detroit	Jr.	3.426	Business Administration	Tecumseh, Ontario (L'Essor)
Niki Garden-%	Butler	Jr.	3.421	Pharmacy	St. Albans, Mo. (home school)
Brittany Jones	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.73	Middle Childhood Education	Oldsmar, Fla. (East Lake)
Paige McCracken-%	Butler	Jr.	3.844	English Writing	Pittsboro, Ind. (Cardinal Ritter)
Bonnie Sherman-#	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.85	Accounting	North Canton, Ohio (St. Thomas Aquinas)
Rachel Sinnen-%	Loyola	Sr.	3.68	Finance	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)

Academic All-Horizon League Teams -- Spring 2007 (continued)**Men's Outdoor Track and Field**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Justin Bohler	Milwaukee	Jr.	3.297	Civil Engineering	Janesville, Wis. (Parker)
Ryan Byrne	Detroit	Sr.	3.86	Mechanical Engineering	Essex, Ontario (St. Anne's)
Cliff Cook	Loyola	Jr.	3.23	Economics	Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
Tyler Kos	Butler	So.	3.798	Pre-Pharmacy	Brookfield, Ill. (Riverside-Brookfield)
Marcus Myrick	Loyola	Jr.	3.23	Marketing	Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)
Dan Nemergut	Youngstown State	So.	3.33	Electrical Engineering	Youngstown, Ohio (South Range)
Mike Perri	Youngstown State	So.	3.36	Advertising & Public Relations	Chillicothe, Ohio (Chillicothe Unioto)
Oscar Pina	UIC	So.	3.90	Criminal Justice	Cicero, Ill. (Morton East)
Adam Schleis	Milwaukee	So.	3.366	History	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
John Sheppard	Youngstown State	So.	3.66	Exercise Science	Huron, Ohio (Firelands)
Sinisa Simic	Detroit	Sr.	3.38	Architecture	Windsor, Ontario (Kennedy Collegiate)
Chad Ware-%	Butler	Sr.	3.531	Chemistry	South Bend, Ind. (Marian)
Drew Weizer-%	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.78	Health/Pre-Med	Garfield Heights, Ohio (Trinity)

Women's Outdoor Track and Field

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major(s)	Hometown (High School)
Bethany Anderson-%	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.46	Physical Education	Jamestown, N.Y. (Southwestern)
Jill Britton-#	Wright State	Sr.	3.797	Accountancy	Newark, Ohio (Newark)
Jacqueline Clonch	Youngstown State	So.	3.89	Fashion Merchandising	Newton Falls, Ohio (Newton Falls)
Lindsay Cobey	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.64	Physical Education	Canfield, Ohio (Canfield)
Amanda Domich-%	Loyola	Sr.	3.39	Elementary Education	Algonquin, Ill. (Dundee-Crown)
Marcia Faustin-#	Loyola	Sr.	3.46	Biology	Orland Park, Ill. (Carl Sandburg)
Darcelle Formby	Youngstown State	So.	3.66	Chemistry	Cleveland, Ohio (Cleveland Rhodes)
Genni Gardner-%	Butler	Jr.	3.942	Communications Disorders	Bramley, United Kingdom (St. Peters)
Nicole Gilliken	Detroit	Sr.	3.41	Biology	Lowell, Mich. (Lowell)
Kristi Hertzler	Butler	Jr.	3.695	Biology	Harrisburg, N.C. (Carmel, Ind.)
Abby Marshall	Wright State	So.	3.784	Spanish	Van Buren, Ohio (Van Buren)
Madelyn McGhee	Youngstown State	So.	3.73	Middle Childhood Education	Brookfield, Ohio (Brookfield)
Marie McVetta	Wright State	Sr.	3.778	Management Information Systems	Grafton Ohio (Midview)
Holly Nearman	Milwaukee	So.	3.651	Journalism	Monroe, Wis. (Monroe)
Lisa Petty	UIC	Sr.	3.71	Education (Teaching of History)	Brookfield, Ill. (Lyons Township)
Jenni Saarinen	Milwaukee	So.	3.777	Elementary Education	Lappeenlanta, Finland (Kimpisen Iukio)
Ashley Schinske	Detroit	So.	3.84	Math and Spanish	Paw Paw, Mich. (Paw Paw)
Stephanie Supan	Wright State	Sr.	4.000	Classroom Teaching	Medina, Ohio (Buckeye)
Beth Zimmerman	Milwaukee	So.	3.362	Nursing	Waterford, Wis. (Lakeside Lutheran)

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

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

2007 Spring Sports Academic All-League Selections by School

School	Baseball	Softball	Men's Tennis	Women's Tennis	Men's Golf	Women's Golf	Men's O. Track	Women's O. Track	Total
Youngstown State	2	1	-	1	-	3	4	5	16
Butler	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	13
Detroit	-	4	-	1	2	1	2	2	12
Loyola	-	1	-	-	2	1	2	2	8
Milwaukee	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	8
Wright State	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	4	8
Cleveland State	2	2	2	-	1	-	-	-	7
Green Bay	-	-	3	1	1	-	-	-	5
UIC	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	5
Total	12	12	6	6	7	7	13	19	82

2006-07 Academic All-League Selections by School

	Fall	Winter	Spring	Total
Butler	8	11	13	32
Youngstown State	1	11	16	28
Milwaukee	7	12	8	27
Detroit	6	7	12	25
Green Bay	8	12	5	25
Loyola	8	7	8	23
Wright State	5	10	8	23
UIC	2	8	5	15
Cleveland State	3	4	7	14
Total	48	82	82	212