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Leonhardt and Silva Named To Academic All-District VII Team

Laramie, Wyo. (May 26, 2005) -- Bryce Leonhardt, a junior on the wrestling team, and Dan Silva, a junior on the men's golf team, were selected on Thursday to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® University Division Men's At-Large All-District VII Team as selected by CoSIDA. Leonhardt, who has earned a 3.929 cumulative grade-point average in secondary education, and Silva, who has a 3.813 gpa in economics, were two of ten individuals to earn honors.

The Academic All-District team is a part of the Academic All-America program. Student-athletes are selected in voting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). CoSIDA District VII is made up of the states of Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

To qualify, a student-athlete must have achieved a minimum of 3.20 cumulative grade-point average, must be at least a sophomore athletically and academically and must have participated in at least 50 percent of the team's competitions.

There were 33 student-athletes nominated from District VII representing the sports of fencing, golf, ice hockey, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis, water polo and wrestling. Five seniors and five juniors comprise the men's at large all-district team. The combined grade-point average of this year's team is 3.76. The 10 student-athletes selected to the first team will now move on to the national Academic All-America ballot.

Leonhardt, from Casper, Wyo., is a two-time Academic All-Conference and Scholar-Athlete selection during his career. This past season, he compiled a record of 15-13 at 125-pounds with three major decision wins and one by pin. He was named to the 2004 National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic Team as he went 20-3 overall which included a 14-match win streak during his sophomore year.

Silva, from Littleton, Colo., carried a team-best stroke average of 74.19 during the year, cutting over three strokes off his score for his career. The top finisher for the Cowboys at the Mountain West Conference Tournament, he had five individual top 25 finishes. An Academic All-MWC and Scholar Athlete selection, Silva was recently named a Golf Coaches Association Academic All-American. He has also been named to the Dean's List four out of five semesters, and is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

Here is a complete listing of Academic All-District VII Men's At-Large Team honorees.

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Lucas Christianson	North Dakota State University	Wrestling	Sr.	3.69	Biotechnology	Apple Valley, Minn.
Marek Gebicki	Montana State University	Tennis	Jr.	3.98	Industrial Engineering	Lodz, Poland
Matt Karmondy	U.S. Air Force Academy	Swimming	Jr.	3.85	Aeronautical Engineering	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Luke Lefever	U.S. Air Force Academy	Wrestling	Sr.	3.67	Civil Engineering	LaCrosse, Wis.
Bryce Leonhardt	University of Wyoming	Wrestling	Jr.	3.929	Secondary Ed.-Math	Casper, Wyo.
Matt Murray	University of Nebraska	Wrestling	Sr.	3.796	Mathematics	Colby, Kan.
Dominik Schweiger	University of Denver	Skiing	Sr.	3.57	Accounting/Finance	Wangle, Austria
Dan Silva	University of Wyoming	Golf	Jr.	3.813	Economics	Littleton, Colo.
Brett Sterling	Colorado College	Ice Hockey	Jr.	3.54	Economics	Pasadena, Calif.
Matt Van Cleave	Kansas State University	Golf	Sr.	3.763	Social Science	Maryville, Mo.