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## University of Alaska, Southern Utah, and San Jose State Top the rankings of Team GPA for 2023-2024 Academics

Marlboro, NJ (August 14, 2024) – The University of Alaska, Southern Utah University, and San Jose State University posted the top three team grade-point averages (GPAs) for the 2023-24 academic year based on data submitted to the Women's Collegiate Gymnastics Association (WCGA).

Overall, 63 programs averaged a 3.5 or higher GPA, with 1,174 individuals earning that mark, which is the most ever recorded (since 2008 when statistics were monitored). An impressive 296 student-athletes posted a 4.0 GPA, another new record since 2008. The average GPA across all reported student-athletes was 3.6103, which is the 2nd highest recorded.

"With another year in the books, our student-athletes continue to raise the bar in the classroom in addition to on the competition floor, and I am always amazed at their ability to manage everything on their plate. Their impressive academic achievements are a testament to their hard work, dedication, and steadfast commitment to succeeding in all aspects of their lives." Casey Jo MacPherson, WCGA Board Chair

The University of Alaska posted the top GPA with a 3.8678. Third year Head Coach Marie-Sophie Boggasch guided the Seawolves to the top spot up from 58th last season. This is the first time UAA ranks in the top 5, with 8 student-athletes earning a 4.0 GPA.

Southern Utah University took the 2<sup>nd</sup> position with a team GPA of 3.8584. Led by Scotty Bauman, the Thunderbirds moved up from 19th in 2023, with 8 student-athletes earning a 4.0 GPA.

Rounding out the top 3 is San Jose State University with a team GPA of 3.8295. Head Coach Joanne Bowers guided the Spartans to its first Top 5 finish, moving up from 60th in 2023. Three San Jose State student-athletes earned a 4.0 GPA.

A comprehensive list of team GPAs and WCGA Scholastic All-Americans, who are all student-athletes with a 3.5 overall grade point average or a 3.5 grade point average for 2023-24, as submitted and documented by the institutions are <u>linked here</u>.

The WCGA is the advocate for women's collegiate gymnastics.