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MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

MEN'S ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points	Conf.
1962	3rd/6	66	WAC
1963	1st/6	34	WAC
1964	4th/6	82	WAC
1965	1st/6	27	WAC
1966	1st/6	52	WAC
1967	2nd/6	76	WAC
1968	1st/8	53	WAC
1969	7th/8	181	WAC
1970	7th/8	176	WAC
1971	7th/8	143	WAC
1972	5th/8	117	WAC
1973	3rd/8	173	WAC
1974	3rd/8	96	WAC
1975	3rd/8	88	WAC
1976	5th/8	138	WAC
1977	6th/7	133	WAC
1978	6th/7	152	WAC
1979	5th/6	119	WAC
1980	Did Not Compete		
1981	4th/8	100	WAC
1982	3rd/8	73	WAC
1983	3rd/8	87	WAC
1984	4th/8	60	WAC
1985	4th/8	126	WAC
1986	4th/8	112	WAC
1987	5th/8	126	WAC
1988	1st/8	63	WAC
1989	4th/8	95	WAC
1990	7th/8	136	WAC
1991	3rd/8	90	WAC
1992	8th/9	205	WAC
1993	5th/9	130	WAC
1994	5th/8	115	WAC
1995	6th/8	144	WAC
1996	11th/12	287	WAC
1997	13th/13	309	WAC
1998	12th/13	351	WAC
1999	6th/6	153	MWC
2000	6th/6	153	MWC
2001	5th/6	87	MWC
2002	3rd/6	72	MWC
2003	4th/6	123	MWC
2004	3rd/6	69	MWC
2005	5th/6	119	MWC
2006	4th/6	89	MWC
2007	2nd/6	51	MWC
2008	3rd/6	64	MWC
2009	1st/6	29	MWC
2010	1st/6	40	MWC
2011	1st/6	51	MWC
2012	1st/6	22*	MWC
2013	1st/8	32	MWC
2014	1st/8	26	MWC
2015	5th/8	120	MWC
2016	5th/8	138	MWC
2017	5th/8	97	MWC
2018	6th/8	144	MWC
2019	6th/9	111	MWC
2020*	5th/8	132	MWC
2021	7th/9	175	MWC
2022	6th/9	140	MWC
2023	1st/9	34	MWC

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MEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA REGIONAL RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1977	7th	200
1978	9th	260
1979	10th	256
1980	Did Not Compete	
1981	7th	199
1982	4th	125
1983	4th	144
1984	7th	166
1985	10th	280
1986	9th	230
1987	12th	N/A
1988	2nd	103
1989	7th	201
1990	18th	374
1991	7th	175
1992	16th	424
1993	12th	307
1994	12th	319
1995	15th	402
1996	Did Not Compete	
1997	Did Not Compete	
1998	14th	420
1999	16th	403
2000	12th	298
2001	9th	189
2002	7th	186
2003	13th	313
2004	4th	136
2005	8th	222
2006	11th	243
2007	5th	125
2008	4th	93
2009	3rd	77
2010	1st	45*
2011	4th	178
2012	4th	108
2013	3rd	79
2014	7th	158
2015	9th	254
2016	9th	237
2017	8th	260
2018	10th	256
2019	12th	329
2020*	Canceled (Covid-19)	
2021	14th	368
2022	9th	227
2023	3rd	97

*Lowest UNM men's point total in Regional Championship race in program history

MEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1966	11th	311*
1975	14th	352
1988	T-20th	462
2004	9th	330
2009	T-8th	350
2010	16th	376
2011	31st	885
2012	21st	473
2013	11th	334
2014	14th	394
2024	18th	465

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WOMEN'S ALL-TIME CONFERENCE RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points	Conf.
1982	5th/5	92	HCAC
1983	2nd/5	54	HCAC
1984	2nd/7	57	HCAC
1985	3rd/7	68	HCAC
1986	T-2nd/7	69	HCAC
1987	3rd/7	85	HCAC
1988	3rd/8	79	HCAC
1989	6th/8	146	HCAC
1990	5th/7	117	WAC
1991	5th/7	132	WAC
1992	4th/8	110	WAC
1993	7th/8	161	WAC
1994	6th/8	160	WAC
1995	3rd/8	108	WAC
1996	6th/16	195	WAC
1997	11th/16	296	WAC
1998	9th/16	229	WAC
1999	8th/8	185	MWC
2000	7th/8	173	MWC
2001	5th/8	159	MWC
2002	6th/8	173	MWC
2003	5th/8	141	MWC
2004	6th/8	163	MWC
2005	2nd/9	74	MWC
2006	3rd/9	94	MWC
2007	3rd/9	94	MWC
2008	1st/9	31	MWC
2009	1st/9	24	MWC
2010	1st/9	20	MWC
2011	1st/8	30	MWC
2012	1st/9	35	MWC
2013	1st/11	31	MWC
2014	1st/11	33	MWC
2015	1st/11	24	MWC
2016	1st/11	42	MWC
2017	1st/11	22	MWC
2018	1st/11	33	MWC
2019	1st/11	31	MWC
2020*	1st/9	29	MWC
2021	1st/11	15*	MWC
2022	1st/11	24	MWC
2023	4th/11	111	MWC

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WOMEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA REGIONAL RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1977	3rd	N/A
1978	2nd	68
1979	6th	163
1980	7th	N/A
1981	1st	N/A
1982	5th	131
1983	5th	123
1984	2nd	79
1985	2nd	88
1986	4th	113
1987	5th	139
1988	5th	158
1989	14th	338
1990	11th	281
1991	10th	289
1992	13th	277
1993	16th	390
1994	16th	405

Year	Finish	Points
1995	11th	287
1996	10th	264
1997	16th	394
1998	13th	318
1999	16th	412
2000	14th	344
2001	12th	332
2002	15th	417
2003	13th	317
2004	12th	306
2005	6th	163
2006	7th	179
2007	6th	202
2008	2nd	70
2009	5th	120
2010	1st	53
2011	T-1st	84
2012	2nd	95
2013	2nd	64
2014	2nd	56
2015	2nd	50
2016	2nd	109
2017	2nd	70
2018	1st	41*
2019	2nd	83
2020*	Canceled (Covid-19)	
2021	1st	62
2022	1st	56
2023	7th	178

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WOMEN'S ALL-TIME NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM RESULTS

Year	Finish	Points
1976!	9th	N/A
1978!	19th	506
1981	11th	284
1985	14th	296
2008	18th	475
2009	13th	368
2010	5th	227
2011	9th	322
2012	10th	341
2013	10th	301
2014	3rd	188
2015	1st	49*
2016	7th	310
2017	1st	90
2018	2nd	103
2019	4th	168
2020*	6th	274
2021	3rd	130
2022	2nd	140

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MEN

Year	Athlete	Finish
1975	Lionel Ortega	24th
1979	Kip Koskei	3rd
1981	Ibrihim Hussein	21st
1982	Ibrahim Kivina	25th
2001	Matt Gonzales	30th
2004	Matt Gonzales	2nd
2004	Shadrack Kiptoo-Biwott	14th
2007	Jeremy Johnson	20th
2009	Jacob Kirwa	11th
2010	Keith Gerrard	40th
2012	Luke Caldwell	27th
2013	Luke Caldwell	10th
2020*	Abdirizak Ibrahim	35th
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	33rd
2023	Habtom Samuel	2nd
2023	Evans Kiplagat	33rd

WOMEN

Year	Athlete	Finish
1976!	Karen Cramond	17th
1984	Carole Roybal	19th
1985	Carole Roybal	13th
1986	Carole Roybal	28th
1988	Gwen Willink	36th
2010	Natalie Gray	15th
	Ruth Senior	33rd
2012	Josephine Moultrie	30th
2013	Sammy Silva	12th
	Charlotte Arter	18th

Year	Athlete	Finish
2014	Alice Wright	20th
	Charlotte Arter	22nd
2015	Courtney Frerichs	4th
	Alice Wright	5th
	Rhona Auckland	13th
	Calli Thackery	15th
	Molly Renfer	24th
2016	Alice Wright	19th
	Calli Thackery	28th
2017	Ednah Kurgat	CHAMP
	Weini Kelati	7th
	Charlotte Prouse	12th
	Alice Wright	14th
2018	Weini Kelati	2nd
	Ednah Kurgat	5th
	Charlotte Prouse	9th
2019	Weini Kelati	CHAMP
	Ednah Kurgat	9th
	Hannah Nuttall	35th
2020*	Adva Cohen	22nd
	Gracelyn Larkin	25th
2021	Emma Heckel	18th
	Gracelyn Larkin	21st
	Stefanie Parsons	36th
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	22nd
	Gracelyn Larkin	26th
	Samree Dishon	37th
	Emma Heckel	38th
	Elise Thorner	40th
2023	Nicola Jansen	36th

!IAIW National Championships



EDNAH KURGAT became New Mexico's first individual NCAA Champion in 2017, when she was the low stick for the Lobos' second team title.

ALL-TIME TOP 10 MEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TIMES (10K)

Athlete	Time	Finish	Date/Location (Host)
1. Habtom Samuel	28:40.7	2nd	Nov 18, 2023 / Charlottesville, Va. (Virginia)
2. Kip Koskei	28:47.2	3rd	Nov 19, 1979 / Bethlehem, Pa. (Lehigh)
3. Abdirizak Ibrahim	29:28.2	33rd	Nov 20, 2021 / Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida State)
4. Lionel Ortega	29:22.8	24th	Nov 24, 1975 / State College, Penn. (Penn State)
5. Jacob Kirwa	29:46.1	11th	Nov 23, 2009 / Terre Haute, Ind. (Indiana State)
6. Luke Caldwell	29:52.9	27th	Nov. 17, 2012 / Louisville, Kentucky (Louisville)
7. Ibrahim Hussein	29:54.6	21st	Nov 23, 1981 / Wichita, Kan. (Wichita State)
8. Matt Gonzales	30:04.0	30th	Nov 19, 2001 / Greenville, S.C. (Furman University)
9. Abdirizak Ibrahim	30:05.8	84th	Nov 19, 2022 / Stillwater, Okla. (Oklahoma State)
10. Jeremy Johnson	30:18.3	20th	Nov 19, 2007 / Terre Haute, Ind. (Indiana State)

ALL-TIME TOP 10 WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TIMES (6K)

Athlete	Time	Finish	Date/Location (Host)
1. Ednah Kurgat	19:19.4	1st	Nov 18, 2017 / Louisville, Ky. (Louisville)
2. Weini Kelati	19:35.8	7th	Nov 18, 2017 / Louisville, Ky. (Louisville)
3. Weini Kelati	19:45.3	2nd	Nov 17, 2018 / Madison, Wis. (Wisconsin)
4. Emma Heckel	19:45.0	18th	Nov 20, 2021 / Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida State)
5. Weini Kelati	19:47.5	1st	Nov 23, 2019 / Terre Haute, Ind. (Indiana State)
6. Courtney Frerichs	19:48.0	4th	Nov 21, 2015 / Louisville, Ky. (Louisville)
7. Alice Wright	19:49.7	14th	Nov 18, 2017 / Louisville, Ky. (Louisville)
8. Alice Wright	19:53.1	5th	Nov 21, 2015 / Louisville, Ky. (Louisville)
9. Stefanie Parsons	19:54.6	36th	Nov 20, 2021 / Tallahassee, Fla. (Florida State)
10. Ednah Kurgat	19:55.8	5th	Nov 17, 2018 / Madison, Wis. (Wisconsin)

NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP FINISHERS



MEN

Year	Athlete	Place	Time
1975	Lionel Ortega	24th	29:22.8
	Matt Segura	53rd	29:49.9
	Faustino Salazar	107th	30:23.3
	Blair Johnson	129th	30:33.3
	Jay Miller	188th	31:01.1
	Ronald Maestaes	198th	31:09.3
	Mark Bjorklund	220th	31:27.4
1976	Peter Butler	253rd	31:44.34
1979	Kip Koskei	3rd	28:47.2
1981	Ibrahim Hussein	21st	29:54.6
1982	Ibrahim Kivina	25th	30:54.8
1988	Bill Managan	37th	30:13.0
	Shawn Burke	102nd	31:12.0
	Terry Burwell	139th	31:51.0
	Matt Young	148th	32:06.0
	Wilfred Griego	157th	32:14.0
	Jef Newland	171st	32:38.0
	Joey Farrell	172nd	32:48.0
2001	Matt Gonzales	30th	30:04.0
	Ben Ortega	106th	31:03.0
2002	Matt Gonzales	156th	31:37.8
2004	Matt Gonzales	2nd	30:40.9
	S. Kiptoo-Biwott	14th	31:16.9
	Ben Ortega	106th	32:40.2
	Cameron Clarke	139th	33:00.4
	Sean Flaherty	175th	33:22.2
	Steven Martinez	190th	33:29.6
	Nick Martinez	235th	35:05.6
2007	Jeremy Johnson	20th	30:18.3
2009	Jacob Kirwa	11th	29:46.1
	Chris Barnicle	108th	31:01.4
	Lee Emanuel	115th	31:04.8
	David Bishop	142nd	31:19.1
	Ross Millington	150th	31:23.2
	Keith Gerrard	161st	31:27.5
2010	Keith Gerrard	40th	30:32.4
	David Bishop	41st	30:33.9
	Ross Millington	96th	31:08.3
	Brock Hagerman	126th	31:24.2
	Nicholas Kipruto	176th	31:56.4
2011	Sean Stam	108th	31:08
	Patrick Ortiz	176th	31:57
	Pierre Malherbe	197th	32:19
	Michael Asay	200th	32:25
	Allen Pittman	204th	32:31
	Vincent Montoya	212th	32:58
2012	Luke Caldwell	27th	29:52.9
	Elmar Engholm	85th	30:36.7
	Sam Evans	126th	30:57.2
	Pat Zacharias	133rd	31:00.4
	Donovan Torres	223rd	32:06.6
	Sean Stam	227th	32:14.1
2013	Luke Caldwell	10th	30:17.2
	Pat Zacharias	53rd	30:55.9
	Adam Bitchell	61st	31:00.1
	Ross Matheson	131st	31:35.2
	Sean Stam	157th	31:51.2
	Elmar Engholm	186th	32:10.2
	Donovan Torres	223rd	32:34.6
2014	Jake Shelley	50th	31:04.7
	Elmar Engholm	78th	31:20.9
	Todd Wakefield	93rd	31:30.0
	Ross Matheson	119th	31:41.4
	Dan Studley	131st	31:50.3
	Alex Cornwell	178th	32:12.6
2017	Josh Kerr	224th	32:04.7
2020*	Abdirizak Ibrahim	35th	30:41.9
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	33rd	29:28.2
2022	Abdirizak Ibrahim	84th	30:05.8
2023	Habtom Samuel	2nd	28:40.7
	Evans Kiplagat	33rd	29:41.8
	Lukas Kiprop	122nd	31:03.0
	Thomas Termote	174th	31:18.5
	Matthew Larkin	207th	31:54.4
	Samuel Field	210th	31:57.2
	Jonathan Carmin	227th	32:46.5

WOMEN

Year	Athlete	Place	Time
1976*	Karen Crammond	N/A	N/A
1977*	Susan Vigil	56th	18:55.7
	Janet Wroblenski	58th	18:57.2
	Virginia Middleton	150th	20:01.6
1978*	Susan Vigil	107th	18:58.2
	Patti Kaufman	117th	19:01.6
	Regina Dramiga	167th	19:39.5
	Lynn Brasher	215th	20:42.0
	Katy Huff	233rd	22:56.0
1980	Loretta Chavez	70th	N/A
1981	Linda Mitchell	65th	N/A
1984	Carole Roybal	19th	16:56.9
1985	Carole Roybal	13th	16:49.7
	Dawn Eriacho	74th	17:42.5
	Julie Farrer	96th	18:04.7
	Diana Baca	105th	18:09.3
	Yvette Haran	107th	18:09.9
	Dolores Zamora	124th	18:46.1
1986	Carole Roybal	28th	17:46.22
1988	Gwen Willink	36th	17:22.0
1992	Kelly Dix	109th	18:46.5
1997	April Brannon	100th	17:59.0
2001	J. Gallegos	217th	23:19.0
2004	J. Gallegos	69th	21:38.4
2006	Timmie Murphy	115th	22:16.4
2008	Nicky Archer	56th	20:53.0
	Michelle Corrigan	85th	21:06.3
	Lacey Oeding	140th	21:31.1
	Carolyn Boosey	152nd	21:36.7
	Leslie Luna	193rd	21:54.1
	Emma Reed	223rd	22:19.1
2009	Ruth Senior	46th	20:50.9
	Nicky Archer	68th	21:05.7
	Lacey Oeding	79th	21:10.1
	Delyth James	126th	21:28.2
	Carolyn Boosey	135th	21:32.9
	Ashley Gibson	191st	21:59.9
	Vanessa Ortiz	228th	22:32.9
2010	Natalie Gray	15th	20:29.0
	Ruth Senior	33rd	20:47.0
	Sarah Waldron	44th	20:55.2
	Kirsty Milner	56th	21:02.5
	Delyth James	146th	21:42.8
	Vanessa Ortiz	156th	21:47.0
	Shawna Winnegar	224th	22:40.4
2011	Ruth Senior	28th	20:32
	Natalie Gray	60th	20:53
	Kirsty Milner	65th	20:57
	Imogen Ainsworth	68th	21:00
	Josephine Moultrie	101st	21:16
	Sarah Waldron	116th	21:24
2012	Shawna Winnegar	182nd	22:07
	Josephine Moultrie	30th	20:11.1
	Charlotte Arter	51st	20:23.8
	Lacey Oeding	67th	20:30.3
	Shawna Winnegar	135th	21:01.6
	Imogen Ainsworth	168th	21:14.9
	Kirsten Follett	175th	21:19.8
2013	Chloe Anderson	230th	21:48.8
	Sammy Silva	12th	20:25.6
	Charlotte Arter	18th	20:30.9
	Calli Thackery	67th	21:04.0
	Heleene Tabet	146th	21:38.1
	Tamara Armoush	149th	21:39.3
	Kirsten Follett	218th	22:15.5
	Nicole Roberts	232nd	22:27.2
2014	Alice Wright	20th	20:29.1
	Charlotte Arter	22nd	20:29.9
	Calli Thackery	43rd	20:48.8
	Tamara Armoush	73rd	21:02.8
	Heleene Tabet	93rd	21:10.2
	Nicola Hood	111th	21:16.2
	Amber Zimmerman	141st	21:29.9

Year	Athlete	Place	Time
2015	NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONS		
	Courtney Frerichs	4th	19:48.0
	Alice Wright	5th	19:53.1
	Rhona Auckland	13th	20:07.1
	Calli Thackery	15th	20:07.3
	Molly Renfer	24th	20:17.5
	Heleene Tabet	74th	20:40.4
	Whitney Thornburg	109th	20:55.4
2016	Alice Wright	19th	20:13.2
	Calli Thackery	28th	20:17.4
	Sophie Connor	75th	20:42.1
	Alex Buck	105th	20:52.0
	Natasha Bernal	167th	21:10.3
	Kendall Kelly	192nd	21:23.5
	Kathryn Fluehr	207th	21:33.9
2017	NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONS		
	Ednah Kurgat	1st	19:19.4
	Weini Kelati	7th	19:35.8
	Charlotte Prouse	12th	19:48.9
	Alice Wright	14th	19:49.7
	Alondra Texidor	85th	20:36.7
	Alex Buck	105th	20:44.9
	Kieran Casey	123rd	20:54.2
2018	Weini Kelati	2nd	19:45.3
	Ednah Kurgat	5th	19:55.8
	Charlotte Prouse	9th	20:02.1
	Adva Cohen	43rd	20:39.7
	Emily Martin	55th	20:44.7
	Hannah Nuttall	71st	20:53.0
	Sophie Eckel	129th	21:19.4
2019	Weini Kelati	1st	19:47.5
	Ednah Kurgat	9th	20:18.4
	Hannah Nuttall	35th	20:42.9
	Adva Cohen	55th	20:59.2
	Gracelyn Larkin	122nd	21:24.6
	Juanita Johnson	208nd	22:08.8
	Alexandra Harris	227nd	22:29.5
2020*	Adva Cohen	22nd	20:39.4
	Gracelyn Larkin	25th	20:41.8
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	58th	21:08.3
	Semira Firezghi	116th	21:38.4
	Elise Thorner	121st	21:41.0
	Annamaria Kostarellis	144th	21:47.9
	Andrea Engesath	177th	22:08.5
2021	Emma Heckel	18th	19:45.0
	Gracelyn Larkin	21st	19:47.8
	Stefanie Parsons	36th	19:54.6
	Adva Cohen	41st	19:58.0
	Abbe Goldstein	47th	20:02.7
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	56th	20:11.3
	Ali Upshaw	140th	20:44.8
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	22nd	20:02.8
	Gracelyn Larkin	26th	20:03.8
	Samree Dishon	37th	20:13.5
	Emma Heckel	38th	20:13.6
	Elise Thorner	40th	20:13.9
	Abbe Goldstein	109th	20:41.1
	Ali Upshaw	146th	20:53.7
2023	Nicola Jansen	36th	20:05.7



2015 NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONS

Behind one of the most dominating performances in NCAA history, the No. 1 University of New Mexico women's cross country team won its first national title NOV. 15, 2015 at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships in Louisville, Ky.

The Lobo women, competing in their 10th-ever NCAA Championship, placed all five of their scorers in the top 25 at E.P. 'Tom' Sawyer State Park in Louisville and combined to score 49 points, the lowest team score by any team since 1982.

"It's a great day," New Mexico head coach Joe Franklin said. "Super excited for the women. They're going to remember this for the rest of their lives and that's really special."

The Lobos' championship is the second NCAA title in University of New Mexico history, joining the New Mexico skiing's NCAA title in 2004. It's the fourth NCAA women's cross country title in Mountain West history.

"It's amazing," senior Courtney Frerichs said after the race.

Long deemed the prohibitive favorite after assembling its talented squad of runners, the Lobos lived up to their reputation, running through the 31-team field to an 80-point victory over runner-up Colorado.

New Mexico's margin of victory is the fifth-largest in NCAA history and the best since 2004. No. 2 Colorado finished with 149 points, while No. 5 Oregon was third with 214 points.

It's the second straight top-three finish for the Lobos, who placed third last year in an upstart and portentous performance.

Frerichs led UNM over the women's six-kilometer course, placing fourth overall in 19 minutes, 48 seconds. The Lobos' top runner at four of the five



meets at which they ran in 2015, her finish is the best in program history, besting Sammy Silva's 12th-place finish from 2013.

Alice Wright wasn't far behind Frerichs, finishing fifth overall in 19:53.1. In fact, the Lobos finished with a team spread of 29.5 seconds, the lowest since the NCAA moved the distance of the championship race to six kilometers in 2000.

Rhona Auckland finished 13th overall in 20:07.1, with Calli Thackery (15th, time of 20:07.3) and Molly Renfer (24th, 20:17.5) also scoring for the Lobos.

All five earned All-American honors (which are given to the top 40 finishers), making them the first women's team to have five All-Americans in a single championships since Villanova in 2009.

New Mexico is also just the first team since the 2001 BYU women to place all five of their scorers in the top 25.

Heleene Tarnbet (74th, 20:40.4) and Whitney Thornburg (109th, 20:55.4) rounded out the New Mexico contingent.

"Everyone played a role," Frerichs said. "Rhona got to the outside for us which helped through the bumps. Molly got out front. Every did an amazing job. We couldn't have done it without each other."

The Lobos were in second place 2,000 meters into the race on a windy and chilly Saturday. UNM trailed Oregon by 91 points for first place a third of the way through the race.

Although all five scorers were in the top 50 through 2 kilometers, New Mexico fought back as they raced progressed, eventually moving up as a team en route to the win.

"We thought that they could score well, but you never know when you get out there," Franklin said. "You look at the 2K splits and we were way back, but they kept plugging and plugging."

But, for a New Mexico team that went in without any expectations, they came away with their first national title.



2017 NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONS

For the second time in three years, the Lobo women's cross country team won the national title at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships in Louisville, relying on a dominant performance by individual winner Ednah Kurgat for its second team title ever.

Behind Kurgat's meet-record victory over the six-kilometer course at E.P. 'Tom' Sawyer State Park, the second-ranked UNM women placed four scorers in the top 15 en route to becoming the ninth team in NCAA history to win multiple national titles in women's cross country.

The Lobos' championship was the third NCAA title in University of New Mexico history, joining the their win in 2015 and the New Mexico skiing program's NCAA title in 2004. It's the fifth NCAA women's cross country title in Mountain West history.

It was also the team's eighth-straight top-10 performance at the NCAA Championships — the longest active streak in NCAA history — and the team's third top-three showing in the last four years, joining 2014's third-place finish in Terre Haute, Indiana.

But, it was a new cast of runners hoisting the championship trophy after the race, led by an undefeated Kurgat.

"This win was different than 2015," Franklin said. "This team was a lot different. They've been running well all year."

Kurgat continued her remarkable season, capturing the team's first individual title in cross country with a time of 19 minutes, 19.42 seconds.

Winning for the fifth time this season in as many tries, Kurgat ran up near the front of the 255-runner field from virtually the start, eventually taking over about two kilometers in. Washington's Amy-Eloise Neale was second



in 19:26.93.

Kurgat's time was the fastest in championship history since the NCAA moved the race distance up from 5,000 meters in 2000. She also recorded the largest margin of victory, 7.51 seconds, since 2014.

"I was so excited," Kurgat said. "I don't take anything for granted. My challenges were behind me. They all act as a stepping stone to where I am today."

However, as it's been all season, Kurgat was quickly joined at the finish line by her teammates, with three other Lobos finishing in the top 15.

Weini Kelati placed seventh overall with a time of 19:35.77, while Charlotte Prouse took 12th (19:48.93) and Alice Wright finished 14th (19:49.73).

All four earned All-American honors (which were given to the top 40 finishers), giving the team 18 All-American plaudits since their streak of top-10 team finishes started in 2010.

For Wright, she earned her fourth career All-American nod in cross country, becoming the first female runner in Division I to earn the honor in four straight years since Colorado's Sha-

laya Kipp (2010-13). Since the current criteria for All-American status was implemented in 2008, Wright was just the fifth female athlete to accomplish the feat.

But, facing a field where every second and every place counted, New Mexico's title hopes relied significantly on the performance of its No. 5 runner.

Alondra Negrón Texidor didn't let her team down, scoring via her 85th-place time 20:36.67. Close behind were Alex Buck (105th place, time of 20:44.88) and Kieran Casey (123rd, 20:54.21).

"I got asked a question the other day who our fifth [runner] would be and I didn't have any idea," Franklin said. "Alondra, Alex and Kieran all ran well."

As a team, UNM tallied 90 points, besting No. 3 San Francisco (105 points) and No. 1 Colorado (139) in the low-score-wins format.

Like in 2015 when they scored 49 points, the Lobos finished with a team score below 100 points. The score on Saturday was just the third under 100 points since 2010. (Michigan State had 85 in 2014.)



ALL-REGION / CONF. HONORS

MEN'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Time
2004	Matt Gonzales	29:45.10
2023	Habtom Samuel	28:57.6

MEN'S ALL-REGION TEAM

Year	Athlete	Finish
1986	Bill Managan	14th
1988	Bill Managan	6th
	Jef Newland	18th
	Wilfred Griego	20th
1989	Geir Simonsen	17th
1991	Wilfred Griego	15th
	Shawn Burke	18th
1993	Paul Ratnage	8th
2002	Matt Gonzales	8th
2004	Matt Gonzales	1st
	Ben Ortega	8th
2006	Juan Ortega	20th
2007	Jeremy Johnson	3rd
	Brock Hagerman	21st
2008	David Bishop	14th
	Lee Emanuel	17th
	Jacob Kirwa	22nd
	Rory Fraser	23rd
2009	Jacob Kirwa	3rd
	Rory Fraser	7th
	Chris Barnicle	13th
2010	Keith Gerrard	4th
	David Bishop	5th
	Rory Fraser	6th
	Ross Millington	7th
	Brock Hagerman	23rd
2011	Ross Millington	3rd
	Sean Stam	23rd
2012	Luke Caldwell	12th
	Patrick Zacharias	18th
	Sean Stam	22nd
2013	Adam Bitchell	25th
	Luke Caldwell	6th
	Adam Bitchell	8th
	Patrick Zacharias	17th
	Sean Stam	23rd
	Elmar Engholm	25th
2014	Ross Matheson	24th
2015	Elmar Engholm	24th
2017	Josh Kerr	15th
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	12th
2022	Abdirizak Ibrahim	13th
2023	Habtom Samuel	1st
	Lukas Kiproop	3rd
	Evans Kiplagat	4th

MEN'S CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Conf.	Time
1963	Ed Coleman	WAC	15:24
1964	John Baker	WAC	16:17
1965	George Scott	WAC	15:14
1966	George Scott	WAC	21:52
2004	S. Kiptoo-Biwott	MWC	24:44
2007	Jeremy Johnson	MWC	24:23
2009	Jacob Kirwa	MWC	23:34.5
2011	Ross Millington	MWC	24:54.9
2012	Luke Caldwell	MWC	24:26.7
2023	Habtom Samuel	MWC	22:57.7

MEN'S MOUNTAIN WEST ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete	Finish	Time
2004	S. Kiptoo-Biwott	MWC	24:44
2007	Jeremy Johnson	MWC	24:23
2009	Jacob Kirwa	MWC	23:34.5
2011	Ross Millington	MWC	24:54.9
2012	Luke Caldwell	MWC	24:26.7
2023	Habtom Samuel	MWC	22:57.6



HABTOM SAMUEL set a MW Championship record en route to an individual title and Athlete of the Year honors. He was the first man from UNM to win the conference race since 2012, with the Lobos winning their first team title since 2014.

2012	Luke Caldwell	MWC	24:26.7
2023	Habtom Samuel	MWC	22:57.6

MEN'S MOUNTAIN WEST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete	Finish	Time
2004	S. Kiptoo-Biwott	1st	24:44
2009	Ross Millington*	10th	24:18.5
2012	Elmar Engholm	4th	24:39.7
2018	Reece Donihi	37th	25:56.9
2023	Evans Kiplagat	2nd	23:15.7

*Co-Freshman of the Year

MEN'S ALL-CONFERENCE

Year	Athlete	Finish	Conf.
1963	Ed Coleman	1st	WAC
1964	John Baker	1st	WAC
	Ed Coleman	10th	WAC
1965	George Scott	1st	WAC
	John Baker	2nd	WAC
	Ron Eller	4th	WAC
	Ed Coleman	5th	WAC
1966	George Scott	1st	WAC
	Web Loudat	3rd	WAC
	Adrian DeWidt	4th	WAC
1968	Adrian DeWidt	5th	WAC
	Chuck Schuch	6th	WAC
	Web Loudat	7th	WAC
1973	Faustino Salazar	8th	WAC
1974	Blair Johnson	7th	WAC
1975	Lionel Ortega	5th	WAC
	Faustino Salazar	7th	WAC
1986	Bill Managan	7th	WAC
1988	Bill Managan	2nd	WAC
1989	Gier Simonsen	9th	WAC
1991	Wilfred Griego	8th	WAC
	Shawn Burke	9th	WAC
1993	Paul Ratnage	5th	WAC
1994	Paul Ratnage	8th	WAC
2001	Matt Gonzales	2nd	MWC
	Ben Ortega*	10th	MWC

Year	Athlete	Finish	Conf.
2002	Cameron Clarke	3rd	MWC
	Matt Gonzales	5th	MWC
2004	S. Kiptoo-Biwott	1st	MWC
	Matt Gonzales	2nd	MWC
	Cameron Clarke*	14th	MWC
2005	Cameron Clarke*	11th	MWC
2006	Juan Ortega	4th	MWC
	Jeremy Johnson	5th	MWC
2007	Jeremy Johnson	1st	MWC
	Mat Ashton*	8th	MWC
	Brock Hagerman*	11th	MWC
	Brian Vallie*	13th	MWC
2008	Jacob Kirwa	5th	MWC
	Rory Fraser*	9th	MWC
	Mat Ashton*	10th	MWC
2009	Jacob Kirwa	1st	MWC
	Chris Barnicle	4th	MWC
	David Bishop	6th	MWC
	Rory Fraser*	8th	MWC
	Ross Millington*	10th	MWC
	Lee Emanuel*	14th	MWC
2010	Rory Fraser	4th	MWC
	Keith Gerrard	5th	MWC
	Ross Millington*	8th	MWC
	David Bishop*	9th	MWC
	Brock Hagerman*	14th	MWC
2011	Ross Millington	1st	MWC
	Sean Stam	4th	MWC
	Pierre Malherbe*	9th	MWC
2012	Luke Caldwell	1st	MWC
	Patrick Zacharias	3rd	MWC
	Elmar Engholm	4th	MWC
	Adam Bitchell	6th	MWC
	Sean Stam*	8th	MWC
2013	Luke Caldwell	2nd	MWC
	Adam Bitchell	3rd	MWC
	Patrick Zacharias	4th	MWC
	Sean Stam*	8th	MWC
2014	Jake Shelley	3rd	MWC
	Alex Cornwell	4th	MWC
	Ross Matheson	5th	MWC
	Matt Bergin	6th	MWC
	Dan Studley*	8th	MWC
	Elmar Engholm*	13th	MWC
2015	Elmar Engholm	6th	MWC
	Dan Milechman*	11th	MWC
2017	Josh Kerr	7th	MWC
	Alexander Palm*	12th	MWC
2019	Toby Cooke*	11th	MWC
	William Fuller*	12th	MWC
2020*	Abdirizak Ibrahim*	10th	MWC
2021	Abdirizak Ibrahim	5th	MWC
2023	Habtom Samuel	1st	MWC
	Evans Kiplagat	2nd	MWC
	Lukas Kiproop	3rd	MWC
	Jonathan Carmin*	8th	MWC

*Denotes 2nd-Team recipient

MEN'S CONFERENCE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Year	Athlete	Date
2001	Chris Orrell	Sept. 5
	Matt Gonzales	Oct. 10
2002	Ben Ortega	Sept. 3
2004	S. Kiptoo-Biwott	Sept. 16
	Matt Gonzales	Oct. 20
2005	Cameron Clarke	Oct. 11
2006	Jeremy Johnson	Sept. 12
2007	Jeremy Johnson	Oct. 3
	Jeremy Johnson	Oct. 17
2008	Jacob Kirwa	Sept. 9
2009	Jacob Kirwa	Oct. 6
	Jacob Kirwa	Oct. 20
2010	Nicholas Kipruto	Sept. 28
	Rory Fraser	Oct. 5
2011	Nicholas Kipruto	Sept. 6
	Nicholas Kipruto	Oct. 4

ALL-REGION / CONF. HONORS



Year	Athlete	Date
2012	Luke Caldwell	Oct. 2
	Sean Stam	Oct. 16
2013	Luke Caldwell	Oct. 8
	Luke Caldwell	Oct. 22
2014	Adam Bitchell	Oct. 7
2023	Habtom Samuel	Sep. 26
	Habtom Samuel	Oct. 17

MEN'S CONFERENCE FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Year	Athlete	Date
2023	Habtom Samuel	Sep. 26
	Habtom Samuel	Oct. 17

MEN'S CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Year	Coach	Conference
2009	Joe Franklin	MWC
2011	Joe Franklin	MWC
2012	Joe Franklin	MWC
2013	Joe Franklin	MWC
2014	Joe Franklin	MWC
2023	Darren Gauson	MWC

WOMEN'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Time
1981	Lisa Mitchell	
2013	Sammy Silva	20:29.3
2014	Alice Wright	20:51.1
2016	Alice Wright	19:59.9
2017	Ednah Kurgat	20:01.4
2018	Weini Kelati	19:15.0
2019	Weini Kelati	18:58.7

WOMEN'S ALL-REGION TEAM

Year	Athlete	Finish
1976	Karen Crammond	N/A
	Jean Rostermundt	N/A
1977	Janet Wronblenski	6th
	Susan Vigil	9th
	Patti Kaufman	14th
1980	Loretta Chavez	N/A
1981	Lisa Mitchell	1st
	Joan Sterrett	N/A
	Kristi Rapp	N/A
1982	Sylvie Velay	17th
	Cynthia Valdez	23rd
	Lisa Mitchell	25th
1983	Carole Roybal	16th
	Cynthia Valdez	20th
1984	Carole Roybal	2nd
	Kelly Champagne	8th
	Dawn Eriacho	22nd
1985	Carole Roybal	3rd
	Dawn Eriacho	9th
	Julie Farrer	19th
	Diana Baca	25th
1986	Carole Roybal	2nd
	Lisa Valle	13th
1987	Gwen Willink	24th
1988	Gwen Willink	3rd
	Cynthia Herhahn	7th
	Idalisse Leyba	14th
1989	Cynthia Herhahn	11th
1990	Edna Lankry	24th
1991	Kelly Dix	21st
1992	Kelly Dix	9th
1995	Tangi Galloway	25th
1996	Tangi Galloway	21st
1997	April Brannon	10th
2001	Jacquelyne Gallegos	19th

Year	Athlete	Finish
2004	Jacquelyne Gallegos	8th
2005	Jacquelyne Gallegos	15th
	Timmie Murphy	19th
	Leslie Luna	23rd
2006	Timmie Murphy	5th
	Leslie Luna	18th
2008	Michelle Corrigan	5th
	Lacey Oeding	11th
	Nicky Archer	17th
	Carolyn Boosey	18th
	Leslie Luna	19th
	Ashley Gibson	20th
2009	Ruth Senior	11th
	Nicky Archer	20th
2010	Natalie Gray	4th
	Sarah Waldron	5th
	Ruth Senior	6th
	Vanessa Ortiz	18th
	Kirsty Milner	20th
2011	Ruth Senior	7th
	Sarah Waldron	12th
	Natalie Gray	20th
	Kirsty Milner	21st
	Imogen Ainsworth	23rd
2012	Josephine Moultrie	5th
	Charlotte Arter	10th
	Lacey Oeding	18th
	Shawna Winnegar	24th
2013	Sammy Silva	1st
	Charlotte Arter	3rd
	Calli Thackery	13th
	Tamara Armoush	18th
2014	Alice Wright	1st
	Charlotte Arter	3rd
	Calli Thackery	10th
	Anna Burton	18th
	Nicola Hood	24th
2015	Calli Thackery	9th
	Courtney Frerichs	10th
	Molly Renfer	11th
	Rhona Auckland	12th
	Whitney Thornburg	13th
2016	Alice Wright	1st
	Calli Thackery	11th
2017	Ednah Kurgat	1st
	Weini Kelati	3rd
	Charlotte Prouse	5th
2018	Weini Kelati	1st
	Ednah Kurgat	2nd
	Charlotte Prouse	11th
	Adva Cohen	12th
	Emily Martin	15th
	Sophie Eckel	16th
2019	Weini Kelati	1st
	Ednah Kurgat	2nd
	Adva Cohen	15th
	Hannah Nuttall	25th
2021	Gracelyn Larkin	4th
	Abbe Goldstein	9th
	Emma Heckel	11th
	Ali Upshaw	17th
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	21st
	Andrea Engsath	25th
2022	Gracelyn Larkin	5th
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	8th
	Emma Heckel	9th
	Ali Upshaw	13th
	Abbe Goldstein	21st
2023	Nicola Jansen	2nd

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Year	Athlete	Conf.	Time
1988	Carole Roybal	HCAC	16:51
2010	Natalie Gray	MWC	21:20.7
2011	Ruth Senior	MWC	20:47.8

Year	Athlete	Conf.	Time
2012	Lacey Oeding	MWC	20:49.9
2016	Alice Wright	MWC	20:02.7
2017	Ednah Kurgat	MWC	19:58.77
2018	Weini Kelati	MWC	19:49.3
2019	Weini Kelati	MWC	19:11.2
2021	Amelia Mazza-Downie	MWC	19:37.3
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	MWC	19:39.3

WOMEN'S MOUNTAIN WEST ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete	Finish	Time
2010	Natalie Gray	1st	21:20.7
2011	Ruth Senior	1st	20:47.8
2012	Lacey Oeding	1st	20:49.9
2016	Alice Wright	1st	20:02.7
2017	Ednah Kurgat	1st	19:58.77
2018	Weini Kelati	1st	19:49.3
2019	Weini Kelati	1st	19:11.2
2021	Amelia Mazza-Downie	1st	19:37.3
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	1st	19:39.3

WOMEN'S MOUNTAIN WEST FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete	Finish	Time
2006	Vanessa Ortiz	18th	22:24.4
2008	Lacey Oeding	2nd	21:30
2017	Weini Kelati	2nd	20:11.63
2019	Gracelyn Larkin	10th	20:32.6
2020	Andrea Engseath	7th	20:14.3
2022	Danielle Verster	22nd	20:35.3

WOMEN'S ALL-CONFERENCE (1983-2010)

Year	Athlete	Finish	Conf.
1983	Carole Roybal	7th	HCAC
	Cynthia Valdez	8th	HCAC
1984	Carole Roybal	2nd	HCAC
	Kelly Champagne	6th	HCAC
1985	Carole Roybal	2nd	HCAC
	Dawn Eriacho	N/A	HCAC
1986	Carole Roybal	1st	HCAC
	Lisa Valle	9th	HCAC
1988	Gwen Willink	3rd	HCAC
	Cynthia Herhahn	5th	HCAC
	Idalisse Leyba	10th	HCAC
1989	Cynthia Herhahn	6th	HCAC
1992	Kelly Dix	3rd	WAC
1995	Tangi Galloway	10th	WAC
2003	Sarah Gonzales	7th	MWC
2004	J. Gallegos	4th	MWC
2005	Timmie Murphy	3rd	MWC
	Leslie Luna	6th	MWC
	J. Gallegos*	10th	MWC
2006	Timmie Murphy	4th	MWC
	Leslie Luna*	8th	MWC
2007	Michelle Corrigan	5th	MWC
2008	Lacey Oeding	2nd	MWC
	Carolyn Boosey	3rd	MWC
	Nicky Archer	7th	MWC
	Leslie Luna*	8th	MWC
	Michelle Corrigan*	11th	MWC
2009	Ruth Senior	2nd	MWC
	Nicky Archer	3rd	MWC
	Lacey Oeding	4th	MWC
	Ashley Gibson	7th	MWC
	Vanessa Ortiz*	8th	MWC
	Carolyn Boosey*	12th	MWC
	Delyth James*	13th	MWC
2010	Natalie Gray	1st	MWC
	Sarah Waldron	2nd	MWC
	Ruth Senior	3rd	MWC
	Vanessa Ortiz	6th	MWC
	Kirsty Milner*	8th	MWC
	Delyth James*	11th	MWC

*Denotes 2nd-Team recipient



ALL-REGION / CONF. HONORS

WOMEN'S ALL-CONFERENCE (1983-2010)

Year	Athlete	Finish	Conf.
2011	Ruth Senior	1st	MWC
	Natalie Gray	4th	MWC
	Kirsty Milner	6th	MWC
	Sarah Waldron	7th	MWC
	Imogen Ainsworth*	12th	MWC
2012	Lacey Oeding	1st	MWC
	Charlotte Arter	2nd	MWC
	Josephine Moultrie	5th	MWC
	Shawna Winnegar	13th	MWC
	Imogen Ainsworth	14th	MWC
2013	Sammy Silva	2nd	MWC
	Charlotte Arter	4th	MWC
	Nicole Roberts	7th	MWC
	Calli Thackery*	8th	MWC
	Heleene Tambat*	10th	MWC
	Tamara Armoush*	13th	MWC
2014	Alice Wright	4th	MWC
	Calli Thackery	5th	MWC
	Charlotte Arter	6th	MWC
	Nicole Roberts*	8th	MWC
	Amber Zimmerman*	10th	MWC
	Tamara Armoush*	12th	MWC
2015	Courtney Frerichs	2nd	MWC
	Alice Wright	4th	MWC
	Rhona Auckland	5th	MWC
	Molly Renfer	6th	MWC
	Calli Thackery	7th	MWC
	Heleene Tambat*	8th	MWC
	Emily Hosker-Thornhill*	12th	MWC
2016	Alice Wright	1st	MWC
	Calli Thackery	2nd	MWC
	Sophie Connor	10th	MWC
	Natasha Bernal	11th	MWC
2017	Ednah Kurgat	1st	MWC
	Weini Kelati	2nd	MWC
	Charlotte Prouse	3rd	MWC
	Alice Wright	5th	MWC
	Sophie Eckel*	11th	MWC
	Alex Buck*	12th	MWC
2018	Weini Kelati	1st	MWC
	Ednah Kurgat	2nd	MWC
	Charlotte Prouse	3rd	MWC
	Adva Cohen*	9th	MWC
2019	Weini Kelati	1st	MWC
	Ednah Kurgat	2nd	MWC
	Hannah Nuttall	5th	MWC
	Gracelyn Larkin*	10th	MWC
	Alexandra Harris*	13th	MWC
2020*	Adva Cohen	2nd	MWC
	Amelia Mazza-Downie	4th	MWC
	Gracelyn Larkin	6th	MWC
	Andrea Engesath	7th	MWC
	Anna Kostarellis*	10th	MWC
	Elise Thorner*	13th	MWC
2021	Amelia Mazza-Downie	1st	MWC
	Emma Heckel	2nd	MWC
	Gracelyn Larkin	3rd	MWC
	Abbe Goldstein	4th	MWC
	Ali Upshaw	5th	MWC
	Samree Dishon	6th	MWC
	Stefanie Parsons	7th	MWC
	Adva Cohen*	11th	MWC
2022	Amelia Mazza-Downie	1st	MWC
	Emma Heckel	3rd	MWC
	Gracelyn Larkin	4th	MWC
	Elise Thorner	6th	MWC
	Abbe Goldstein*	10th	MWC
	Ali Upshaw*	12th	MWC
	Semira Firezghi*	14th	MWC
2023	Nicola Jansen	2nd	MWC
	Klara Dess*	12th	MWC

*Denotes 2nd-Team recipient



WEINI KELATI (left) and **AMELIA MAZZA-DOWNIE** (right) were only the second and third female athletes in Mountain West history to win individual conference cross country titles in consecutive years. Kelati won titles in 2018 and 2019, with Mazza-Downie winning in 2021 and 2022.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Year	Athlete	Date
2004	Jacquelyne Gallegos	Sept. 16
2005	Jacquelyne Gallegos	Sept. 12
	Jacquelyne Gallegos	Sept. 27
2008	Nicky Archer	Sept. 9
	Nicky Archer	Oct. 21
	Michelle Corrigan	Sept. 30
2012	Josephine Moultrie	Oct. 2
	Josephine Moultrie	Oct. 16
2014	Charlotte Arter	Oct. 7
2015	Courtney Frerichs	Oct. 6
2016	Alice Wright	Oct. 4
2017	Ednah Kurgat	Oct. 3
	Ednah Kurgat	Oct. 17
2018	Weini Kelati	Oct. 2
	Weini Kelati	Oct. 16
2019	Weini Kelati	Oct. 8
	Weini Kelati	Oct. 22
2021	Stefanie Parsons	Oct. 5
2022	Gracelyn Larkin	Oct. 4
	Danielle Verster	Oct. 18
	Christina Nisoli	Oct. 25
2023	Nicola Jansen	Sept. 26

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

Year	Coach	Conference
1983	Cindy Schmandt	HCAC
2005	Matt Henry	MWC
2008	Joe Franklin	MWC
2009	Joe Franklin	MWC
2010	Joe Franklin	MWC
2011	Joe Franklin	MWC
2012	Joe Franklin	MWC
2013	Joe Franklin	MWC
2014	Joe Franklin	MWC
2015	Joe Franklin	MWC
2017	Joe Franklin	MWC
2018	Joe Franklin	MWC
2019	Joe Franklin	MWC
2020	Joe Franklin	MWC
2021	Joe Franklin	MWC
2022	Joe Franklin	MWC

OTHER HONORS



MEN'S USTFCCCA REGIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete
2024	Habtom Samuel

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA REGIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete
2013	Sammy Silva
2014	Alice Wright
2016	Alice Wright
2017	Ednah Kurgat
2018	Weini Kelati
2019	Weini Kelati

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Year	Coach
2010	Joe Franklin
2011	Joe Franklin
2015	Joe Franklin
2018	Joe Franklin
2022	Joe Franklin

MEN'S USTFCCCA REGIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Year	Coach
2010	Joe Franklin

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA NATIONAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Year	Athlete
2017	Ednah Kurgat
2019	Weini Kelati

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Year	Coach
2015	Joe Franklin
2017	Joe Franklin

HONDA SPORT AWARD

Year	Athlete	NCAA Finish
2015	Courtney Frerichs	4th
2017	Ednah Kurgat*	1st
2018	Weini Kelati	2nd
2019	Weini Kelati*	1st

*Denotes winner



JOE FRANKLIN was named MW Coach of the Year 19 times (14 W, 5 M), Regional Coach of the Year six times (5 W, 1 M) along with National Women's Coach of the Year honors in both 2015 and 2017 during his tenure at UNM (2007-2023).

MEN'S USTFCCCA CROSS COUNTRY RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NCAA
2023	--	118	78	84	88	104	113	120	63	62	39	--
2022	--	32	44	79	99	106	106	110	101	103	86	--
2021	--	128	132	161	164	152	133	136	138	150	--	--
2019	124	127	128	127	115	119	128	127	130	--	--	--
2018	56	61	59	61	55	58	56	58	57	49	--	43
2017	100	100	102	60	54	45	52	53	56	40	--	23
2016	84	69	72	61	39	52	55	75	72	62	--	--
2015	52	56	62	69	66	54	70	80	69	66	--	36
2014	42	38	37	45	30	23	23	25	25	22	--	44
2013	29	33	32	34	104	56	58	61	61	40	--	28
2012	42	52	38	40	45	38	39	44	42	76	--	33
2011	41	44	54	34	26	25	27	25	25	18	--	41
2010	33	34	34	32	29	21	23	22	22	26	--	55
2009	46	60	56	38	33	38	44	40	28	31	--	40
2008	54	62	40	38	42	32	33	36	32	35	--	42
2007												
2006												
2005												
2004												
2003												
2002												

WOMEN'S USTFCCCA CROSS COUNTRY RANKINGS ALL-TIME

Year	PS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	NCAA
2023	--	118	78	84	88	104	113	120	63	62	39	--
2022	--	32	44	79	99	106	106	110	101	103	86	--
2021	--	128	132	161	164	152	133	136	138	150	--	--
2019	124	127	128	127	115	119	128	127	130	--	--	--
2018	56	61	59	61	55	58	56	58	57	49	--	43
2017	100	100	102	60	54	45	52	53	56	40	--	23
2016	84	69	72	61	39	52	55	75	72	62	--	--
2015	52	56	62	69	66	54	70	80	69	66	--	36
2014	42	38	37	45	30	23	23	25	25	22	--	44
2013	29	33	32	34	104	56	58	61	61	40	--	28
2012	42	52	38	40	45	38	39	44	42	76	--	33
2011	41	44	54	34	26	25	27	25	25	18	--	41
2010	33	34	34	32	29	21	23	22	22	26	--	55
2009	46	60	56	38	33	38	44	40	28	31	--	40
2008	54	62	40	38	42	32	33	36	32	35	--	42



CONFERENCE ACADEMIC HONORS

MEN'S ACADEMIC ALL-MW

Athlete	Year(s)
Mathew Ashton	2007-08
John Austin	1999
Christopher Barnicle	2009
Matt Bergin	2014-15
David Bishop	2008-10
Adam Bitchell	2012-14
Chris Bratton	2006
Luke Caldwell	2012-13
Yuval Carmi	2007
Zac Castillo	2015-16
Travis Clark	1999-00
Erik Coleman	2005
Scott Connors	1999-00
Toby Cooke	2018-19
JP Cordova	2014
Alex Cornwell	2014
Adam Cotton	2016
Emil Danielsson	2016
Michael Dearson	2003, 2005
Reece Donihi	2018-21
Lee Emanuel	2007-09
Elmar Engholm	2012-16
Sean Flaherty	2002-04
Rory Fraser	2008-10
Jared Garcia	2016, 2018-20
Joseph Garcia	2004-07
Keith Gerrard	2009-10
Jonathan Glen	2018
Brock Hagerman	2007-08, 2010
Frank Hemingway	2005
Jeremy Johnson	2002, 2006
Cory Kalm	2010
Leighton Katsuda	2002-03
Josh Kerr	2017
S. Kiptoo-Biwott	2004
Ross Matheson	2013-14
Pierre Malherbe	2011-12
Nick Martinez	2002-04
Steven Martinez	2003
Jesus Mendoza	2015-16
Dan Milechman	2015
Paul Milkey	1990^
Matt Mizell	1999
Jason Nicholas	1990^
Chris Orrell	2000
Ben Ortega	2000, 2002-04
Juan Ortega	2003
Patrick Ortiz	2008-11
Pontus Osterberg	1999
Alex Palm	2016-17
Jason Petty	2006, 2008
Allen Pittman	2009-11
Taylor Potter	2015, 2017
Chris Rogers	2000, 2003
Logan Rosenberg	2012
Jake Shelley	2014
Jacob Simonsen	2016-17
Sean Stam	2010-13
Graham Thomas	2013-16
Brandon Vigil	2002-03
Mike Williamson	1990^
Alex Willis	2007-08, 2010
Awet Yohannes	2020-21
Matt Young	1990^
Patrick Zacharias	2012-13

WOMEN'S ACADEMIC ALL-MW

Athlete	Year(s)
Imogen Ainsworth	2011-12
Chloe Anderson	2012
Maria Andersson	1999
Nicole Archer	2008-09
Tamara Armoush	2013-14
Charlotte Arter	2012-14
Rhona Auckland	2015
Kim Baca	2000-01
Lindsay Barr	2004-05
Kaitlyn Barry	2011
Natasha Bernal	2016
Carolyn Boosey	2007-09
Laura Bowerman	2009
Johanna Briscoe	2018-20
Alex Buck	2016-17
Kieran Casey	2016-17
Adva Cohen	2018-21
Sophie Connor	2015-16
Michelle Corrigan	2007-08
Alexandra Darling	2010
Kathleen Doyle	1990^
Sophie Eckel	2017-18
Andrea Engesaeth	2020-21
Polina Ermoshina	2008
Mackenzie Everett	2018-19
Jennifer Filip	1999
Semira Firezghi	2020-21
Kathryn Fluehr	2016
Kirsten Follett	2011-13
Courtney Frerichs	2015
Jacquelyne Gallegos	2001, 2003-05
Ashley Gibson	2008-09
Natalie Gray	2010-11
Rebecca Green	2005
Myrriah Gomez	2003
Sarah Gonzales	2001-03
Brooke Gosling	2003
Ally Gronager	2005
Lydia Hallam	2019-20
Alexandra Harris	2019-20
Kara Henry	2007
Sarah Higgins	2010
Karina Hill-Hurtado	2002
Nicola Hood	2010, 2013-14
Emily Hosker-Thornhill	2014-15
Delyth James	2009-10
Juanita Johnson	2018-21
Steffi Jones	2019-20
Weini Kelati	2017-19
Kendall Kelly	2016-17
Annamaria Kostarellis	2020-21
Ednah Kurgat	2017-19
Laura Lavezo	2010
Sarah Laverty	2017
Sheyenne Lewis	2005, 2007
Crystal Lomax	2000
Riann Lucy	2003
Leslie Luna	2004-06, 2008
Laura Marquis	2001-02
Emily Martin	2018
Kelly McCabe	2006
Hannah Miller	2020-21
Kirsty Milner	2010-11
Janna Mitsos	2009, 2012
Josephine Moultrie	2011-12
Jackie Morgan	1999-00
Isabela Nellos	2020-21
Kellie Nickerson	2004

Athlete	Year(s)
Hannah Nuttall	2018-19
Lacey Oeding	2008-09, 2012
Ashlee Othick	1999-00
Stasia Ploskonka	2004, 2007
Charlotte Prouse	2017
Hannah Radzinski	2000
Emma Reed	2008, 2010
Emily Reese	2014
Molly Renfer	2015
Elizabeth Reyes	2018
Nicole Roberts	2013-14
Ruth Senior	2009
Sammy Silva	2013
Ashlee Smalley	2010
Heleene Tambet	2013, 2015
Alondra Texidor	2017
Calli Thackery	2013-16
Whitney Thornburg	2015
Janice Tosa	2002
Melanie Velarde	2004-06
Amy Voita	1990^
Sarah Waldron	2010-11
Grace Williams	2019
Shawna Winnegar	2009-12
Alice Wright	2014-17
Amber Zimmerman	2014

**^WAC Academic All-Conference
(All others MWC honors)**

HEAD COACH • DARREN GAUSON



Darren Gauson was named UNM's Head Coach for Track & Field / Cross Country on June 30, 2023. In his first season at UNM, the Lobo men won their first Mountain West Championship since 2014, and Gauson was named MW Men's Coach of the Year. Led by a Mountain Region individual title by freshman Habtom Samuel, the Lobos finished third at regionals — their best finish since 2013 — and qualified for the NCAA Championship race as a team for the first time since 2014. They went on to finish 18th in the nation, with Samuel finishing as a national runner-up and Evans Kiplagat also earning All-American honors. Nicola Jansen, a Bradley transfer who followed Gauson to Albuquerque, qualified as an individual and finished 36th at the National Championship race to become the third XC All-American of Gauson's tenure.



"It's an incredible honor to join a storied program and become the next head track & field and cross country coach at the University of New Mexico," said Gauson. "UNM has developed into a championship program and I am excited to build on the tradition established at the

In the first meet of the 2023-24 indoor season, Samuel broke the indoor 5,000m record and Lukas Kiprof broke the 3,000m record at the Sharon Danville-Col-year Season Opener. In Gauson's short tenure so far, the Lobos have already seen seven marks that ranked among the Top 10 in their respective events in the indoor all-time list.

school. Albuquerque is a place where athletes dream of coming to train and develop into national champions and Olympians. I want to thank Athletic Director Eddie Nuñez, Deputy Athletic Director David Williams and Senior Woman Administrator Amy Beggin for their faith in me and their desire to continue to elevate the program to new heights. I also want to thank Bradley University for all that they've done for me in my career. I can't wait to get to work at New Mexico and develop high-character student-athletes in the classroom and on the track."

MEN'S COACHING HISTORY

Hugh Hackett: 1959-77
 Bill Silverberg: 1977-79
 Del Hessel: 1980-90
 Mike MacEachen: 1990-00
 Matt Henry: 2000-07
 Joe Franklin: 2007-2023
 Darren Gauson: 2023 - present

WOMEN'S COACHING HISTORY

Barbara Butler: 1973-78
 Tony Sandoval: 1978-82
 Mike MacEachen: 1982-2000
 Matt Henry: 2000-07
 Joe Franklin: 2007-2023
 Darren Gauson: 2023 - present

In addition to success on the course and on the track, Bradley also had success in the classroom under Gauson. He has coached seven Academic All-Americans and 11 MVC Elite 17 Award winners. Bradley has earned USTFCCA All-Academic Team honors in each of year of his tenure. The men ranked as high as fourth nationally in team GPA (2019 and 2021), while the women peaked at fifth in 2017.

Gauson came to Bradley from Lamar University, where he guided both the Cardinals men's and women's cross country programs to consecutive Southland Conference championships in 2013 and 2014. In addition to the championship success of the cross country teams at Lamar, Gauson coached the Cardinals runners to 29 individual Southland Conference championships in cross country and track in just three seasons. Among his star runners, Gauson helped Matt Johnsen to a 33rd-place finish at the 2012 NCAA Cross Country Championship and the first All-America honor for the Cardinals since 1969. Additionally, Sam Stabler posted the second-fastest 5,000m time in the nation in 2015 to go along with Academic All-America honors.

A 2006 graduate of Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland, with a degree in sport and exercise science, Gauson competed two years at Butler University where he was coached by former UNM head coach Joe Franklin. He earned a master's of science degree in education from Butler in 2008. With the Bulldogs, Gauson earned a Horizon League title in the 1,500m during his final year of eligibility in addition to claiming Scottish national championships in the event in both 2004 and 2005.

Following graduation, Gauson was also an assistant cross country/track and field coach at Butler for four seasons. The Butler men were able to extend their streak of consecutive conference cross country titles to 14 during Gauson's time in Indianapolis and the team finished 29th at the NCAA Championship during his first season on the coaching staff. Butler boasted four All-Americans overall during his tenure at the school.

During his time at Bradley and Lamar, in addition to the 14 team conference titles, Gauson has coached 75 conference champions,

14 conference athletes of the year and 15 conference freshman of the year. He has mentored four All-Americans and six conference outstanding track performers.

A 10-time Missouri Valley Coach of the Year and the 2018 USTFCCA Midwest Region Men's Coach of the Year, Gauson build Bradley into a powerhouse. His teams included a record-setting performance by the men's cross country team in 2019, when the Braves had the top four finishers at the conference meet to set the modern-day Missouri Valley scoring record with 17 points. A year earlier, Bradley qualified for the NCAA Men's Cross Country Championship for the first time in program history, finishing 24th at the 2018 meet. The Bradley women's team had the second-lowest score in MVC history in 2017, when it had five runners in the top eight en route to the conference title.

On the track, Gauson coached the first individual outdoor and indoor MVC champions for the BU men in 30 and 34 years, respectively, during the 2016 and 2017 championships. Additionally, the Bradley women won their first distance medley relay crown in school history in 2019. Bradley set school records for points scored at the MVC Indoor and Outdoor Championships by both the men and women over the past five seasons. In 2017, Daniel Gagne became the first BU man to qualify for the NCAA Track and Field Championship in 42 years, where he earned second-team All-America honors in the 1,500m run in 2017. In 2021, Wilma Nielsen became the first Bradley freshman to qualify for the NCAA Championship and finished the campaign as the nation's third-ranked rookie in the 800m. Earlier this month, Tiana LoStracco earned honorable mention All-America honors as she qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championship in the 1500m.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FINISHES UNDER COACH GAUSON

	MEN			WOMEN		
	Conference	Regionals	Nationals	Conference	Regionals	Nationals
Lamar 2012	2nd	7th		3rd	15th	
Lamar 2013	1st	3rd		1st	7th	
Lamar 2014	1st	3rd		1st	4th	
Bradley 2015	1st	9th		1st	6th	
Bradley 2016	1st	5th		2nd	15th	
Bradley 2017	1st	6th		1st	6th	
Bradley 2018	1st	2nd	24th	1st	9th	
Bradley 2019	1st	11th		2nd	12th	
Bradley 2020	Covid			Covid		
Bradley 2021	2nd	12th		2nd	10th	
Bradley 2022	1st	8th		1st	3rd	
New Mexico 2023	1st	3rd	18th	4th	7th	

ALL-AMERICANS UNDER COACH GAUSON

2012	Matt Johnsen - Lamar (Cross Country)
2016	Kristen Busch - Bradley (Outdoor 10,000m)
2017	Dan Gagne - Bradley (Outdoor 1,500m)
2021	Wilma Nielsen - Bradley (Outdoor 800m)
2023	Wilma Nielsen - Bradley (Indoor 800m)
2023	Tiana LoStracco - Bradley (Outdoor 1,500m)
2023	Habtom Samuel - New Mexico (NCAA Runner-Up, Cross Country)
2023	Evans Kiplagat - New Mexico (Cross Country)
2023	Nicola Jansen - New Mexico (Cross Country)

PRIOR TO UNM

Gauson has spent the last eight years as the head coach of the track and field and cross country programs at Bradley University in Illinois. He led the Braves to 10 Missouri Valley cross country titles, six by the men and four by the women, including this past year when Bradley swept both the men's and women's titles at the 2022 Missouri Valley Championships. Prior to arriving in Peoria, Gauson was the cross country coach and assistant track and field coach at Lamar University, where he guided the Cardinals to back-to-back Southland Conference men's and women's cross country titles in 2013 and 2014.