

Penn State Nittany Lion Club

Record 79 Penn State Student-Athletes Earn Winter Academic All-Big Ten Honors
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March 29, 2016 UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.- For the fourth consecutive year, a record number of Penn State student-athletes have earned Winter Academic All-Big Ten accolades, with 79 honorees this year among eight sports. The previous school record was 70, set last year.

Two of Penn State's 79 honorees have perfect 4.0 grade point averages -- men's gymnast Noah Roberson (engineering) and wrestler [Devon Van Cura](#) (science). NCAA individual wrestling champions [Nico Megaludis](#) (finance) and [Zain Retherford](#) (finance) also were among the Nittany Lions' Academic All-Big Ten honorees.

Penn State led the conference in Academic All-Big Ten winter honorees in women's swimming and diving (23) and men's hockey (16), as well as the 2016 NCAA Wrestling Championship team (14, tied with Ohio State).

Combined with last fall's 80 honorees, Penn State has 159 Academic All-Big Ten honorees so far this year, its second highest total in school history through the winter sports season (164 in 2012-13).

Penn State leads all conference institutions with 5,436 Academic All-Big Ten honorees since 1991-92, its first year of competition in some Big Ten sports. Ohio State is second with 5,308 over the past 25 years.

Since men's and women's hockey became varsity sports in 2012-13, Penn State has broken its record high for Academic All-Big Ten honorees during the winter sports season four consecutive years, going from 64 to 79, an increase of 19 percent.

Penn State Winter Academic All-Big Ten Honorees

2015-16	79*
2014-15	70
2013-14	65
2012-13	64

**School record total for winter sports



Brianna Tsang

To be eligible for Academic All-Big Ten consideration, student-athletes must be letter winners who are in at least their second academic year at their institution and carry a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. Last year, Penn State had a total of 277 Academic All-Big Ten honorees, its second-highest total all-time. The school record is 296 honorees, set in 2012-13.

Student-athletes with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher from the Penn State men's and women's fencing, women's ice hockey and men's volleyball teams will be recognized in the spring and at-large sport categories later this year.

Overall, the Big Ten Conference recognized a total of 780 students competing in winter sports who have been named to the Academic All-Conference. The list of honorees features 41 men's and 69 women's basketball players, 64 men's and 62 women's gymnasts, 72 men's hockey players, 157 men's and 203 women's swimmers and divers and 112 wrestlers.

Penn State Winter 2015-16 Academic All-Big Ten honorees

Name	Year	Major	Hometown
Men's Basketball			
Samuel Halle	Sr.	Kinesiology	Springfield, Va.
Julian Moore	Jr.	Information Sciences and Technology	Philadelphia, Pa.
Isaiah Washington	So.	Health Policy and Administration	Williamsport, Pa.
Women's Basketball			
Kaliyah Mitchell	Jr.	Childhood and Early Adolescent Education	Stone Mountain, Ga.
Lindsey Spann	Jr.	Advertising/Public Relations	Laurel, Md.
Peyton Whitted	Jr.	Journalism	Suwanee, Ga.
Men's Gymnastics			
Joseph Boyle	Jr.	Biology	Colts Neck, N.J.
Franz Card	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	Nashua, N.H.
Colin Coates	So.	Engineering	Emmaus, Pa.
Benjamin Cooperman	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Southborough, Mass.
Dominic DiFulvio	Jr.	Aerospace Engineering	Marietta, N.Y.
Christian McSwain	Jr.	Biobehavioral Health	Jamestown, N.C.
Jeremy Munn	Jr.	Kinesiology	York, Maine
Noah Roberson	So.	Engineering	Williamsville, N.Y.
Gregory Tamargo	So.	Undeclared	Kennett Square, Pa.
Women's Gymnastics			
Nicole Medvitz	Jr.	Management	Paramus, N.J.
Christina Postiglione	Jr.	Psychology	Selden, N.Y.
Chanen Raygoza	So.	Communication Arts and Sciences	Upland, Calif.
Briannah Tsang	So.	Biobehavioral Health	Vancouver, British Columbia
Men's Hockey			
Erik Autio	So.	Kinesiology	Espoo, Finland
Richard DeRosa	Jr.	Management	Aston, Pa.
David Glen	Sr.	Economics	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
David Goodwin	Jr.	Economics	Des Peres, Mo.
Luke Juha	Sr.	Finance	Mississauga, Ontario
Curtis Loik	Sr.	Finance	North Vancouver, British Columbia
Eamon McAdam	Jr.	Energy Business and Finance	Perkasie, Pa.
Tommy Olczyk	Sr.	Accounting	Long Grove, Ill.
Dylan Richard	Jr.	Kinesiology	Sherwood Park, Alberta
James Robinson	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Cochrane, Alberta
Zachary Saar	Jr.	Management	Richland, Mich.

Eric Scheid	Sr.	Communication Arts and Sciences	Blaine, Minn.
Matthew Skoff	Sr.	Supply Chain and Information Systems	McKees Rocks, Pa.
David Thompson	Jr.	Finance	Glen Mills, Pa.
Connor Varley	Sr.	Corporate Innovation and Entrepreneurship	Lansdale, Pa.
Michael Williamson	Jr.	Kinesiology	Leduc, Alberta
Men's Swimming and Diving			
Joseph Ahlberg	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Glastonbury, Conn.
Matthew Grillo	Sr.	Journalism	Montreal, Quebec
Harrison Grimm	Sr.	Industrial Engineering	Fairview, Pa.
Zachary Kantz	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Mount Bethel, Pa.
Timothy Maurer	Sr.	Biology	Hershey, Pa.
Connor Scanlon	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Laurel, Md.
Andrew Schuehler	Jr.	Accounting	Camden, N.J.
Women's Swimming and Diving			
Alyson Ackman	Sr.	Kinesiology	Montreal, Quebec
Jenna Bickel	Sr.	Childhood and Early Adolescent Education	Slingerlands, N.Y.
Taylor Cameron	Jr.	Biobehavioral Health	Burlington, Ontario
Mackenzie Cornell	Jr.	International Politics	Germantown, Md.
Tomlyn Dillione	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Newtown, Pa.
Casey Francis	Jr.	Kinesiology	East Meadow, N.Y.
Hannah Harper	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Charlottesville, Va.
Emily Harris	So.	Division of Undergraduate Studies	Downingtown, Pa.
Mackenzie Hornibrook	Jr.	Supply Chain and Information Systems	West Chester, Pa.
Kaitlin Jones	Sr.	Rehabilitation and Human Services	Midlothian, Va.
Kelly Kusevich	Sr.	Biological Engineering	Gibsonia, Pa.
McKayla Mawn	So.	Science	Kennett Square, Pa.
Bridget Moody	Jr.	Advertising/Public Relations	Port Washington, N.Y.
Allie Pennetti	Sr.	Rehabilitation and Human Services	Wexford, Pa.
Nicole Price	So.	Science	Manchester, Pa.
Byanca Melissa Rodriguez	Jr.	Agribusiness Management	Chihuahua, Mexico
Tara Rogers	So.	Health and Human Development	Lansdale, Pa.
Kaitlin Saloky	Jr.	Biobehavioral Health	Bloomsburg, Pa.

Sierra Scoggin	Sr.	Risk Management	Reston, Va.
Haley Sinatro	Sr.	Biology	West Hartford, Conn.
Katelyn Sowinski	Jr.	Biobehavioral Health	Severna Park, Md.
Chelsea VanderWeele	Sr.	Marketing	Silver Spring, Md.
Megan Wujciak	Jr.	Biobehavioral Health	Livingston, N.J.
Wrestling			
George Carpenter	So.	Health and Human Development	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Jordan Conaway	Sr.	Rehabilitation and Human Services	Abbottstown, Pa.
Garett Hammond	Jr.	Advertising/Public Relations	Chambersburg, Pa.
Caleb Livingston	Sr.	Finance	Drexel Hill, Pa.
Matthew McCutcheon	Jr.	Kinesiology	Apollo, Pa.
Nico Megaludis	Sr.	Finance	Murrysville, Pa.
Geno Morelli	Sr.	Energy Business and Finance	DuBois, Pa.
Kade Moss	Jr.	Risk Management	South Jordan, Utah
Nicholas Nevills	So.	Undeclared	Clovis, Calif.
Jason Nolf	So.	Health and Human Development	Yatesboro, Pa.
Zain Retherford	Jr.	Finance	Benton, Pa.
Scott Stossel	So.	Engineering	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Devon Van Cura	So.	Science	Washington, N.C.
Kenneth Yanovich	So.	Mathematics	Effort, Pa.

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