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THIRTY SEVEN STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN BIG TEN DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

IOWA CITY, IA - The Big Ten Conference has announced the recipients of the 2009-10 Distinguished Scholar Award, which includes 37 student-athletes from the University of Iowa. The announcement was made today by the Big Ten office.

The list features student-athletes from every institution and 32 different sports who have earned a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.7 or higher for the previous academic year.

In February of 2008, Big Ten Faculty Representatives established a conference academic recognition to supplement the Academic all-Big Ten program. Similar to the Academic all-Big Ten honor, Distinguished Scholar Award recipients must be letterwinners in at least their second academic year at their institution. However, the Distinguished Scholar Award encompasses only student-athletes with a minimum GPA of 3.7 or higher for the previous academic year, excluding summer school. The Academic all-Big Ten threshold is a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for a student-athlete's academic career.

Ten members of the Hawkeye rowing team appeared on the list, followed by four members of the women's soccer and cross country squads. Other UI teams represented include men's track and field (3), women's gymnastics (3), men's tennis (2), football (2), baseball (2), women's track and field (1), men's cross country (1), men's golf (1), women's basketball (1) and wrestling (1).

In addition, 11 UI student-athletes maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA for the previous academic year.

The complete list of UI winners is below (bold notates a 4.0 GPA).

Name, Sport(s)	Yr.	Major	Hometown
Annette Allard, Women's Rowing	Sr.	English/Spanish	Pass Christian, Miss.
Sam Bailin, Men's Track & Field	Jr.	Biology	Urbandale, Iowa
Mitch Beckert, Men's Tennis	So.	Integrative Physiology	Davenport, Iowa
Danielle Berndt, Women's Swimming	So.	Mechanical Engineering	Bloomington, Minn.
Sophie Borchers, Women's Swimming	So.	Communication Studies & Art	Evanston, III.
Erica Clausen, Women's Soccer	Sr.	Political Science/International Studies	Portland, Ore.



Darcy DeLong, Women's Rowing	Jr.	Geography	Marion, Iowa
Jennie Docherty, Women's Cross Country	Gr.	Masters of Business Administration	St. Paul, Minn.
Katie Ellis, Women's Cross Country	Sr.	English/Cinema	Barrington, III.
Connor Elmitt, Men's Track & Field	Jr.	Political Science	Johnston, Iowa
Megan Erickson, Women's Rowing	Sr.	Nursing	Ankeny, Iowa
Fionna Fallon, Women's Cross Country	Sr.	Social Work & Sociology	Des Moines, Iowa
Kali Feiereisel, Women's Soccer	Jr.	International Studies	Libertyville, Ill.
Heather Fomon, , Women's Gymnastics	So.	Finance	Iowa City, Iowa
Reinoud Haal, Men's Tennis	Sr.	Finance	Heemstede, Netherlands
Amanda Hardesty, Women's Track & Field	Jr.	Sociology	Valparaiso, Ind.
Emily Katalinich, Women's Rowing	Sr.	Communication Studies	Springfield, Ill.
Josh Koeppel, Football	Sr.	Sociology	Iowa City, Iowa
Anna Kolden, Women's Rowing	Jr.	Elementary Education	Madison, Wis.
Dusty Koth, Men's Golf	Jr.	Psychology	Bloomington, III.
Kelly Krei, Women's Basketball	So.	Mathematics	Iowa City, Iowa
Sarah Langlas, Women's Soccer	So.	Finance	Wheaton, III.
Mark Mankivisky, Men's Track & Field	Sr.	Management Information Systems	Oswego, III.
Zach McCool, Baseball	Jr.	Health & Sports Studies	Manchester, Iowa
Haylie Miller, Women's Rowing	Jr.	Psychology	Byron, III.
Daniel Murray, Football	Sr.	Mechanical Engineering	Iowa City, Iowa
Rachel Nash, Women's Gymnastics	So.	Integrative Physiology	West Chicago, III.
Katie Ouellette, Women's Rowing	Sr.	Nursing	Duluth, Minn.
Jeff Pacha, Baseball	Jr.	Finance	Iowa City, Iowa
Jay Renaud, Men's Cross Country	Sr.	History/Secondary Education	Mount Prospect, III.
Sheila Rinozzi, Women's Rowing	Sr.	Interdepartmental Studies	Chicago, III.
Allison Robinson, Women's Rowing	Jr.	Chemical Engineering	Bettendorf, Iowa
Hannah Roeder, Women's Cross Country	Sr.	International Studies & Integrative Physiology	Des Moines, Iowa
Ethan Sebert, Wrestling	Jr.	Journalism & Mass Communication/Health & Sports Studies	Clarion, Iowa
Stephanie Swanson, Women's Soccer	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	Downers Grove, III.



Anna Szatkowski, Women's Gymnastics

So.

Journalism & Mass

Reno, Nevada



Communication/Health & Sports Studies

Emily Vinson, Women's Rowing Sr. Nursing Boulder, Colo.