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2015-16 NORTHWEST CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM SCHOLAR-ATHLETES



GRANT SCHROEDER George Fox University Football / Sophomore Corvallis, Ore. / Santiam Christian High School Major: Engineering (3.725 GPA)

The starting quarterback for the Bruins in each of their first two seasons after reinstating the football program after a 46-year absence, Schroeder improved on all of his freshman numbers during the 2015 season. He threw for 2,241 yards and 17 touchdowns, ranking fourth in the conference in yards per game (224.1) and fifth in TDs. He also posted a completion percentage of 56.5 per cent. He was named the NWC Football Offensive Student-Athlete of the Week for Sept. 7-13. Under his leadership, the Bruins went 4-6 in 2015, with three more wins than in their first return season.

An Engineering major with a 3.725 GPA, Schroeder made the Dean's List each semester of the 2015-16 academic year. He is a recipient of the Schweiger Memorial and College of Engineering Scholarships, serves on the Student-Athlete Advisory and Engineering Student Advisory Boards, and is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Says head coach Chris Casey, "Grant is a true leader on the George Fox football team and an outstanding student-athlete on and off the field. He has been critical to the success of the young program, stepping into a leadership role as a freshman and developing it as a sophomore."



DAKOTA BUHLER George Fox University Women's Track and Field / Sophomore McMinnville, Ore. / McMinnville High School Major: English (3.816 GPA)

One of several Bruins to compete in the NCAA Division III National Championships in 2016, Buhler is already second on the program's all-time list in the triple jump. She helped the Bruins to a second-place finish in the NWC by earning All-Conference honors in the 100 meter hurdles.

An English major with a 3.816 GPA, Buhler is a member of Sigma Tau Delta (an English honor society) and the inaugural class of the William Penn Honors Program. She cowrote and presented a paper at the Northwest Communication Conference, participated in a mission trip to Uganda, served as a camp counselor ad Camp Tapawingo, and worked with children's and youth ministries at Salt Creek Baptist Church.

Says head coach John Smith, "Dakota is always cheering on her teammates, encouraging them at practice. Annie Wright was the freshman she trained with all year and she came to all the event practices just to watch and encourage Annie. When we were preparing for nationals, she stopped doing all the heptathlon events and just focused on the triple jump. She is a great competitor, but is engaged with others and has a great relationship with some of her toughest competitors. She is humble in victory and gracious in defeat."



DEION MOCK Lewis & Clark College Football, Men's Track & Field / Senior Bend, Ore. / La Pine High School Major: Computer Science / Mathematics (3.587 GPA)

A two-sport star at Lewis & Clark, Mock contributed 69 solo tackles and 95 assisted tackles in four years as a football defensive back. As a track and field pole vaulter, he finished 11th in the 2016 NCAA Division III National Championships, finished second in the NWC Championships to earn All-NWC honors, and set a school record with a vault of 16-1.75 at the Whitworth Last Chance meet. He was also named to the USTFCCCA All-West Region Team. During his junior season, he placed fourth in the NWC Championships in the pole vault. He also competed in the 100 meter dash for the Pioneers

A three-semester member of the Dean's List, Mock graduated with a double major in Computer Science and Mathematics while compiling a 3.587 GPA. He was a Student Alumni Ambassador as a senior, and served for two years as a Bacchus Network Certified Peer Educator mentoring student-athletes. He was a Student-Athlete Advisory Council representative, a strength and conditioning volunteer with Lewis & Clark's Performance Tennis Camps, a football camp volunteer, and a specialty athletic training volunteer.

His coaches, Keith Woodard (track) and Jay Locey (football), say, "Deion consistently serves as a motivator and source of encouragement both as an athlete and as a student. As a pole vaulter, he always assists his competitors in securing their take off marks for the vault and is the first to congratulate not only the winner of the competition but the entire field. He does this both on the track and in his role as a student-athlete mentor. As a mentor, he helps to assist first-year students through their transition to Lewis & Clark and serves as a positive mentor to young college athletes.



EMILY THOMPSON Lewis & Clark College Women's Soccer, Women's Track & Field / Senior Hood River, Ore. / Hood River Valley High School Major: Psychology (3.521 GPA)

An All-NWC performer in both soccer and track and field, Thompson was named Lewis & Clark's Multisport Athlete of the Year in both 2014 and 2016. As a forward in soccer, she earned First Team honors in 2012, 2014 and 2015, and Second Team in 2013. She scored 24 goals and had 11 assists in her career. She garnered conference honors in 2013, 2014 and 2016 in the 400 meter hurdles, and is the Pioneers' all-time record holder in that event. She served as a track and field team captain in 2016, and has also been named a Strength and Conditioning All-American.

A Psychology major with a 3.521 GPA, Thompson was named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team in 2014 and to the NSCAA Level 2 Division Scholar All-West Region Team for the 2015 season. Her senior psychology capstone project was on "Combating Obesity in Autism through Exercise and a Growth Mindset". She was named a Leadership and Service Scholar all four of years at Lewis & Clark. As a part of the Pioneers' athletic program, she has served as a volunteer with her teammates on the Alzheimer's Walk to man check points, encourage participants, and give directions as needed; the Autism Buddy Walk, partnering with children with autism to play soccer and football and to accompany the walkers; and the Active Children's 50/50 Raffle, selling raffle tickets at Portland Timbers' soccer games to benefit the organization and help keep Portland's youth active and healthy.

According to her coaches, Jim Tursi (soccer) and Keith Woodard (track), "Emily spent a large part of her time here working with athletes with autism for Specialty Athletic Training from 2013-16. Her sportsmanship carries over from her athleticism on the field and track to her ability to serve as a mentor and role model for the athletes she helped as a trainer. She is extremely passionate about her work with autistic children and is an advocate for equal access to sports participation, exercise and health."



ERIC LAWSON Linfield College Baseball / Senior

Mill Creek, Wash. / Archbishop Murphy High School

Major: Marketing / Psychology (3.922 GPA)

A three-year starter for the Wildcats at third base, Lawson capped an outstanding career by earning All-NWC First Team honors as well as an ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove. He was All-NWC Second Team and an ABCA All-American in 2015, and honorable mention All-NWC in 2014. In 2015, he earned All-Region honors as Linfield finished second in the Tyler (Texas) Regional, and played for back-to-back NCAA Division III World Series teams in 2014 and 2013, with the Wildcats winning their first NCAA national title in 2013. He ranks in the top 20 on the all-time Linfield charts in 10 different categories, including second in assists (325), fourth in stolen bases (44), fifth in at bats (545), eighth in games (136), 11th in doubles (33), and 12th in hits (157).

With a 3.922 GPA as a Marketing and Psychology double major, Lawson was a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII selection, and earned Academic All-America Third Team honors as a senior. A four-time Dean's List honoree, he participated in the prestigious Kemper Scholarship program with a summer internship at Chicago's Lookingglass Theatre and with the general merchandise training program at the Fred Meyers headquarters in Portland, Ore. He was a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative for two years, serving on the SAAC Executive Board as a senior. He was a volunteer with the SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program at Grandhaven Elementary School, and organized the Linfield baseball team's St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser which raised about \$1,800 to support research for childhood cancers in 2016.

Says head coach Scott Carnahan, "Eric is the most-balanced overall student-athlete in all areas – performance on the field and in the classroom, service to the school and leadership – we've ever had. As a two-time team captain, he was exemplary. He was positive and always looking to help others in any way. On the field, he always had deep respect for his opponent."



REGAN COX Linfield College Women's Soccer / Senior Alamo, Calif. / San Ramon Valley High School

Major: Elementary Education (3.82 GPA)

A four-year defender for the Wildcats, the last two seasons as a starter, Cox helped anchor a Linfield defense that produced 34 shutouts during her career. Over her last two years, she missed only 34 minutes out of 3,544 played by the 'Cats, and her senior minutes of 1,791 is the second-most in a single season for any player. Her career total of 4,476 minutes played ranks 19th in in program history. She notched two career assists from her defensive position, one in each of her last two years. On all, she appeared in 63 games for the Wildcats, and served a team co-captain in her senior season.

An Elementary Education major with a GPA of 3.82, Cox graduated magna cum laude after earning Dean's List honors three times. She was a recipient of the Department of Education's Conoway Award, and was a member of both the Kappa Delta Pi Education and Alpha Lamda Delta Honors Societies. She served a part-time student teacher at Columbus Elementary in a dual-language classroom, and a full-time student teacher at Memorial Elementary. She also refereed McMinnville Youth Soccer Association games.

Head coach Cole McCool says, "Regan was undoubtedly the most aggressive player on our team. It's unique because she is a fairly quiet leader, but once she is on the field, her actions speak loudly. Her ability to be so physically strong and dominant while fouling so little is a great example of her sportsmanship. She plays extremely hard, but very clean. She was constantly juggling playing soccer at a high level with being a massive support system to multiple teammates at the same time. We would often come out to training and find Regan there early, helping other players on the team with certain aspects of the game. She was a completely selfless leader and cared more about the wellbeing of her teammates than anything else. I greatly admire her maturity."



WALKER OLIS
Pacific University (Ore.)
Baseball / Senior
Burlington, Wash. / Burlington-Edison High School
Major: Physics (3.64 GPA)

A four-time all-conference honoree, Olis capped a star-studded career by being selected in the 28th round of the major league draft by the Miami Marlins. He was a two-time All-NWC Second Team selection in 2013 and 2015, honorable mention in 2014, and earned First Team and NWC Player of the Year honors as a senior. He was a First Team All-America and First Team All-West Region selection by D3baseball.com, Second Team All-America by the ABCA, and was a finalist for the Oregon Sports Awards' Ad Rutschman Small College Athlete for the Year. He batted .415 as a senior with 57 runs, 11 home runs, 45 RBIs, 44 walks and 28 stolen bases, setting Pacific single-season records for runs, steals, walks and hits. He is the Boxers' all-time leader in stolen bases with 50, and was caught only three times in his career.

Completing his degree in Physics while compiling a GPA of 3.64, he was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII and Academic All-America First Teams as a senior.

Pacific head coach Brian Billings says of Olis, "Walker is a great example for our younger guys in the area of work ethic and focus. He carries himself with poise on and off the field. He will go down as one of the best players in school history, and one of the most accomplished off the field as well."



KAITLYN LOMARTIRE Pacific University (Ore.) Women's Tennis / Junior Portland, Ore. / Valley Catholic High School Major: Psychology (3.89 GPA)

An All-NWC First Team selection in each of her first three seasons, Lomartire has established herself as one of the best players ever at Pacific. Her three-year record at No. 1 singles for the Boxers stands at 29-15, including a 12-4 mark as a freshman and 10-2 as a sophomore. This past season, she went 10-7 at No. 1 doubles, one of them a win over a regionally-ranked doubles team from NWC champion Lewis & Clark.

Lomartire, a Psychology major with a 3.89 GPA, is a three-time All-NWC Scholar-Athlete and ITA Scholar-Athlete. She has been a lab assistant and mentor for students in Pacific's Psychology 252 class, and was selected to serve as a Grey Gown for the 2016 graduation ceremonies as part of the top 3% of the junior class. She is a member of the school's PSI CHI Psychology Honors Society and the Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society. She has volunteered at the Portland After School Tennis and Education program, was a student volunteer and organizer for "Touch the Future" (an event for Latino youth with a focus on preparing and encouraging them to get into college), and was a teacher aid in a a first-grade classroom at Echo Shaw Elementary this past semester.

Says head coach Brian Jackson, "Kaitlyn has been a model student-athlete for the past three years, not only competing at a high level on the court and in the classroom, but doing so with a high level of class and sportspersonship. Regardless of the situation, she has always shown respect for her opponent. She has been a great role model for her teammates with her efforts on and off the court, including playing through pain and injury – such as playing multiple weeks with a broken foot in 2015 – when she felt her team needed her."



TODD HOAGLAND Pacific Lutheran University Men's Soccer / Senior Mt. Vernon, Wash. / La Conner High School Major: Sociology (3.79 GPA)

Competing for the Pacific Lutheran men's soccer team as a defender over three seasons, Hoagland starting 30 of the 46 games in which he appeared, including all 15 games of his senior season. In his career, he collected one goal and three assists as the Lutes battled for the NWC crown each of those years.

A six-semester selection to the Dean's List, Hoagland was a member of the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honor Society each of his last two years at PLU. He was also in the Mortar Board Honor Society and the Alpha Kappa Delta International Society, and received PLU's George Fisher Scholar Athlete Award as a senior. He was a PLU academic assistance tutor for two years, and was a transfer ambassador for the Office of Admissions in 2015. In his sophomore and junior years, he served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, and also volunteered with the Special Olympics program sponsored by the school. He plans to attend Seattle University's graduate program for Criminal Justice, with a specialization in Investigative Criminology.



MICHAELA EDGERS
Pacific Lutheran University
Volleyball, Women's Basketball / Senior
Aurora, Ill. / Illinois Math & Science Academy
Major: Biology (3.90 GPA)

A multi-sport athlete for Pacific Lutheran, Edgers was a major contributor as a hitter and middle blocker for the Lutes' volleyball team and an intimidating presence as a post player for the women's basketball team. In volleyball, she earned honorable mention All-NWC honors as a senior by posting a league-leading .305 attack percentage in 16 NWC matches and ranking third with an average of 1.19 blocks per set during the conference season. In basketball, she achieved her first career double/double in points and rebounds in a home win over Lewis & Clark as a senior.

With a 3.90 GPA while majoring in Biology, she earned a place on the Dean's List all four years at Pacific Lutheran. She was a member of the Chi Alpha Sigma National Honors Society each of her last two years, and received PLU's George Fisher Scholar Athlete Award. She was a student speaker at PLU's NCAA Division III Week Breakfast, and volunteered at the Tacoma-Pierce County Humane Society during her college days. She will attend Washington State's School of Veterinary Medicine for her post-graduate work.



DANIEL DEUEL University of Puget Sound Men's Tennis / Senior Oakland, Calif. / Head-Royce High School Major: Exercise Science (3.97 GPA)

For a young and improving Puget Sound men's tennis program, Deuel provided a steady and influential force near the top of the lineup for the Loggers. Spending most of his time at the top two positions throughout his career, he regularly took on the opponents' top players and came away with several significant victories. During his junior year, he picked up wins over players from Pacific Lutheran, Willamette, and Whitman.

A regular on the school's Dean's List, Deuel completed his degree in Exercise Science with a 3.97 GPA, the highest average among all of Puget Sound's senior student-athletes.

Deuel was consistently the No. 1 or No. 2 singles player through four years for the Loggers. Though the program went through a number of changes and challenges, his leadership and dedication remained consistent and inspiring.



CASSIE WINTER University of Puget Sound Women's Soccer / Senior Seattle, Wash. / Ballard High School Major: Biochemistry (3.92 GPA)

A four-year member of the Puget Sound women's soccer team as a post, Winter spent time at both midfielder and forward for the Loggers, who won the NWC championship of those four seasons. As a junior, she contributed four goals, and as a senior, she led the team in assists with eight.

A Dean's List honoree, Winter graduated with a degree in Biochemistry and a GPA of 3.92, the highest average among all Puget Sound senior female student-athletes. During her time at UPS, she served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, and worked as a volunteer with the Special Olympics program and the annual Trick-or-Can Food Drive.

As a well-spoken student-athlete who served her team well and provided leadership on the student-athlete council, Winter was chosen to speak at the Puget Sound All-Sports Celebration in April.



ZACH HEWLIN Whitman College Men's Tennis / Sophomore Los Gatos, Calif. / Saratoga High School Major: Economics (3.609 GPA)

In just two seasons, Hewlin has earned countless awards, including USTA/ITA All-America honors by winning both the singles and the doubles at the ITA Northwest Fall Regionals as both a freshman and a sophomore. In 2016, he earned NCAA All-America honors by reaching the semifinals of the Division III National Singles Championships, defeating both the No. 3 and No. 5 seeds along the way, and finished the year ranked No. 5 nationally and No. 2 in the West Region. He was All-NWC First Team and NWC Player of the Year this past season, and as a freshman was All-NWC First Team and ITA West Region Rookie of the Year.

A two-time recipient of an ITA Scholar-Athlete Award, Hewlin has compiled a 3.609 GPA while majoring in Economics. He received Academic Distinction from Whitman for three semesters, and serves on the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Council. He is a member of the Phi delta Theta fraternity, ad works with the Sacred Heart Community Service to bring donated clothing to those in need.

Says head coach Jeff Northam, "I can think of no finer tribute to Zach's sense of fair play and respect for an opponent than the thanks he received from the crowd at Kalamazoo College where the nationals were held this year. He was defeated in the semifinals by a Kalamazoo player, and after the loss, he personally acknowledged the home crowd for their support of tournament and that match in particular. The crowd recognized his sportsmanship and gave him their appreciation. That's just the kind of person he is."



JENNA DOBRIN Whitman College Women's Tennis / Senior Camarillo, Calif. / Rio Mesa High School Major: Economics (3.695 GPA)

A four-time conference honoree, Dobrin completed her senior season with a No. 50 ITA national ranking in singles, a No. 13 ranking in the West Region, and a combined 90 singles and doubles career wins. She earned All-NWC Second Team status her first two seasons, going 8-0 in doubles as a sophomore, and First Team each of her last two years. In the 2014 National Championships, she won the clinching match at No. 2 singles, with a 6-0 win in the third set, as Whitman came from a 4-3 deficit to beat Texas-Tyler and advance to the second round. She received the tennis team's Leadership Award in 2015 and Most Inspirational Award in 2016, and was given the Mignon Borleske Award by the Whitman athletic department as a senior. She was named the 2016 ITA West Region's Most Improved Senior Player.

A three-time recipient of an ITA Scholar-Athlete Award, Dobrin graduated cum laude with a 3.695 GPA in Economics. She received Whitman's Academic Distinction award in six semesters, and the Order of Omega in 2016. As a senior representative of the Economics department, she was Finance and Communications for the Delta Gamma sorority and co-chaired the planning for the Alpha Eta chapter's Centennial Celebration weekend. She also worked as an information desk receptionist at the Reid Campus Center and an advertising associate for the school's student newspaper. She was a member of the Green Dot program and the Student-Athlete Advisory Council in 2013-14. Her volunteer work included running tennis class at local elementary schools, assisting at the Odd Fellows Retirement Home, and serving as a designated driver for guests on area winetasting tours. She worked at the annual athletic "W Club" golf tournament, and organized a speaking engagement for Jeremy Poincenot, a World Blind Golf Champion, who spoke to the school and community on overcoming adversity in sports and life.

Says head coach John Hein, "Jenna's character was shown by the Sportsmanship Award she received for her demeanor on and off the court during our spring break trip to the Claremont schools to play other nationally-ranked teams from around the country. It was presented to her by the head coach of the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps program, and was decided upon by the observation of the ITA umpires, tournament officials, and head coaches of the opposing teams. It was a well-deserved honor."



RYAN ADAMS Whitworth University Men's Tennis / Sophomore Clarkston, Wash. / Clarkston High School Major: Biology (4.00 GPA)

While playing sparingly for Whitworth in his first two years with the Pirates, Adams has demonstrated that he should be an important contributor to the program over his next two seasons. As a freshman, he posted a 1-1 record in singles and 0-1 in doubles. He improved dramatically in his sophomore year, going 4-1 in singles and 1-0 in doubles as Whitworth made the 2016 NWC Tournament

With a GPA of 4.00 after two years as a Biology major, Adams has the highest average among all current Whitworth student-athletes. He is a member of the Whitworth Laureate Society, and was named an NWC Scholar-Athlete each of his first two seasons with the Pirates.



DAKOTA KLIAMOVICH Whitworth University Women's Track & Field / Senior Liberty Lake, Wash. / Cornell University Major: Biology, Psychology (4.00 GPA)

A four-year competitor for Whitworth, Kliamovich was a three-time NWC champion in the hammer and a two-time NCAA Division III All-American. She won conference titles in her sophomore, junior and senior seasons, and earned All-America status with a sixth-place finish in the National Championships in 2014 and fifth in 2015. Her career-best throw of 179-11 in 2014 is the Pirates' all-time record.

A four-time NWC Scholar-Athlete, Kliamovich's 4.00 GPA with a double major in Biology and Psychology helped her earn CoSIDA Academic All-America Third Team honors as a sophomore and First Team honors as both a junior and a senior. She was also a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII selection. She was a member of the Whitworth women's track and field Theme House.



HANS LEHNDORFF Willamette University Football, Men's Track & Field / Senior Boulder, Colo. / Boulder High School Major: Economics / Religious Studies (3.92 GPA)

A two-sport star, Lehndorff has excelled in both football and track and field for the Bearcats over four years. He was a three-year starter as a defensive lineman on the gridiron, playing in 27 games in his career. In the spring, he captured the NWC discus championship in both 2014 and 2016, earning All-NWC honors. His throw of 158-2 on his sixth and final attempt in 2016 was a personal record and ranks third all-time at Willamette. He also placed fourth in the event in 2013 and fifth in 2015. He earned All-NWC honors with a second-place finish in the shot put in 2016 with a career-best 52-5.25, which stands fifth in Bearcat annals.

An Economics and Religious Studies double major, Lehndorff received the Men's Senior Scholar-Athlete Award for having the highest GPA with a 3.92 among Willamette's seniors. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa academic honor society, and served an internship in the Legislative Review Office at the Oregon State Capitol. For three semesters, he was an assistant in the Religious Studies Department, and volunteered during Willamette's Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. He worked at a youth respite home with Catholic Community Services, the Salvation Army food pantry, and with the Marion-Polk Foodshare program. Each year, he volunteered with the football team during the United Way Days of Caring.

His coaches, Matt McGuirk (track and field) and Glen Fowles (football), are unanimous in their support of Lehndorff's qualifications, saying "Hans always encourages his teammates and is very supportive of their efforts, and is an ideal candidate for representing Willamette on the 2015-16 NWC All-Sportsmanship Team."



KYLEA JOHNSON Willamette University Women's Track & Field / Senior Onalaska, Wash. / Onalaska High School Major: Environmental Science (3.93 GPA)

A two-time All-NWC performer, Johnson ran the anchor leg as Willamette won the 2016 NWC championship in the 4x100 meter relay in 48.44 seconds, the second-fastest time in school history. She also placed third with a 12.73 in the NWC 100 meter dash to garner all-league honors, and just missed All-NWC with a fourth-place finish in the 200 meter dash (25.69). At the 2015 NWC Championships, she took fourths in the 100, 200, and 4x100 meter relay.

With a 3.93 GPA while earning a degree in Environmental Science, Johnson received the Women's Senior Scholar-Athlete Award for the highest average among Willamette's senior athletes. Summer breaks found her volunteering at the Chehalis Valley Pony Club near her hometown. During winter breaks, she helped with the Hampton Lumber Mill's Adopt-a-Family program that provides Christmas presents for children in low-income families.

Says her head coach, Matt McGuirk, "Kylea has been a leader on our 4x100 meter relay team that won the conference championship with her hard work and dedication. Her character is represented by the fact that she has also been nominated for the 2015-16 NWC All-Sportsmanship Team."