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## A Record Sixty UW Student-Athletes Earn Fall 2016 Academic All-MW Honors Ties School Record Set in Fall of 2015

**Laramie, Wyo. (Feb. 21, 2017)** -- The Mountain West Conference announced its 2016 Fall Academic All-Mountain West team on Tuesday, and for the second consecutive year University of Wyoming Athletics had 60 student-athletes earn the honor. The 60 UW student-athletes to earn Academic All-MW recognition ties for the most Cowboys and Cowgirls to earn Academic All-MW in a fall semester. Wyoming also had 60 individuals earn the honor for the 2015 fall semester.

Since UW began competition as a founding member of the Mountain West in 1999. Wyoming's previous high was 50 student-athletes named to the team in the Fall of 2014 and the Fall of 2013.

Wyoming's 60 members on this year's team tied UW for fourth highest among all Mountain West institutions. Boise State and Utah State each placed 67 individuals on the team, followed by Nevada with 63. Wyoming and New Mexico each had 60. There were a record 614 student-athletes across the Mountain West to earn 2016 fall semester Academic All-Mountain West honors.

"I want to congratulate all of our student-athletes who were named to the Academic All-Conference team," said UW Athletics Director Tom Burman. "It takes a great deal of dedication to excel in the classroom while managing the demands of training and competing at the NCAA Division I level. We are also proud of the consistent academic performance we've seen by our student-athletes over the past several years. It is a trend that says a lot about the young men and women in our program."

UW's honorees included 19 individuals from football, 17 from soccer, 10 from volleyball, seven for men's cross country and seven for women's cross country.

The Cowgirl soccer team ranked No. 1 among all MW women's soccer programs, with 17 individuals making the team, and Cowgirl volleyball tied for first, with 10 individual honorees. Cowboy football and men's cross country tied for fourth in their sports, with 19 and seven student-athletes, respectively. Women's cross country ranked sixth in the conference, with seven individuals. The women's cross country team led the MW a year ago with 12 honorees. There were 34 Cowgirls named to this year's team and 26 Cowboys.

To earn Academic All-Mountain West honors a student-athlete must have achieved a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 or better, be a starter or significant contributor on their team and must have completed at least one academic term at their member institution.

In addition to the 11 member schools who are full members of the Mountain West, affiliate members Hawai'i (in football) and Colorado College (in women's soccer) all had student-athletes named to this year's team.

The five Mountain West Conference sponsored sports that make up the Fall Academic All-Mountain West Team are: men's cross country, women's cross country, football, women's soccer and women's volleyball. The Mountain West also names an Academic All-Conference Team for winter and spring sports that is released later in the year.

(See Attached Listing of Wyoming's 2016 Fall Semester Academic All-Mountain West Honorees)

**University of Wyoming Student-Athletes  
To Earn Fall 2016 Academic All-Mountain West Conference Honors**

**Men's Cross Country (7)**

Michael Downey	So.	3.36	Chemical Engineering
Harry Ewing	Fr.	3.67	Undeclared
Christopher Henry	Fr.	4.00	Molecular Biology
Jonah Henry	Jr.	3.00	Chemical Engineering
Daniel Hintz	Fr.	3.53	Undeclared
Calum Kepler	So.	3.27	Criminal Justice
Mike Seas	Sr.	3.85	Chemical Engineering

**Women's Cross Country (7)**

Audra DeStefano	Sr.	3.82	Chemical Engineering
Quinn DeStefano	Jr.	3.84	Kinesiology
Kacey Doner	Fr.	3.90	Biology
Lauren Hamilton	Jr.	3.72	Nursing
Kiah Leonard	So.	3.85	Nursing
Isabella Pape	So.	3.09	Undeclared
Solana Quistorff	So.	3.52	Undeclared

**Football (19)**

Nico Evans	So.	3.19	Communication
Dalton Fields	Jr.	3.12	Kinesiology
Austin Fort	So.	3.11	Management
Youhanna Ghaifan	RFr.	3.06	Undeclared
Josiah Hall	RFr.	3.33	Communication
Tyler Hall	Fr.	3.20	Business
Alijah Halliburton	Fr.	3.32	Art
Josh Harshman	So.	3.19	Physiology
Nela Lolohea	Jr.	3.28	Spanish
Eric Nzeocha	Sr.	3.10	Finance
John Okwoli	Fr.	3.20	Business
Adam Pilapil	So.	3.28	Communication
Cooper Rothe	Fr.	3.71	Business
Chase Roullier	Sr.	3.20	Mechanical Engineering
Gavin Rush	Fr.	3.40	Management
Nick Szpor	Fr.	3.17	Finance
Drew Van Maanen	Jr.	3.43	Social Science
Zach Wallace	So.	3.01	Mechanical Engineering
Logan Wilson	RFr.	3.09	Physical Education Teaching

**Women's Soccer (17)**

Alisha Bass	Jr.	3.82	Management
Kimmy Burbank	Jr.	3.70	Physiology
Taylor Burton	So.	3.17	Undeclared
Annika Clayton	So.	3.28	Physiology
Sammi Dunda	Sr.	3.69	Kinesiology
Jessie Gentle	So.	3.89	Kinesiology
Summer Halle	Jr.	3.66	Kinesiology
Anne Hinman	Sr.	3.13	Communication
Charlotte Hume	So.	3.98	Kinesiology
Katie Marcheso	Sr.	3.73	Kinesiology
Mandy Meyer	Sr.	3.51	Physiology
Brooklynn Mooney	Fr.	3.28	Kinesiology
Alyssa Murray	So.	3.14	Kinesiology
Claire Parker	Jr.	3.11	Kinesiology
Laurel Ramer	Sr.	4.00	Pharmacy
Georgia Rowntree	Jr.	3.90	Kinesiology
Michaela Stark	Fr.	3.45	Undelcared

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**Women's Volleyball (10)**

Lily Austin	Jr.	3.70	Psychology
Laura Beach	Sr.	3.96	Kinesiology
Courtney Chacon	Sr.	3.64	Speech Language & Hearing Science
Madi Fields	Fr.	3.60	Undeclared
Shelby Johnson	Jr.	3.73	Kinesiology
Emily Lewis	So.	3.91	Finance
Halie McArdle	Fr.	3.59	Biology
Bayly Poor	RFr.	3.48	Marketing
Kayla Slofkiss	Sr.	3.07	Speech Language & Hearing Science
Tara Traphagan	Fr.	3.85	Kinesiology

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