

2008-2009 DIVISION II ALL-ACADEMIC WRESTLING TEAM
 (Selected by the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches Association)

FIRST TEAM

STUDENT ATHLETE	SCHOOL	CLASS	ACADEMIC MAJOR	GPA	CAREER RECORD	SEASON RECORD
Travis Barbarick	University of Central Missouri	SR	Special Education	3.75	69-57	14-9
Cory Bloodgood	University of Central Missouri	SR	Finance	3.89	69-53	25-19
Lenny Calhoun	Mercyhurst College	SR	Criminal Justice	3.26	42-28	14-13
Travis Clark	University of Findlay	SR	Middle Childhood Education	3.76	97-55	22-7
Ryan Etherton	University of Nebraska-Kearney	JR	Exercise Science	3.61	81-33	23-7
Jesse Feinsod	New Mexico Highlands Univ.	SR	Social Work	3.19	62-25	31-10
Cody Garcia	University of Nebraska-Omaha	JR	Secondary Education	3.35	94-16	30-8
Tony Gehling	Upper Iowa University	GR	Agricultural Business	3.71	61-45	24-9
Daniel Grater	Fort Hays State University	JR	Technology Studies	3.50	90-41	28-11
Lucas Haag	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	JR	Biological Sciences	3.40	92-49	35-11
Landon Hall	Carson-Newman College	SO	Biology	3.67	41-19	26-11
Matt Irwin	University of Indianapolis	JR	Elementary Education	3.12	89-29	31-6
Mitchell Knapp	West Liberty State College	SO	Exercise Physiology	3.31	44-21	22-8
Andy Lamancusa	Mercyhurst College	JR	Elementary Education	3.11	73-34	30-9
Josh Majerus	Chadron State College	SR	Health & Physical Education	3.57	111-39	28-4
Jacob Marrs	University of Nebraska-Omaha	JR	Secondary Education	3.18	91-22	23-8
Keenan McCurdy	University of Nebraska-Kearney	SR	Education	3.56	98-61	32-15
Kevin McElhanry	Gannon University	JR	Mechanical Engineering	3.57	51-30	15-8
Dustin Nagel	Minnesota State Univ.-Moorhead	SR	Finance	4.0	20-58	5-20
Lynn Panko	University of Indianapolis	JR	Exercise Science	3.42	52-19	7-2
Brent Pankoke	University of Nebraska-Omaha	JR	General Studies	3.35	40-7	13-1
Luke Rynish	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	FR	Mathematics	3.50	41-14	41-14
Justin Shannon	University of Findlay	JR	Mathematics	3.58	67-54	22-10
Jay Sherer	Augustana College	SO	Biology	3.41	45-23	20-9
Josh Shields	Mercyhurst College	SO	International Business	3.14	44-13	21-3
John Sundgren	St. Cloud State University	SO	Pre-Business	3.42	51-15	27-5
Ross Taplin	University of Nebraska-Omaha	SR	Speech Communication	3.39	138-40	38-7
Jacob Tazzi	Gannon University	SR	Biology	3.41	73-41	28-9
Tyler Tubbs	Minnesota State Univ.-Moorhead	SR	Civil & Construction Eng.	3.75	42-13	23-6
Cody Weitzel	Colorado School of Mines	SR	Mechanical Engineering	4.00	43-56	14-7
Andrejs Zaliskalns	University of Findlay	SR	Strength & Conditioning	3.85	67-53	29-11
Cody Zimmerman	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	SO	Biological Sciences	3.45	76-21	46-6

SECOND TEAM

Raleigh Abbott	Newberry College	FR	Physical Education	3.90	15-10	15-10
Islam Abitov	University of Nebraska-Kearney	FR	Economics	3.80	20-14	20-14
Jesse Boggs	New Mexico Highlands Univ.	JR	English	3.00	49-27	23-11
William Campbell	Carson-Newman College	SR	Business Administration	3.70	86-44	27-10
Corey Fornal	University of Indianapolis	SO	Human Biology/Exer Science	3.49	33-23	18-11
Kyle Francis	Western State College	SO	Business Administration	3.13	28-24	7-4
Ethan Harris	University of Indianapolis	FR	Elementary Education	3.12	24-8	24-8
Jeffrey Havelka	University of Findlay	SR	Physical Education	3.43	49-58	17-14
Matt Jackson	St. Cloud State University	SR	Mathematics	3.84	26-50	10-14
Kelly Janke	Minnesota State Univ.-Moorhead	SR	Construction Management	3.13	47-45	10-10
Ryan Katona	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	FR	Business Management	3.77	13-12	13-12
Shawn Kuhlman	Fort Hays State University	JR	Health & Human Performance	3.79	47-48	29-15
Luke McPeek	New Mexico Highlands Univ.	SO	Psychology	3.53	25-14	25-14
Brandon Monin	Gannon University	SR	Sport Exercise Science	3.04	87-53	26-12
Matthew Mungo	San Francisco State	SR	Marine Biology	3.39	17-20	8-9
Shaine Odell	Chedron State College	SR	Industrial Management	3.62	43-37	11-8
Brandon Neifeld	West Liberty State College	SO	Pre-Medicine	3.29	24-20	14-11
Ryan Pankoke	University of Nebraska-Omaha	SO	Biology	3.05	42-20	31-13
Kyle Pedretti	Upper Iowa University	FR	Math Education	3.04	21-7	21-7
Seth Phalen	West Liberty State College	SO	Exercise Physiology	3.40	20-12	8-4
Adam Phillips	Belmont Abbey College	SO	History	3.00	20-5	20-5
Matt Rein	University of Nebraska-Omaha	SO	Banking & Finance	3.05	47-34	32-18
Derek Ross	University of Nebraska-Kearney	JR	History/Philosophy	3.02	68-56	33-21
Jordan Rozeboom	Southwest Minnesota State Univ.	JR	Math Education	3.34	12-6	12-6
Denis Ryzhov	University of Central Missouri	JR	Finance	3.58	34-29	26-18

Dean Schultz	Truman State University	JR	Biology	3.62	37-43	5-11
Nathan Sigman	University of Nebraska-Omaha	FR	Undecided	3.35	19-12	19-12
Joshua Sprewell	Carson-Newman College	JR	Math	3.24	41-23	25-11
Eddie Stefonek	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	SO	Pre-Nursing	3.39	36-23	21-12
Corbin Surat	Northern State University	JR	Pre-Med	3.10	40-42	15-11
Paul Sutton	University of Nebraska-Kearney	SR	Exercise Science	3.09	80-53	29-14
Tony Washington	Newberry College	SR	Communications	3.13	50-24	20-7
Adam Whetstone	Univ. of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	JR	Elementary Education	3.08	45-29	23-13

HONORABLE MENTION

Michael Abril	University of Nebraska-Kearney	SO	Business	3.02	31-31	14-16
Matthew Bailes	University of Central Missouri	JR	Management	3.15	23-29	9-10
Jerami Bartley	Belmont Abbey College	SO	Accounting	3.18	8-32	4-17
Karamvir Basra	San Francisco State University	SO	Business Management	3.16	3-5	3-5
Jeffery Bise	Truman State University	FR	History	3.40	3-8	3-8
Dustin Bonn	Northern State University	JR	Business	3.41	23-40	0-6
James Brett	Carson-Newman College	FR	Business Marketing	4.0	0-4	0-4
Kellen Costelow	Colorado School of Mines	SR	Chemistry	3.36	17-23	7-13
Matthew Craig	Truman State University	SR	Pre-Vet	3.52	42-43	0-2
Craig Draper-Johnson	Southwest Minnesota State Univ	JR	Elementary Education	3.34	34-49	8-7
Lucas Duckwall	San Francisco State University	JR	Kinesiology	3.06	6-10	6-10
Dennis Fix	Univ of North Carolina-Pembroke	FR	Biology	3.15	12-12	12-12
Evan Forde	Minnesota State Univ-Moorhead	SO	Exercise Science	3.16	33-37	10-16
Kazuhiro Fujinawa	University of Nebraska-Kearney	FR	Sports Administration	3.17	8-13	8-13
Marques Gales	San Francisco State University	SR	Kinesiology	3.01	32-36	16-16
Cody Gillespie	Fort Hays State University	JR	Agriculture	3.83	16-22	12-12
Thomas Graszl	Ashland University	SO	Business	3.73	23-27	13-17
Christian Griffith	Western State College	FR	Biology	3.60	8-8	8-8
Michael Hall	Univ of North Carolina-Pembroke	SR	Exercise Science	3.25	7-13	7-10
Kazuyuki Hashimoto	Truman State University	JR	Pre-Engineering	3.80	13-46	3-6
Josh Heckendorn	University of Nebraska-Omaha	SO	International Business	3.50	23-21	11-12
Adam Helgeson	St. Cloud State University	FR	Computer Science	3.51	6-4	6-4
Adam Hill	St. Cloud State University	JR	Mathematics	3.70	5-29	0-3
Jeremiah Hill	Mercyhurst College	SR	Criminal Justice	3.08	9-27	2-6
Aaron Hollifield	Univ of North Carolina-Pembroke	FR	Education	3.32	8-9	8-9
Jacob Horn	St. Cloud State University	FR	Technology Management	3.14	11-3	11-3
Bryan Isbell	Truman State University	JR	Exercise Science	3.21	26-32	8-3
William Jarman	Newberry College	SR	Physical Education	3.61	1-41	0-6
Richard Kirkland	Univ of North Carolina-Pembroke	FR	Exercise Science	3.28	4-10	4-10
Stephen Kueny	Truman State University	SO	Exercise Science	3.57	1-9	1-9
Chad Kurovski	Truman State University	FR	Psychology	3.14	11-22	11-22
Dylan Lewis	Colorado School of Mines	SO	Mechanical Engineering	3.23	5-8	5-8
Jared Little	Northern State University	JR	Business	3.05	25-41	9-8
Dylan Loyd	Fort Hays State University	SO	Health & Human Performance	3.33	30-21	14-5
Steven McLeod	Newberry College	FR	Mathematics	3.36	8-9	5-5
Alex Meger	Augustana College	SO	Business Administration	3.11	17-18	4-6
Jon Moore	Univ of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	FR	Biology	3.07	13-10	13-10
Matt Moore	Univ of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	FR	Elementary Education	3.21	7-2	7-2
Jacob Pederson	Upper Iowa University	SR	Communications	3.26	40-30	5-3
Brian Pogel	Mercyhurst College	SR	Forensic Science	3.19	62-27	4-1
Jarrod Purvis	New Mexico Highlands Univ	FR	Business Administration	3.72	10-18	10-18
Michael Ramsey	American International College	SO	Criminal Justice	3.93	6-22	3-10
Thomas Redmon	Truman State University	SO	History	3.22	4-30	2-15
Tyler Reed	Southwest Minnesota State Univ	JR	Exercise Science	3.58	3-8	3-8
Stephen Riner	West Liberty State College	SR	Social Studies Education	3.22	29-29	8-12
Erik Rogness	St. Cloud State University	SO	Physical Education	3.10	17-22	9-12
Michael Sanders	Gannon University	SR	English	3.29	42-32	2-3
Jeffrey Schossow	Adams State College	JR	Health Education	3.51	22-35	5-9
Sean Shanahan	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	JR	Criminal Justice	3.04	20-37	4-9
Alex Shumaker	University of Findlay	JR	Psychology	3.16	13-72	2-22
Jamil Smart	San Francisco State University	JR	Kinesiology	3.19	11-16	3-6
Timothy Stanton	Belmont Abbey College	SR	Business	3.30	42-49	16-5
Daniel Stevenson	University of Findlay	SO	Strength & Conditioning	3.25	23-34	9-11
Austin Stubaus	Western State College	FR	Business Administration	3.40	8-9	8-9
Ethan Swope	Gannon University	SO	Chemistry	3.03	35-21	21-13
Donovan Troup	New Mexico Highlands Univ	SO	Business Administration	3.87	14-44	10-21

Torben Walters	Adams State College	FR	Business Administration	3.39	7-6	7-6
Morgan Wanzer	American International College	SR	Criminal Justice	3.21	14-50	5-17
Tait Weatherbee	University of Nebraska-Omaha	SO	Business Management	3.37	8-17	1-6
Jordan White	University of Nebraska-Kearney	FR	Industrial Distribution	3.41	18-22	18-22
Jesse Whitson	University of Central Missouri	SR	Education	3.89	27-32	19-20

The 2008-2009 Division II All-Academic Wrestling Team consists of 127 student-athletes from 30 universities and colleges. Thirty-two members were named to the first team, 33 to the second team and 62 were named as honorable mentions. The University of Nebraska at Omaha placed seven members on the first or second teams. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the University of Nebraska at Kearney placed five members and Gannon University, the University of Findlay and the University of Indianapolis each placed four members. Three student athletes were named to the team for the fourth time. They were Paul Sutton and Keenan McCurdy from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Tony Gehling from Upper Iowa. Fifteen athletes were named to the team for the third time. They include Travis Clark, Justin Shannon and Andrejs Zaliskalns from the University of Findlay; Jeremiah Hill and Brian Pogel from Mercyhurst College; Jacob Tazzi and Kevin McElhane from Gannon University; Dean Schulty and Bryan Isabell from Truman State University; Jeffery Schossow from Adam State College; Ryan Etherton from the University of Nebraska at Kearney; Danny Grater from Fort Hays State University; Cody Garcia from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; Josh Majerus from Chadron State College; and Matt Jackson from St. Cloud State University. Three students, Dustin Nagel, a Finance major from MSU-Moorhead, James Brett, a Business Marketing major from Carson-Newman College and Cody Weitzel, a Mechanical Engineering student from Colorado School of Mines have perfect 4.0 GPA's.

In order for a student-athlete to be nominated for the Division II All-Academic Team, he needed to have a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. He must also be in at least his second full year at his school, be a varsity member on his team or a key reserve, demonstrate a degree of skill and have a minimum of two letters of recommendation (academic advisor and coach) submitted on his behalf.

2008-2009 DIVISION II ALL-ACADEMIC WRESTLING TEAMS TOP TWENTY TEAMS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>UNIVERSITY</u>	<u>TEAM GPA</u>
1	Truman State University	3.467
2	Colorado School of Mines	3.424
3	The University of Findlay	3.366
4	Minnesota State University-Mankato	3.274
5	Gannon University	3.270
6	University of Central Missouri	3.237
7	University of Indianapolis	3.218
8	University of Nebraska at Omaha	3.211
9	Fort Hays State University	3.192
10	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	3.176
11	University of Nebraska at Kearney	3.163
12	West Liberty State College	3.154
13	American International College	3.153
14	Chadron State College	3.148
15	Carson-Newman College	3.132
16	Minnesota State University-Moorhead	3.131
17	Augustana College	3.129
18	Northern State University	3.120
19	St. Cloud State University	3.088
20	Mercyhurst College	3.078

Truman State University recorded the highest team grade point average (GPA) in the sixteenth annual Division II All-Academic Wrestling Team selection and won the Academic National Championship. Truman State University has now won the Academic National Championship a total of five times. Previous championships were won in 1996-97, 2001-02, 2006-07 and 2007-08. Only Colorado School of Mines has won as many with five. Truman State is the first school to win the championship in three consecutive years. Six other NCAA II schools have also won the National Championships. They include the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Fort Hays State University, West Liberty State College, Minnesota State University-Mankato, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In 2005 the University of Nebraska at Omaha hosted the NCAA II National Championships and won both the wrestling and the academic national titles. They are the only school to accomplish that feat. The Team GPA is calculated by averaging the cumulative grade point averages of ten wrestlers from each team of which eight of those wrestlers must have competed in their team's NCAA II National Qualifying tournament.

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