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# “Today’s Hawkeyes Are Tomorrow’s Leaders”

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### 37 Named as Big Ten Distinguished Scholars

The Big Ten Conference has named 37 student-athletes at Iowa as 2009-2010 Big Ten Distinguished Scholars. The Distinguished Scholar Award requires that a student-athlete must be at least in the second year of athletic participation, be a letterwinner in the chosen sport and earn a grade point average of at least 3.70 on a 4.00 scale for 2009-2010 academic year.

These award winning student-athletes represented Rowing, Soccer, Women’s Cross Country, Men’s Track and Field, Women’s Gymnastics, Men’s Tennis, Football, Baseball, Women’s Track and Field, Men’s Cross Country, Men’s Golf, Women’s Basketball and Wrestling. Also, 11 of the 37 Distinguished Scholar Award winners maintained a perfect 4.00 grade point average for the previ-

ous year.

Congratulations to Iowa’s 37 Distinguished Scholars. They are: Annette Allard, Rowing; Sam Bailin, Men’s Track and Field; Mitch Beckert, Men’s Tennis; Danielle Berndt, Women’s Swimming; Sophie Borchers, Women’s Swimming; Erica Clausen, Soccer; Darcy DeLong, Rowing; Jen-



nie Docherty, Women’s Cross Country; Katie Ellis, Women’s Cross Country; Connor Elmitt, Men’s Track and Field; Megan Erickson, Rowing; Fionna Fallon, Women’s Cross Country; Kali

Feiereisel, Soccer; Heather Fomon, Women’s Gymnastics; Reinoud Haal, Men’s Tennis; Amanda Hardesty, Women’s Track and Field; Emily Katalinich, Rowing; Josh Koeppel, Football; Anna Kolden, Rowing; Dusty Koth, Men’s Golf; Kelly Krei, Women’s Basketball; Sarah Langlas, Soccer; Mark Mankivsky, Men’s Track and Field; Zach McCool, Baseball; Haylie Miller, Rowing; Daniel Murray, Football; Rachel Nash, Women’s Gymnastics; Katie Ouellette, Rowing; Jeff Pacha, Baseball; Jay Renaud, Men’s Cross Country; Sheila Rinnozzi, Rowing; Allison Robinson, Rowing; Hannah Roeder, Women’s Cross Country; Ethan Sebert, Wrestling; Stephanie Swanson, Soccer; Anna Szatkowski, Women’s Gymnastics; Emily Vinson, Rowing.

### J. David Brown: Yesterday’s Hawkeye-Today’s Leader



A graduate from The University of Iowa in 1991 with double degrees in Global Studies and Russian, J. David Brown, originally from Muscatine, Iowa, was a four year letter winner and team captain in cross country, a violinist for The University of Iowa Symphony, a participant in the professional Quad City Symphony, and the winner of the prestigious NCAA Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship for his outstanding academic achievement and potential for success in post graduate study.

Currently, Dr. Brown is currently an economist for the Center of Economic Studies at the United States Census Bureau. Previous to his current position, he was a lecturer in finance and a research fellow at several European institutes, and has consulted for the World Bank, the United States Agency for International Development, the European Commission and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. J. David Brown is the author of several papers on enterprise restructuring in transition economies published in several prestigious American and European economic journals.

When reflecting on his experience at Iowa, Dr. Brown stated, “Iowa provided positive features of both a large and small university.” reflecting on the opportunities offered by the Honors Program and Intercollegiate Athletics, David indicated, “The Honors program offered extensive personal mentoring while participating in first class athletic and music programs. Yesterday’s Hawkeye and Today’s Leader is Dr. J. David Brown.



# NCAA Champion Wrestling Team Visits the White House

The 2010 NCAA Champion Iowa Wrestling Team was honored at a reception on the White House lawn hosted by President Barack Obama. The twelve member student-athlete party included NCAA individual champions Jay Borschel and Matt McDonough. Also attending were All-Americans Montell Marion, Ryan Morningstar and Dan Erekson. The rest of the travel party included 2010 NCAA Qualifiers Jake Kerr and Chad Beatty, and the rest of the championship team members Dan LeClere, Aaron Janssen, Luke Loft-house, Blake Rasing and Nate Moore.

Matt McDonough, the 2010 NCAA Champion at 125 lbs., stated, "It was an honor and a privilege to be recognized at the White House for what we do during the course of the year. This is an experience I will take with me for the rest of my life."



Other members of the Hawkeye Wrestling Team agreed with McDonough.



President Barack Obama was quoted as saying, "You woke up early; you put in countless hours of practice for the love of the game and the pride of your school...and most of all you did this while shouldering a full load of classes...This is a group that knows what it is to be a champion."

The Iowa Wrestling Team was one of 38 NCAA championship teams being honored for 2009-2010 at the White House.



Jay Borschel was the 2010 NCAA Champion at 174 lbs.

# Swimming and Diving Move Into New Aquatic Center

The Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Teams have finally moved into their new home in the state of the art new recreation center located directly across the street from the Main Library on The University of Iowa campus. The new aquatic center within the recreation building now affords Iowa the opportunity to train and compete at a level never before available.

The aquatic area involves a 50 meter pool that can be divided into

two 25 meter pools. This allows for both short and long course competitions to be held locally.

The new diving well will play host to the U.S. National Diving Meet this fall. Iowa will also play host to the Big Ten Swimming and Diving Meet in 2012. The new facility comes at a perfect time as the Iowa Swimming and Diving programs steadily rise to be among the best in the Big Ten Conference.

Look forward to the future when

Iowa will bring some of the greatest swimming and diving talent in the world to the new aquatic center.



The Iowa Swimming and Diving Program earned its best finish in 15 years at the 2010 Big Ten Swimming and Diving Meet.

# ISAAC Leadership for 2010-11

Sarah Pergine, a member of the Iowa Field Hockey team has been elected by her peers as the 2010 - 2011 Chair of I.S.A.A.C. (Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee). Each team selects two members to participate in this departmental leadership committee. Pergine will lead a group of officers including Bryan Hill, Men's Swimming and Diving (Vice Chair), Lynne Poggensee-Wei,

Women's Tennis (Secretary), Paige Stevens, Volleyball (Treasurer), Jarryd Cole, Men's Basketball (Social Chair), Amanda Hardesty, Women's Cross Country (Service Chair), and Mitch Beckert, Men's Tennis (Life Skills Chair).

I.S.A.A.C. annually provides leadership among student-athletes throughout the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. While involved

as liaisons to Iowa's athletic administration, I.S.A.A.C. members also promote and participate in service and social activities designed to give all student-athletes a chance to broaden their experiences at Iowa while giving something back to the community that supports them as athletes. This is a great example of, "Today's Hawkeyes Are Tomorrow's Leaders."



Sarah Pergine Field Hockey

# Iowa's Annual Persistence Rate (APR) Among the Best



In its latest report, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) reported that The University of Iowa continues to maintain a high Annual Persistence Rate (APR) for all of its intercollegiate teams.



ports the four year average APR each year for every intercollegiate team among its membership. Any team whose APR falls below .925 (92.5%) are subject to sanctions by the NCAA including the loss of scholarship possibilities for future years.

APR measures the rate at which student-athletes at Iowa, who receive athletic financial aid, are progressing toward completing a Bachelor's Degree while continuing to compete for the university. The NCAA re-

ports the four year average APR each year for every intercollegiate team among its membership. Any team whose APR falls below .925 (92.5%) are subject to sanctions by the NCAA including the loss of scholarship possibilities for future years.

this is when a student-athlete graduates with a Bachelor's Degree. Retention is a key issue at Iowa and every university, and the APR is a strong measure of retention for student-athletes.

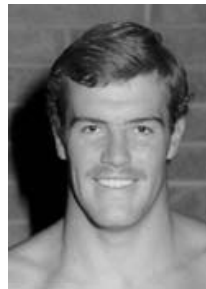
The University of Iowa maintains high academic and athletic standards for all teams and the student-athletes who represent Iowa throughout the nation and world wide. The APR is a representation of the quality of our student-athletes, their coaches and The University of Iowa as a whole. We are proud to claim that, "Today's Hawkeyes are Tomorrow's Leaders."

**Iowa's APR ranks among the best in the Big Ten Conference and the entire nation. Each team at Iowa has an APR score of better than .925 out of a possible 1.000.**

## Do You Remember These Hawkeyes?



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- Do You Remember?**
1. Jay Thornton Men's Gymnastics
  2. Mary Kramer Women's Golf
  3. Graeme Brewer Men's Swimming and Diving
  4. Kenyon Murray Men's Basketball
  5. Meg Racette Women's Tennis
  6. Ted Wheeler Men's Track and Field

## Record Number of Hawkeyes to Receive Academic Honors

222 Iowa Hawkeye student-athletes have been named to the President's Committee on Athletics (PCA) Honor Roll for the 2009-2010 academic year. The PCA annually awards medallions to those student-athletes who maintain a 3.00 cumulative grade point average while earning a varsity letter.

The student-athletes receive different medallions according to the num-

ber of years they have received this honor. BRONZE award winners receive their first PCA award. LIGHT BRONZE recipients are those student-athletes being presented with their second PCA medallion. Three time winners earn the SILVER medallion, while GOLD recipients represent those student-athletes on the PCA honor roll who have maintained a grade point average of 3.00 and

have earned a varsity letter each of the four years they have been at Iowa.

The record number of PCA medallion recipients are to be honored by President Sally Mason, PCA Chair Ellie Herman, Director of Athletics Gary Barta, Associate Director of Athletics Fred Mims and the entire PCA with a banquet in February followed by a half time presentation during a Men's Basketball game.

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# Compliance Updates: Big Ten Conference Adjusts Progress Toward Degree Rules

During the 2009-2010 academic year, the Faculty Athletic Representatives from the eleven members of the Big Ten Conference voted to alter the progress toward degree requirements to be more in line with those of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Both the NCAA and Big Ten Conference now measure progress toward degree through “percentage of degree completion” as opposed to total credit hours earned.



Percentage of degree completion is measured by identifying the number of credit hours remaining to

complete all degree requirements. Although the process of calculating percentage of degree completed is more time consuming than counting earned credit hours, the process helps keep student-athletes on track to graduate in a timely manner while keeping them informed of any specific needs or limits they may have regarding course selection for future terms.

The Big Ten Conference and The University of Iowa, however, maintain higher progress standards than does the NCAA in many areas. All student-athletes at Iowa must enroll in 14 credit hours per term, while the conference and NCAA only require 12. The Big Ten also mandates that a student-athlete must stay within a five-year degree plan as opposed

to the NCAA standard of 4 years of eligibility in a five-year period.

The University of Iowa takes pride in the education of its student-athletes, its standards and successes. It remains steadfast in its dedication to a quality education, diversity and personal growth as well as championship athletic competition. Representing 78 different majors at Iowa,

Hawkeye student-athletes serve as leaders by example for all higher education institutions.



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