

# **GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

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## **Two Earn NCAA Women of the Year Nominations**

SPOKANE, Wash. – Alaska Anchorage track and field athlete Ardrienna Everett and Montana State Billings soccer player Samantha Boehm have been chosen as the Great Northwest Athletic Conference candidates for the 21<sup>st</sup> annual *NCAA Woman of the Year* award.

The award honors senior student-athletes for their collegiate achievements in service, leadership, athletics and academics. Later this summer 30 finalists – 10 from each of the NCAA’s three divisions – will be named. The top nine – three each from Divisions I, II and III - will be honored at the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year dinner in Indianapolis in October.

Everett competed four seasons in track and field, earning three GNAC Academic all-conference awards. This past spring she capped off her career by placing second in the 400-meter hurdles (1:03.07) and eighth in the 100 hurdles (15.39) in the conference meet.

Everett (Wasilla, AK) had season-best times of 14.58 and 1:02.29 in the two hurdle races. Those marks rank ninth and fifth, respectively, in GNAC history.

In addition to starring for the UAA track and field team, Everett was also a member of the school’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) each of the past three years, serving as the president of the group for the past two years. As president she was also UAA’s representative on the GNAC SAAC.

A member of UAA’s Dean’s list in five of her eight semesters at the university, the English major compiled a 3.41 GPA. She was also the recipient of the UAA Martin Luther King Leadership award in 2010 and 2011.

Among her other activities including serving as a peer mentor and participating in the school’s “Reading with the Seawolves” program. She also participated in UAA’s Student-Athlete Blood Drive and Day of Service programs.

Boehm, who earlier this week was named the 2010-11 GNAC Sportsmanship award winner, played in 68 games, starting 64 as a defender. This past fall she was a first team GNAC all-conference selection and was an honorable mention selection in 2009.

Boehm, who served as the MSUB team captain in each of the past two seasons, led the Yellowjackets to three NSCAA Team Ethics awards, including two Silver awards (2008 and 2010) and one Bronze (2009).

She was also a two-time “Quest for Excellence” award winner. The award goes to the player who goes above and beyond in demonstrating teamwork, hard work, dedication, discipline and passion to the MSUB soccer program.

Off the field, Boehm spearheaded a campaign for the Make-A-Wish Foundation that raised over \$1,100. Academically, the fifth-year student from Wilsonville, Ore., earned a Master’s degree in public relations with a GPA of 3.73 earning third team NSCAA Scholar All-America honors.

Boehm, who was selected as one of two MSUB Female Student-Athletes of the Year for 2010-11, was also a three-time GNAC academic all-star selection and was a COSIDA/ESPN The Magazine third team academic all-region selection in 2009. Six times she made MSUB’s Dean’s List.

She was also a member of the MSUB SAAC Committee and was the school’s 2011 Co-Op Internship Student of the Year. In 2010 she was also selected to attend the NCAA Division II Leadership academy.

## Previous GNAC Nominees

2005-06	Jessica Telleria, Western Washington (Track and Field)
2006-07	*Ana Gutierrez, Seattle University (Soccer) Mandy Kaempf, Alaska Anchorage (Ski, Cross Country and Track & Field)
2007-08	Courtney Schneider, Western Washington (Volleyball) Jackie Thomas, Seattle University (Basketball)
2008-09	*Ashley Puga, Northwest Nazarene (Cross Country and Track & Field) Claire Grubb, Seattle Pacific (Soccer)
2009-10	*Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific (Cross Country and Track & Field) Tamar Gruwell, Alaska Anchorage (Basketball) *Audrey Coon, Western Washington (Rowing)
2010-11	Samantha Boehm, Montana State Billings (Soccer) Ardrienna Everett, Alaska Anchorage (Track and Field)

**Note:** Beginning in 2005-06, nominations for NCAA Woman of the Year were coordinated through conference offices. Prior to 2005-06, nominations were made individually by schools with one winner named from each state. \*Among 30 finalists.