

# GREAT NORTHWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

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## Fifty-One Named to GNAC Academic Basketball Teams

SPOKANE - A total of 51 student-athletes, including 32 women and 19 men, have been named to the 2008-09 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Basketball Academic all-conference team.

Three of the academic all-stars have perfect 4.00 GPAs- Grace Milliken of Alaska Fairbanks, Quinn Halverson of Montana State Billings and Mike Barton of MSUB. Six others have GPAs of 3.90 or better including Nicole Bozek of UAF; Kayla Ryan of MSUB; Louie Beech of NNU, and Dara Zack, Jamey Gelhar and Roni Jo Mielke, all of Saint Martin's.

Saint Martin's placed the most players on the academic teams with a total of 10, including seven women and three men. Northwest Nazarene has nine all-stars, including a league-best four men and five women. Alaska Fairbanks has eight academic all-stars and Montana State Billings has six.

Ten players – Sheena Brown and Cristina Bruketta of Alaska Fairbanks; Johnny Spevak and Hilary Tanneberg of Central Washington; Mallory Whipple of Northwest Nazarene; Jake Linton of Saint Martin's; Lexi Schaar of Seattle Pacific; Tyler Blok of Western Oregon, and Calin Schell and David Brittenen of Western Washington – made the team for the third year in a row. Thirteen other players – five men and eight women – were repeaters from last year.

To be eligible for the academic team, student-athletes must earn a letter, have a minimum grade point average of 3.20 and be in at least their second year of competition at their university.

### GNAC 2008-09 ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

#### Men

Mike Anderson, UAF (Political Science, So., 3.24, Anchorage, AK)  
\*Mladen Begojevic, UAF (Accounting, Sr., 3.39, Ruma, Serbia)  
Nashorn Maynard, UAF (Computer Science, So., 3.20, Saint Paul's, Saint Kitts)  
\*\*Johnny Spevak, CWU (Sr., 3.63, Accounting, Edgewood, WA)  
Jake Beitinger, CWU (Sr., 3.28, English, Port Orchard, WA)  
\*Mike Barton, MSU Billings (Chemistry/Biology, Jr., 4.00, Havre, MT)  
\*Louie Beech, NNU (Spanish and Biology, Jr., 3.94, Nampa, ID)  
\*Kendall Gielow, NNU (Business Administration, Jr., 3.35, Medford, OR)  
Joel Ryman, NNU (Public Communications, Sr., 3.47, Spokane, WA)  
Adam Shildmyer, NNU (Pre-Physical Therapy, Sr., 3.82, Bremerton, WA)  
Nick Smith, SMU (Engineering, So., 3.56, Tumwater, WA)  
\*\*Jake Linton, SMU (Business, Sr., 3.29, Lynnwood, WA)  
Bill Richardson, SMU (Engineering, Sr., 3.26, Shelton, WA)  
\*Casey Reed, SPU (Business Administration, Sr., 3.45, Canby, OR)  
Sam Kelly, Western Oregon (Exercise Science, Sr., 3.46, Salem, OR)  
\*\*Tyler Blok, Western Oregon (Business, Sr., 3.44, Banks, OR)  
\*\*Calin Schell, WWU (Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Sr., 3.71, Chelan, WA)

Anthony Wiederkehr, WWU (Communications, So., 3.50, Lakewood, WA)  
\*\*David Brittain, WWU (Biology/Anthropology, Sr., 3.38, Hoquiam, WA)

#### Women

Nikki Aden, UAA (Journalism & PR, So., 3.58, Portland, OR – West Linn)  
Grace Milliken, UAF (Accounting, So., 4.00, Healy, AK)  
Nicole Bozek, UAF (Accounting, So., 3.92, Mukilteo, WA)  
\*\*Cristina Bruketta, UAF (Child Development & Family Services, Sr., 3.57, Ellensburg, WA – Kittitas)  
\*\*Sheena Brown, UAF (Psychology, Sr., 3.41, Fairbanks, AK)  
\*Megan Thigpen, UAF (Business Administration, Jr., 3.26, Spokane, WA)  
Tanna Radtke, CWU (Sr., 3.56, Public Relations/Fashion Merchandising, Redmond, WA)  
\*\*Hilary Tanneberg, CWU (Sr., 3.39, Accounting, Issaquah, WA)  
LeeAna Busch, CWU (Jr., 3.34, Physical Education, Bellingham, WA)  
Quinn Halverson, MSUB (Biology, So., 4.00, Shepherd, MT)  
Kayla Ryan, MSUB (Education, So., 3.94, Big Timber, MT)  
\*Jen Smith, MSUB (Elementary Education & Health, Sr., 3.64, Belgrade, MT)  
\*Alira Carpenter, MSUB (Molecular Biology, Sr., 3.57, Lewiston, MT)

Kayla McPherson, MSUB (Mass Communications, Sr., 3.29, Glendive, MT)  
\*Lindsay Brady, NNU (Psychology, Jr., 3.55, Boise, ID)  
Heather Craig, NNU (Biology, So., 3.80, Fairbanks, AK)  
Kristin Hein, NNU (Special Education, Jr., 3.23, Tualatin, OR)  
\*Brittney Roggenkamp, NNU (Graphic Design, Jr., 3.53, LaCenter, WA)  
\*\*Mallory Whipple, NNU (Liberal Studies, Sr., 3.40, Redmond, OR)  
Dara Zack, SMU (Education, So., 3.97, Spokane, WA)  
\*Jamey Gelhar, SMU (Business, Jr., 3.95, Brush Prairie, WA)  
Roni Jo Mielke, SMU (Biology, So., 3.93, Harrington, WA)  
Michelle Short, SMU (Education, Sr., 3.83, Wenatchee, WA)  
Katee Nauert, SMU (Biology, Sr., 3.83, Spokane, WA)

\*Megan Busch, SMU (Math, Jr., 3.63, Bellingham, WA)  
Katie Hawkins, SMU (English, Jr., 3.63, Yakima, WA)  
Maddie Maloney, SPU (Psychology/Business, So., 3.82, Issaquah, WA)  
\*Daesha Henderson, SPU (Biology, Jr., 3.50, Snohomish, WA)  
Kelsey Burns, SPU (Psychology, Sr., 3.48, Seattle, WA)  
\*\*Lexi Schaar, SPU (European Studies-Linguistics, Sr., 3.32, Crookston, MN)  
Whitney Chase, Western Oregon (Undeclared, So., 3.25, Beavercreek, OR)  
Shayla Corder, Western Oregon (Communications, Jr., 3.57, Roseburg, OR)

\*Repeater \*\*Two-time repeater