

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM
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**WASHINGTON STATE'S ERIC DUDLEY
HEADS VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® UNIVERSITY
DIVISION MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM**

Towson, Md. – Senior **Eric Dudley** (Bellingham, Wash.) of Washington State University, one of the top hurdlers in NCAA Division I, has been named as the Academic All-American of the Year as he tops an impressive list of selections to the 2002-2003 Verizon Academic All-America® University Division Men's Cross Country and Track team.

A graduate student using up his final year of eligibility, Dudley has a perfect 4.0 grade point average in graduate school. A mechanical engineering major, he had a 3.97 G.P.A. as an undergraduate. The winner of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship as well as a Pacific-10 Conference Postgraduate Scholarship, Dudley was the 400-hurdles champion in Pacific-10 Conference in 2001. He was an All-American in 2001 as well as a Verizon Academic All-American first team selection. He will compete in the NCAA Outdoor Championship Meet.

Dudley is one of ten members of the 17-person Verizon Academic All-American first team with a cumulative G.P.A. above 3.90. Senior **Jonathan Brims** (Musselbrook, Australia) of Stony Brook, senior **Ryan Gorman** (New Braunfels, Texas) of Southwest Texas State, senior **Christopher Hess** (Glendale, Wis.) of the University of Wisconsin, senior Jon Kelley (Excelsior Springs, Mo.), senior **Brian Rohrer** (Vancouver, Wash.) of Alabama all made the first team with perfect 4.0 G.P.A.'s.

In addition, junior **Adam Davis** (Spring, Tex.) of Rice University was named to the first team with a 4.018 G.P.A. Davis, the Western Athletic Conference champion in the 800-meter run, has a double major in Economics and Kinesiology. He was also a member of the WAC champion 4x400 relay team.

Davis was one of five first team selections who moved up from the second team last year. Senior **Daniel Conti** (Hubbardston, Mass.) of Holy Cross, senior **Nickie Peters** (Belmont Village, St. Vincent) of Coppin State College, graduate student **Luke Watson** (Stillwater, Minn.) of Notre Dame and Rohrer of Alabama all made first team this season.

The University of Oregon was the only school with more than one student-athlete on the Academic All-America first team. Junior **Ryan Andrus** (Orem, Utah) and senior **Santiago Lorenzo** (Buenos Aires, Argentina) represented the Ducks. A Business major with a 3.98 G.P.A., Andrus was an All-American in cross country in addition to qualifying for the NCAA Championships in the 10,000-run. Lorenzo, an Exercise and Movement major with a 3.81 G.P.A., won the NCAA Championship in the decathlon in 2001.

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