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Wisconsin's Brown & Redlands' Nugent Head
2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®
Men's Cross Country/Track & Field Teams

NOTRE DAME, Ind. – Graduate students Nathan Brown of the University of Wisconsin and Fritz Nugent of the University of Redlands (Calif.) earned top honors on the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®* Men's Cross Country/Track & Field Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Brown, a medical school student from Madison, Wis. who carries a 3.98 grade point average, is a three-time *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American* (2005–07). He is a four-time NCAA Championship qualifier in the heptathlon (indoor) and decathlon (outdoor) and was the 2006 Big 10 Conference champion in both events. He also earned Academic All-Big 10 honors four times.

Nugent, a Tinley Park, Ill. native, owns a 3.67 GPA and is pursuing a master's degree in education. He was a studio art major as an undergraduate. The 2006 second team *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American®* grabbed the brass ring in '07 by winning the NCAA Division III decathlon championship with a school-record 7,199 points.

Twelve of the 15 members of the University Division first team earned Academic All-America honors in 2006. In addition to Brown, Donovan Kilmartin (Texas) and Galen Rupp (Oregon) were repeat first team selections. Chris Helwick (Tennessee), Greg Libel (North Dakota State), Nate Probasco (Nebraska), Heath Smith (North Texas) and Joe Detmer (Wisconsin) were second team selections in '06.

Wisconsin and Tennessee led the University Division schools with three Academic All-Americans each in 2007. In addition to first teamers Brown and Detmer, Tim Nelson earned second team honors for Wisconsin. For Tennessee, joinin first teamer Chris Helwick were second team selection Jangy Addy and third-team pick Jeff Day.

There were 14 repeat Academic All-Americans on the College Division teams, which feature student-athletes from NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA schools. Seven of those winners were repeat first team selections, including Gordon Coffin and Jed Droge (Nebraska Wesleyan), James Hajek and Jesus Solis (Adams State), Stephen Hrdina (Case Western Reserve University), Harrison Jorritsma (Calvin College) and John Mercuri (University of Scranton).

Nugent, Nathan Bates (Wabash College), and Evan Night (Nebraska Wesleyan) each made the jump from second team '06 to first team in '07.

Adams State, Nebraska Wesleyan and the Rochester Institute of Technology led the College Division with three Academic All-Americans each. Nebraska Wesleyan was the only school to have three first team student-athletes in '07.

Adams State and Wisconsin each had two first team selections. All three of R.I.T.'s winners (Stephen Burns, Kevin Smith and Andrews Varble) were third-team selections.

The Academic All-America® program annually honors over 1600 student-athletes who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA (the College Sports Information Directors of America), a 2,000-member organization consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Since the

program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America® honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

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FIRST TEAM						
Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major(s)
Jesson Baumgartner	SOUTHERN UTAH	VIII	Sr.	Cedar City, Utah	3.89	Chemistry
Keith Bechtol	WILLIAM & MARY	III	Sr.	Alexandria, Va.	3.96	Physics
Martin Bingisser	WASHINGTON	VIII	Gr.	Bellevue, Wash.	3.87	Philosophy/law school
Nathan Brown	WISCONSIN	V	Gr.	Madison, Wis.	3.98	Biochemistry/Medical School
Thomas Chamney	NOTRE DAME	V	Sr.	Tipperary, Ireland	3.56	English
Joe Detmer	WISCONSIN	V	Sr.	Lodi, Wis.	3.60	Computer Engineering
Erik Heinonen	COLORADO	VII	Sr.	Eugene, Ore.	3.98	News Editorial/Anthropology
Chris Helwick	TENNESSEE	IV	Sr.	Greeley, Colo.	3.72	Economics
Donovan Kilmartin	TEXAS	VI	Sr.	Eagle, Idaho	3.49	Petroleum Engineering
Barnabas Kirui	MISSISSIPPI	VI	So.	Kaplong, Kenya	3.69	Banking and Finance
Greg Liebl	NORTH DAKOTA STATE	VII	Jr.	Montevideo, Minn.	4.00	Business Administration
Nate Probasco	NEBRASKA	VII	Gr.	Scribner, Neb.	3.78	History
Galen Rupp	OREGON	VIII	Jr.	Portland, Ore.	3.93	Business
Heath Smith	NORTH TEXAS	VI	Sr.	Lake Dallas, Texas	4.0	Criminal Justice
Issar Yazhbin	NEBRASKA	VII	Sr.	Yavne, Israel	4.00	Biological Systems Engineering
SECOND TEAM						
Jangy Addy	TENNESSEE	IV	Jr.	Norcross, Ga.	3.52	Journalism/Electronic Media
Egor Agafonov	KANSAS	VII	Jr.	Sarapul, Russia	3.58	Economics
Tim Bayley	IONA	I	Gr.	Brighton, England	3.81	Journalism
Michael Breshears	OKLAHOMA STATE	VI	Gr.	Excelsior Springs, Mo.	4.00	Economics/Administration
				Management/MBA		
				, MBA		
Tyler Dailey	MISSOURI	VII	Sr.	Joplin, Mo.	3.76	Biology (Pre-Med)
Bret Ferrier	WEBER STATE	VIII	Jr.	Winnemucca, Nev.	3.97	Computer Engineering Technology
Javier Garcia-Tunon	FLORIDA STATE	III	Jr.	Miami, Fla.	4.00	Business Management
David Kinsella	PORTLAND	VIII	Jr.	Redmond, Wash.	3.96	Biology
Tom Lancashire	FLORIDA STATE	III	Sr.	Bolton, England	3.93	Exercise Science
Dan McKenzie	SOUTH CAROLINA	III	Sr.	Salisbury, Maryland	3.93	Chemical Engineering
Tim Nelson	WISCONSIN	V	Sr.	Palo Cedro, Calif.	3.32	Communication Arts
Michael Niemi	U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY	II	Sr.	Duluth, Minn.	3.94	Systems Engineering
Todd Ptacek	NOTRE DAME (IN)	V	Sr.	Benton Harbor, Mich.	3.80	Mechanical Engineering
Rory Quiller	BINGHAMTON	I	Sr.	West Point, N.Y.	3.66	Psychology
Philip Rickaby	KENT STATE	IV	Sr.	N.S.W., Australia	4.00	Exercise Science
Kevin Sullivan	VIRGINIA MILITARY INST.	III	Jr.	Nokesville, Va.	3.99	Computer Science
THIRD TEAM						
Jason Bill	ILLINOIS	V	Sr.	Buda, Ill.	3.78	Community Health
Russell Brown	STANFORD	VIII	Jr.	Hanover, N.H.	3.44	Political Science
John Crews	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	III	Jr.	Glasgow, Virginia	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Jeff Day	TENNESSEE	IV	Sr.	Springfield, Va.	3.90	Sport Management
Andrew Dumm	VIRGINIA	III	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.	3.58	Foreign Affairs
Michael Duncan	WESTERN KENTUCKY	IV	Jr.	Henderson, Ky.	4.00	Physical Education (Teaching)
Drew Eckman	VILLANOVA	II	Sr.	Oxford, Pa.	3.62	Biology
Fleet Hower	GEORGETOWN	II	Gr.	Marion, Va.	3.40	English and Liberal Studies
Jeremy Johnson	NEW MEXICO	VI	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	3.67	Mathematics
Rob Kerris	DARTMOUTH	I	Sr.	Elysburg, Pa.	3.76	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
David Nightingale	PRINCETON	II	Jr.	West Hartford, Conn.	3.43	Politics
Joe Samaniuk	VIRGINIA TECH	III	Sr.	Rexford, N.Y.	3.92	Chemical Engineering
Daniel Strackeljahn	EASTERN ILLINOIS	V	Sr.	Highland, Ill.	3.91	Career & Technical Education
Tibor Vegh	NORHT CAROLINA STATE	III	Jr.	Szekesiehervar, Hungary	4.00	Economics

Academic All-America® of the Year: Nathan Brown, Wisconsin

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Nathan Bates	WABASH	V	Sr.	Ossian, Ind.	3.91	Psychology
Gordon Coffin	NEBRASKA WESLEYAN	VII	Sr.	Osceola, Neb.	3.95	Communication Studies
Jed Droge	NEBRASKA WESELYAN	VII	Sr.	Pawnee City, Neb.	3.78	Athletic Training/Exercise Science
James Hajek	ADAMS STATE	VII	Sr.	Tucson, Ariz.	4.00	Sociology/Criminology
Stephen Hrinda	CASE RESERVE	IV	Gr.	Fairview, Pa.	4.00	Business Administration/Public policy
Harrison Jorritsma	CALVIN	IV	Sr.	Beamsville, Ontario	4.00	Accounting
Evan Knight	NEBRASKA WESELYAN	VII	Jr.	Keystone, Neb.	3.99	History/Spanish
Andrew Leuenberger	GROVE CITY	II	Sr.	West Middlesex, Pa.	3.98	Molecular Biology
John Mercuri	SCRANTON	II	Sr.	Moscow, Pa.	3.97	Biology/Philosophy
Tanner Miest	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	V	Sr.	Willmar, Minn.	3.96	Biology
Fritz Nugent	REDLANDS	VIII	Gr.	Tinley Park, Ill.	3.67	Studio Art/Master of Arts in Education
Jesus Solis	ADAMS STATE	VII	Sr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	3.90	History/Government/English
Ryan TerLouw	HOPE	IV	Sr.	Pella, Iowa	3.73	Chemistry
Kyle Warren	CONCORDIA (MN)	V	Sr.	Savage, Minn.	4.00	Biology
Alex Zupan	GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS	V	Sr.	Monona, Wis.	4.00	Mathematics/Music
SECOND TEAM						
Kevin Balster	WARTBURG	VII	Sr.	Monticello, Iowa	3.93	Mathematics/Math Education
Ben Bollard	CENTRAL	VII	Sr.	Pella, Iowa	3.78	Computer Science
Kenneth Bowling	OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN	VI	Sr.	Brookline, Mo.	3.57	Mathematics Education
Jeremy Burnham	RENSSELAER POLY	I	Sr.	East Windsor, Conn.	3.85	Chemical Engineering
Vernon Chaplin	SWARTHMORE	II	Sr.	Indian Springs, Ala.	3.94	Honors Astrophysics
Marco Dozzi	ALLEGHENY	II	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.71	Philosophy/Religious studies
Chris Erichsen	SAINT JOHN'S (MN)	V	Jr.	Spring Valley, Minn.	3.73	Economics
Travis Harris	WILLAMETTE	VIII	Sr.	Bellingham, Wash.	3.99	Chemistry
Brian Harvey	CARNEGIE MELLON	II	So.	Ellicott City, Md.	4.00	Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering.
Michael Hoffman	STEVENS INST. TECH.	II	Jr.	Franklin Township, N.J.	3.99	Biomedical Engineering
Kim Hogarth	WESTERN STATE	VII	So.	Nelson, New Zealand	4.00	Psychology
Rich Luettchau	RICHARD STOCKTON	II	Sr.	Middlesex N.J.	3.96	History
Thomas Reives	ROSE-HULMAN	V	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.97	Mechanical Engineering
Kyle Steiner	WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT	V	Sr.	Grafton, Wis.	3.79	Biology
Jason Werling	TIFFIN	IV	Sr.	Harrod, Ohio	3.97	Accounting
THIRD TEAM						
Steve Blum	COAST GUARD	I	Jr.	Farmington, Conn.	3.50	Civil Engineering
Stephen Burns	ROCHESTER INST. TECH.	I	Jr.	Newmarket, Ontario	3.83	Business
Matt Busche	LUTHER	VII	Sr.	Wauwatosa, Wis.	3.78	Management
Colte Haines	SOUTH DAKOTA	VII	Jr.	White Lake, S.D.	3.91	Math/Computer science
Trevor Palmer	SOUTHERN OREGON	VIII	Sr.	Central Point, Ore.	3.78	Psychology
Adam Pennington	NORTH CENTRAL	V	Jr.	Sandwich, Ill.	3.63	Finance
Nate Pieper	MINNESOTA STATE-MANKATO	V	Jr.	Rubicon, Wis.	3.89	Pre-Civil Engineering
Zach Rodgers	CHICAGO	V	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn.	3.94	Biology/Chemistry/Physics
Kevin Smith	ROCHESTER INST. TECH.	I	Sr.	Hamburg, N.Y.	3.89	Mechanical Engineering
Ben Spaun	WHITWORTH	VIII	Jr.	Wenatchee, Wash.	3.99	Physics
Jon Stoehr	MARS HILL	III	Sr.	Antigo, Wis.	3.91	Physical Education
Jake Streeter	ADAMS STATE	VII	Sr.	Alamosa, Colo.	3.62	History/Government/Social Studies Education
Andrew Varble	ROCHESTER INST. TECH.	I	Sr.	Rochester, N.Y.	3.94	Biotechnology
Justin Walters	MUSKINGUM	IV	Jr.	Pickerington, Ohio	4.00	Economics
Omar Wiggan	ST. AUGUSTINE'S	III	Jr.	St. Ann, Jamaica	3.74	Human Performance & Wellness

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