

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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Michigan's Gallo, Whitworth's Shields Head 2003-04 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Women's Track Team

WALTHAM, Mass. – Seniors Lindsay Gallo (Freehold, N.J.) of the University of Michigan and Kristen Shields (Grand Coulee, Wash.) of Whitworth College, both of whom have perfect 4.0 grade point averages for their collegiate career, head the 2003-04 Academic All-America® Women's Track team, which was announced today by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Gallo, a business major, earned All-America honors at the 2004 NCAA Outdoor Championships with a fourth-place finish in the 1500 meters. Earlier in the spring, she won the 1500 at the NCAA Mid-East Regional with her time of 4:11.27 second best in school history, and became the fourth female to win both the 800 and 1500 at the Big Ten Outdoor Championships. She earned a pair of All-America honors indoors, including the mile after a sixth-place finish at the nationals.

Shields, who achieved her 4.0 as a mathematics major, was the NCAA Division III national champion in the 100 meters, and also an All-American in the 200 after placing sixth in that event at the meet. She set school records in both the 100, with her 11.70 the best in Division III this year, and the 200 (25.06), and also qualified for the nationals in the 4x100 relay. At Whitworth, Shields was the recipient of the Spurlock Award and the President's Cup Award.

Remarkably, exactly half of the 30 first-team honorees own perfect 4.0 GPA, and 12 others are at 3.9 or better. Of the 15 with 4.0's, 10 were seniors in 2003-04 and two others were graduate students. Combined, the average GPA for the 30 first-teamers was an incredible 3.935!

The 2003-04 Academic All-America women's track first teams include five NCAA national champions, including Shields. Among the five is senior Liz Woodworth (Marinette, Wis.) of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, who captured both the 800 and 1500 while leading her team to the Division III crown.

The others are Laura Gerraughty (Nashua, N.H.) of the University of North Carolina (shot put, Div. I), Rachel Goetz (Ottawa, Kan.) of Emporia State (shot, Div. II), Karyn McCready (Johnstown, Pa.) of Slippery Rock University (javelin, Div. II), and Raegan Schultz (Barnum, Iowa) of Central College (heptathlon, Div. III).

Five women are making their second straight appearance on the Academic All-America first team. They are Michelle Carson (Winnepeg, Mani.) of Michigan State, Abbey Elsberry (Meridian, Idaho) of Boise State, Marissa Clapp (Charlton, Mass.) of Springfield College, Kate Hamera (Easton, Mo.) of the University of Missouri-Rolla, and Amanda Laytham (Otego, N.Y.) of Ithaca College.

The complete list of student-athletes named to the Academic All-America Women's Track Team is attached.



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The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually 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 consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Division I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or email rlipe@bentley.edu.

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2003-04 CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM (UNIVERSITY DIVISION)

FIRST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Christine Ahn	Colorado State	Sr.	Santa Monica, Calif.	4.00/Psychology
Emma Allvin	New Mexico State	Sr.	Gavle, Sweden	4.00/Sociology
Amanda Bales	Missouri	Jr.	Bettendorf, Iowa	3.91/Physical Therapy
Allison Beckford	Rice	Sr.	Westmoreland, Jamaica	3.49/Kinesiology
Michelle Carson	Michigan State	Sr.	Winnipeg, Manitoba	3.95/Dietetics
Kim Clark	Kansas	Jr.	Elkhorn, Neb.	4.00/Biochemistry
Tia DeSoto	Nebraska	Sr.	Santa Rosa, Calif.	4.00/Anthropology
Abbey Elsberry	Boise State	Gr.	Meridian, Idaho	4.00/Physical Education
Lindsey Gallo	Michigan	Sr.	Freehold, N.J.	4.00/Business
Laura Gerraughty	North Carolina	Jr.	Nashua, N.H.	3.54/Biology
Audrey Giesler	Indiana	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill.	3.98/Biology (Pre-Medicine)
Jenny Lake	South Carolina	Jr.	Geneseo, Ill.	4.00/Math / Pre-Medicine
Celly Martinez	Georgia	Sr.	Naucalpan, Mexico	3.95/Economics & Political Science
Gisele Oliveira	Clemson	Jr.	Porto Alegre, Brazil	3.95/Management
Maureen Scott	Arkansas	So.	Mahomet, Ill.	4.00/Kinesiology

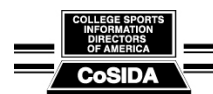
SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Jenny Bybee	Missouri	Jr.	Springfield, Mo.	4.00/Human Development
Janice Ezegbunam	Southeastern Louisiana	Sr.	Nassau, Bahamas	4.00/Accounting
Ann Gaffigan	Nebraska	Sr.	Springfield, Ill.	3.88/Computer Science
Beth Heimann	Kentucky	Sr.	Germantown, Ill.	3.71/Elementary Education
Jessica Johnson	Arkansas	Sr.	Southlake, Texas	3.76/Pre-Veterinary
Lauren King	Notre Dame	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario	3.40/Biology
Andrea Kremer	Miami (Ohio)	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.74/Mathematics
Jamie Krzyminski	Michigan State	Sr.	Corunna, Mich.	3.92/Finance
Danielle McNaney	Liberty	Jr.	Gardner, Kan.	4.00/Secondary Math Education
Lindsey Metcalf	BYU	Jr.	Orem, Utah	3.90/Early Childhood Education
Marlies Overbeeke	Virginia Tech	Sr.	Rotterdam, Netherlands	3.80/Sociology
Alice Schmidt	North Carolina	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.58/Journalism & Political Science
Lindsey Stefan	Saint Francis (Pa.)	Sr.	Homer City, Pa.	3.83/Self-Design
Erin Sutton	Southwest Missouri St.	Jr.	Willard, Mo.	4.00/Biology
Stephanie Ward	Tennessee Tech	Sr.	Wilmington, N.C.	4.00/English/Spanish

THIRD TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Jennifer Burke	Southeast Missouri St.	Sr.	Wright City, Mo.	4.00/Health Management
Jeanna Fascione	Kent State	Jr.	North Royalton, Ohio	4.00/Exercise Physiology
Petra Forsberg	Arkansas-Little Rock	Sr.	Ostervala, Sweden	4.00/Accounting
Blake Gordon	Stephen F. Austin	Gr.	Gladewater, Texas	3.83/Biology
Stephanie Hart	Southern Utah	Sr.	Cedar City, Utah	4.00/Elementary Education
Sharonda Johnson	Charlotte	So.	Raleigh, N.C.	3.87/Chemistry
Kristal Kostiew	Vermont	Sr.	Northwood, N.H.	3.54/Physical Education
Kirsten Larwin	Oregon	Sr.	Eugene, Ore.	3.89/French
Desiree Leek	UC Santa Barbara	Jr.	La Jolla, Calif.	3.94/Biology
Micki Logue	UNC Asheville	Sr.	Cary, N.C.	3.94/Physics & Mathematics
Megan McCoin	Baylor	Sr.	Houston, Texas	4.00/Biology (Pre-Medicine)
Megan Manthe	Kansas	Jr.	Anoka, Minn.	4.00/Biochemistry
Rebekah Potts	Furman	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.	4.00/Chemistry
Natalie Quilter	Southern Utah	Sr.	Kearns, Utah	4.00/Geography
Shana Robinson	Tulsa	Sr.	Tulsa, Okla.	3.88/Exercise Sport Science (Pre-Med)

Academic All-America Team Member of the Year: Lindsay Gallo, Univ. of Michigan



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2003-2004 VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® WOMEN'S TRACK TEAM (COLLEGE DIVISION)

FIRST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR(S)
Marissa Clapp	Springfield	Sr.	Charlton, Mass.	3.95/Sports management
Allison Donnelly	Stevens Tech	Gr.	Wyckoff, N.J.	4.0/Engineering mgt., systems engineering
Manda Geerts	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Morrison, Ill.	4.00/Communication sciences and disorders
Rachel Goetz	Emporia State	Sr.	Ottawa, Kan.	3.93/Economics
Kate Hamera	Missouri-Rolla	Sr.	Easton, Mo.	4.00/Aerospace engineering
Heather Hamilton	Minnesota-Duluth	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.	4.0/Psychology, women's studies
Emily Herring	Wilmington (Ohio)	Sr.	Harpster, Ohio	4.0/Secondary English education
Amanda Laytham	Ithaca	Sr.	Otego, N.Y.	3.995/Exercise science
Karyn McCready	Slippery Rock	Sr.	Johnstown, Pa.	3.91/Health and physical education
Gina Morgan	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	4.00/Biology
Raegan Schultz	Central	Sr.	Barnum, Iowa	3.91/Business management
Kristen Shields	Whitworth	Sr.	Grand Coulee, Wash.	4.00/Mathematics
Mary Still	Missouri Southern State	Sr.	Carthage, Mo.	3.98/English, psychology
Laura Verdegan	Wisconsin-Stout	Jr.	Tony, Wis.	3.991/Dietetics
Liz Woodworth	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Sr.	Marinette, Wis.	3.627/Medical technology

SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR(S)
Martha Buckley	Mass. Inst. Tech.	Sr.	Washington, D.C.	3.90/Mathematics, physics
Melanie Cluss	Denison	Sr.	Uniontown, Pa.	3.87/Physics
Langhan Dee	Mount Holyoke	Sr.	St. Paul, Minn.	3.57/Mathematics
Katie Eckley	Abilene Christian	Jr.	Cottonwood, Calif.	3.79/Education
Kelly Foley	Wartburg	Sr.	Tipton, Iowa	3.99/Psychology
Janelle Goeres	George Fox	Sr.	Gold Hill, Ore.	4.00/Elementary education
Laura Hamilton	Calvin	Jr.	Downers Grove, Ill.	3.91/Chemical engineering
Julie Hufnagel	Denison	Sr.	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3.94/Physics
Carissa VanGundy Marshall	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Americus, Kan.	4.00/Recreation
Kay Mikolajczak	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Sr.	Franklin, Wis.	3.925/Biology
Leslie Nelson	Whitworth	Sr.	Omak, Wash.	3.98/English
Jessica Pentz	Indiana (Pa.)	Gr.	Indiana, Pa.	4.0/Exercise science
Melissa St. Clair	Elizabethtown	Jr.	Chambersburg, Pa.	3.86/Communications
Emily Shoop	Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.)	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.	4.0/Finance
Kelly Stewart	Shippensburg	Sr.	Glenmoore, Pa.	3.941/Psychology

THIRD TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR(S)
Kristin Anderson	Central Missouri State	Jr.	Richfield, Ohio	3.96/Marketing
Elizabeth Canfield	Rochester	Sr.	Pittsford, N.Y.	3.91/French
Kylee Daeger	Heidelberg	Sr.	Van Wert, Ohio	4.0/Accounting, public relations
Anna Doherty	Cornell (Iowa)	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.	4.00/English, Spanish
Maria Ewersmann	S. Illinois-Edwardsville	Sr.	St. Paul, Mo.	4.00/Speech pathology
Val Gorter	Abilene Christian	Jr.	Byron Center, Mich.	3.75/English
Kristin Igielski	Carroll (Wis.)	Sr.	Waukesha, Wis.	3.836/Nursing
Jessie Lair	Calvin	Sr.	West Bloomfield, Mich.	3.70/Education, art
Carrie Larsen	Pacific Lutheran	Sr.	Bellingham, Wash.	3.96/Computer science, Spanish
Rebecca Lock	Rensselaer Poly. Inst.	Jr.	Ellsworth, Maine	3.96/Biochemistry and biophysics
Kim Marino	Richard Stockton	Sr.	Middletown, N.J.	3.485/History, education
Laura Matsen	Whitman	Sr.	Seattle, Wash.	3.714/Biology
Abbey Oshel	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Clay Center, Kan.	3.97/Biology (pre-medicine)
Nicole Robinson	Indianapolis	Sr.	Royal Center, Ind.	4.000/Human biology (pre-medicine)
Chelsea Smith	Brigham Young-Hawaii	So.	Mead, Wash.	3.86/Exercise and sport science
Penny Welchel	Henderson State	Sr.	Texarkana, Texas	4.00/Family & consumer science

Academic All-America of the Year: Kristen Shields, Whitworth

