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Record Number of Student Athletes Named Academic All-Americans

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NEWS



BLOOMINGTON, III. — A school-record number of Illinois Wesleyan University students have been recognized for their high achievement in both athleticism and academics, with 10 Titans named as Academic All-Americans for the 2023-24 school year.

The Academic All-America program, managed by the College Sports Communicators (CSC), honors student-athletes for their excellence in both sports and academics. Nominees for Academic All-America awards must meet high athletic standards and hold a 3.50 cumulative GPA or higher. CSC recognizes Academic All-America teams consisting of student-athletes participating at all levels of NCAA competition, as well as NAIA, NJCAA and U Sports.

"These 10 student-athletes — and all of our Academic All-Americans throughout the years embody the commitment to excellence in academics, their respective sports and the community that Illinois Wesleyan University is all about," said IWU Athletic Director Mike Wagner. "These student-athletes have excelled in the classroom, embracing the academic rigor offered at IWU on a daily basis, while also competing for conference and national championships."

Wagner said this group displays the "and" experience offered at Illinois Wesleyan, where students can pursue multiple passions at one time.

This year's awardees contribute to 160 Academic All-Americans at Illinois Wesleyan since 1970 (67 first-team selections, 45 second-team selections, and 44 third-team selections). Nine Titans were also named Academic All-Americans of the Year. IWU's total ties for 24th across all NCAA Divisions and tenth among Division III.

Illinois Wesleyan's Academic All-Americans recognized during the 2023-24 academic year included: Lauren Huber '25 (women's basketball), Ethan Lowder '24 (men's swimming), Lauren Wong '24 (women's track & field), Analease Chudy '25 (women's cross country/track & field), Lexi Onsrud '24 (at-large - women's golf), Emma Thorman '24 (at-large - women's golf), Ethan Hart '24 (at-large - men's lacrosse), Quinn Clifford '25 (at-large - men's golf), Bobby Beaubien '24 (atlarge - men's golf) and Griffin Pohl '25 (at-large - men's golf).