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Adams State Trio Highlights USTFCCCA Division II Men's All-Academic Track and Field Teams

NEW ORLEANS – Adams State's Aaron Braun, Matthew Gersick and Joshua Streeter, and Abilene Christian's Camille Vandendriessche have been named the 2009 Men's Division II Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Scholar Athletes of the Year, the U.S Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) announced Tuesday.

Braun, Gersick, and Vandendriessche each earned the Scholar Athlete of the Year distinction for the second straight year. In 2008 Braun and Vandendriessche were the outdoor scholar athletes, while Gersick was the indoor field scholar athlete.

OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Adams State's Joshua Streeter is the Outdoor Track Scholar Athlete after winning the 400 meter hurdles at the 2009 Division II Outdoor National Track and Field Championships. He won the event with a time of 51.66. Streeter, a senior, also had a strong showing at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Outdoor Championships as he won the 400 meter dash and finished third overall in the 400 meter hurdles.

Streeter, a native of Alamosa, Colo., is a Theatre Arts major with a 3.750 cumulative grade point average.

Vandendriessche, the 2009 Division II Outdoor Field Scholar Athlete of the Year, won his third straight decathlon title at the Division II national championships with a new personal best of 7,674 points. In winning his third straight multi-event title the senior from Paris, France became the first athlete in NCAA Division II history to win three straight multi-event championships, the third athlete in NCAA history to win three straight multi-event titles, and only the fourth athlete in NCAA history to win three multi-event titles in a career.

Vandendriessche was named the 2009 Lone Star Conference Field Athlete of the Year for his efforts during the 2009 season. At the LSC Outdoor Championships, the senior took home the javelin title with a 195' plus effort. Vandendriessche is a senior with a 3.400 cumulative grade point average majoring in Journalism.

INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Braun, a Fort Collins, Colo. native, earns his second-straight Scholar Athlete of the Year honor, this time for the indoor season. Braun won the national title in the mile (4:10.60) and was second overall in the 5,000 meters (14:15.66). At the RMAC Indoor Championships, Braun finished third in the mile and anchored the winning distance medley relay squad.

Braun was named the USTFCCCA Division II National Track Athlete of the Year and Central Region Track Athlete of the Year for the indoor track and field season. Braun is a senior with a 3.770 cumulative grade point average in Mathematics.

Braun’s teammate, Matt Gersick, also picked up his second straight Scholar Athlete of the Year honor as he was chosen as the 2009 Division II Indoor Field Scholar Athlete of the Year. Gersick, a graduate student at Adams State, has maintained a 3.838 cumulative grade point average overall while studying Human Performance. The 2009 USTFCCCA Division II Central Region Field Athlete of the Year indoors won the national title in the shot put (59’0.25”) and finished third in the weight throw (65’3.25”).

At the RMAC Indoor Championships, Gersick was a double winner in the shot put and weight throw.

In addition to the Scholar Athletes of the Year, the USTFCCCA also announced the men’s Division II All-Academic Track and Field Team. A total of 136 student-athletes representing 56 Division II colleges and universities made up the 2009 All-Academic team.

For the second straight year Grand Valley State led the way with the most student-athletes on the list with seven, followed by Adams State and The University of Findlay with six apiece. For conferences, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference had the most student-athletes on the list with 29 followed by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference with 21, and the RMAC with 17.

The USTFCCCA honors Division II individuals for their academic and athletic achievements during the indoor and outdoor track and field season.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team, the student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have met the NCAA Division II Indoor or Outdoor automatic or provisional qualifying standard in their respective event.

2009 USTFCCCA Division II Men’s All-Academic Track and Field Team:

ATHLETE NAME	INSTITUTION
Aaron Cantrell	Abilene Christian University
Landon Ehlers	Abilene Christian University
James Hardin	Abilene Christian University
Camille Vandendriessche	Abilene Christian University
Aaron Braun	Adams State College
Roy Collins	Adams State College
Luke Cragg	Adams State College
Matthew Gersick	Adams State College
Reuben Mwei	Adams State College
Joshua Streeter	Adams State College
Bailey Ince	Adelphi University
Wade Goode	Angelo State University

Brian Holik	Angelo State University
Chad Schaertl	Angelo State University
Nick Bellanco	Ashland University
Joe Horn	Ashland University
Charles Michael Jeffery	Ashland University
Brian Mozena	Ashland University
Dan Tierney	Ashland University
Elliot Mattingly	Bellarmine University
Zachary Preble	Bemidji State University
Ryan Bertucci	California State University, Chico
Tim Cannon	California State University, Chico
Angel Marquez	California State University, Chico
David Wellman	California State University, Chico
Chris Clark	California University of Pennsylvania
Frank Ehrensberger	California University of Pennsylvania
Charles Kacsur	California University of Pennsylvania
Cameron Bailey	Central Washington University
Tyler Fischer	Central Washington University
Brandon Harrington	Chadron State College
Lanar Newman	Chadron State College
Ryan Shelton	Chadron State College
Aaron Swift	Colorado School of Mines
Adam LeMay	Concordia University, St. Paul
John Pimental	Concordia University, St. Paul
Jaime Villa Zapatero	Drury University
Matt Gallup	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Drew Miller	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Tom Sutor	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Pual Wagner	East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
Ben Hahn	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Barry McLaughlin	Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Alex Pyle	Emporia State University
Kevin Rouhlac	Emporia State University
Mitch Sahlfeld	Fort Hays State University
Aleksas Abromavicius	Grand Valley State University
Witt Anthony	Grand Valley State University
Hammer Chris	Grand Valley State University
Eric Lowe	Grand Valley State University
Smith Nathaniel	Grand Valley State University
Tyler Patterson	Grand Valley State University

Schuster Todd	Grand Valley State University
Jeff Wysong	Hillsdale College
Christian Boutsikaris	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Benjamin Charbonneau	Lake Superior State University
Scott Barnas	Lewis University
Gerald Bascoe	Lincoln University of Missouri
Dwain Bryden	Lincoln University of Missouri
Chris Edelman	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Tim Getz	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Ben McConnell	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Brandon Pomerantz	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Randy Sylvia	Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania
Kenneth Gilkerson	Michigan Technological University
James Boyer	Millersville University of Pennsylvania
James Krajsa	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Ben Mauch	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Dana Schmidt	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Jeremy Soupir	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Seth Hackney	Missouri Southern State University
Heath Groom	Missouri University of Science & Technology
Dan Hellwig	Missouri University of Science & Technology
Jordan Henry	Missouri University of Science & Technology
Drew Harris	Northern Kentucky University
Dallas Beaty	Northwest Nazarene University
Craig Borsenik	Northwood University (Michigan)
Jared Fischer	Northwood University (Michigan)
Sam Watson	Northwood University (Michigan)
Michael Beeler	Pittsburg State University
Ethan Hobbs	Pittsburg State University
Alex Kuhlman	Pittsburg State University
Steve Genter	Saginaw Valley State University
Christopher Copeland	Saint Augustine's College
Jamal Cumberbatch	Saint Augustine's College
Orolando Duffus	Saint Augustine's College
Ramon Gittens	Saint Augustine's College
Chad Meis	Seattle Pacific University
Nate Janusey	Seton Hill University
Josh Wilks	Seton Hill University
Bryan Beegle	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
Joeri Moerman	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania

Michael Rose	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Jimmy Schneider	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Jeff Weiss	Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
Michael Pierce	Southwest Baptist University
Josiah Price	St. Martin's University
Thomas Buxton	Tiffin University
Marcus Johnson	Tiffin University
Jeremy Lee	Tiffin University
Keith Reiter	Tiffin University
Derek Atwood	Truman State University
Alex Van Delft	Truman State University
Coedy Walker	Truman State University
Mick Boyle	University of Alaska Anchorage
David Kiplagat	University of Alaska Anchorage
James Pettigrew	University of Alaska Anchorage
Demetrius Preston	University of Alaska Anchorage
Shaun Ward	University of Alaska Anchorage
Leon Baham	University of California, San Diego
Nick Morilla	University of California, San Diego
Shawn Boss	University of Central Missouri
Kevin Denny	University of Central Missouri
Jaban Moore	University of Central Missouri
Brent Vogal	University of Central Missouri
Simon Bernard	The University of Findlay
James Eric	The University of Findlay
John Guagenti	The University of Findlay
Curtis Hoag	The University of Findlay
Greg Schaible	The University of Findlay
Curtis Smithey	The University of Findlay
Chris Campbell	University of Nebraska at Kearney
Kyle Glidden	University of Nebraska at Kearney
Brandon Karlin	University of Nebraska at Kearney
Brandon Campbell	University of Southern Indiana
Christian Alicea	University of the Incarnate Word
George Alicea	University of the Incarnate Word
Cody Hoover	University of the Incarnate Word
Matt Schneider	Wayne State College (Nebraska)
Tyler Reisnaur	Western Oregon University
Loren Ahonen	Western State College of Colorado
Sean Brown	Western State College of Colorado

Tyler Pennel	Western State College of Colorado
Ryan Walstrom	Western State College of Colorado
Eric Brill	Western Washington University
Jordan Welling	Western Washington University