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Contact: Melissa Wyant
commintern@atlantic10.org**Outdoor Track & Field Academic All-Conference, All-Rookie Teams Announced***Outdoor Track & Field Annual Awards*

NEWPORT NEWS, Va.— The 2017 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Academic All-Conference and All-Rookie teams were announced on Thursday. The Academic All-Conference teams are comprised of student-athletes who were selected based on their athletic and academic performance. To be nominated, student-athletes must have a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) for their entire academic career. The teams were selected through voting conducted by the league's Sports Information Directors. The All-Rookie teams are comprised of the top-rookie performer in each event from meets conducted from the start of the regular season through the Atlantic 10 Championships. The teams were selected based off meet results submitted through the Track & Field Results Reporting System (TFRRS).

Making up the men's Academic All-Conference team are Duquesne's Kyle Trinch, George Washington's Chris Shaffer, La Salle's Stephen Lewandowski, Massachusetts' Brendan Lloyd, Rhode Island's Ondrej Honka and Joseph Mattson, Saint Joseph's David Dorsey and Dan Savage, Saint Louis' Hiob Gebisso and Brett Kowalczyk.

On the women's side, Davidson's Caroline Yarbrough, Dayton's Leah Frischmann and Sarah Sepanski, Duquesne's Autumn Greba and Valerie Palermo, George Mason's Sharon Dorsey, George Washington's Miranda DiBiasio, Massachusetts' Heather MacLean, Richmond's Kylie Regan and VCU's Taylor McCormick complete the Women's Outdoor Track & Field Academic All-Conference team.

The Men's All-Rookie team is comprised with Davidson's Joey Belise and William Wicks, Duquesne's Alex Long, George Mason's Tyler Benson, Colin Cannon and Ethan Newland, Massachusetts' Dawson Bathgate and Hunter Gray, Rhode Island's Nick Celico, Childress Cannon, Maxwell Dickens, Peyton McAllister, Greg McManus and Eric Wicks, Saint Joseph's John Walker and VCU's Ian Davis.

The Women's All-Rookie team included Davidson's Makayla Binter, Dayton's Lillian Cook and Cassidy Manning, Duquesne's Bethany Evankovich and Maiah Yankello, George Mason's Ashley Lewis and Brittany Preston, La Salle's Jessica Bryant, Massachusetts' Samantha Thompson, Rhode Island's Juleen Lewis, Richmond's Claire Brown and VCU's Makayla McGowan, Delaney Savedge, Alexis Willis and Samantha Yankson.

Men's Academic All-Conference Team

Kyle Trinch, Duquesne
Chris Shaffer, George Washington
Stephen Lewandowski, La Salle
Brendan Lloyd, Massachusetts
Ondrej Honka, Rhode Island
Joseph Mattson, Rhode Island
David Dorsey, Saint Joseph's
Dan Savage, Saint Joseph's
Hiob Gebisso, Saint Louis
Brett Kowalczyk, Saint Louis

Women's Academic All-Conference Team

Caroline Yarbrough, Davidson
Leah Frischmann, Dayton
Sarah Sepanski, Dayton
Autumn Greba, Duquesne
Valerie Palermo, Duquesne
Sharon Dorsey, George Mason
Miranda DiBiasio, George Washington
Heather MacLean, Massachusetts
Kylie Regan, Richmond
Taylor McCormick, VCU

Men's All-Rookie Team

Joey Belise	Davidson	Shot Put
William Wicks	Davidson	100-meters/200-meters
Alex Long	Duquesne	Triple Jump
Tyler Benson	George Mason	400-meters
Colin Cannon	George Mason	800-meters
Ethan Newland	George Mason	10,000-meters
Dawson Bathgate	Massachusetts	3,000-meter Steeplechase
Hunter Gray	Massachusetts	Discus/Decathlon
Nick Celico	Rhode Island	5,000-meters
Childress Cannon	Rhode Island	Long Jump
Maxwell Dickens	Rhode Island	400-meter hurdles
Peyton McAllister	Rhode Island	Pole Vault
Greg McManus	Rhode Island	Javelin
Eric Wicks	Rhode Island	High Jump
John Walker	Saint Joseph's	1,500-meters
Ian Davis	VCU	110-meter hurdles

Women's All-Rookie Team

Makayla Binter	Davidson	Heptathlon
Lillian Cook	Dayton	Javelin
Kassidy Manning	Dayton	5,000-meters/10,000-meters
Bethany Evankovich	Duquesne	200-meters/400-meters
Maiah Yankello	Duquesne	400-meter hurdles
Ashley Lewis	George Mason	800-meters
Brittany Preston	George Mason	100-meter hurdles
Jessica Bryant	La Salle	Triple Jump
Samantha Thompson	Massachusetts	High Jump
Juleen Lewis	Rhode Island	Long Jump
Claire Brown	Richmond	1,500-meters
Makayla McGowan	VCU	Shot Put/Discus
Delaney Savedge	VCU	3,000-meter Steeplechase
Alexis Willis	VCU	100-meters
Samantha Yankson	VCU	Hammer

About the Atlantic 10 Conference

The Atlantic 10 Conference was founded in 1975 and consists of 14 diverse members across eight states and Washington, D.C. The mission of the Atlantic 10 is to provide an enhanced student-athlete experience through 21 nationally competitive championship sports. The basketball-centric conference is committed to integrity, educational excellence and providing quality equitable championship experiences for its student-athletes, coaches, and support staff. The membership consists of Davidson College, the University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Fordham University, George Mason University, The George Washington University, La Salle University, the University of Massachusetts, the University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, St. Bonaventure University, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Louis University and Virginia Commonwealth University. For more information, visit www.atlantic10.com.