

Ohio State Boasts Record Number Of Big Ten Distinguished Scholars



For the fourth consecutive year, Ohio State held the conference mark for the most Big Ten Distinguished Scholars.

A remarkable total of 131 Scarlet and Gray student-athletes received the honor, surpassing Ohio State's conference record of 129 from the 2017-18 academic year.

Big Ten faculty representatives instituted the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2008 to supplement the Academic All-Big Ten program. In order to earn Academic All-Big Ten recognition, student-athletes must earn a varsity letter, be in at least their second academic year at a Big Ten institution and carry a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.

In order to receive the prestigious Distinguished Scholar Award, student-athletes must have earned Academic All-Big Ten recognition in the previous academic year, must have been enrolled full time at the institution for the entire previous academic year (two semesters or three quarters) and earned a minimum GPA of 3.7 during that time, excluding any summer grades.

Of the 131 Buckeyes honored, 16 of them achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA.

The following Buckeyes achieved academic perfection during the 2018-19 academic year: Makayla Waterman (women's basketball), Lainey Studebaker (women's cross country), Ethan Edwards (fencing), Benjamin Marcus (fencing), Aleksandra Kolmykova (fencing), Joey Wilmot (men's gymnastics), Nevin Adamski (women's gymnastics), Lukas Buckley (men's lacrosse), Emily Skrzypczak (women's lacrosse), Anjali Fernandes (rowing), Michaela Nordhaus (rowing), Kat Duvall (softball), Reed McGraw (men's swimming & diving), Lara Tarvit (women's swimming & diving), Sarah Walsh (synchronized swimming) and Lauren Witte (women's volleyball).

Click the link for a complete list of the Ohio State student-athletes who represented the university as 2018-19 Big Ten Distinguished Scholars.

Senior linebacker Logan Hittle, junior running back Amari McMahon, senior punter Jake Metzger and senior long snapper Bradley Robinson earned the distinction as members of the Ohio State football team.

Joey Lane represented the men's basketball team, while Waterman and Karlie Cronin were the two women's basketball players to earn the honor.

Buckeye Sports Bulletin featured several of Ohio State's finest student-athletes, who earned Big Ten Distinguished Scholar honors, throughout the past year.

BSB published feature stories on Sanil Thomas (men's volleyball), Karrington Winters (women's track and field), Morgan Ray (softball), Jincy Dunne (women's ice hockey) and Julia Rizk (women's cross country/track and field).

Adeena Shears (women's golf), Ridge Winand (baseball), Joey McKenna (wrestling), Micah Jordan (wrestling) and Austin Pooley (men's hockey) were among the other Distinguished Scholars included in the past year of BSB's Olympic-sport coverage.

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