PAST BLASTER AWARD WINNERS

The Blaster Awards were first held in 2016. Below are the past winners from the last three years.

**Male Rookie of the Year**
2016 - Triston Sisneros (M. Track & Field)
2017 - Trevor Amann (M. Soccer)
2018 - Michael Glen (M. Basketball)

**Female Rookie of the Year**
2016 - Acacia Ortiz (W. Soccer)
2017 - Mia Wood (W. Swimming)
2018 - Lindsey Jin (Volleyball)

**Competition of the Year**
2016 - Men's Soccer at Midwestern State (NCAA Tournament)
2017 - Men's Basketball vs. Fort Lewis (RMAC Tournament)
2018 - Men's Basketball vs. Fort Hays State

**Male Academic Player of the Year**
2016 - Richard Garvey (M. Soccer)
2017 - Gokul Natesan (M. Basketball)
2018 - Joe Popp (Baseball)

**Female Academic Player of the Year**
2016 - Taryn Huber (Volleyball)
2017 - Taryn Huber (Volleyball)
2018 - Jennifer Kendall (W. Soccer)

**Most Improved Team**
2016 - Women's Basketball
2017 - Softball
2018 - Baseball

**SAAC Community Impact Award**
2016 - Liz Tomon (W. Basketball)
2017 - Tyler Mertens (M. Soccer)
2018 - Dallas Frisbie (W. Cross Country/Track & Field)

**Comeback Player of the Year**
2016 - Connor McLean (M. Track & Field)
2017 - Shayne Justice (Football)
2018 - Tyler Blomster (Baseball)

**Male Athlete of the Year**
2016 - Niki Grotz (M. Soccer) and Justin Dvorak (Football)
2017 - Justin Dvorak (Football)
2018 - John Haist (M. Soccer)

**Female Athlete of the Year**
2016 - Danielle Johnson-Hazlewood (Volleyball)
2017 - Emily Garnier (W. Soccer)
2018 - Emily Garnier (W. Soccer)

**Coaching Staff of the Year**
2016 - Cross Country (Head Coach Chris Siemers)
2017 - Men's Basketball (Head Coach Pryor Orser)
2018 - Baseball (Head Coach Jerod Goodale)

**Team of the Year**
2016 - Men's Cross Country
2017 - Men's Basketball
2018 - Baseball
COMPETITION OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the most exciting game, match or meet of the season

THE NOMINEES

Women’s Soccer at #16 UCCS • Oct. 12, 2018 • W 2-1 (OT)
- The game featured #4 Mines at #16 UCCS, both undefeated in conference play with game all but deciding the RMAC regular-season title.
- After Mines scored on an own goal in the 67th minute, UCCS found an equalizer in the 81st minute for force overtime.
- Jennifer Kendall scored eight minutes into OT, breaking away to score on a bouncing ball back to goal.
- The Mines defense held a high-powered UCCS offense to a season-low five shots on goal.

Football vs. South Dakota Mines • Oct. 27, 2018 • W 84-42
- In a matchup of NCAA D-II’s top two offenses, the Orediggers scored 42 unanswered points after the game was tied 42-42 in the second quarter.
- Mines’ 84 points were their most in a game since 1890.
- The 126 combined points were the most in a NCAA D-II game this year. The two teams combined for 1,150 yards of offense.
- The Orediggers scored 35 points in the third quarter alone after leading by a touchdown at halftime. Isaac Harker passed for 372 yards. and five touchdowns while Cam Mayberry ran for 151 yards and four TDs.

Women’s Basketball vs. MSU Denver • Feb. 9, 2019 • W 69-63
- Trailing, 42-36 after the third quarter, Denali Pinto and Cassidy Budge combined for 30 fourth-quarter points to help Mines beat rival MSU Denver.
- Budge came off the bench to score 22, and put Mines ahead on a four-point play with 4:21 to play.
- MSU Denver pulled within one point several times in the final four minutes, but Budge hit four straight free throws in the final 16 seconds to seal the game.

Men’s Basketball vs. UCCS • March 1, 2019 • W 81-80
- In the regular-season finale, Mines held off UCCS in their closest game of the season.
- Mason Baker hit the game-winning free throw with 3.0 seconds left and intentionally missed the second FT to surprise UCCS and win the game. Baker scored a career-high 32 points.
- The game was tied 77-77 with 43 seconds to play before Ben Sonnefeld hit a jumper to lead; Baker took a charge and Ben Clare made a free throw to lead 80-77.
- UCCS hit a tying 3-pointer with just seconds left before fouling Baker.

Baseball vs. Sioux Falls • March 1, 2019 • W 13-11
- Derek Daly hit a walk-off grand slam to help Mines beat Sioux Falls 13-11.
- Daly was a triple short of the cycle with five RBI in the game. He hit his grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to cap a comeback after Mines trailed 11-8.
- It was a close game the entire way as both teams matched runs through five innings; Mines took the lead 8-6 in the sixth frame, but Sioux Falls scored four in the eighth inning to lead 11-8.

Softball vs. #12 Colorado Mesa • March 9, 2019 • W 5-4
- Freshman Kendall Murphy hit a walk-off double in the bottom of the seventh inning to help Mines beat #12 Colorado Mesa 5-4.
- Mines trailed 4-3 after six innings, but loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom of the seventh inning for Murphy, who doubled in two runs for the win.
- It was Mines’ first win over Mesa since 2013.
MALE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an outstanding male athlete who is in their first year of eligibility (either true freshman or redshirt freshman). Transfers are not eligible unless they are a redshirt freshman.

THE NOMINEES

Brendan Sullivan • Basketball • Forward/Guard
- Started 30 games as a true freshman (only non-start was senior night).
- Averaged 9.7 points, 3.8 rebounds, and 1.8 assists per game for RMAC champions.
- Top game was a 20-point effort vs. SDSMT and a 20-point, 10-rebound double-double vs. Chadron St.
- Averaged 10.3 points and 5.0 rebounds per game in the postseason.

Lucas King • Soccer • Midfielder/Defender
- Started 20 of 21 matches for the Orediggers at outside mid and outside back.
- Scored four goals with five assists on 25 shots with eight shots on goal.
- Named to the RMAC All-Tournament Team.
- Finished #8 in the RMAC in total assists and #3 on the team in scoring with 13 points.

Kobe Brewster • Football • Safety
- Played in all 12 games as a redshirt freshman at defensive back.
- Made 27 total tackles with one interception and three pass breakups.
- Top game was against Dixie State with five tackles.
- Had an interception in career debut vs. Adams State.

Robert Clayton • Swimming • Back/Fly
- True freshman turned into the team’s top butterfly specialist as a rookie
- Top RMAC Championships result was a fifth-place finish in the 200-fly, and was 12th in the 200-back and 14th in the 100-fly.
- Regular-season highlights included a second-place 200-fly finish at the A3 Performance Invite and a 3rd-place finish in the 100-fly and 400-IM at the Colorado Classic.

Danny McDermott • Baseball • Third Base
- Took over as Mines’ starting third baseman as a true freshman with 23 games played and 21 starts.
- Has two multi-home run games with one against Dixie State and another at UCCS.
- Currently batting .347 with six doubles, one triple and four home runs.
- Tops among true freshman in batting average, hits, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI and slugging.

Luke Julian • Cross Country/Outdoor Track & Field • Distance
- As a redshirt freshman in XC, finished 41st at nationals on the team that placed 2nd at NCAAs.
- In XC, was USTFCCCA All-Region and Second-Team All-RMAC.
- Finished 17th at NCAA XC Regionals, 22nd at RMACs.
- Took gold in the 1,500-meter run at the 2019 RMAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships.
FEMALE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an outstanding female athlete who is in their first year of eligibility (either true freshman or redshirt freshman). Transfers are not eligible unless they are a redshirt freshman.

THE NOMINEES

Emily Rotert • Swimming • Fly/Breast/IM
- True freshman was Second-Team All-RMAC as a member of the 800-free relay.
- At RMAC Championships, was 10th in the 400-IM and 14th in the 200-fly.
- Won the 200-IM vs. Colorado College.
- Finished runner-up finish in the 400-IM vs. Colorado State.

Kendall Murphy • Softball • Outfield
- Top RMAC Rookie of the Year candidate hitting .385 and slugging .577 as a true freshman.
- Reached base in 37 straight games, believed to be a Mines record.
- Leads the team with 21 doubles and is on pace to threaten Mines’ single-season doubles record.
- Has 32 RBI, scored a team-best 44 runs, and hit three home runs with only six strikeouts.

Drew Stokes • Volleyball • Setter
- Crowned AVCA National Freshman of the Year and AVCA Third-Team All-America.
- Named Regional Freshman of the Year, First-Team All-Region and Regional All-Tournament Team.
- Voted RMAC Setter of the Year, RMAC Freshman of the Year and First-Team All-RMAC.
- Started all 30 matches and ranked #10 in NCAA Division II in assists per set and #15 in total assists.

Zoe Baker • Cross Country
- Raced to USTFCCCA All-Region Cross Country honors as a true freshman.
- Finished 68th in the nation at the 2019 NCAA Division II Cross Country Championships
- First-Team All-RMAC after taking 14th at the conference championships.
- Mines’ top finisher at the RMAC Championships and NCAA Regional Championships in 13th.
MALE ACADEMIC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the most outstanding male scholar-athlete, with a combination of athletic and academic achievement taken into consideration.

THE NOMINEES

Ben Sonnefeld • Basketball • R-Sr. • 3.73 • Mechanical Engineering (B.S.) / Engineering and Technology
- Earned B.S. in December 2018 and is expected to earn M.S. this May.
- NABC National Player of the Year finalist, NABC All-American, CoSIDA Third-Team Academic All-America, and RMAC Player of the Year.
- Earned invitation to NABC Reese’s Senior All-Star Game after averaging 14.8 points, 4.7 rebounds, and an RMAC-leading 4.5 assists per game.
- Had five 20+ point games including a career-high 37 points in the NCAA First Round against Lubbock Christian, which was the highest scoring output ever by an Oredigger in the NCAA Tournament.

Jason Zobott • Soccer • Jr. • 3.91 • Petroleum Engineering
- CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-America and First-Team Academic All-District.
- United Soccer Coaches Second-Team Scholar All-America and Scholar All-West Region.
- D2CCA Second-Team All-America and consensus First-Team All-Region.
- RMAC Defensive Player of the Year, First-Team All-RMAC, RMAC All-Tournament.

Geoff Keating • Football • R-Jr. • 3.95 • Mechanical Engineering
- CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-America
- NFFCC Colorado Scholar-Athlete of the Year in football
- Was Mines’ second-leading tackler with 59 including 30 solo stops to go with 6.0 tackles for loss.
- Recorded 2.0 sacks, and 2 interceptions.
- Also named RMAC First-Team All-Academic and NFFCC First-Team All-Academic.

Jerry Birnbaum • Swimming • So. • 3.90 • Chemical & Biochemical Engineering
- RMAC First-Team All-Academic.
- Earned all-RMAC status in the 200-medley relay (2nd Team), 200-free relay (2nd Team), and 400-free relay (2nd Team).
- At RMAC Championships, finished fifth in the 200-free and 7th in the 100- and 200-back.
- Two wins at the Colorado Classic, two wins vs. Colorado College, and a 100-fly win vs. Wyoming.
MALE ACADEMIC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

THE NOMINEES

Joe Popp • Baseball • Sr. • 3.95 • Mechanical Engineering
- Accepted into University of Cambridge for graduate program in energy technologies.
- Voted CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American in 2018
- Currently batting .361 with 45 runs and 31 RBI on 17 doubles, one triple and four home runs.
- Ranked top-25 in the nation in total doubles and in doubles per game.

AJ Berry • Golf • Sr. • 3.57 • Petroleum Engineering
- RMAC Golfer of the Week (March 27)
- Owns the team’s #3 average at 72.75
- Helped Mines to second straight RMAC title, finishing tied for #9 at the conference championship.
- Two-time defending RMAC Academic Golfer of the Year.

Ben Schneiderman • XC/Track & Field • R-Sr. • 3.97 • Chemical Engineering (B.S.) / Metallurgical & Materials Eng.
- Completed B.S. and working towards M.S. with expected graduation next year.
- RMAC Academic Athlete of the Year and RMAC First-Team All-Academic in indoor track & field.
- First-Team All-RMAC in the 5K (indoors) and RMAC Track Athlete of the Week (4/15).
- Won bronze in the 10K at the 2019 RMAC Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Noah Ottum • Wrestling • R-So. • 3.96 • Engineering Physics
- RMAC Summit Award winner
- NCAA Championships qualifier, placing third at NCAA Super Region VI Championships
- Second-Team All-RMAC as Mines’ starter at 149 pounds
- Went 13-10 overall and 9-5 in dual meets (5-2 RMAC) to help Mines win the RMAC title
FEMALE ACADEMIC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the most outstanding female scholar-athlete, with a combination of athletic and academic achievement taken into consideration.

THE NOMINEES

Sydney Marchando • Softball • So. • 4.00 • Chemical Engineering
- Mines’ top pitcher in 2019 with a 2.49 ERA and 15-4 record with a save.
- Has a team-best 113 strikeouts in 143.1 innings pitched and has held batters to .223.
- Ranks among the RMAC leaders in virtually every category including ERA, opposing avg., Ks and wins.
- Has helped Mines to the #4 seed in the 2019 RMAC Tournament with a record of 26-19 (25-12 RMAC).

Abby Tiesman • Volleyball • Jr. • 3.78 • Mechanical Engineering
- CoSIDA Academic All-District and RMAC First-Team All-Academic.
- Named AVCA Honorable Mention All-America and All-Region.
- First-Team All-RMAC, NCAA Regional All-Tournament team and Preseason All-RMAC.
- Led Mines with 401 kills and 105.0 blocks. Kills numbers rank #8 in a single-season in Mines’ history.

Jennifer Kendall • Soccer • R-Sr. • 3.99 • Mechanical Engineering
- CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-America & United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-America.
- D2CCA and United Soccer Coaches First-Team All-Region with a team-best 12 goals with 5 assists.
- First-Team All-RMAC and RMAC Tournament MVP leading Mines to both RMAC crowns.
- Scored four goals in the postseason and had an assist in the NCAA Tournament.

Megan Wenham • XC/Track & Field • Sr. • 4.00 • Mechanical Engineering
- RMAC Summit Award winner for Cross Country, Indoor Track & Field and Outdoor Track & Field.
- RMAC Academic Runner of the Year in Cross Country and USTFCCCA All-Region.
- RMAC Champion in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the 2019 RMAC Outdoor Championships.
- First-Team All-RMAC in the outdoor 5K and Second-Team All-RMAC for XC and indoor 5K.
MOST IMPROVED TEAM

Awarded to the team, either male or female, that was most improved from 2016-17.

Women’s Cross Country
2017 Finish: #2 RMAC, #2 Regional, #11 National
2018 Finish: #3 RMAC, #3 Regional, #5 National

Football
2017 Record: 7-4 (7-3 RMAC)
2017 Ranking: #3 RMAC
2018 Record: 10-2 (9-1 RMAC)
2018 Ranking: #1 RMAC, #18 National

Softball
2018 Record: 28-26 (22-18 RMAC)
2018 Ranking: #5 RMAC
2019 Record: 26-19 (25-12 RMAC)
2019 Ranking: #4 RMAC

Wrestling
2017-18 Record: 10-2
2017-18 Ranking: #2 RMAC #13 Regional - 1 NCAA qualifier
2018-19 Record: 11-3
2018-19 Ranking: #1 RMAC #5 Regional - 4 NCAA qualifiers
SAAC Community Impact Award

Awarded to an individual or group who has made their community a better place through service. Nominated by coaches and voted upon by the full SAAC body.

THE NOMINEES

Susan Fender • Women's Swimming

In addition to her studies and focus on swimming, Susan has devoted significant time and energy to working with the Special Olympics swimming program. Her work in the classroom, the pool and in her community impacts all around her.

Toby Scoles • Baseball

Toby and Harrison (below) were nominated together. They have organized and taken the lead on the baseball team’s work with Gavin through Friends of Jaclyn, while also continuing the relationship with Bhodie through Team Impact as he is dealing with the loss of his mother. They also coordinate reading to local schools, and set up and clean up for Golden Chamber of commerce events.

Harrison Magee • Baseball

Harrison and Toby (above) were nominated together. They have organized and taken the lead on the baseball team’s work with Gavin through Friends of Jaclyn, while also continuing the relationship with Bhodie through Team Impact as he is dealing with the loss of his mother. They also coordinate reading to local schools, and set up and clean up for Golden Chamber of commerce events.

Nicole LaTourette • Women’s Soccer

Nicole serves as a leader in the SAAC community. She helps coordinate many of the community outreach events along with many other volunteer roles. Nicole is also in charge of coordinating women’s soccer events with the Special Olympics.

Jake Feldman • Wrestling

On campus, Jake serves as SAAC Executive Chair, a USG Representative and as Digger Drive Coordinator. Jake also works in the community as a volunteer as Saint Catherine’s Middle and Elementary Schools, Carmody Middle School, the Christian Action Guild and the Golden Chamber of Commerce. His diverse involvement provides direct impact to all those around him.

Corbin Cargil • Football

Among his many roles at Mines, Corbin serves as the SAAC representative on USG. He also works with the Special Olympics and the FCA Leadership Team. Over the summers, Corbin works as a huddle leader and serves at Red Rocks Church throughout the year. He has also volunteered for the Adaptive Running & Mobility Clinic hosted by Hanger Clinic.
COMEBACK PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an athlete, male or female, who overcame injury, illness or other adversity to perform at a high level in 2018-19.

THE NOMINEES

Ben Clare • Men’s Basketball • Center
- Missed most of 2017-18 with an ACL injury, returned to start every game at center in 2018-19 and lead Mines to the RMAC title.
- RMAC Co-Defensive Player of the Year, NABC Second-Team All-Region, and Second-Team All-RMAC.
- Averaged a career-high 11.8 points to go with 6.0 rebounds, 1.2 assists, and 1.2 blocks per game.
- Shot an RMAC-leading .581 from the floor.

Grant Gale • Football • Linebacker
- Missed all of 2017 after tearing his biceps in preseason.
- Returned as a team captain to start every game at middle linebacker, leading Mines to the RMAC championship and NCAA Tournament.
- Honorable Mention All-RMAC with 58 tackles, 5.5 for a loss and 0.5 sacks and a fumble recovery.
- Earned the team’s Iron Digger Award for his commitment to strength and conditioning.

Boston Ludlow • Softball • First Base
- Missed almost all of conference play in 2018 after tearing her ACL, then missed six early games this year with a broken thumb.
- Has returned to her starting first base spot to hit .295 and slug .451 with two home runs, 26 RBI, three triples, and seven doubles.
- Has hit .333 and slugged .520 vs. the RMAC in 32 starts this season.
- Is a three-year captain.

Taylor McRae • Women’s Soccer • Midfielder
- Two-year captain led Mines to the RMAC regular-season and Tournament titles despite battling injuries all season, limiting her to 19 starts in 22 appearances.
- Scored four goals including one in the postseason.
- Shut-down defensive midfielder helped Mines produce the RMAC’s best defense at 0.36 goals and 6.4 shots allowed per game.

Arik Ringsby • Baseball • Pitcher
- Sat out all of 2018 season as a true freshman with Tommy John Surgery in the offseason.
- Returned to pitch midway through 2019 season, coming out of the bullpen twice so far.
- Boasts a 0.00 ERA with no runs on three hits in two appearances.
- Pitched against Adams State and projected RMAC Tournament team CSU-Pueblo.
MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the most outstanding male athlete of 2018-19

THE NOMINEES

Ben Sonnefeld • Basketball • Point Guard
- Point guard led Mines to the RMAC regular-season title and NCAA Tournament
- NABC National Player of the Year finalist, NABC All-American, CoSIDA Third-Team Academic All-America, and RMAC Player of the Year
- Earned invitation to NABC Reese’s Senior All-Star Game after averaging 14.8 points, 4.7 rebounds, and an RMAC-leading 4.5 assists per game
- Had five 20+ point games including a career-high 37 points in the NCAA First Round against Lubbock Christian, which was the highest scoring output ever by an Oredigger in the NCAA Tournament

John Haist • Soccer • Forward
- D2CCA First-Team All-America and United Soccer Coaches First-Team All-Region.
- D2CCA Regional Player of the Year, RMAC Tournament MVP and First-Team All-RMAC.
- Program record holder in single-season goals, single-season points, career shots, single-season shots on goal and career game-winning goals.
- Finished the season #1 in NCAA Division II in game-winning goals and #2 in total goals and total points.

Brody Oliver • Football • Wide Receiver
- AP, D2CCA, and D2football.com First-Team All-American.
- CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-American for RMAC champion football team.
- Ended his career as Mines’ all-time leader in receiving yards (4,010), receiving and total touchdowns (59), yards per catch (17.9), and scoring (354), with his TD total also an RMAC record.
- In 2018, caught 73 passes for 1,339 yards and 21 touchdowns to lead NCAA Division II in receiving TDs.
- Tied NCAA D-II record for touchdowns in a quarter with four vs. Adams State, and had a Mines record-tying five in that game.

Jonathan Donehower • Swimming • IM
- RMAC champion in the 400-IM.
- Set new program records in both the 200-IM and 400-IM.
- Earned a team-best six all-RMAC awards including the 400-IM (1st Team), 200-breast (2nd Team), 200-IM (2nd Team), 400-medley relay (2nd Team), 800-free relay (2nd Team), and 400-free relay (2nd Team).
- Regular-season wins included the 200- and 400-IMs at the Colorado Classic and the 400-IM vs. Wyoming.
MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

THE NOMINEES

Trevor Kehe • Baseball • Outfielder
- Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Preseason All-America after earning All-America status in 2018.
- Named National Hitter of the Week, Regional Hitter of the Week and RMAC Hitter of the Week after batting .800 against Dixie State.
- Leads the Orediggers in 2019 in runs, triples and stolen bases while currently batting .410 with 50 RBI on 64 hits including 14 home runs.
- Top-10 in the nation in runs scored and runs per game.

Robert Gambrell • Wrestling • 174 LBS
- NCAA Championships qualifier at 174 pounds.
- Led the RMAC Champion wrestling team in wins going 19-5 as a redshirt junior with a team-best 53 dual points.
- Had 13 bonus-point victories including seven majors, two techs, and four falls, going 12-1 in duals and 7-0 vs. the RMAC.
- Placed third at NCAA Super Region VI Championships and was the UNK Open Elite 174 runner-up.

George Markham • Golf
- RMAC Preseason Golfer of the Year after winning NCAA Regionals and earning all-America honors in 2017-18.
- Has played as #1 all season for Mines as they won a second straight RMAC title.
- Averages a team-low 71.96 and is currently the #46-ranked individual in NCAA Division II by Golfstat
- Has five top-10 finishes this year and earned RMAC Golfer of the week after tying for 3rd at the Dixie State Regional Preview.

Grant Colligan • Cross Country
- USTFCCCA All-America after recovering from a fall to finish 17th at NCAA Championships.
- Led Mines to #2 national finish.
- USTFCCCA South Central Athlete of the Year after winning NCAA Regionals.
- USTFCCCA National Athlete of the Week (Oct. 22) and RMAC Preseason Runner of the Year.
FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the most outstanding female athlete of 2018-19

THE NOMINEES

Mia Wood • Swimming • Free
- All-American in the 1,000-free, qualifying for her third straight NCAA Championships.
- Swept the RMAC distance championships in the 500-, 1000-, and 1650-freestyle events.
- Reset her program 1650-free record at NCAAs.
- Earned all-RMAC honors in the 500-free (1st), 1000-free (1st), 1650-free (1st), 200-medley relay (1st), 200-free (2nd), 200-free relay (2nd), and was named RMAC First-Team All-Academic.

Clara Larson • Softball • Shortstop
- RMAC Preseason Player of the Year after earning NFCA First-Team All-America in 2018.
- Named to the Schutt/NFCA D-II Player of the Year watchlist.
- Leads Mines batting .395 and slugging .724 with 43 RBI, eight home runs, and five triples.
- As a junior, already ranks among the Mines career leaders in hits, home runs, RBI, and doubles.

Abby Tiesman • Volleyball • Middle
- AVCA Honorable Mention All-America and All-Region.
- Named to NCAA Regional All-Tournament team and First-Team All-RMAC.
- Academically named CoSIDA Academic All-District and RMAC First-Team All-Academic.
- Led the Orediggers with 401 kills and 105.0 blocks. Kills number ranks #8 all-time in a single season at Mines.

Emily Townsend • Soccer • Defender
- D2CCA First-Team and United Soccer Coaches Second-Team All-American.
- RMAC Defensive Player of the Year on a Mines defense that held opponents to just 6.4 shots and 0.36 goals per game.
- First-Team All-RMAC RMAC All-Tournament selection as she led Mines to the RMAC regular-season and tournament titles.
- Scored five goals on 19 shots, including three gamewinners.

Gina Coleman • Track & Field • Throws
- USTFCCCA First-Team All-America for the indoor weight throw and All-Region in the weight throw.
- Crowned First-Team All-RMAC in the indoor weight throw.
- RMAC outdoor champion in the hammer and discus.
- Named 2019 Women's RMAC Athlete of the Meet after scoring 26 points in Mines' historic finish.
- Holds program records in the discus, hammer throw and weight throw.
COACHING STAFF & TEAM OF THE YEAR

Two separate awards given to the most outstanding team of the year and to the most outstanding coaching staff of the year.

Baseball
Head Coach: Robby Bales
Record: 32-11 (as of April 29)
Ranking: #2 RMAC, #25 National
Postseason: Starts May 8

Men’s Basketball
Head Coach: Pryor Orser
Record: 25-6
Ranking: #1 RMAC, #14 National
Postseason: Won a record 22 straight games en route to RMAC title and NCAA First Round.

Men’s Cross Country
Head Coach: Chris Siemers
Ranking: #4 RMAC, #1 Regional, #2 National
Postseason: Raced to national runner-up finish with four All-Americans. Named Scholar Team of the Year. Also won the South Central Regional Championships over #1-ranked Adams State.

Football
Head Coach: Gregg Brandon
Record: 10-2
Ranking: #1 RMAC, #18 National
Postseason: RMAC Champion and NCAA First Round. Nation’s #1 offense.

Golf
Head Coach: Tyler Kimble
Ranking: #1 RMAC, #3 Regional, #36 National
Postseason: Second straight RMAC Championship. #3 seed in the South Central Region.

Men’s Soccer
Head Coach: Greg Mulholland
Record: 18-2-1
Ranking: #1 RMAC, #16 National
Postseason: Won the RMAC regular-season and tournament titles. NCAA Second Round.

Men’s Swimming
Head Coach: Nate Rothman
Record: 1-2
Ranking: #3 RMAC
Postseason: Crowned one individual champion at the RMAC Championships.

Men’s Track & Field
Head Coach: Matt Sparks
Ranking: #2/#1 RMAC (Indoor/Outdoor), #12/#3 National (Indoor/Outdoor)
Postseason: Won its second straight RMAC outdoor title. First back-to-back outdoor crowns in program history. Took runner-up honors at RMAC indoors and finished #12 at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Currently ranked #3 in DII in outdoors.
COACHING STAFF & TEAM OF THE YEAR

Two separate awards given to the most outstanding team of the year and to the most outstanding coaching staff of the year.

Wrestling
Head Coach: Austin DeVoe
Record: 11-3
Ranking: #1 RMAC, #5 Regional
Postseason: Claimed first-ever RMAC title. #5 at NCAA Regionals. Sent four to NCAA Nationals.

Women’s Basketball
Head Coach: Brittany Simpson
Record: 18-11
Ranking: #4 RMAC
Postseason: Fourth straight RMAC Tournament appearance. Advanced to semifinals.

Women’s Cross Country
Head Coach: Chris Siemers
Ranking: #3 RMAC, #3 Regional, #5 National
Postseason: Took third place at the RMAC Championships and NCAA South Central Regional, and ran to an Fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

Women’s Soccer
Head Coach: Kevin Fickes
Record: 19-1-2
Ranking: #1 RMAC, #17 National
Postseason: Won the RMAC regular-season and tournament titles. NCAA Second Round.

Softball
Head Coach: Leah Glasgow
Record: 26-19 (as of April 29)
Ranking: #4 RMAC
Postseason: Start the RMAC Tournament May 2 as the No. 4 seed.

Women’s Swimming
Head Coach: Nate Rothman
Record: 4-3
Ranking: #4 RMAC
Postseason: Took fourth place at the RMAC Championships with one individual champion. Sent two swimmers to NCAA nationals.

Women’s Track & Field
Head Coach: Matt Sparks
Ranking: #5/#2 RMAC (Indoor/Outdoor), #27/#22 National (Indoor/Outdoor)
Postseason: Claimed best-ever program finish as runner-up at the RMAC Outdoor Championships. Closed indoor season #27 at NCAA Championships with three All-Americans. Currently ranked #22 in the nation in outdoors.

Volleyball
Head Coach: Jamie Magalei
Record: 24-6
Ranking: #1 RMAC
Postseason: Won the RMAC regular-season title and advanced to the second round of NCAA Tournament.