



Record 354 Student-Athletes Earn OVC Academic Medal of Honor

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BRENTWOOD, Tenn. – On Tuesday it was announced that a record 354 Ohio Valley Conference student-athletes have earned the OVC Academic Medal of Honor for the 2020-21 academic year.

The OVC Academic Medal of Honor is given annually to the student-athletes who achieve the highest grade point average in a Conference-sponsored sport. Every Academic Medal of Honor recipient for the 2020-21 academic year carried a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Of the 354 award winners, 48 were awarded Academic Medals of Honor for multiple sports (and counted just once in the final recipients list).

Eastern Illinois had the most selections with 50, followed by Southeast Missouri with 39. The sport of women's track and field had the most honorees league-wide (54), followed by women's soccer (48) and softball (45).

The 354 recipients are the most in a single academic year in the history of the award, smashing the previous record of 293 honorees a year ago. It marks the third-straight year the league has set a record with number of award winners. Over the past five years there have been 1,384 student-athletes earn the OVC Academic Medal of Honor.

The OVC will announce the recipients of the Commissioner's Honor Roll, the Academic Achievement Award and the Team Academic Achievement Awards later this week.

2020-21 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE ACADEMIC MEDAL OF HONOR

BASEBALL (30)

AUSTIN PEAY (2)

T.J. Foreman
Michael Sturek

BELMONT (1)

Dusty Baird

EASTERN ILLINOIS (3)

Jalen Cardinal
Mac Hickman
Ky Hampton

EASTERN KENTUCKY (2)

Jaxson Blair
Nick Laster

JACKSONVILLE STATE (3)

Alex Carignan
Reid Fagerstrom
Tre Kirklin

MOREHEAD STATE (5)

Cory Conway
Peyton Dillingham
Bryce Hensor
Alex Kafka
Jake Ziegelmeyer

MURRAY STATE (3)

Brock Anderson
Ryan Fender
Jake Slunder

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (3)

Brett Graber
Joseph Karall
Ryan Malzahn

TENNESSEE TECH (4)

Connor Adams
Gavin Johns
Grant Phillips
Tyler Sylvester

UT MARTIN (4)

Winston Cannon
Sean Dixson
David Hussey
Boston Smith

MEN'S BASKETBALL (11)

BELMONT (2)

Derek Sabin
Luke Smith

EASTERN ILLINOIS (1)

Henry Abraham

JACKSONVILLE STATE (1)

Martin Roub

MURRAY STATE (1)

Rod Thomas

SIUE (2)

Jackson Best
Elochukwu Eze

TENNESSEE STATE (1)

Samone Nelson

TENNESSEE TECH (3)

CJ Gettelfinger
Shandon Goldman
Jamaal Thompson*

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (21)

AUSTIN PEAY (1)

Tahanee Bennell

BELMONT (1)

Conley Chinn

EASTERN ILLINOIS (5)

Morgan Litwiller
Jacqueline Maulucci
Paige Schumann

Alana Vinson

Abby Wahl

EASTERN KENTUCKY (2)

Alice Recanati

Clara Rosini

JACKSONVILLE STATE (3)

Taylor Hawks

Winnie Kuimi

Jayla Walker

MOREHEAD STATE (1)

Ellie Jo Johnson

MURRAY STATE (2)

Alexis Burpo

Macie Gibson

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (2)

Sophie Bussard

Sophia Hancock

SIUE (2)

Allie Troeckler

Zaria Whitlock

TENNESSEE STATE (1)

Kennedy Davis

UT MARTIN (1)

Maddie Waldrop

BEACH VOLLEYBALL (13)

AUSTIN PEAY (5)

Karli Graham*

Taylor McInerney*

Kelsey Mead*

Brooke Moore*

Jenna Panning

EASTERN KENTUCKY (3)

Raegan Alexander*

Molly Michalak*

Rachel Woody

JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)

Macie Garrison*

Lena Kindermann*

MOREHEAD STATE (3)

Andrea Grimes*

Peyton Kennedy

Trinity Miller

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (18)

BELMONT (2)

Isaiah Hollars*

Ben Weisel*

EASTERN ILLINOIS (4)

Jaime Marcos*

Franky Romano*

Corbin Schwable*

David Thompson*

JACKSONVILLE STATE (1)

Riley Slone

MOREHEAD STATE (4)

Toby Cook*

Michael Dunagan*

Darby Pillow*

Jacob Vogelpohl*

MURRAY STATE (1)

Benjamin Hall

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (3)

Clayton Eftink*

Noah Little*

Byron Sowerby*

SIUE (1)

Zach Walters*

TENNESSEE TECH (2)

Rylee Hertter

Ababu Mohamed

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (24)

BELMONT (1)

Brooke Garter*

EASTERN ILLINOIS (8)

Mackenzie Aldridge*

Caitlin Corso*

Kylie Decker*

Avani Flanagan*

Ashley Gilmore*

Audrey Hancock*

Chloe Irish*

Katie Springer*

EASTERN KENTUCKY (5)

Beighley Ayers*

Grace Kilroy*

Alicia Minczuk*

Abbie Schoenherr*

Lou Trois*

JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)

Sierra Wainer*

Elizabeth Wetmore*

MOREHEAD STATE (1)

Olivia Chapman*

MURRAY STATE (1)

Kristin Dent*

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (3)

Taylor Gudde*

Carli Knott*

Claire Morrill*

SIUE (2)

Kassidy Dexheimer*

Caroline Gwaltney*

TENNESSEE TECH (1)

Amanda Laboy*

FOOTBALL (17)

AUSTIN PEAY (1)

Jacob Caughell

EASTERN ILLINOIS (7)

Kylan Cole

Cole Hoover

Will Orth

Kirk Pinkston

Nick Stricker

Chad Strickland

Tim Varga

EASTERN KENTUCKY (1)

Ethan Bednarczyk

JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)

Jacob Dennison

Javian Willis

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (1)

Steven Lewis

TENNESSEE TECH (3)

Hunter Barnhart

Hayden Olsen

Jamaal Thompson*

UT MARTIN (2)

Cru Birdyshaw

Takeem Young

MEN'S GOLF (13)

AUSTIN PEAY (1)

Alex Vegh

BELMONT (1)

Evan Davis

EASTERN KENTUCKY (1)

Markus Lindgren

JACKSONVILLE STATE (1)

Juan Pablo Francavilla

MURRAY STATE (4)

2020-21 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE ACADEMIC MEDAL OF HONOR

John Buchanan
Quinn Eaton
Avery Edwards
Austin Knight
SIUE (2)
Zak Butt
Luke Ludwig
UT MARTIN (3)
Peyton Dix
Luke Smith
Nick Wolf

WOMEN'S GOLF (18)

AUSTIN PEAY (2)
Riley Cooper
Meghann Stamps
BELMONT (2)
Delia Gibbs
Sarah Utley
EASTERN KENTUCKY (3)
Alice Daag
Maddie Hensley
Elisa Orduna Shackleton
JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)
Berta Sanchez
Claire Vermette
MOREHEAD STATE (4)
Sarah Black
Alina-Sophie Koch
MacKenzie Neal
Isabella Washka
MURRAY STATE (4)
Payton Carter
Charli Jo Doss
Sarah Forsythe
Briana McMinn
TENNESSEE TECH (1)
Hannah Bratton

RIFLE (1)

MOREHEAD STATE (1)
Andrew Morris

WOMEN'S SOCCER (48)

AUSTIN PEAY (2)
Rachel Bradberry
Hannah Wilson
BELMONT (2)
Natalie Haverland
Loren House
EASTERN ILLINOIS (4)
Pilar Barrio
Lauren Frick
Mara Kades
Jenna Little
EASTERN KENTUCKY (6)
Sophia Braun
Billie Clark
Rylie Jucker
Ali Kirk
Taran McMillan
Katie Shaffer
JACKSONVILLE STATE (4)
Emma Hafenbrak
Aayanna Minott
Isobel Spray
McKinley Stiff
MOREHEAD STATE (3)
Madison Feldhaus
Anna Lohrer
Colleen Swift

MURRAY STATE (1)
Cera Prather
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (10)
Kayla Byrd
Hannah Compornolle
Kate Daus
Emily Holten
Kiana Khedoo
Faith Liljegren
Morgan McCourt
Taylor Nelson
Maddie Paulson
Bailey Redden
SIUE (7)
Matea Diekema
Myah Diekema
Emma Dutko
Andrea Frerker
Sarah Hibbeler
Kayla Klipsch
Courtney Vollmer
TENNESSEE TECH (4)
Selma Askildsen
Natalie Rolén
Chloe Smith
Yao Giada Zhou
UT MARTIN (5)
Baylee Arnott
Catey Hunt
Bella Roberts
Isabelle Thibault
Emely van der Vliet

SOFTBALL (45)

AUSTIN PEAY (3)
Kelsey Gross
Brett Jackson
Emily Moore
BELMONT (2)
Alicia Veltri
Lauren Veltri
EASTERN ILLINOIS (4)
Megan Burton
Shelby Martell
Haley Mitchell
Valerie Thompson
EASTERN KENTUCKY (6)
Melissa Jacobsen
Zoe Mihalicz
Mattira Morales
Mollie Paulick
Tori Peterson
Kennady Warder
MOREHEAD STATE (5)
Madeline Gailor
Peyton Jordan
Kirya Kingery
Peyton Slater
Alexis Strother
MURRAY STATE (6)
Kamryn Carcich
Lindsey Carroll
Brea Croslin
Hannah James
Alie Kennedy
Jensen Striegel
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (3)
Katie Dreiling
Kelby Robinson
Abby Rollet
SIUE (4)

Ava Bieneman
Zoe Schafer
Amber Storer
Bianca Vozenilek
TENNESSEE STATE (5)
Lyndsey Dugan
Francys King
Meaghan Lewis
Rena Spears
Savannah Wallace
TENNESSEE TECH (4)
Raleigh Lewis
Jessie Lowery
Amanda Phy
Brooklin Richardson
UT MARTIN (3)
Emily Brown
Paige Clark
Gracie Lusk

MEN'S TENNIS (10)

AUSTIN PEAY (3)
Anton Damberg
Christian Edison
Frederic Schlossmann
BELMONT (1)
Marko Ilic
EASTERN ILLINOIS (2)
Charles Courteau
Karan Srivastava
JACKSONVILLE STATE (1)
Guillermo Agost
TENNESSEE STATE (2)
Maksims Kazijevs
Daniel Pérez-Caraballo
TENNESSEE TECH (1)
Andre Rodeia

WOMEN'S TENNIS (23)

AUSTIN PEAY (2)
Martina Paladini-Jennings
Fabienne Schmidt
EASTERN ILLINOIS (2)
Addison Brown
Lauren Ellis
JACKSONVILLE STATE (1)
Malin Buechner
MURRAY STATE (3)
Sarah Bureau
Anja Loncarevic
Sara Loncarevic
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (4)
Manuela Barriga
Daniela Hlacicikova
Maja Lundell
Grace Powderly
SIUE (4)
Jill Lambrechts
Vanessa Reinicke
Jordan Schifano
Melissa Vizcardo
TENNESSEE STATE (3)
Aarushi Kakkur
Eva Schwartz
Naomi Von Bose
UT MARTIN (4)
Sina Albersmeier
Amelia Campbell
Mizuki Sakurai
Jule Streif

2020-21 OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE ACADEMIC MEDAL OF HONOR

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD (21)

BELMONT (4)

Gerald Archer
Braden Carei
Isaiah Hollars*
Ben Weisel*

EASTERN ILLINOIS (5)

Riley Baker
Jaime Marcos*
Franky Romano*
Cordin Schwable*
David Thompson*

EASTERN KENTUCKY (2)

Branden Brookfield
Liam Kaune

MOREHEAD STATE (4)

Toby Cook*
Michael Dunagan*
Darby Pillow*
Jacob Vogelpohl*

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (4)

Matthew Agin
Clayton Eftink*
Noah Little*
Byron Sowerby*

SIUE (2)

Brandon Bretz
Zach Walters*

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD (54)

BELMONT (3)

Brooke Garter*
Allison Gunderson
Jessica Mattsson

EASTERN ILLINOIS (14)

Alicia Adams
Mackenzie Aldridge*
Morgan Atchison
Caitlin Corso*
Kylie Decker*
Avani Flanagan*
Ashley Gilmore*
Jenna Grzeskowiak
Audrey Hancock*
Chloe Irish*
Marie Koch
Katie Springer*

Holly Vogt
Makenna Wilson

EASTERN KENTUCKY (9)

Beighley Ayers*
Hannah Cook
Nerea Izcue
Grace Kilroy*
Alicia Minczuk*
Cassi Reed
Emily Roesser
Abbie Schoenherr*
Lou Trois*

JACKSONVILLE STATE (9)

Nissi Clingan
Leandra Custodio
Carolina Minozzi
Baylee Porch
Tylynn Register
Greta Romei
Emily Sorrell
Sierra Wainer*
Elizabeth Wetmore*

MOREHEAD STATE (2)

Olivia Chapman*

Carrie Staviski

MURRAY STATE (1)

Kristin Dent*

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (8)

Ellie Gamradt
Baily Griffiths
Tayler Gudde*
Carli Knott*
Danielle Mohrmann
Claire Morrill*
Katie Schumer
Kaitlyn Shea

SIUE (3)

Keri Burmester
Kassidy Dexheimer*
Caroline Gwaltney*

TENNESSEE STATE (1)

Alysoune Coleman

TENNESSEE TECH (4)

Anya Akili
Amanda Laboy*
Teara Norman
Trenia Stephens

VOLLEYBALL (35)

AUSTIN PEAY (5)

Karli Graham*
Kaylah Jackson
Taylor McInerney*

Kelsey Mead*

Brooke Moore*

BELMONT (1)

Rachel McBride

EASTERN ILLINOIS (3)

Ella Collins
Elisavet Papageorgiou
Ashley Sharkus

EASTERN KENTUCKY (2)

Raegan Alexander*
Molly Michalak*

JACKSONVILLE STATE (4)

Macie Garrison*
Lena Kindermann*
Lexie Libs
Katie Montgomery

MOREHEAD STATE (1)

Andrea Grimes*

MURRAY STATE (2)

Emily Matson
Dahlia Miller

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (4)

Colby Greene
Izzy Lukens
Addy McAleer
Elissa Moylan

SIUE (6)

Annie Ellis
Grace Hurst
Jordyn Klein
Rachel McDonald
Jessica Vineyard
Gabby Wimes

TENNESSEE STATE (2)

Kendall Bullock
Gina Rivera-Ortiz

TENNESSEE TECH (4)

Katie DiRaimondo
Madeline Furtado
Ali Verzani
McKenna Young

UT MARTIN (1)

Dylan Mott

* - Indicates student-athlete was a winner in multiple sports