

Morgan Named to USTFCCCA all-Academic Track and Field Team

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Appalachian State University men's track and field standout Patrick Morgan (Danville, Ky./Furman) was named to the prestigious United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association all-Academic track and field team announced the USTFCCCA office Tuesday morning. Morgan, a graduate student at ASU posted a 3.55 GPA during the 2009-10 academic year, while earning a master's degree in clinical cardio-pulmonary rehab. The Danville, Ky. native put together a stellar 2009-10 indoor campaign for the Black and Gold, and helped ASU capture its second consecutive Southern Conference indoor title and seventh since 2000.

Morgan won the 2010 conference crown in the mile run, and scored crucial points for the Mountaineers by taking home a fourth place finish in the 3,000m run and a fifth place finish in the 5,000m run at the indoor championships.

His finest showing of the season however came at the Akron Invitational, when he placed second in the gold division of the mile run, finishing with a time of 4:01.75 to break a 25-year old Appalachian school record in the event. The mark was also good enough to meet an NCAA provisional qualifying standard.

The graduate student also competed at Furman while earning his undergraduate degree and now holds the indoor school record in the mile at both Appalachian and Furman.

Morgan was the lone Mountaineer to be named to the squad and just one of three total student-athletes on the 357-member list from the Southern Conference. Morgan was joined by Lee Gilmer of Furman and Thomas Oliver of Samford from other conference schools.

The list represented 118 institutions across the country, with Stanford leading all squads, as 12 earned all-Academic status. Minnesota and BYU followed with 10 mentions, and the Pac-10 led the conference order with 45, with the Big Ten coming in next at 37.

To qualify for the USTFCCCA all-Academic track and field team, a student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and have met either the NCAA Division I Indoor automatic or provisional qualifying standard or participated in the NCAA Division I Outdoor Championships (including preliminary rounds) in their respective event.