

ASU Holds Annual All-Sports Banquet

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Appalachian State University athletics handed out 36 awards and recognized dozens more at its annual All-Sports Banquet, appropriately titled The APPspy Awards, on Thursday evening at Holmes Convocation Center. The end-of-year awards ceremony is organized by Appalachian State's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's board members, in conjunction with the Former Athletes Association, to recognize the accomplishments of Appalachian's coaches, student-athletes, teams, and support staff.

Women's basketball player Courtney Freeman earned the prestigious Brakefield Award, given to the graduating student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average for the December graduating class. The award was established by legendary Appalachian football coach Jim Brakefield and his wife, Eloise. A scholarship fund continues in their names through the former student-athletes who played for Coach Brakefield along with the friends of the Brakefield family.

Men's golfer Andrew Furr was awarded the Rick Edmundson Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to a native of North Carolina who is not on athletic scholarship, but one who has made uncommon contributions to the athletic program and to the University. A 1981 graduate of Appalachian State University, Edmundson was devoted to the institution and especially to athletic programs. At the time of his death, Edmundson was enrolled in Campbell University's Law School. The Rick Edmundson Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 by his family and friends.

Martha Wilson, who served as Appalachian's Eligibility Certification Specialist for ten years, took home the Jackson A. Branch Award, created to honor Branch's many years of unselfish service and support to Mountaineer student-athletes and teams. Wilson remains actively involved with Appalachian athletics, generously assisting student-athletes with a myriad of tasks ranging from residency matters to transcripts and beyond. Known for her generosity and warmth, Wilson, who is well-respected across the Appalachian campus, is also an active member of the Athletics Council and Academic Enhancement Subcommittee.

Seth Williams earned the Goodyear Family Athletic Scholarship. Established in 1994 by George and Anne Goodyear, the scholarship is awarded to a rising junior with a minimum 2.0 GPA who demonstrates strength of character in all that he or she does.

Appalachian's 20 varsity teams also recognized MVP's for the 2012-13 season. A full list of award winners is below:

YOSEF Award Winners

Best Team Performance: Baseball (vs. NC State)

Best Coach: Jerry Moore (Football)

Best Team Manager: Adam Muse (Men's Basketball)

Best Athletic Trainer: Eric Bengston (Track and Field, Cross Country)

Best Upset: Men's Indoor Track 4x4 Relay (Tyler Combs, Raphael Rojas, Trey Edgerton, Stanley Broaden)

Overcoming Adversity Award: Alex Lomax (Men's Track and Field)

Breakthrough Athlete/Team: Logan Hallock (Football)

Best Season: Baseball

All for App: Nathan Healy (Men's Basketball)

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Special Award Winners

Rick Edmundson Scholarship: Andrew Furr (Men's Golf)
The Goodyear Family Athletic Scholarship: Seth Williams (Men's Soccer)
Jack Branch Award: Martha Wilson
Brakefield Academic Award: Courtney Freeman (Women's Basketball)
Ron "Doc" Kanoy Award: Lindsey Lewis (Athletic Training)
Laps For Apps Award: Megan Roberson (Women's Soccer)

2012-13 Team MVP's

Baseball: Gabe Dimock
Field Hockey: Casey Lammando
Football: Jeremy Kimbrough
Men's Basketball: Nathan Healy
Men's Cross Country: Michael Lilley
Men's Golf: Casey Komline
Men's Indoor Track: Chris Moen
Men's Outdoor Track: Jared Stalling
Men's Soccer: Lee Williams
Men's Tennis: Zach Bost
Wrestling: Zack Strickland
Softball: Allie Cashion
Volleyball: Courtney Rhein
Women's Basketball: Anna Freeman
Women's Cross Country: Amanda Hamilton
Women's Golf: Yue Xu
Women's Indoor Track: Breanna Alston
Women's Outdoor Track: Jasmine Suydam
Women's Soccer: Taylor Dunlap
Women's Tennis: Ellie Linsell
Cheerleading: Morgan Roberson