

Bears' Swimming Has Nation's Highest GPA

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Men's Swimming Team posted the highest grade point average (3.54) in the nation among all NCAA Division II schools this past spring semester. In addition, the L-R Women's Swimming Team had the 17th-highest GPA in the country with a 3.39 during the spring while both squads earned 2013 CSCAA

Scholar All-America Team honors for their efforts. CSCAA is the College Swimming Coaches Association of America.

Lenoir-Rhyne also had two swimmers earn 2013 Honorable Mention Individual Scholar All-America honors: freshmen Leah Watts (Newton, N.C.) and Jonathan Hofrichter (Tampa, Fla.). Watts broke seven individual women's records for the Bears in her first season with L-R in 2012-13: the 200-yard (1:55.65), 500-yard (5:07.84), 1,000-yard (10:49.41) and 1,650-yard freestyle (18:03.79) events, the 100-yard (1:01.44) and 200-yard (2:10.43) backstroke events and the 400-yard individual medley (4:38.03).

Hofrichter earned 2013 All-Bluegrass Mountain Conference honors in the men's 1,650-yard freestyle and holds the school record in the event with a time of 15:52.41. Hofrichter also holds program marks in the men's 500-yard (4:36.92) and 1,000-yard (9:30.13) freestyle events. The Team Scholar All-American award is presented to college and university swimming and diving teams, who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The award is presented twice annually, once in the fall semester/term and in the semester/term of the NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA Swimming and Diving Championships (Winter/Spring).

The Scholar All-American award is presented to college and university swimmers and divers, who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher, for the semester or cumulative average, and have qualified for and competed at their respective national championship. The award is presented in the semester of the NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA Swimming and Diving Championships (Winter/Spring).

The Honorable Mention Scholar All-American award is presented to college and university swimmers and divers, who have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, for the semester or cumulative average, and have achieved a "B" time standard, but have not qualified to compete in their respective national championship. Divers qualify by competing at their respective championship qualifying meets. The award is presented in the semester of the NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA Swimming and Diving Championships (Winter/Spring).