All-Americans and Scholar Athletes Feted In Today's Halftime Ceremonies

The Department of Sports and Recreation will honor its All-America athletes and scholar-athletes during halftime ceremonies this afternoon.

The Yellowjackets earned All-America honors in six sports last year and academic accolades in 12 sports. GTE and the College Sports Information Directors of America pick the national Academic All-America team. Last year, six Yellowjackets earned national honors: Kristen Costello and Tanya Klebe in women's volleyball, Kris Vander Plaat for women's soccer, Ben Kitzke for men's swimming, Jason Porter for men's tennis, and Andrew Evans for men's track and field/cross country.

Additionally, CoSIDA selected three Rochester athletes for regional honors: Vander Plaat for women's basketball, Kelly Bowman for women's soccer, and Jennifer Lenox for women's track and field.

Individual academic honors were bestowed on several athletes by coaching bodies: Porter was named a Scholar-Athlete by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association as was Rebecca Grant of the women's tennis team. Vander Plaat was named a Scholar-Athlete by the National Soccer Coaches Association. The National Field Hockey Coaches Association selected three Yellowjackets for honors: Jana Behe, Jennifer Franzen, and Melissa Glendening. The U.S. Track Coaches Association recognized Evans as a Scholar-Athlete.

Team awards were given to the men's cross country team, the women's cross country team, the men's swimming team, the women's swimming team, and the women's tennis team.

Seven Earn Garnish Honors in 1997

Seven student-athletes will be recognized at halftime for their contributions to the University both on and off the field. The seven students are recipients of the Garnish Scholar Awards. These awards are given to students who are starters for their respective teams and have accumulated a grade point average of 2.70 or higher through their junior season. They are given in memory of Lysle "Spike" Garnish, a former trainer and coach at the University.

Some of the recipients will not be able to attend the ceremony because they are competing with their teams this weekend.

These are the men and women who will be recognized:

Ben-Ari Elias: Three letters for the squash team. He has earned Second Team All-America honors from the National Intercollegiate Squash Racquets Association for two consecutive years.

Andy Evans: Three letters each for cross country and track and field...He was an All-America in cross country and an All-America in indoor track and field last winter. He was named a GTE Academic All-America last spring.

Rachel Feinberg: She has been the most outstanding track performer for the women's track and field team for her skills as a hurdler and sprinter. She has three letters for track and field.

Emeka Ihehe: He has three letters for men's soccer and was an All-UAA choice in soccer last season.

Tanya Klebe: She was a GTE Second Team Academic All-America in women's volleyball last season.

Anni McDonough: She has two letters for field hockey, three for lacrosse. She earned All-State honors in lacrosse last year and was the UCAA Player of the Year.

Dave Sickler: He has three letters for basketball and was a First Team All-UAA honoree last season.

The Honor Roll For 1996-97

All-Americans
Lisa Allen ................. Soccer
Ben-Ari Elias .............. Squash
Andrew Evans ............. Indoor Track
Jamar Milsap .............. Basketball
Kelly Peters ............... Swimming
Jeff Totten ................. Cross Country
Kris Vander Plaat .......... Soccer
GTE Academic All-Americans
Kristen Costello .......... Volleyball
Andrew Evans ............. Track & Field
Ben Kitzke ................. Swimming
Tanya Klebe ............... Volleyball
Jason Porter ............... Tennis
Kris Vander Plaat .......... Soccer
GTE Academic All-District
Kelly Bowman .............. Soccer
Jennifer Lenox ............. Track & Field
Kris Vander Plaat .......... Basketball
Scholar-Athletes
Jana Behe ................. NFHCA
Jennifer Franzen .......... NFHCA
Melissa Glendening ....... NFHCA
Kris Vander Plaat ......... NSCAA
Andrew Evans ............. US Track
John Chambers ............. M Cross C
Andrew Evans ............. M Cross C
Jason Hart ................. M Cross C
Gerard Lancaster .......... M Cross C
Thomas Ohl ................. M Cross C
Jeff Totten ................. M Cross C
Richard Ulstad ............. M Cross C
Cheri Dwyer .............. W Cross C
Jodi House ................. W Cross C
Renee Kazukiewicz ...... W Cross C
Laurie Kurekiewicz ....... W Cross C
Courtney Ledger ........... W Cross C
Megan Pary ................. W Cross C
Lyn Vinakus .............. W Cross C
Rebecca Grant ........... W Tennis
Jason Porter ............. M Tennis