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Lehigh wrestling team, six NCAA qualifiers earn NWCA Scholar All-America honors

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – The Lehigh wrestling program was well represented as the National Wrestling Coaches Association announced their Scholar All-American Awards. Six Mountain Hawks were named individual Scholar All-Americans, while as a team Lehigh returned to the list of top 30 Scholar All-America teams following a one-year hiatus.

The Mountain Hawks ranked 23rd in 2017 but did not make the top 30 last year. This year, Lehigh ranks 15th among Division I programs with a 3.2776. Individually, fifth-year seniors Ryan Preisch, Cortlandt Schuyler and Gordon Wolf were named Scholar All-Americans along with junior Jordan Kutler, sophomore Jordan Wood and freshman Josh Humphreys.

The system for the NWCA's academic awards includes grade point averages for the 10 wrestlers that competed in their NCAA Tournament conference qualifier. If teams had less than 10 entries for their respective qualifier, they were allowed to fill those spots with wrestlers that competed in at least one varsity dual during the season. The individual All-Academic Team has qualifying standards based on grade point average and season record/accomplishments.

Wolf earns NWCA Scholar All-America status for the third time, while Schuyler and Kutler were honored for the second consecutive year.

Among Lehigh's six honorees, Humphreys owns the top cumulative GPA with a 3.67 in his first semester in the College of Business and Economics. Humphreys won an EIWA title as a true freshman and finished one win short of earning All-America honors as part of a 21-8 campaign.

Wolf owned a 3.6 GPA as an undergrad and currently holds a 3.23 in applied economics, after earning his degree in finance. He became a three-time NCAA qualifier this past season and also reached the All-America round of 12 for the first time. Wolf also went 21-8 this past season.

Preisch graduated last May with a degree in environmental engineering and currently holds a 3.28 GPA in management. A four-time NCAA qualifier, Preisch capped his career by earning All-America honors with a fourth place finish at 184. Preisch won an EIWA title in 2018 and this year won the Fletcher Trophy for most career team points scored at the EIWA Tournament.

Schuyler holds a 3.31 GPA in Lehigh's IDEAS program. He qualified for the NCAA Championships for the second straight season after finishing fourth at the EIWA Championships. Schuyler went 14-11 in his senior season highlighted by the dual-winning overtime takedown in Lehigh's win over Cornell in January.

Kutler became a two-time All-American with a seventh place finish at 174 and repeated as EIWA Champion, capping a 25-6 season. Off the mat, Kutler owns a 3.13 GPA majoring in behavioral

neuroscience.

Wood won his second straight EIWA title at 285 and earned his first All-America medal with a fourth place finish at the NCAA Championships. He went 25-5 on the mats last season and holds a 3.13 GPA as a management major.

This year's Individual All-Academic Team featured 142 total student-athletes, including five NCAA Champions, 11 finalists and 39 All-Americans.

Lehigh's six individual honorees ranked second in Division I behind Ohio State, which had seven. The Mountain Hawks have now had multiple individual All-Academic honorees in nine straight seasons.

Eleven of the EIWA's 16 member institutions made the top 30 All-Academic team's list.

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