## Fall 2008

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<td>359 (239 Men, 120 Women)</td>
<td>48% (173/359) - School Record</td>
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### Academic Statistics

- **Total Athletes Reported**: 345 (229 M, 116 W)

- **Students with 3.0 GPA or higher**: 47% (162/345)

- **Tiger 3.0 Club**: 162 (46 Freshmen)

- **Dean’s List**: 23% (81/345)

- **Department Semester GPA**: 2.84 - School Record

- **Male Athlete Semester GPA**: 2.672 - School Record

- **Female Athlete Semester GPA**: *3.163

*The women’s teams have now posted a 3.0 combined GPA in 15 of the last 16 semesters*

### Semester Hours Earned

- **13.4** Semester Hours Earned

### Academic Warning

- **7% (25/359)** Academic Warning

### Academic Probation

- **1% (2/359)** Academic Probation

### Academic Suspension

- **0% (0/359)** Academic Suspension

### Students who failed 1 course only

- **11% (39/359)**

### Students who failed 2 or more courses

- **8% (27/359)**

### 4.0 Semester GPA

- **23** 4.0 Semester GPA (*Bold students had 4.0 for year*)

### Students

- **Mark Jobe-MBA**
- **Curtis Gibbs-MCC/MTI**
- **Inger Froysedal-WTI**
- **Kristin Sundsteigen-WTI**
- **Jessica Wright-WTI**
- **Jack Belote-MGO**
- **Brad Benjamin-MGO**
- **Stefan Erdedi-MGO**
- **Amelia Stacey-XRI**
- **Parker Duncan-MSO**
- **Kelsey Bakker-WSO**
- **Carly Bykerk-WSO**
- **Elizabeth Hildebrandt-WSO**
- **Tarah Kerr-WSO**
- **Kate Murphy-WSO**
- **Kelsey Robson-WSO**
- **Venda Strnadova-WSO**
- **Benedikt Fischer-MTE**
- **Michael Gaerthoeffner-MTE**
- **Robyn Jones-WTE**
- **Katlin Inglish-WVB**
- **Becky Shaffer-WVB**
- **Lauren Thompson-WVB**

**Ryan Holland-MBA**

**Chris Newsom-MBA**

**Curtis Gibbs-MCC/MTI**

**Inger Froysedal-WTI**

**Matt Reagan-MFB**

**Stefan Erdedi-MGO**

**Kelsey Bakker-WSO**

**Carly Bykerk-WSO**

**Tori Dalton-WSO**

**Tarah Kerr-WSO**

**Kate Murphy-WSO**

**Kelsey Robson-WSO**

**Leila Dolo-WSB**

**Lyndsey Sterling-WSB**

**Benedikt Fischer-MTE**

**Michael Gaerthoeffner-MTE**

**Robyn Jones-WTE**

**Christine Bach-WVB**

**Alt reuse Hawkins-WVB**

**Becky Shaffer-WVB**

**Casey Sines-WVB**
Departmental Highlights

- Highest Team GPA in the entire department for the year: Women’s Soccer (3.573); Highest Team GPA among the men’s teams: Men’s Tennis (3.428). Nine teams achieved a 3.0 GPA for the year—Men’s Cross Country, Women’s Cross Country, Women’s Golf, Men’s Soccer, Women’s Soccer, Softball, Men’s Tennis, Women’s Tennis, and Volleyball.

- Team GPA highlights: 1) Highest semester GPA’s ever in Men’s Soccer (3.169) and Women’s Soccer (3.576); 2) 29 consecutive semesters of 3.0: Women’s Tennis; 3) 24 consecutive semesters of 3.0: Volleyball; 4) 18 consecutive semesters of 3.0: Women’s Soccer.

- 14 of the 17 teams have now posted their highest semester team GPA’s in the last 7 years. Nine of those have occurred in the last three years. In addition, the men’s sports posted their highest semester GPA ever with a 2.627 GPA during Spring 2009, while the women’s sports posted their highest during Fall 2008, with a 3.229 GPA.

- 69 student-athletes graduated the last academic year: 11 in Aug’ 08, 13 in Dec’ 08, and 45 in May’ 09 (Largest ever for one graduation ceremony).

- Kate Murphy-WSO and Benedikt Fischer-MTE were the recipients of the M-Club Scholar-Athlete of the Year Awards. These awards are given annually to senior athletes for outstanding achievement both on and off the field. These students also held the highest cumulative GPAs of all senior athletes.

C-USA Academic Awards

- Kate Murphy-WSO was the Memphis nominee and recipient for the Jim Cano Conference USA Postgraduate Scholarship Award. These prestigious $4000 postgraduate scholarships are awarded to one student-athlete from each conference institution.

- Brad Benjamin-MGO and Benedikt Fischer-MTE were named Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year for 2008. This award is based on academic and athletic achievement as well as service to the community. Other UM athletes nominated for the Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year were:
  
  Brennan Martin—MBA  
  Chance McGrady—MBB  
  Shae Seagraves—WBB  
  Curtis Gibbs—MCC  
  Emily Malinowski—WCC  
  Matt Reagan—MBF  
  Brad Benjamin—MGO  
  Rachel Larson—WGO  
  Rob Sausaman—MO  
  Kate Murphy—WSO  
  Benedikt Fischer—MTE  
  Kristin Chamberlain—WTE  
  Janelle Valle—WSB  
  Steffen Nerdal—MTI  
  Sivan Aballi—WTI  
  Emily Underwood—WVB  
  Andrew Hahn—XRI

- 164 (School-Record) student-athletes were named to the C-USA Commissioner’s Honor Roll for achieving a 3.00 cumulative GPA or above through the fall semester in a conference sponsored sport. Memphis previously had 150, 144, 152, 126, 103, 109, 106, 112, 101, 115, 98, 55, and 58.

- 48 (School-Record) student-athletes received the Conference USA Academic Medal. Memphis had the highest total in the conference! This award is given for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher through the fall semester in a conference sponsored sport. Recent UM medal recipient numbers included 38, 36, 38, 25, 24, 19, 23, 21, 26, 21, 15, 8, and 11.

- The following student-athletes were named to their respective sport’s C-USA All-Academic teams. Students must have earned a 3.20 cum GPA and participated in at least 50% of the contests.

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  *Indicates a repeat member

- Nine of sixteen UM sports achieved a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher as submitted for the C-USA Sport Academic Award. In fact, 11 of 16 teams earned at least a 2.9 cum GPA. The highest departmental GPA ever (2.792) was also submitted for the C-USA Institutional Academic Excellence Award. Volleyball (3.558) and Women’s Soccer (3.573) posted the highest team GPA of all Conference USA and received the C-USA Sport Academic Award.

- Kate Murphy—WSO, Antonio Anderson-MBB and Robyn Jones—WTE received the CUSA Spirit of Service award. It is presented three times throughout the season for community service, good academic standing, and participation in a sport.
STUDENT-ATHLETE Academic Awards

- **FOUR athletes** were named to national Academic All-America teams. *Benedikt Fischer*—*MTE* earned honors for the second straight year after being named to the Men’s At Large Second Team. *Brandon Patterson*—*FB* was selected for the second straight time to the Academic All-American Second team after making 2nd team all-distinct in 2006.

Other Academic All-District IV awardees include: *Robert Sausaman*—*MSO* was selected to the 1st team all-distinct for the 3rd consecutive year, *Kylie Hayes* —*WSO* (2nd Team), *Kate Murphy*—*WSO* (2nd Team), *Vandula Strnadova*—*WSO* (2nd Team), *Brad Benjamin*—*MGO* (2nd Team), *Steffen Nerdal*—*MTI* (2nd Team), and *Sivan Aballi*—*WTI* (1st team-third time). 12 other UM student-athletes were nominated for Academic All-America as these students had been at UM for over one year, had participated in over 50% of athletics contests and had posted a cumulative GPA above 3.25.

- **FOUR student-athletes** were nominated for the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. The NCAA awards a total of 174 postgraduate scholarships. *Kate Murphy*—*WSO*, *Robert Sausaman*—*MSO*, *Benedikt Fischer*—*MTE*, and *Emily Malinowski*—*WTI* were nominated for the scholarship. To qualify, student-athletes must have an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher and perform with distinction as a member of the varsity sport.

- Eleven UM student-athletes (and seven different sports) received Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards, honoring the contributions made by minority students to their respective institutions as both scholars and as athletes. 1st Team Honors were earned by: *Janelle Valle*—*SB*, *Sivan Aballi*—*WTI*, *Brandon Patterson*—*MFB*, and *Adam McClain*—*MBA*. 2nd Team Honors were earned by: *Jorge Vazquez*—*WTE* and *Darius Anderson*—*MTI*. 3rd Team Honors were earned by: *Leila Dolfo*—*WSB*, *Tori Gross*—*WSB*, *Jonathan Simpson*—*MFB*, and *Rachel Theard*—*WVB*. 4th Team Honor was earned by: *Desiree Blow*—*WTI*. The Arthur Ashe Jr. Awards are given each year by Black Issues in Higher Education as a tribute to the legacy of humanitarian and tennis great Arthur Ashe.

- *Brandon Patterson*, *Brandon Pearce* and *Brent Sutherland* were named to the New Hampshire Honor Society by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF). The society is comprised of football players who maintained a 3.2 GPA or better.

- *Brad Benjamin* was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-American Scholar for the second consecutive year. To be eligible for Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar status an individual must be a junior or senior academically, compete at least two full years at the collegiate level, participate in 70-percent of his team’s competitive rounds, have a stroke-average under 76.0 in Division I, and maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 in Division I.

- *Andrew Hahn*, *Greg Morton*, *Jessica Phenis*, *Jenna Quick*, *Keegan Singleton*, and *Amelia Stacey* were named to the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association All-Academic Honor List. Students must be letter winners who have completed at least 12 hours during the fall semester, enrolled in 12 hours for the spring semester, a fall semester GPA of 3.2 or higher OR a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.

- In addition to the tennis team awards, three men and four women were nominated as ITA Scholar-Athletes. *Benedikt Fischer*, *Michael Gaerthoeffner*, *K.C. Griffin*, *Kristin Chamberlain*, *Sarah Irvin*, *Robyn Jones*, and *Dara Toulch* were named as ITA Scholar-Athletes. These students have to be a varsity letter winner, achieve a 3.5 GPA or higher for the academic year, and must have spent at least two semesters at Memphis.

- *Leila Dolfo*, *Kim Sirman*, *Lyndsey Sterling*, and *Janelle Valle* will be recognized as NFCA Scholar-Athletes (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) as they achieved a 3.5 or better average GPA for the academic year. This will be the second consecutive year being recognized for Valle.

- *Laura Laufenberg* (2nd Team) and *Kate Murphy* (3rd Team) were honored by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) by being named to the Adidas/University Women Scholar All-South Region Team.

- *Robert Sausaman* and *Jordan Lynn* were selected to the NSCAA All-South Region Academic team.

- *Kate Murphy*—*WSO* was nominated as the University of Memphis representative for the NCAA 2009 Woman of the Year. She was also nominated for the Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship.

- *Matt Reagan*—*MBF* earned the Children’s Literature Award presented by the University of Memphis English Department. He also received the Paul H. Sisco Outstanding Senior Award in Geography.

- *Tim McGee*—*MBF* and *Ashley Berra*—*WSO* earned the CAAS Achievement Award for 2009.
TEAM Academic Awards

- Men’s Tennis was recognized as an ITA All-Academic Team, posting a team GPA of 3.43 for the academic year (3.20 or higher is required for nomination).

- Women’s Tennis was recognized as an ITA All-Academic Team, posting a team GPA of 3.38 for the academic year (3.20 or higher is required for nomination).

- Volleyball was named as a recipient of the AVCA Team Academic Award. The AVCA Team Academic Award honors volleyball teams at the high school and college level that are successful in the classroom. Teams must have a 3.3 team GPA for the academic year in order to be nominated.

- Women’s Golf was nominated for the NGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award for its 3.363 GPA. The award is based on the average GPA for all team members for the year and teams must have earned at least a 3.3 GPA in order to be nominated.

- Women’s Soccer earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award. The team was recognized for a team cum GPA above 3.0.

GRADUATION RATES

- 75 student-athletes exhausted their eligibility in 2009, 49 of whom have already graduated. For each class, those students who participated as seniors (exhausted their NCAA eligibility) are tracked for graduation purposes, including scholarship and non-scholarship students. The previous senior classes and their graduation rates are listed below. This particular data is a UM statistic only and is not formally reported to NCAA. Each rate listed below is based on graduation data as of June 30, 2009:

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MBB: Antonio Anderson, Robert Dozier, Chris Garner, Keith Lee, Chance McGrady, Shawn Taggart, Andre Turner


MGO: Brad Benjamin, Robbie Greenwell, Ian Rochester

MSO: Michael Coburn, Sean Goulding, Tripp Harkins, Thomas Hyland, Jordan Lynn, Adam Montgomery, Robert Sausaman, Tyler Strom

MTE: Jimmy Khougassian, Jorge Vazquez

MTI: Larry Harris, Andre Hicks, Sam James, Christian McDonald, Jason Morgan, Greg Norrid

WBB: Connie Hibler, Aroha Jennings, Latonya Johnson, Paris Leonard, Adam Thornton

WSO: Maggie Leone, Kate Murphy

WSB: Leila Dolfo, Tori Gross, Lyndsay Sterling

WTE: Ekin Zafir

WTI: Emily Malinowski, Ashley Stewart

WVB: Christine Bach, Laura Cote, Gresh Gorman

RI: Andrew Hahn