

**Center for Athletic Academic Services (CAAS)**  
**The University of Memphis**  
**2006-07 ACADEMIC REPORT**

**4.0 Student-Athletes**

\***Bold** students had 4.0 for year

Neil Schenk-MBA  
Jared Britcher- MSO  
Jamie Gilbert- MSO  
Adam Montgomery-MSO  
Lia Fannin-WSO  
Nicky McLeod-WSO  
Kate Murphy-WSO  
Halley Sullivan-WSO  
Benedikt Fischer- MTE  
Garrison Pilant- MTE  
Christina Wieser-WTE  
Sarah Chambers- VB  
Emily Underwood-VB

Kathryn O'Rourke- WGO  
**Adam Montgomery- MSO**  
Brittany Baldwin- WSO  
**Kate Murphy-WSO**  
Melissa Nance- SB/VB  
**Benedikt Fischer- MTE**  
Amrit Narasimhan- MTE  
**Garrison Pilant- MTE**  
**Christina Wieser-WTE**  
**Sarah Chambers- VB**  
Christen Clayton- VB  
**Gresh Gorman-VB**  
Ashley Liford- VB  
Collette Ramirez- VB  
Lauren Thompson- VB

**TEAM Academic Awards**

- Men's Tennis was recognized as an **ITA All-Academic Team** in 2007, posting a team GPA of 3.513 for the 2006-07 academic year (3.20 or higher is required for nomination).
- Volleyball was named as a recipient of the **2006-07 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.
- Memphis was one of four Conference USA schools to have a team receive the **NCAA 2007 Public Recognition Award**. *Women's Basketball* was recognized for its three-year APR scores that ranked it in the top 10 percentile nationally of all teams in their respective sport.
- Women's Golf was nominated for the **NGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award** for its 3.416 GPA for 2006-07. 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.
- Both the Men's and Women's Soccer programs earned the **National Soccer Coaches' Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award**. The teams were recognized for a team cum GPA above 3.0 for 2006-07.

## C-USA Academic Awards

- Jenna Kubesch—WSB was the Memphis nominee and recipient for the **Conference USA Postgraduate Award** in 2005-06. These prestigious \$4000 postgraduate scholarships are awarded to one student-athlete from each conference institution.
- *Jenna Kubesch—SB and Christina Wieser—WTE* were named **Conference USA Scholar Athletes of the Year** for 2007. Kubesch was one of five student-athletes to repeat as scholar-athlete for their respective sport. This award is based on academic and athletic achievement as well as service to the community. Both Kubesch and Wieser graduated in three years. Other UM athletes nominated for the Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year were:
 

Ben Grisham—MBA	Devin Necaise—WBB	Emily Malinowski—WCC	Rusty Clayton—MFB
Kyle Ritchie—MGO	Rachel Larson—WGO	Jared Britcher—MSO	Shoko Mikami—WSO
Tezar Putra—MTE	Abraham Shaposhnik—MTK/CC		
Chen Edri—WTK	Melissa Nance—VB	Andrew Hahn—RI	
- *144 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 147 in 05-06 (School record), 126 in 04-05, 103, 111, 106, 112, 101, 115, 98, 55, and 58 in 1995-96.
- *36 student-athletes* received the **Conference USA Academic Medal**. Memphis had the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 37 (school record) in 05-06, 25, 24, 19, 23, 21, 26, 21, 15, 8, and 11 in 1995-1996.
- *The following student-athletes were named to their respective sport's C-USA All-Academic teams during 2006-07. Students must have earned a 3.2 cum GPA and participated in at least 50% of the contests.*

<b>W Cross Country</b>	Emily Malinowski	M Soccer	Jared Britcher, Robert Sausaman
<b>Volleyball</b>	Ashley Liford	Football	Rusty Clayton, Brandon Patterson
<b>W Basketball</b>	Devin Necaise	M Tennis	Benedikt Fischer, Amrit Narasimhan
<b>W Tennis</b>	Christina Wieser	M Golf	Brad Benjamin
<b>W Golf</b>	Rachel Larson	W Track	Emily Malinowski
<b>Softball</b>	Lindsay Kelso, Jenna Kubesch	Baseball	Ben Grisham, Michael Murray
<b>W Soccer</b>	Shoko Mikami, Kate Murphy, Melissa Savage		
- Nine of sixteen UM sports achieved a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher as submitted for the **2007 C-USA Sport Academic Award**. In fact, 13 of 16 teams earned at least a 2.8 cum GPA. The highest departmental GPA ever (2.784) was also submitted for the **2007 C-USA Institutional Academic Excellence Award**. Volleyball posted the highest team GPA of all Conference USA for 2006-07 and received the **C-USA Sport Academic Award**.

## **STUDENT-ATHLETE Academic Awards**

- *Shoko Mikami*—WSO was named **CoSida Academic All-America** in 2006-07. Shoko is the first-ever Memphis women's soccer student-athlete to receive national recognition.  
**Multi-year UM recipients include:** Jared Britcher—MSO named to the Academic All-District IV team for the 2nd straight year, Rusty Clayton—FB earned his 3rd straight nomination as he was placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> team, and Jenna Kubesch—SB earned her second straight first team honor.  
**Other Academic All-District IV awardees include:** Robert Sausaman—MSO (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Melissa Savage—WSO (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), Shoko Mikami—WSO (3rd Team), Brandon Patterson—FB (2<sup>nd</sup> Team), Michael Murray—MBA (1<sup>st</sup> Team), Christen Clayton—VB (3<sup>rd</sup> Team), Laura Cote—VB (3<sup>rd</sup> Team). 21 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.
- *Beth Hausauer (Tidmore)*—Rifle was awarded a **2006-07 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship**. The NCAA awards a total of 174 postgraduate scholarships. Rusty Clayton—FB, Derek Clenin—FB, Michael Snyder—FB, Cameron Barber—WGO, Avi Shaposhnik—MTK/CC, Mary Claire Dake—WTK/CC, Jenna Kubesch—SB were also 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 in which they were nominated.
- *Jenna Kubesch*—WSB was nominated as the University of Memphis candidate for **NCAA Woman of the Year**.
- Nine UM student-athletes received **2007 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards**, honoring the contributions made by minority students to their respective institutions as both scholars and as athletes. Six were named to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team: Jessica Hall—WBB, Brandon Patterson—FB, Tori Gross—SB, Avi Shaposhnik—MTK/CC, Sivan Aballi—WTK, and Chen Edri—WTK. Shoko Mikami—WSO was named to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team, while Tomo Koyano—MSO and Tezar Putra—MTE were named to the 3<sup>rd</sup> team. 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.
- *Rusty Clayton* was nominated for the **2007 Scholar-Athlete Award** as given by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He also was selected to the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (NFF) inaugural National Honor Society. Clayton also received the 2007 C-USA Sportsmanship Award.
- *Rusty Clayton*—MFB, *Jenna Kubesch*—WSB and *Christina Wieser*—WTE were the 2006-07 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.
- *Andrew Hahn* was named to the 2007 **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.
- *Cameron Barber* and *Rachel Larson* were named **All-American Scholars** by the **National Golf Coaches Association**. Barber and Larson were one of 368 honorees to receive the award. In order to qualify for the All-American Scholar Team, golfers must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50 and must have competed in 50 percent of the team's rounds.
- *Sivan Aballi* and *Emily Malinowski* were recognized by the **U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA)** for their All-Academic team. Students had to achieve a 3.25 cum GPA or higher and had to post an NCAA automatic or provisional qualifying mark in the indoor/outdoor regional championships.
- In addition to the team award, four men and two women were nominated as **2007 ITA Scholar-Athletes**. *Benedikt Fischer*, *Spencer Heflin*, *Amrit Narasimhan*, *Garrison Pilant*, *Dara Toulch*, and *Christina Wieser* 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.
- *Lindsay Kelso*, *Jenna Kubesch*, *Heather Mott* and *Melissa Nance* will be recognized as **NFCA Scholar-Athletes (National Fastpitch Coaches Association)** as they achieved a 3.5 or better average GPA for the 2006-07 academic year. This is the second year in a row that Kubesch was recognized for this award.