

Center for Athletic Academic Services (CAAS)
The University of Memphis
2008-09 ACADEMIC REPORT

Fall 2008

359 (239 Men, 120 Women)

48% (173/359) *-School Record*

173 (51 Freshmen)

24% (87/359)

2.82

2.607

**3.229-School Record*

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

13.4

7% (25/359)

1% (2/359)

0% (0/359)

11% (39/359)

8% (27/359)

ACADEMIC STATISTIC

Total Athletes Reported

Students with 3.0 GPA or higher

Tiger 3.0 Club

Dean's List

Department Semester GPA

Male Athlete Semester GPA

Female Athlete Semester GPA

Semester Hours Earned

Academic Warning

Academic Probation

Academic Suspension

Students who failed 1 course only

Students who failed 2 or more courses

Spring 2009

345 (229 M, 116 W)

47% (162/345)

162 (46 Freshmen)

23% (81/345)

2.84-*School Record*

2.672-*School Record*

**3.163*

13.3

5% (18/345)

3% (11/345)

0% (0/345)

11% (39/345)

4% (14/345)

23

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

21

Mark Jobe-MBA
 Curtis Gibbs-MCC/MTI
 Inger Froystedal-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 Froystedal-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 Dolfo-WSB
 Lyndsey Sterling-WSB
Benedikt Fischer-MTE
Michael Gaerthoeffner-MTE
Robyn Jones-WTE
 Christine Bach-WVB
 Altrese 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 Castañeda 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:

Brennon Martin—MBA	Chance McGrady—MBB	Shae Seagraves—WBB
Curtis Gibbs—MCC	Emily Malinowski—WCC	Matt Reagan—MFB
Brad Benjamin—MGO	Rachel Larson—WGO	Rob Sausaman—MSO
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 3.2 cum GPA and participated in at least 50% of the contests.*

Baseball	Brennon Martin	WCC	*Emily Malinowski
Football	*Brandon Patterson, Brandon Pearce	M Golf	*Brad Benjamin
M Soccer	*Robert Sausaman		
W Soccer	*Kate Murphy, Vendula Strnadova		
Softball	Janelle Valle	M Tennis	*Benedikt Fischer
M Track	Darius Anderson	W Track	*Sivan Aballi
Volleyball	*Christine Bach, Emily Underwood		<i>*Indicates a repeat member</i>
- 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—MFB was selected for the second straight time to the Academic All-American Second team after making 2nd team all-district in 2006.

- Other Academic All-District IV awardees include:** *Robert Sausaman—MSO* was selected to the 1st team all-district for the 3rd consecutive year, *Kylie Hayes—WSO* (2nd Team), *Kate Murphy—WSO* (2nd Team), *Vendula 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 in 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 Phenix*, *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—MFB* 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—MFB* 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**:

2008 Class	46-52 (88%)	2007 Class	70-76 (92%)	2006 Class	53-59 (90%)
2005 Class	55-66 (83%)	2004 Class	40-46 (87%)	2003 Class	65-68 (96%)
2002 Class	49-56 (88%)	2001 Class	47-60 (78%)	2000 Class	52-59 (88%)
1999 Class	33-41 (80%)	1998 Class	45-57 (79%)	1997 Class	40-54 (74%)

Graduates for August 2008, December 2008 and May 2009

MBA: Brett Bowen, KK Chalmers, Zach Clark, Carl Dawson, Alex Fennell, Mark Jobe, Brennon Martin, Cole Shelton, Trey Wiedman, Duke Williams

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

MFB: Freddie Barnett, Isaac Daniel, Brandon Douglas, Terrence Echols, Paul Edwards, Heath Grant, LeRico Mathis, Tommy Phelps, Carlton Robinzine, Rod Smith, Alton Starr, Cody Stubblefield, Brent Todd, Ryan Williams

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, Ashley Thornton

WGO: Rachel Larson

WSO: Maggie Leone, Kate Murphy

WSB: Leila Dolfo, Tori Gross, Lyndsey Sterling

WTE: Ekin Zafir

WTI: Emily Malinowski, Ashley Stewart

WVB: Christine Bach, Laura Cote, Gresh Gorman

RI: Andrew Hahn