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Sixteen Earn All-American Honors at 2009 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships



Marietta, OH-Eight men and eight women earned All-American honors at the 2009 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships on the campus of Marietta College, May 21-23. The top eight in each event earn All-American recognition.

Mount Union sophomore **Ty Griffin (Massillon/Massillon Perry)** won the national title in the 1500-meter run and set a new Don Drumm Stadium record with a time of 3:53.41.

Mount Union junior **Judd Lutz (Tiffin/Tiffin Columbian)** placed sixth in the shot put with a mark of 16.61m to earn All-American honors in the event for a third-straight year.

Baldwin-Wallace junior **Greg Patrick (Collins/ Western Reserve)** placed seventh in the shot put (16.19m), while sophomore teammate **Kevin Phipps (Reynoldsburg/ Watkins Memorial)** placed eighth in the discus (49.06m).

Ohio Northern senior **Jimmy O'Brien (Pemberville/Eastwood)** placed fifth in the 800-meter run (1:51.83) and sixth in the 1500-meter run (3:54.56). O'Brien finishes his career at ONU as a 10-time All-American, including three national championships.

Capital senior **Doug Gibbons (Troy, Ohio/Troy HS)** became Capital's first All-American in the pole vault with a 5th place finish (15-11.25').

Leading Marietta was freshman **Jayshon Irvin (Vero Beach, Fla./Sebastian)** with a sixth place finish in the 100-meter dash (10.88) and sophomore **Zach Gay**

(Elyria/Oberlin), who tied with Wilmington freshman **Braden McMonigle (Monroe/Lemon-Monroe)** for eight place in the high jump (2.03m).

On the women's side, Capital junior **Jessica Starks (Akron/Akron East)** led the Crusaders with a eight place finish in the 200-meter dash (25.17) and was a member of the third place 4x100-relay team along with junior **Brittany Carter (Westerville/Westerville South)**, freshman **Kwesi Seabrook (Dayton/Chaminade Julianne)** and senior **Lizzy Stanton (Cincinnati/Withrow)**

Mount Union sophomore **Annie Patton (Darlington, PA/Blackhawk)** became a two-time All-American in the javelin by placing fifth with a throw of 42.37m.

Rounding out the All-American honors for the women was Wilmington junior **Callen Martin (Cincinnati/Finneytown)**, who finished runner-up in the 100-meter dash (12.12), followed Heidelberg junior **Judy Bataille (Felicity, Ohio / Felicity-Franklin)** who placed seventh (12.31).

