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OHIO NORTHERN'S FRANKLE NAMED FEBRUARY OAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



Twinsburg, OH- Ohio Northern junior swimmer **Nick Frankle (Canfield)** has been named the Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) Scholar-Athlete of the Month for February.

In its eighth year of existence, the OAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month honors an exceptional student-athlete on a monthly basis. Criteria for the award consist of the student-athlete being a sophomore, junior or senior status, competition in a sport that is in-season, sportsmanlike conduct and carrying at least a cumulative grade-point average (gpa) of 3.0.

Frankle, an accounting major, has become a key leader on the ONU men's swimming team. Frankle has met challenges both in the pool and in the classroom with the resolve of a champion.

Frankle is an 11-time All-Ohio Athletic Conference swimmer and has won seven Conference titles in various events.

He is the ONU school record holder in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke, the 1,000 and 1,650 freestyle and the 200 and 400 medley relay events.

Last year, Frankle swept the 100 and 200-yard breast and was on the champion 200 and 400 medley relay teams at the OAC Championships, while leading the ONU men to their first OAC title in school history.

"He is one of our hardest workers. He challenges all of us to rise to the next level," ONU Head Coach Peggy Ewald said. "It's a correlation in Division III athletics for students to find success in both the classroom and athletics. Nick's leadership has helped set the momentum for this season."

Most impressive of Frankle's accomplishments are maintaining his grades while competing in the physically and mentally demanding sport of swimming.

Last season, Frankle was named a second team Academic All-American.

Frankle's successes academically and athletically are becoming a valuable example to young student-athletes everywhere. Coach Ewald said that Frankle's achievements have put him in a role model position that shows [other athletes] that they can find a balance between being great academically and being a great athlete.

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Ohio Northern Sports Information Assistant, Matt Carey, is credited for this feature.

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