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Michigan Technological University
Minnesota State University
Northern Michigan University

Women's Member Teams

Bemidji State University
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota Duluth
Minnesota State University
University of North Dakota
Ohio State University
St. Cloud State University
University of Wisconsin

Home of a Record 32 Men's National Championship Teams Since 1951

1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958,
1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964,
1965, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1973, 1974,
1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981,
1982, 1983, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1997,
2000, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006,
2011

Home of a Record 14 Women's National Championship Teams Since 1999

2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011,
2012, 2013

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Ohio State's Becky Allis, Michigan Tech's Brad Stebner Named WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients for 2014

MADISON, Wis. – A pair of Western Collegiate Hockey Association-member team student-athletes who have excelled both on and off the ice the past four seasons – Becky Allis of Ohio State University and Brad Stebner of Michigan Technological University – are the women's and men's WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship recipients for 2014.

"On behalf of the entire Association, we are proud to announce that Becky Allis and Brad Stebner are this season's WCHA

Postgraduate Scholarship winners", said men's and women's commissioners Bruce McLeod and Sara Martin, who are retiring June 30. "Since we first announced the postgraduate scholarship program nearly a dozen years ago, we have continually been amazed with each successive group of recipients.

"We have been blessed to see Becky and Brad competing both on the ice and in the classroom at the highest levels over the past the four years.

They are outstanding role models, they represent the best of collegiate athletics, and their dedication and work-ethic will ensure them success in whatever they choose to pursue in the future. We salute them, thank them, and wish them all the best."

The WCHA announced the men's and women's annual postgraduate scholarship program in April of 2003, with the initial recipients named after the 2003-04 academic year. The WCHA Postgraduate Scholarships, are grants of (\$7500) each for postgraduate studies.

Allis, a senior at Ohio State in 2013-14, hails from West Olive, Mich. Owner of a 3.6 cumulative grade-point average, she played in 134 games for the Buckeyes at both defense and forward over her four seasons, producing 10 points on two goals and eight assists. Her collegiate career highlights include earning the prestigious WCHA Scholar-Athlete award in both 2013 and 2014, being named an Ohio State Scholar-Athlete four times (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014), being a multiple WCHA All-Academic Team honoree, being a Big Ten Medal of Honor nominee in 2014, and earning Dean's List acclaim at OSU over nine terms between 2010 and 2014. She suited up for 35 games in her final season, firing a career-high 45 shots on goal while moving up to play as a forward for the majority of the campaign. She also recorded four assists this past season and was credited with 66 blocked shots. As a junior in 2012-13, Allis played in 31 games for the Buckeyes, as a sophomore in 2011-12 she saw action in 36 contests and as a freshman in 2010-11, she played in 32 games and earned WCHA Rookie of the Week honors on Oct. 10, 2010 after notching her first points in a sweep of league rival St. Cloud State. Her first collegiate goal came against Syracuse in the Buckeyes' 6-2 win Oct. 30, 2010.

"As head coach at Ohio State, I have had wonderful opportunity to coach Becky over the past



Becky Allis



Brad Stebner

three years,” said Nate Handrahan, “and seeing her develop athletically, academically and personally has been extremely rewarding. She is the epitome of the student-athlete, able to balance the strenuous demands of being a Division 1 athlete with ease, and thanks to her tireless work ethic, Becky has always had one of our top grade-point averages. She has repeatedly been named a WCHA, Big Ten and OSU academic scholar-athlete as an Exercise Science major. She has also continually given back to the community through involvements in the 2nd and Seven Foundation, internships at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and the Ohio Therapy Institute, helping with Operation Buckeye (packing boxes for troops) and working with Big Sisters and Race for the Cure among others.

“On the ice, she has played at both forward and defense, which for a coach is very beneficial. You can’t coach versatility and Becky embodied that quality. She took pride in trying to be the best she could, was always willing to play any role the team needed and was a team first player. She was extremely hard to play against and was the hardest working player on our team. Whether it was at practice or in a game, she never took a shift off. Her teammates saw her passion and work ethic and tried to emulate it. She led us by example and we were fortunate to have her don the Buckeye jersey for four years.”

Of her future plans, Allis said, “I plan to attend a doctorate of physical therapy program after graduating, which consists of three more years of study. Physical therapy captured my interest because of its restorative properties; to restore an injured body to full function is a challenging but rewarding career. As a physical therapist, I can do much more than heal injuries; I can educate patients about their physical limitations, motivate them to improve their abilities and initiate lifestyle changes. Building relationships with patients as they progress through their rehabilitation gives me more time to be involved in their health and well-being.”

Prior to enrolling at Ohio State, Allis played hockey for the Chicago Mission Under-19 team while attending Black River Public School, where she also earned all-conference honors while competing in soccer. She spent the 2008-09 season with the Grand Rapids Griffins, producing 20 goals and 15 assists in 64 games, and played with the Kentwood Falcons the previous two seasons with 29 goals and 30 assists in 95 games while helping the Falcons to the 2008 LCAHL Championship. She was a five-year member of the Holland Hockey boys program and attended the 2009 USA Hockey National Development Camp. The daughter of Jim Allis and Jeri Walsh-Allis, Becky also enjoys playing soccer, running and biking.

Nominating Allis for the WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship was John Bruno, Faculty Athletic Representative at OSU.

Stebner, a senior defenseman at Michigan Tech in 2013-14, hails from Fort McMurray, Alberta and owns a 4.0 undergraduate grade-point average while majoring in Biological Sciences (pre-professional program) with a minor in Psychology. He is a three-time WCHA Scholar-Athlete (2012, 2013, 2014), a multiple WCHA All-Academic Team honoree, has been a member of the Michigan Tech Dean’s List every semester in Houghton, and has three times earned MTU’s John MacInnes Slide Rule Award for the hockey team’s highest GPA.

“I have had the privilege of coaching Brad for three seasons,” said Michigan Tech head coach Mel Pearson. “He is a coach’s dream with the leadership that he has provided in the classroom,

in off-ice sessions, in practices and in every game. Brad sets the example for our players with his character, discipline and hard work.

“Brad is a defensive defenseman who has led the team in ice time over the past two seasons. This year he was elected co-captain and was an assistant captain in his junior year. After our season was finished, he was given the opportunity for an amateur tryout with the Stockton Thunder; he will do well and complete his studies and graduate. Brad was married last summer so in addition to everything that he was doing with our team, his studies and community work, he added the responsibilities of being a husband in his senior year. He and his wife even led a team Bible study group this past season.”

“Brad is one of the finest student-athletes I have had the pleasure of working with. His leadership and character have certainly helped us rebuild the culture and program at Michigan Tech. He will be very successful.”

Among his many volunteer activities, Stebner regularly speaks at local schools to promote both academics and athletics as part of Coaches Kids, has interacted with children and the community on various events including Skate with the Huskies, has been a volunteer coach at summer camps in both Houghton and his hometown of Fort McMurray, has worked with Project Keepstraight – a drug awareness program in Fort McMurray, and has helped with Santa’s Anonymous to pack and distribute Christmas gifts to needy families in his hometown.

In his senior season of 2013-14, Stebner served as team co-captain for the Huskies, appearing in 37 games with eight points on one goal and seven assists and an impressive +7 plus-minus rating. He was named the team’s John MacInnes Slide Rule recipient and earned WCHA Scholar-Athlete accolades. He had two assists in a 10-4 conference win over Alabama Huntsville on Feb. 8. As a junior in 2012-13, he served as assistant captain and played in 35 games, earned WCHA Scholar-Athlete accolades for the second straight season, and was named the John MacInnes Slide Rule Award winner for having the Huskies’ highest grade-point average. As a sophomore in 2011-12, Stebner posted a team-best plus/minus rating of +12 in 37 games, was named a WCHA Scholar-Athlete, earned WCHA All-Academic Team honor and received MTU’s Rick Yeo Unsung Hero Award (co-recipient with Dennis Rix). In his first collegiate season of 2010-11, he earned the Elov Seger Memorial Award as the team’s most improved player while appearing in 30 games. He recorded his first career point with an assist on a game-winning shorthanded goal at Denver.

“Hockey has been a life long dream of mine and the fact that it has given me an opportunity to pursue a great career and education is truly incredible,” said Stebner. “I intend on applying for Medical School and becoming a doctor. This summer I have scheduled to write the MCAT and will be applying for several different universities and their medical programs. This application will be for the 2015-16 academic year, which will also give me a season to pursue a year of pro hockey and gain the experience it entails. Although I have not decided yet on an exact specialization, but there are several fields that really interest me – including radiology, anesthesiology, and general family practice. I have always been fascinated by anatomy and the workings of the human body. Most importantly, I love helping others and want to make a difference. My love of athletics as well as academics provides me with a unique opportunity to continue to work in a field

that involves attributes I have gained through my experiences at Michigan Tech –including hard work, dedication, leadership and teamwork.”

Prior to enrolling at Michigan Tech, Stebner played three seasons for the Fort McMurray Oil Barons of the AJHL, appearing in 166 games with 87 points (13g, 69a). He earned the Terry Conroy Memorial Award in 2008, was named the team’s best defenseman and was an all-star selection in 2009, and in his final season in Fort McMurray he was honored as the team’s best defenseman, was a finalist for AJHL defenseman of the year, and served as the captain for the north division all-star team. Stebner is a 2007 graduate of Harry Ainlay High School and is the son of Darryl and Deb Stebner of Fort McMurray. His hobbies include fishing, camping, video games, watching movies and working out.

Nominating Stebner for the WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship was William Sproule, Faculty Athletic Representative at MTU.

WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship

The WCHA’s Postgraduate Scholarship program dates to 2003, when the original announcement was made by P.J. Hill, then Chair of the Association and Faculty Representative from the University of Alaska Anchorage, WCHA men’s commissioner Bruce McLeod and WCHA women’s commissioner Sara Martin.

In announcing the program, Hill said, “This represents another positive step forward for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association in the area and recognition of academic achievement. We are extremely proud of the excellent reputation our member institutions have in both athletics and academics, and this new postgraduate scholarship program will only enhance that.”

Postgraduate Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines:

1. The nominee must graduate by the end of the current academic year (or by the end of the summer) and must have earned at least a 3.0 grade-point average.
2. The nominee must have competed in the WCHA for at least three years.
3. Following notification, the award winners have until July 1 to accept, in writing, the scholarship.
4. The winners must enroll in graduate school within five years of graduation.
5. Designated full-time enrollment (postgraduate degree hours) shall be required and verification from the program director must be presented to the WCHA Conference office before the award shall be presented.
6. All scholarship money will be sent directly to the Postgraduate institution.
7. All member Faculty Athletic Representatives will vote on determining the scholarship winners.

WCHA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients

- 2004:** Men’s – Mike Colgan, Colorado College. Women’s – Michelle McAteer, University of Minnesota Duluth.
- 2005:** Men’s – Reid Goolsby, Colorado College. Women’s – Emma Laaksonen, Ohio State University.
- 2006:** Men’s – Jake Brandt, University of North Dakota. Women’s – Kelsey Bills, University of Minnesota.
- 2007:** Men’s – Ted O’Leary, University of Denver. Women’s – Meghan Mutrie, University of North Dakota.
- 2008:** Men’s – Nate Raduns, St. Cloud State University. Women’s – Denelle Maguet, St. Cloud State University.
- 2009:** Men’s – Andrew Thomas, University of Denver. Women’s – Laura Fast, St. Cloud State University.
- 2010:** Men’s – Jake Gannon, Colorado College. Women’s – Myriam Trepanier, University of Minnesota Duluth.
- 2011:** Men’s – Eli Vlaisavljevich, Michigan Technological University. Women’s – Caitlin Hogan, St. Cloud State University.
- 2012:** Men’s – Kyle Schmidt, University of Minnesota Duluth. Women’s (co) – Kelli Blankenship, University of Minnesota and Courtney Josefson, St. Cloud State University
- 2013:** Men’s – Brad Eidsness, University of North Dakota. Women’s (co) – Brittany Toor, St. Cloud State University and Montana Vichorek, Bemidji State University.
- 2014:** Men’s – Brad Stebner, Michigan Technological University. Women’s – Becky Allis, Ohio State University.

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