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NCAC Cross Country Championships

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**KENYON SWEEPS BOTH TITLES; LORDS TAKE THIRD STRAIGHT CROWN:
GERSTLE, HILDEBRAND TAKE INDIVIDUAL HONORS**

Oct. 28, 2001

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Indiana -- Kenyon swept both the mens and women's titles at the 18th annual North Coast Athletic Conference Championships, held at Wabash Oct. 27. The Lords captured their third consecutive men's title while the Ladies took their second and first since 1995.

All five of Kenyon's scorers placed in the top 15 as the Ladies defeated second-place Allegheny by 13 points. The Gators finished in second place for the second year in a row on the strength of two top-10 finishes. Runners from six different schools took the top six spots. Wittenberg junior **Abi Gerstle (Kettering, OH/Fairmont)** won the race, improving on her third-place finish of a year ago with a 19:09.45 clocking. She was followed by Allegheny junior **Nicole Morandi (Tewksbury, MA/Tewksbury)**, a three-time first-team All-NCAC performer. Denison's **Julie Hufnagel (Beverly Hills, MI/Marian)** was third and junior **Laura Feeny (Sattsburg, NY/Franklin D. Roosevelt)** was fourth. Hiram junior **Jenny Wilke (Sandusky, OH/Sandusky)** earned her third All-NCAC honor after she finished fifth, her best career finish. Sophomore **Laura Koss (Millburn, NJ/Millburn)** was champion Kenyon's top individual in sixth, while Wittenberg senior **Sarah Weide (Fort Wayne, IN/Homestead)** finished seventh to earn her third All-NCAC honor with her best finish.

Kenyon ran away with the men's race, taking the top four spots and outscoring second-place Wooster by 56 points with a nearly perfect score of 28. Kenyon junior **Ben Hildebrand (Rochester, NY/Harley)** won the race in 26:00.37 and earned his third career first-team All-NCAC honor. Junior **Michael Baird (Temple, TX/Temple)**, senior **Cary Snyder Demarest, NJ/Northern Valley)**, and junior **Matt Cabrera (Vancouver, WA/Skyview)**, all of Kenyon, took places two through four. Wabash senior **Jared Smit (Lafayette, IN/Lafayette Central)** earned first-team honors for the second year in a row, finishing in fifth for the second time. Wooster junior **Brendan Callahan (South Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury)** was sixth and Denison junior **Brock Babcock (Platte City, MO/Platte County)** earned his third career first-team honor with a seventh-place finish.

The top seven finishers in each race earn first-team All-NCAC honors. The next seven (places 8 through 14) earn second-team honors and the next seven (places 15 through 21) earn honorable mention.

2001 Men's Cross Country Championships

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| 1. Kenyon College | 28 |
| 2. College of Wooster | 84 |
| 3. Wabash College | 85 |
| 4. Allegheny College | 110 |
| 5. Oberlin College | 113 |
| 6. Denison University | 146 |
| 7. Ohio Wesleyan University | 192 |
| 8. Wittenberg University | 208 |
| 9. Earlham College | 217 |
| 10. Hiram College | 224 |

2001 Women's Cross Country Championships

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| 1. Kenyon College | 56 |
| 2. Allegheny College | 69 |
| 3. Denison University | 80 |
| 4. Oberlin College | 89 |
| 5. Wittenberg University | 118 |
| 6. Earlham College | 151 |
| 7. College of Wooster | 156 |
| 8. Hiram College | 215 |
| 9. Ohio Wesleyan University | 218 |

2001 ALL-NCAC MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

CLEVELAND -- The following performers earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors at the 2001 NCAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Wabash College.

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Ben Hildebrand *!	Kenyon	Jr.	1	26:00	Rochester, NY/Harley
Michael Baird	Kenyon	Jr.	2	26:11	Temple, TX/Temple
Cary Snyder +#!	Kenyon	Sr.	3	26:16	Demarest, NJ/Northern Valley
Matt Cabrera \$+	Kenyon	Jr.	4	26:18	Vancouver, WA/Skyview
Jared Smit!	Wabash	Sr.	5	26:28	Lafayette, IN/Lafayette Central
Brendan Callahan+	Wooster	Jr.	6	26:49	S. Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury
Brock Babcock *!	Denison	Jr.	7	26:51	Platte City, MO/Platte County

Runner of the Year: Ben Hildebrand, Kenyon

Newcomer of the Year: Ryan McGinnis, Oberlin

Coach of the Year: Duane Gomez, Kenyon

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Don Beesing	Hiram	Sr.	8	26:55	Stow, OH/Stow-Monroe Falls
Ryan McGinnis	Oberlin	Fr.	9	27:02	Walnut Creek, CA/Las Lomas
Matt Sherer	Wabash	Jr.	10	27:03	Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso
Zach Warren	Earlham	Jr.	11	27:11	Charleston, WV/Charleston Catholic
Jeff Conroy	Allegheny	Fr.	12	27:12	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
Nathan Aichele^	Denison	So.	13	27:14	Westerville, OH/Westerville North
Evan McDaniel^	Wooster	Jr.	14	27:18	Grass Valley, CA/Nevada Union

HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Adam Greeney	Oberlin	So.	15	27:20	Amherst, MA/Amherst Regional
Dan Ruge	Wabash	Jr.	16	27:20	Chesterton, MI/Chesterton
Jared Rhode	Wooster	Jr.	17	27:27	Port Clinton, OH/Port Clinton
Andrew Sisson^	Kenyon	So.	18	27:28	Granville, OH/Granville
Dan Sweet	Wabash	So.	19	27:31	West Bloomfield, MI/Culver Military
Jason Betts	Allegheny	So.	20	27:33	Conneaut Lake, PA/Conneaut Lake
Dave Hyde	Wittenberg	Sr.	21	27:33	Naperville, IL/Central

Key: !1st team 2000, +2nd team 2000, ^honorable mention 2000, *1st team 1999, #2nd team 1999, \$ honorable mention 1999

2001 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

CLEVELAND -- The following performers earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors at the 2001 NCAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Wabash College.

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Abi Gerstle!	Wittenberg	Jr.	1	19:09	Kettering, OH/Fairmont
Nicole Morandi *!	Allegheny	Jr.	2	19:16	Tewksbury, MA/Tewksbury
Julie Hufnagel	Denison	So.	3	19:25	Beverly Hills, MI/Marian
Laura Feeney @	Oberlin	Jr.	4	19:29	Sattsburg, NY/Franklin D. Roosevelt
Jenny Wilke @\$	Hiram	Jr.	5	19:34	Sandusky, OH/Sandusky
Laura Koss	Kenyon	So.	6	19:35	Millburn, NJ/Millburn
Sarah Weide@\$	Wittenberg	Sr.	7	19:41	Ft. Wayne, IN/Homestead

Runner of the Year: Abi Gerstle, Wittenberg

Newcomer of the Year: Leah Shouey, Allegheny

Coach of the Year: Duane Gomez, Kenyon

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Lori Tuchfeld@!	Oberlin	Jr.	8	19:42	N. Merrick, NY/Sanfor H. Calhoun
Leah Shouey	Allegheny	Fr.	9	19:47	Franklin, PA/Franklin Regional
Katherine Kapo\$	Kenyon	Sr.	10	19:52	Charleston, WV/Charleston
Megan Biddle^	Kenyon	Jr.	11	19:54	Indianapolis, IN/North Central
Adrienne Shue*!	Denison	Jr.	12	19:56	Circleville, OH/Circleville
Julia Goeke	Oberlin	So.	13	20:00	St. Louis, MO/Nerinx Hall
Tenaya Britton^	Kenyon	So.	14	20:04	Bethesda, MD/Walter Johnson

HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Katie Tully	Kenyon	So.	15	20:04	Danville, CA/The Athenan School
Jennifer Stockdale	Wooster	Fr.	16	20:05	Rocky River, OH/St. Joseph Academy
Chelsea Benson	Allegheny	So.	17	20:06	Mt. Jewett, PA/Kane
Ellen Watts	Denison	Sr.	18	20:08	Shaker Hts., OH/Magnificat
Lindsey Shouey	Allegheny	Fr.	19	20:10	Franklin, PA/Franklin Regional
Josie Caton	Earlham	Fr.	20	20:15	Goshen, IN/Goshen
Rebecca Metzler	Denison	So.	21	20:22	Chelsea, MI/Chelsea

Key: !1st team 2000, \$2nd team 2000, ^honorable mention 2000, * 1st team 1999 @ 2nd team 1999 # honorable mention 1999 % 1st team 1997 & 1st team 1998 +2nd team 1998