Five Bluffton College track and field members nominated for Verizon Academic All-America honors

Four Bluffton College track and field student-athletes have been nominated for the Verizon Academic All-America team, including sophomore hurdler and sprinter Troy Baumer (Geneva, Ind./South Adams H.S.) senior distance runner Steve Borga (New Philadelphia), sophomore sprinter Jana Hammer (Hamler/Patrick Henry H.S.), junior hurdler and jumper Laurel Miller (Galion) and junior pole vaulter and distance runner Rachel Noirot (Wauseon).

To be nominated for the Verizon Academic All-America team players must be of at least sophomore status, participated in at least 50% of the team’s meets, be a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletic credentials as well as hold a 3.20 cumulative grade point average or better.

Baumer currently holds a 3.21 GPA in the business field. He placed second at the 2003 conference championships in the 110m high hurdles and the 400m intermediate hurdles. Borga currently holds a 3.83 GPA in the math and computer science field. He placed sixth at the conference championship in the 10,000m run, holds Bluffton’s best time this season in the 5,000m run and the 10,000m run and was a member of the record-setting indoor distance medley quartet. Borga has been named academic all-conference, was a team captain in cross country and he owns the highest male GPA among all Bluffton varsity student-athletes.

Hammer currently holds a 3.40 GPA (major is undecided), and set the school record this spring in the 100m dash (12.77, 2nd in conference) and placed third in the conference in the 200m dash (26.90). She was a member of three school record-setting relay quartets (outdoor 4x100m, outdoor 4x400m, indoor 4x200m). Her outdoor 4x100m dash squad won the conference and she also scored points at the conference championship in the 200m dash. Miller currently holds a 3.72 GPA in the middle childhood education field. This season she set the school record in the 100m hurdles (16.14 seconds), was a member of the record-setting 4x100m relay quartet and set the school record in the indoor and outdoor triple jump. Noirot currently holds a 3.58 GPA in the dietetics field. This season she broke both Bluffton indoor and outdoor pole vault records.