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# ANNA COCKRELL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND TURNER WASHINGTON OF ARIZONA STATE HEADLINE 2021 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

**AUSTIN, Texas –** Graduate student **Anna Cockrell** of the University of Southern California and senior **Turner Washington** of Arizona State University headline the 2021 Academic All-America® Division I Track & Field/Cross Country teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Cockrell, who carries a 4.00 GPA in a public policy graduate program and earned her undergraduate degree in communications, has been named the 2021 Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for Division I women's track & field/cross country for the second-straight year. Washington, a biological science conservation bio & ecology major with a 4.00 GPA, has been named the 2021 Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for Division I men's track & field/cross country.

Cockrell, from Charlotte, N.C., was a 2020 Tokyo Olympian in the 400m hurdles. She was named the NCAA Division I Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Scholar Track Athlete of the Year and won both the 100H and 400H at the 2021 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track & Field Championships, becoming just the second athlete in meet history to sweep those events (Queen Harrison, Virginia Tech in 2010). It is the first time in program history that a USC athlete has been named the NCAA Division I Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Scholar Track Athlete of the Year.  Cockrell also set the USC 400m hurdles record of 53.70 this season and won both the 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles titles at the Pac-12 Championships.

Washington, from Tucson, Ariz., was a three-time First Team All-American and one of the most dominant throwers in track & field. Washington ended the year with eight of the top-10 seasonal marks in the discus, seven of the top-10 seasonal marks in the outdoor shot put, and four of the top-10 seasonal marks in the indoor shot put - including the collegiate record of 21.85m (71-8¼). Washington's huge 66.26m (217-5) mark in the discus also made him the No. 7 performer in collegiate history. The Sun Devil is the only man in collegiate history with current all-time top-10 efforts in both the discus and any shot put. Washington was a perfect 14-0 in collegiate competition through both the indoor and outdoor seasons. He broke the collegiate indoor shot record at just the second meet of the year before going on to win the NCAA indoor shot title a month later in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Moving outdoors, Washington never threw shorter than 68 feet and ultimately hit his outdoor PR (21.10m/69-2.75) at the NCAA Championships en route to his second title of 2021. Washington broke the ASU program discus record four times this year too.

Of the 46 members on the Academic All-America® Division I women's track & field/cross country team, 19 boast a perfect 4.0 GPA. The 16 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.92. Thirteen others join Cockrell as repeat selections on Academic All-America® Division I women's track & field / cross country team from previous years – **Ariane Ballner** (Oklahoma State University), **Emilie Berge** (University of South Alabama), **Jessica Drop** (University of Georgia), **Carmela Cardama Baez** (University of Oregon), **Shelby Gunnells** (North Dakota State University), **Bethany Hasz** (University of Minnesota), **Alice Hill** (University of Michigan), **Sage Hurta** (University of Colorado), **Daija Lampkin** (University of Alabama), **Cailie Logue** (Iowa State University), **Katie Rainsberger** (University of Washington), **Twanisha "Tee Tee" Terry** (University of Southern California) and **Samantha Zelden** (University of Alabama)

Of the 45 members on the Academic All-America® Division I men's track & field/cross country team, 11 boast a perfect 4.0 GPA. The 15 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.92. Eleven student-athletes were repeat selections on Academic All-America® Division I men's track & field/cross country team from previous years – **Zack Anderson** (University of South Dakota), **Jovaine Atkinson** (Liberty University), **Kevin Cahoy** (University of Nebraska), **Casey Comber** (Villanova University), **Rile DeMeulenaere** (Loyola University Chicago), **Olin Hacker** (University of Wisconsin), **Vincent Kiprop** (University of Alabama), **Yared Nugose** (University of Notre Dame), **Luke Siedhoff** (University of Nebraska), **Mick Stanovsek** (University of Washington) and **Matthew Scarpill** (St. Joseph's University).

For more information regarding the Academic All-America® program, visit https://academicallamerica.com/.

# 2020-21 Academic All-America ® Team
## Men's Track & Field / Cross Country
## NCAA Division I

### FIRST TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | GPA | Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jovaine Atkinson (2) | Liberty University | Sr. | 3.83 | Aeronautics |
| Alec Basten | University of Minnesota | Gr. | 3.88/4.00 | Kinesiology |
| Kevin Cahoy (1) (@) | University of Nebraska | Sr. | 3.99 | Medicine |
| Sean Casey | U.S. Naval Academy | Jr. | 4.00 | Aerospace Engineering |
| Casey Comber (1) | Villanova University | Gr. | 3.94/3.93 | Analytics (G) |
| Riley DeMeulenaere (2) | Loyola University Chicago | Gr. | 4.00 | Biochemistry |
| Olin Hacker (1) | University of Wisconsin | Gr. | 3.95/4.00 | Kinesiology (G) / Biology (UG) |
| Duncan Hamilton | Montana State University | Jr. | 3.79 | Mechanical Engineering |
| Thomas Johnstone | U.S. Naval Academy | Sr. | 4.00 | Mathematics with Economics |
| Vincent Kiprop (1) | University of Alabama | Gr. | 3.87/3.93 | Public Health (UG and G) |
| Yared Nuguse (1) | University of Notre Dame | Sr. | 3.86 | Biochemistry |
| Trevor Otterdahl | North Dakota State University | Gr. | 3.96/4.00 | MBA (G) / Mathematics (UG) |
| Luke Siedhoff (2) | University of Nebraska | Gr. | 3.92/4.00 | Biological Sciences |
| Mick Stanovsek (1) | University of Washington | Gr. | 3.85/3.47 | Jurisprudence (G) |
| Turner Washington | Arizona State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Biological Science Conservation Bio & Ecology |

### SECOND TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | GPA | Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Israel Anaya-Carmona | Boise State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Pre-Medial Studies / Biology |
| Zack Anderson (3) (@) | University of South Dakota | Sr. | 3.35 | General Studies |
| Trey Cunningham | Florida State University | Sr. | 3.44 | Public Relations |
| Jake Dyer | Oklahoma State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Entrepreneurship, Management & Marketing |
| Teddy Frid | University of Minnesota | Gr. | 3.54/3.82 | Human Resource Development (G) |
| George Gleason | University of Southern California | Gr. | 4.00/4.00 | Project Management (G) |
| Cole Hocker | University of Oregon | So. | 3.31 | Undecided |
| Danny Kilrea | University of Notre Dame | Jr. | 3.95 | Finance |
| George Kusche | University of Nebraska | Sr. | 3.77 | Actuarial Science |
| Cord Neal | Stephen F. Austin State University | Jr. | 4.00 | Animal Science |
| Owayne Owens | University of Virginia | So. | 3.88 | Sociology |
| Tejaswin Shankar | Kansas State University | Gr. | 3.45 | Accounting |
| Josh Sobota | University of Kentucky | Jr. | 3.83 | Management / Marketing |
| Jake Spotswood | University of Alabama | Sr. | 3.88 | Marketing |
| Cooper Teare | University of Oregon | Sr. | 3.37 | General Social Science |

### THIRD TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | GPA | Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Amabile | George Mason University | Sr. | 3.98 | Rehabilitation Science |
| Matthew Boling | University of Georgia | So. | 3.37 | Marketing |
| Jonathan Boyd | Chattanooga | Sr. | 4.00 | Electrical Engineering |
| Ethan Bray | University of South Dakota | Gr. | 3.35/3.33 | Kinesiology & Sport Mgmt (G) / Criminal Justice (UG) |
| John Gove | Michigan State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Horticulture |
| Owen Hoeft | University of Minnesota | Sr. | 3.75 | Kinesiology |
| Matthew Katnik | University of Southern California | Gr. | 3.38/3.68 | Entrepreneurship (G) |
| Nick Laning | Vanderbilt University | Jr. | 3.98 | Civil Engineering |
| Devin Meyrer | University of Michigan | Gr. | 3.75/3.87 | Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health MSW |
| Bennett Pascoe | Arkansas State University | Jr. | 3.44 | Biotechnology |
| Joe Riordan | Michigan State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Biosystems Engineering |
| Matthew Scarpill (3) | Saint Joseph's University | Sr. | 3.96 | Actuarial Science |
| Kaleb Siekmeier | University of Minnesota | Sr. | 3.61 | Aerospace Engineering |
| Greg Skage | U.S. Air Force Academy | Sr. | 3.39 | Management |
| Sean Torpy | Miami University | Gr. | 3.81/3.80 | Kinesiology |

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# 2020-21 Academic All-America ® Team
# Women's Track & Field / Cross Country
# NCAA Division I

## FIRST TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | GPA | Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brittany Aveni | Duke University | Sr. | 3.98 | Biology |
| Ariane Ballner (1) (@) (#) | Oklahoma State University | Gr. | 4.00/4.00 | Mass Comm. (G) / Management & Marketing (UG) |
| Carmela Cardama Baez (1) | University of Oregon | Gr. | 3.82/3.66 | Prevention Science |
| Mercy Chelangat | University of Alabama | Jr. | 3.67 | Public Health |
| Kelsey Chmiel | North Carolina State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Animal Science |
| Tamara Clark | University of Alabama | Sr. | 3.57 | Public Health |
| Anna Cockrell (1) (%) (#) | University of Southern California | Gr. | 3.98/4.00 | Public Policy (G) / Communications (UG) |
| Lisa Gunnarsson | Louisiana State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Mechanical Engineering |
| Shelby Gunnells (1) (%) | North Dakota State University | Gr. | 4.00/4.00 | Geology |
| Bethany Hasz (3) | University of Minnesota | Gr. | 3.96/4.00 | Sport / Exercise Science |
| Alice Hill (2) | University of Michigan | Sr. | 4.00 | Ecology, Evolution & Biodiversity / Neuroscience |
| Sage Hurta (1) (%) | University of Colorado | Sr. | 3.98 | Chemical & Biological Engineering |
| Daija Lampkin (1) (%) | University of Alabama | Sr. | 4.00 | Public Health / PreMed |
| Cailie Logue (3) | Iowa State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Kinesiology |
| Katie Rainsberger (2) | University of Washington | Sr. | 3.97 | Medical Anthropology & Global Health |
| Samantha Zelden (2) | University of Alabama | Gr. | 4.00/4.00 | Kinesiology (G) / Exercise Science (UG) |

## SECOND TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | GPA | Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bailey Ashmore | University of North Texas | Gr. | 4.00/4.00 | Materials Science & Engineering |
| Celera Barnes | University of Kentucky | Gr. | 3.83/4.00 | Medical Science (G) / Kinesiology (UG) |
| Emilie Berge (2) | University of South Alabama | Gr. | 3.98/4.00 | Environmental Toxicology (G) / Biology (UG) |
| Nastassja Campbell | University of Arkansas | Jr. | 3.90 | Communication |
| Jessica Drop (2) | University of Georgia | Sr. | 3.90 | Cellular Biology |
| Bria Matthews | Georgia Tech | Gr. | 3.92/3.70 | Electrical & Computer Engineering |
| Michaela Meyer | University of Virginia | Gr. | 3.32/3.89 | Nursing |
| Aaliyah Miller | Baylor University | Gr. | 3.47/3.66 | Sports Management |
| Maudie Skyring | Florida State University | Gr. | 4.00/3.92 | Marketing |
| Kaitlin Smith | Houston Baptist University | Gr. | 4.00/4.00 | Kinesiology-Sports Management |
| Abby Steiner | University of Kentucky | Jr. | 3.79 | Exercise Science (pre-physical therapy) |
| Rachel Tanczos | University of Notre Dame | Sr. | 3.91 | Psychology / Theology |
| TeeTee Terry (1) (^) | University of Southern California | Gr. | 3.69/3.83 | Entrepreneurship (G) / Communication (UG) |
| Jorinde van Klinken | Arizona State University | Gr. | 3.92 | Global Management |
| Sasha Wells | Oral Roberts University | Sr. | 4.00 | History |

## THIRD TEAM

| Name | School | Yr. | GPA | Major |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| McKenzie Altmayer | Bradley University | Gr. | 3.96/4.00 | English Creative Writing |
| Stephanie Cho | Washington State University | Sr. | 4.00 | Kinesiology |
| Laura Ehrenberger | Duquesne University | Sr. | 4.00 | Pharmacy |
| Riley Felts | Charlotte | Jr. | 4.00 | Civil Engineering |
| Haley Herberg | University of Washington | Jr. | 3.54 | Civil Engineering |
| Andrianna Jacobs | University of Nebraska | Sr. | 4.00 | Broadcasting / Journalism / Psychology |
| Abby Kohut-Jackson | University of Minnesota | Sr. | 3.93 | Spanish Studies |
| Val Larson | University of Minnesota | Gr. | 3.89/4.00 | Sport / Exercise Science |
| Sydney Laufenberg | Illinois State University | Gr. | 3.57/4.00 | Family & Consumer Sciences (G) |
| Molly Leppelmeier | University of Kentucky | Sr. | 4.00 | Computer Science |
| Emily Mackay | Binghamton University | Sr. | 3.56 | Psychology |
| Kara Nix | University of North Alabama | Sr. | 4.00 | Industrial Hygiene / Chemistry |
| Hannah Steelman | North Carolina State University | Sr. | 3.74 | Psychology |
| Ijeoma Uche | Brown University | Sr. | 3.57 | Public Health |
| Amira Young | University of Minnesota | Jr. | 3.36 | Kinesiology |

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