

BC3 tops WPCC again with 30 student-athletes on spring sports all-academic team

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College topped the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference's spring sports all-academic team for a second consecutive year with 30 student-athletes that include Joel Stutz and Mackenzie Craig, who became the Pioneers' all-time scorers in men's and women's basketball, respectively, and led their programs to conference crowns in the same season for the first time ever.

To be eligible for the WPCC all-academic spring and fall sports teams, student-athletes must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Those with grade-point averages between 3.0 and 3.49 attain honors, and those with GPAs from 3.5 to 4.0, high honors.

Both Stutz, a Butler High graduate who finished his BC3 career with 1,366 points; and Craig, a Karns City High graduate who ended with 1,277 and a program-record 966 rebounds; were recognized for attaining high honors and were named to the WPCC all-academic team for a fourth time since fall 2017.

The Pioneers' women's basketball team won its third WPCC title in four years by beating the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville 62-43 on Feb. 16. A day later, BC3's men's squad captured its first championship since 1994 and fifth overall by beating Pennsylvania Highlands Community College 96-84.

Craig in April became the first student-athlete in BC3 history to be selected as a National Junior College Athletic Association All-American in two sports, volleyball and women's basketball.



BC3 student-athletes on the WPCC's spring sports all-academic team include, top row, from left: Abigail Black, Carly Burdett and Bailey Campbell. Second row, from left, Joshua Campbell, Grant Clawson and Gracie Cornetti. Third row, from left, Mackenzie Craig, Brooke Dingel and Amara Dorcy. Fourth row, from left, Shawn Gray, Luke Haas and Jenna Heitzenrater.

BC3 student-athletes also selected to the WPCCC all-academic team for a fourth time since fall 2017 are Carly Burdett, Knoch, women's basketball; Kelly Kriley, Butler, women's basketball; Jace Stutz, Butler, men's basketball and baseball; Joshua Campbell, Knoch, men's basketball; and Luke Ostermeyer, Laurel, golf.

Named in women's basketball, in addition to Craig; Burdett, high honors; and Kriley, honors; are Casey Kretzer, Knoch, high honors; Brooke Dingel, high honors, Butler; high honors; Amara Dorcy, Butler, honors; and Jenna Heitzenrater, Slippery Rock, high honors.

Selected in men's basketball, in addition to Joel Stutz; Jace Stutz, high honors; and Campbell, high honors; are Jacob Slomers, Butler, honors; Luke Haas, Butler, high honors; and Andrew Yonker, Butler, high honors.

Pioneers' student-athletes named in softball are Abigail Black, Knoch, high honors; Bailey Campbell, Mars, honors; Gracie Cornetti, Knoch, high honors; Amber Izzo, Mohawk, high honors; Sydney Natili, Knoch, high honors; and Lauren Smith, Seneca Valley, honors.

The Pioneers' softball team also included Craig and Kretzer.

Named in baseball are Grant Clawson, Butler, high honors; Jacob Jewart, Moniteau, high honors; Matthew Kerr, Shenango, honors; Shane King, Laurel, honors; Connor Miller, Butler, honors; Noah Smithbauer, Slippery Rock, honors; and Jacob Somerville, Butler, high honors.

The Pioneers' baseball team also included Joel Stutz, Jace Stutz and Slomers.



BC3 student-athletes on the WPCCC's spring sports all-academic team include, top row, from left: Amber Izzo, Jacob Jewart and Matthew Kerr. Second row, from left, Shane King, Casey Kretzer and Kelly Kriley. Third row, from left, Connor Miller, Sydney Natili and Carmen Oliva. Fourth row, from left, Luke Ostermeyer, Tucker Skerbetz and Jacob Slomers.

Selected in golf, in addition to Ostermeyer, honors; are Shawn Gray, Butler, high honors; Carmen Oliva, Neshannock, high honors; and Tucker Skerbetz, Laurel, honors.

Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood, had 23 student-athletes named to the WPCC's 2019 spring sports all-academic team; Penn Highlands Community College, Johnstown, nine; the Community College of Allegheny County-Boyce, eight; the Community College of Allegheny County-South, eight; Potomac State College, Keyser, W.Va., six; Garrett College, McHenry, Md., five; the Community College of Allegheny County-North, three; and the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville, one.

BC3 also had 30 student-athletes on the 2018 spring sports all-academic team. Westmoreland was second with 28.



BC3 student-athletes on the WPCC's spring sports all-academic team include, top row, from left: Lauren Smith, Noah Smithbauer and Jacob Somerville. Second row, from left Jace Stutz, Joel Stutz and Andrew Yonker.