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Iowa Wesleyan Volleyball Named 2009-10 NAIA Scholar Team of the Year **A record total of 857 teams received NAIA Scholar Team awards**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The Iowa Wesleyan volleyball team is the 2009-10 NAIA Scholar-Team of the Year, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced on Tuesday. The Lady Tigers, under the direction of head coach Jill Blake, finished in the top spot with a 3.82 grade point average during the 2009-10 academic year. A record total of 857 teams, an increase over last year's total of 837, received the award.

Joining Iowa Wesleyan to round out the top five are Olivet Nazarene (Ill.) volleyball (3.81 GPA), Lambuth (Tenn.) women's soccer (3.78 GPA), Roberts Wesleyan (N.Y.) women's tennis (3.77 GPA) and tied for fifth with a 3.76 GPA is Jamestown (N.D.) women's cross country and Bethel (Kan.) women's tennis.

Biola (Calif.) and Hastings (Neb.) had the most teams represented by a school (16). Women's basketball landed in the top spot for total number of scholar teams per sport (78) earning the honor.

Over 14% of the schools receiving the award had a 3.5 or higher grade point average.

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar Team award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average must include all varsity student-athletes certified as eligible.

Contact Jamie Adams, jadams@naia.org, in the NAIA championships department with any questions.

The 2009-10 NAIA Scholar Teams (sorted by school)

| Sport | Gender | Institution | GPA |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Soccer | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.49 |
| Softball | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.45 |
| Volleyball | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.31 |
| Soccer | M | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.30 |
| Golf | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.23 |
| Cross Country | M | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.13 |
| Indoor Track and Field | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.10 |
| Basketball | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.09 |
| Outdoor Track and Field | M | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.06 |
| Golf | M | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.04 |
| Outdoor Track and Field | F | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.02 |
| Indoor Track and Field | M | Ashford University (Iowa) | 3.00 |



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| Wrestling | M | Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) | 3.14 |
| Softball | F | Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) | 3.05 |
| Basketball | F | Calumet College of St. Joseph (Ind.) | 3.05 |
| Tennis | M | Campbellsville University (Ky.) | 3.41 |
| Softball | F | Campbellsville University (Ky.) | 3.32 |
| Volleyball | F | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.54 |
| Golf | M | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.48 |
| Basketball | F | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.47 |
| Golf | F | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.47 |
| Cross Country | F | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.39 |
| Cross Country | M | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.37 |
| Soccer | F | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.36 |
| Basketball | M | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.23 |
| Football | M | Carroll College (Mont.) | 3.19 |
| Tennis | F | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 3.72 |
| Golf | M | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 3.56 |
| Tennis | M | Cedarville University (Ohio) | 3.53 |
| Baseball | M | Central Christian College (Kan.) | 3.36 |
| Golf | F | Central Methodist University (Mo.) | 3.30 |
| Cross Country | F | Central Methodist University (Mo.) | 3.26 |
| Indoor and Outdoor T&F | F | Central Methodist University (Mo.) | 3.13 |
| Golf | F | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.52 |
| Soccer | F | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.41 |
| Track & Field | F | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.37 |
| Volleyball | F | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.37 |
| Softball | F | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.35 |
| Cross Country | F | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.34 |
| Golf | M | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.23 |
| Baseball | M | Clarke College (Iowa) | 3.04 |
| Swimming | F | College of Saint Mary (Neb.) | 3.31 |
| Basketball | F | College of Saint Mary (Neb.) | 3.22 |
| Soccer | F | College of Saint Mary (Neb.) | 3.17 |
| Volleyball | F | College of Saint Mary (Neb.) | 3.09 |
| Volleyball | F | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 3.22 |
| Basketball | F | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 3.21 |
| Basketball | M | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 3.14 |
| Baseball | M | College of the Ozarks (Mo.) | 3.11 |
| Volleyball | F | Columbia College (Mo.) | 3.09 |
| Volleyball | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.67 |
| Basketball | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.56 |
| Cross Country | M | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.56 |
| Softball | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.54 |
| Tennis | M | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.54 |
| Soccer | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.52 |
| Outdoor Track and Field | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.51 |
| Indoor Track and Field | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.51 |
| Golf | F | Concordia University (Neb.) | 3.50 |