

# Seniors recognized at final home meet of season

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In their last regular season meet of the year, the Scarlet Hawks swimming and diving team faced off against Lincoln College with a tri-meet on the women's side against Robert Morris University as well. Diving started the meet off with junior Ian McNair taking 1st on both the 1 meter and the 3 meter board for the men's team (284.30 and 292.15 respectively), while senior Jeff Reilly took 3rd on both boards as well with scores just shy of National Qualifying status (226.20, 215.50). Freshman Dane Christianson finished 4th on the 1 meter board with a score of 136.75.

On the swimmer's side the women's 200 yard medley relay (seniors Morgan Curran, Julia Duarte, junior Aimee Dewante and senior Melanie Koto) took 2nd (1:59.25) while the men's team of junior Matthew Rosenfield, sophomore Billy Bafia, junior Michael Bodzay and senior Dylan Maus placed 3rd overall with a time of 1:41.29. Senior Ryan Tapak finished 2nd in the men's 1000 yard freestyle (11:29.47), while in the women's 200 yard freestyle Dewante took 1st for the Hawks (2:05.20) and freshman Nicolette Lewis took 4th (2:39.67).

On the men's side, sophomore Yuri Pruzansky placed 2nd for the Hawks with a time of 1:47.91, Bodzay took 4th (1:59.81) and freshman Igor Gryniv placed 5th (2:09.28). Koto took 1st for the lady Hawks in the 50 yard freestyle (26.48) while Duarte placed 6th (27.88), and in the men's 50 senior Max Ramnunger finished 1st with a 21.40, senior Carlos Tejedo finished 3rd (22.47), and senior Tomasz Chojnacki took 6th (23.61). In the women's 200 yard IM, Curran



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placed 1st with a time of 2:23.93 and Bodzay took 3rd for the men's team (2:03.16), while sophomore Felipe Bergh took 5th (2:03.96) and Bafia placed 6th (2:11.73). Dewante took 3rd in the women's 100 yard butterfly (1:05.91), while Chojnacki took 3rd for the men's team and Gryniv took 4th (59.26 and 1:07.17 respectively), and in the 100 yard freestyle Koto took 2nd for the lady Hawks (57.03).

Ramnunger took 2nd as well on the men's side (47.47) and freshman Matt O'Rourke took 4th (51.21), while Maus placed 6th (52.37). Tejedo won 1st by two-hundredths (54.34) in the 100 yard backstroke, and Rosenfeld took 4th while Tapak took 6th (56.81,

1:00.47). Lewis placed 4th in the women's 500 yard freestyle (7:16.26) while Bergh and Pruzansky went 1-2 for the men's team (5:03.85 and 5:04.36).

Duarte placed 2nd in the women's 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:13.26, as did Bafia in the men's event (1:05.96), while O'Rourke took 3rd (1:06.55) and freshman Dan Sommerfeld took 4th (1:08.76). In the last event of the meet, the men's 200 yard freestyle relay placed 2nd with a final time of 1:30.58.

The men lost to Lincoln by a mere 20 points, while the women lost to Lincoln but won against Robert Morris. As the meet was the final home meet of the season, the eight se-

nior members of the team were also honored and recognized for their efforts on the team: Tomasz Chojnacki, Morgan Curran, Julia Duarte, Melanie Koto, Max Ramnunger, Jeff Reilly, Ryan Tapak, Carlos Tejedo, and Andrea Zuniga.

With the season drawing to a close, the team will compete in the Liberal Arts Championship Conference meet this weekend (Thursday through Saturday) at Principia College, followed by the NAIA National Championship meet in Oklahoma City for all who qualify February 28th-March 3rd.

## More national qualifications for women's Track & Field

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At the Women's Chicagoland Inter-collegiate Indoor Championships, the Scarlet Hawks put forth strong efforts against some of the top teams in the nation, including many NCAA DIII schools. The women's Distance Medley Relay hit the B standard to qualify them for nationals, narrowly missing the A standard.

The lady Hawks were 15th of 18 teams. The highlight of the women's day came with the first event: the Distance Medley Relay, an event that has teammates passing the baton from a 1200m to a 400m to an 800m and finishing with a 1600m leg. With

their school record time of 12:44.54, the team qualified for nationals with freshman Abby Jahn, junior Veronica Hannink, sophomore Jordan Kelch, and freshman Courtney Rouse. In their respective legs, Hannink and Rouse also ran personal record splits.

Next up was the 60 Meter Dash, with freshman Hailey Kunkel and Hannink tying with personal and school records of 8.95 seconds. Both also ran the 200 Meter Dash, Hannink in front clocking in at 29.52s and Kunkel at 30.77s, followed by junior Alex Songer with a time of 33.04 seconds. In the 5 Kilometer race, freshman Anne Crotteau ran a huge personal record time, finishing in 19:53.28, her first time under 20:00.

The Mile event saw all three of the competing Lady Hawks recording new personal records. Rouse came back after her strong DMR leg to run 5:30.24 and land in 10th place, followed by junior Claudia Garcia (5:47.48) and senior Erin Vincent (5:51.78). Garcia and Vincent also ran in the 800m race, accompanied by Kelch, who led the way in 2:34.11.

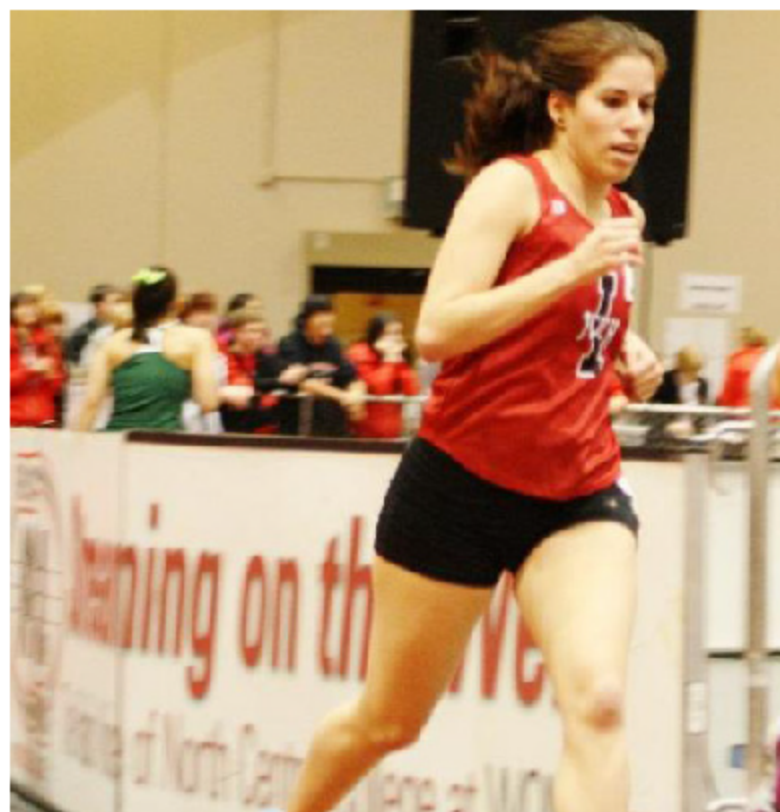
Vincent ran a new personal record of 2:36.99, and Garcia fought through with a time of 2:42.06. In the 3 Kilometer race, junior Kira Vincent set a 20 second personal record of 11:17.79, while senior Maddy Jensen ran tough, crossing the line in 11:24.33.

The Field squad had a tough day but did well against the strong competition.

Freshman Whitney Theisen took 7th in the High Jump, clearing 1.52 meters. Senior Jacqui Roche took a shot at the Pole Vault, and while she did not reach the minimum height, she bent the pole for the first time in competition.

In the long jump, junior Natalie Mitrovic came close to her personal record, reaching 4.15 meters. She also competed in the Shot Put (9.89m), along with senior Emily Tilton (8.93m).

The last Indoor Track and Field meet before Nationals is Saturday February 18th at the University of Chicago's Margaret Bradley Invitational. Events will begin at 11:30am, and both men and women will compete.



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