

18 BC3 student-athletes earn WPCC all-academic team honors

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Butler County Community College student-athletes selected to the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference fall sports all-academic team are, top row from left, Alexis Barnhart, Jake Cuny, Jocelyn Dias, Carrie Dingel, Kaylee Ebbert and Katelyn Gavinski. Middle row, from left, Nicole Hartman, Jenna Heitzenrater, Casey Kretzer, Morgan Malinski, Madyson McAninch and Noah McLean. Bottom row, from left, Michaella Roth, Julian Sanks, Dominic Schmidt, Camden Seybert, Jacob Slomers and Skye Wessel.

(Butler, PA) Eighteen Butler County Community College student-athletes have been selected to the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference fall sports all-academic team, including BC3's second WPCC women's golf champion in a row and four players on a Pioneers volleyball squad that won its second consecutive National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Region XX crown.

Players on BC3 men's and women's basketball squads were also chosen to the WPCC fall sports all-academic team, whose 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.

Ten of BC3's 18 fall sports student-athletes received high honors.

Morgan Malinski, Michaella Roth, Kaylee Ebbert and Madyson McAninch were members of a Pioneers volleyball squad that finished 19-5 and posted the program's 11th consecutive winning season under coach Rob Snyder. BC3 on Oct. 19 also won its fifth WPCC title in a row and 16th overall.

BC3 freshmen and Slippery Rock High graduates Malinski, a setter who led the Pioneers with 604 assists, and Roth, a middle hitter, earned high honors on the WPCC fall sports all-academic team. Earning honors were Ebbert, a sophomore outside hitter from Mars who had BC3 third-bests with 377 digs and 153 kills, and McAninch, a freshman libero from Freeport, who topped the six-team Region XX with 567 digs.

Roth also joins on the WPCC fall sports all-academic team's high honors squad fellow BC3 women's basketball players Alexis Barnhart, Katelyn Gavinski, Nicole Hartman, Jenna Heitzenrater, Casey Kretzer and Skye Wessel. Carrie Dingel received honors.

Barnhart is a freshman forward from Butler; Gavinski and Hartman are freshman forwards from First Baptist; Heitzenrater is a sophomore forward from Slippery Rock; Kretzer is a sophomore guard from Knoch; Wessel is a freshman guard from Slippery Rock and Dingel, a freshman forward from Butler.

Heitzenrater and Kretzer were named to the squad for the second consecutive fall.

Kretzer leads the Pioneers' women's basketball team through 16 games with averages of 15.6 points and 3.4 assists, and with a 24.3 shooting percentage from 3-point range. Heitzenrater has a BC3 second-best 6.2 rebounds per game.

Roth is second in scoring at 12.1 points and with a 21.2 shooting percentage from 3-point range. Barnhart leads the Pioneers with 8.9 rebounds per game.

Players on BC3's men's basketball team who received honors on the WPCC fall sports all-academic squad were freshmen Noah McLean and Julian Sanks, and sophomores Dominic Schmidt and Jacob Slomers.

McLean is a forward from Moniteau; Sanks, a forward from Knoch; and Schmidt and Slomers, sophomore guards from Butler.

Sanks ranks second among the Pioneers through 17 games in scoring at 17.3 and in rebounding at 6.0. Schmidt is fifth in scoring and in rebounds 5.8 and 3.9, respectively; and Slomers leads the Pioneers with a 46.5 shooting percentage from the field, and is third in scoring at 6.9, in

rebounds at 4.1 and in assists with 3.4.

Freshman golfers Jake Cuny, Jocelyn Dias and Camden Seybert were also named to the WPCC fall sports all-academic squad. Dias, an Armstrong graduate, and Seybert, Butler, received high honors. Cuny, a Butler graduate, received honors.

Dias in October won the WPCC women's golf championship, following Julia Fischer, a Freeport graduate who won in 2018.

Westmoreland County Community College placed 27 student-athletes on the WPCC fall sports all-academic team, in golf, men's and women's cross-country, men's and women's basketball and volleyball. Pennsylvania Highlands Community College, Johnstown, and the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville each placed 11 players, in men's basketball and in volleyball. The Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, placed eight, in golf, men's cross-country, men's basketball and in volleyball; and Garrett College, McHenry, Md., placed five, in golf and in men's and women's cross-country.