

19 BC3 athletes named to WPCC all-academic team

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(Butler, PA) Nineteen Butler County Community College student-athletes have been named to the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference fall sports all-academic team, including a Butler man who became BC3's first WPCC individual golf champion in four years and Freeport woman who moved into second place on the volleyball program's all-time assist list.

Anthony Lewis, a 2010 Butler High graduate, finished the two-day WPCC tournament at The Links at Spring Church in Apollo with a 7-over-par 151 in leading BC3 to its fifth WPCC team championship in a row and ninth overall. Lewis, the first BC3 golfer to win the tournament since Knoch High graduate Chris Kier shot a 152 in 2014, attained high honors on the WPCC fall sports all-academic team.

Brittney Bianco, a sophomore setter who moved into second place on BC3's all-time assist list with 1,254, in December became the program's sixth National Junior College Athletic Association All-American and first since Danielle Lloyd in 2011. The Freeport Area High graduate achieved honors on the WPCC all-academic team.

Bianco finished her BC3 career with 1,254 assists in 48 matches, second only to Nicole Sebastian, who had 1,360 in 57 matches from 2002 to 2003

To be eligible for the WPCC all-academic team, 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.

Other BC3 athletes named to the WPCC all-academic fall sports team were, in golf, Luke Ostermeyer, Laurel, high honors; Bryan Peterson, Shenango, honors; Michael Rozzi, Neshannock, high honors; in volleyball, Madison Morella, Ellwood City, high honors; Kelsey Minnich, Armstrong, high honors; Emilee Beck, Butler, honors; Kelly Kabay, Butler, high honors; and Mackenzie Craig, Karns City, honors; and in women's basketball, Kelly Kriley, Butler, high honors; Carly Burdett, Knoch, honors; and Caitlyn Mueller, First Baptist, high honors; in men's basketball, Joel Stutz, Butler, high honors; Jace Stutz, Butler, high honors; Joshua Campbell, Knoch, high honors; Noah Pollock, Karns City, high honors; Kaden Rock, Butler, honors and Ian McElroy, Karns City, high honors.

BC3's golf team finished 13-2 this fall. Its volleyball team posted an 18-6 record and captured its 14th WPCC title since 1977, ninth under coach Rob Snyder and third in a row by sweeping the Community College of Beaver County on Oct. 22.

BC3 in October was also selected again as the No. 1 community college in the state among the 14 Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges' members in a second consecutive ranking by Schools.com.