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MVC ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT EARNS WCWA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS



Marshall, Mo. (February 3, 2010)—At the conclusion of the Women’s College Wrestling Association (WCWA) national championships held at Missouri Valley College last weekend, Rachel Pike, a junior athletic training student from Strasburg, Colo., was named a WCWA Academic All-American. This is Pike’s second consecutive WCWA Academic All-American award.

The qualifications to be selected as an Academic All-American are a minimum of a junior class standing and a 3.5 GPA. Pike easily surpassed that with her cumulative 4.0 GPA. Pike has averaged 17 credits per semester since her freshman year.

“I originally planned on taking 17 credits this semester, but I decided to take 20,” Pike explains. “I am applying for athletic training internships this summer, and I did not want to take a summer course if I am fortunate enough to obtain an internship.”

Athletic Training Education Program Director Dr. Karla Bruntzel said Pike is a tremendous asset to the campus community.

“We are constantly amazed with Rachel,” Bruntzel said. “Every semester she is able to find time to excel in the classroom, in her clinical rotations, and in wrestling. If we did not tell her clinical instructors about all of her activities, they would not realize her success.”

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