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Dixon, Kalinowski, and Fink represent EMU in conference selection



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**CLEVELAND, Ohio (EMUEagles.com)** — The Mid-American Conference announced Wednesday, Jan. 15, that three members of Eastern Michigan University's men's cross country team have been named to the Academic All-MAC Team. Seniors and All-MAC First Team selections [Grzegorz Kalinowski](#) (**Torun, Poland-Nicolaus Copernicus University**) and [Harry Dixon](#) (**Nelson, New Zealand-Nayland College**) are awarded with the final accolade of their cross country careers, while sophomore and All-MAC Second Team honoree [Willy Fink](#) (**Maumee, Ohio-Maumee**) is recognized for the first time in his career.

Eastern Michigan led all MAC institutions with three selections to the team, followed by Akron and Bowling Green, who both placed two athletes on the list.

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. Award recipients are voted on by faculty athletic representatives at the Mid-American Conference institutions. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

Dixon, who boasts a 3.99 in political science, was named to the All-MAC First Team for a fifth-place finish at the 2013 MAC Championship, Nov. 2, 2013. Throughout the season, he also finished second at the EMU Classic, 43rd at the Notre Dame Invitational, and 56th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. The Nelson, New Zealand native has placed

in the top-20 in each of the four MAC Championship races throughout his career at EMU, and he receives Academic All-MAC honors for the second time as an Eagle.

Kalinowski, a marketing major with a 3.75 GPA, was named to the All-MAC First Team after placing third at the 2013 MAC Championship. He also earned a winning finish at the EMU Classic, as well as 52nd place at the Notre Dame Invitational and 69th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. The Polish product also earns the Academic All-MAC honor for the second time in his career.

A biology major with a cumulative 3.83 GPA, Fink was a consistent competitor for the Eagles. His 11th-place finish at the 2013 MAC Championship earned him All-MAC Second Team honors, and he also claimed third at the EMU Classic, 86th at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, and 122nd at the Notre Dame Invitational.

In addition to the three harriers, three Eagles were named to the Academic All-MAC honorable mention list, as redshirt-junior [Ian Hancke](#) (**Haslett, Mich.-Haslett**), junior [Daryl Smith](#) (**Windsor, Ontario-Vincent Massey S.S.**), and sophomore [William Trice](#) (**Grand Rapids, Mich.-Forest Hills Northern**) were recognized for their work on the course and in the classroom.

#### **2013 Academic All-MAC Men's Cross Country**

Trevor Norris, Akron

Kyle Cochrun, Akron

Greg Black, Bowling Green

Jason Salyer, Bowling Green

Zach Ahart, Buffalo

Monte Scott, Central Michigan

[Harry Dixon](#), **Eastern Michigan**

[Grzegorz Kalinowski](#), **Eastern Michigan**

[Willy Fink](#), **Eastern Michigan**

Andrew Goodwin, Kent State

Brandon O'Malley, Ohio