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**NCAC Cross Country Championships**  
**ALLEGHENY SWEEPS BOTH TITLES;**  
**GERSTLE, BAIRD TAKE INDIVIDUAL HONORS**

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**SPRINGFIELD, Ohio** -- Allegheny swept both the mens and women's titles at the 19th annual North Coast Athletic Conference Championships, held at Wittenberg Nov. 2 The Gator men captured their third men's title and first since 1997 while the women took their 10th and first since 1994.

In the women's race, all five of Allegheny's scorers placed in the top 12 as the Gators defeated second-place Oberlin by 19 points. The Yeowomen finished in second place on the strength of two top-five finishes.

Wittenberg senior **Abi Gerstle (Kettering, OH/Fairmont)** won the race for the second straight year, completing the five-kilometer course in 18:46. She was followed by Kenyon freshman **Christian McNamara (Chappaqua, NY/Horace Greeley)** in second (18:54) and Allegheny sophomore **Leah Shouey (Franklin, PA/Franklin Regional)** in third (18:54). Shouey improved on her ninth-place finish of a season ago to finish as the champion Gators' top individual.

On the men's side, Allegheny edged defending champion Kenyon by just two points, despite the fact that the Lords had the top two individuals in the field. Kenyon senior **Michael Baird (Temple, TX/Temple)** won the eight-kilometer race (25:10), edging teammate and classmate **Ben Hildebrand (Rochester, NY/Harley)** by four seconds (25:14). The duo reversed the finish of 2001 when Hildebrand took the top honor, followed by Baird 11 seconds later. Denison senior **Brock Babcock (Platte City, MO/Platte County)** earned his fourth career first-team honor with a third-place finish. It was also Hildebrand's fourth appearance on the First Team. Lord senior **Matt Cabrera (Vancouver, WA/Skyview)** claimed his fourth All-NCAC recognition and second first-team nod with a seventh-place finish.

The top seven finishers in each race earn first-team All-NCAC honors. The next seven (places 8 through 14) earn second-team honors and the next seven (places 15 through 21) earn honorable mention.

**2002 Men's Cross Country Championships**

1. Allegheny College .....	47
2. Kenyon College .....	49
3. Denison University .....	112
4. Wabash College .....	126
5. College of Wooster .....	129
6. Oberlin College .....	140
7. Earlham College .....	151
8. Hiram College .....	181
9. Wittenberg University .....	256
10. Ohio Wesleyan University .....	264

**2002 Women's Cross Country Championships**

1. Allegheny College .....	42
2. Oberlin College .....	61
3. Kenyon College .....	74
4. Denison University .....	88
5. College of Wooster .....	152
6. Earlham College .....	182
7. Wittenberg University .....	183
8. Hiram College .....	209
9. Ohio Wesleyan University .....	237

## 2002 ALL-NCAC MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors at the 2002 NCAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Wittenberg University.

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Michael Baird #	Kenyon	Sr.	1	25:10	Temple, TX/Temple
Ben Hildebrand #*!	Kenyon	Sr.	2	25:14	Rochester, NY/Harley
Brock Babcock #*!	Denison	Sr.	3	25:23	Platte City, MO/Platte County
Dan Princic \$+	Allegheny	Sr.	4	25:31	Carrolton, OH/Carrolton
Jeff Conroy @	Allegheny	So.	5	25:50	Pittsburgh, PA/Baldwin
Matt Sherer @	Wabash	Sr.	6	25:51	Valparaiso, IN/Valparaiso
Matt Cabrera # \$+	Kenyon	Sr.	7	25:57	Vancouver, WA/Skyview

**Runner of the Year:** Michael Baird, Kenyon

**Newcomer of the Year:** Chris Carrier, Allegheny

**Coach of the Year:** Bill Ross, Allegheny

### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Kevin Pool	Allegheny	So.	8	26:02	New Windsor, MD/Westminster
Devin Halley	Allegheny	Sr.	9	26:06	Cranberry Twp, PA/Seneca Valley
Andy Graham	Earlham	Sr.	10	26:09	Hiram, OH/Mogadore
Adam Greeney %	Oberlin	Jr.	11	26:12	Amherst, MA/Amherst Regional
Dan Ruge %	Wabash	Sr.	12	26:13	Chesterton, MI/Chesterton
J. P. Gary	Earlham	So.	13	26:18	Riverside, IL/Riverside-Brookfield
Nathan Aichele @^	Denison	Jr.	14	26:20	Westerville, OH/Westerville North

### HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Zach Warren @	Earlham	Sr.	15	26:21	Charleston, WV/Charleston Catholic
Andrew Sisson % ^	Kenyon	Jr.	16	26:25	Granville, OH/Granville
Evan McDaniel @^	Wooster	Sr.	17	26:33	Grass Valley, CA/Nevada Union
John Wells	Denison	Jr.	18	26:38	Howard, OH/East Knox
Alex Scally	Oberlin	Jr.	19	26:46	Baltimore, MD/Polytechnic Institute
Jared Rhode %	Wooster	Sr.	20	26:48	Port Clinton, OH/Port Clinton
Chris Carrier	Allegheny	Fr.	21	26:49	Lyndhurst, OH/Brush

**Key:** # 1st team 2001, @ 2nd team 2001, % honorable mention 2001, !1st team 2000, +2nd team 2000, ^ honorable mention 2000, \* 1st team 1999, \$ honorable mention 1999

## 2002 ALL-NCAC WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

**CLEVELAND** -- The following performers earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors at the 2002 NCAC Cross Country Championships on Saturday, Nov. 2 at Wittenberg University.

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Abi Gerstle #!	Wittenberg	Sr.	1	18:46	Kettering, OH/Fairmont
Christina McNamara	Kenyon	Fr.	2	18:54	Chappaqua, NY/Horace Greeley
Leah Shouey \$	Allegheny	So.	3	18:54	Franklin, PA/Franklin Regional
Laura Feeney #	Oberlin	Sr.	4	18:55	Sattsburg, NY/Franklin D. Roosevelt
Lori Tuchfeld \$@!	Oberlin	Sr.	5	18:59	N. Merrick, NY/Sanfor H. Calhoun
Julie Hufnagel #	Denison	Jr.	6	19:05	Beverly Hills, MI/Marian
Chelsea Benson %	Allegheny	Jr.	7	19:06	Mt. Jewett, PA/Kane

**Runner of the Year:** Abi Gerstle, Wittenberg

**Newcomer of the Year:** Christina McNamara, Kenyon

**Coach of the Year:** Bill Ross, Allegheny

### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Kimberly Murley	Denison	Fr.	8	19:11	Dalton, PA/Tunkhannock Area
Lindsey Hayes	Allegheny	Jr.	9	19:13	Little Silver, NJ/Red Bank Regional
Julia Goeke \$	Oberlin	Jr.	10	19:20	St. Louis, MO/Nerinx Hall
Lindsey Shouey %	Allegheny	So.	11	19:27	Franklin, PA/Franklin Regional
Deserae Pegg	Allegheny	Sr.	12	19:28	Danville, PA/Danville
Megan Biddle \$^	Kenyon	Sr.	13	19:29	Indianapolis, IN/North Central
Leigh Ciofani	Allegheny	So.	14	19:30	McKees Rocks, PA/Montour

### HONORABLE MENTION

Name	School	Yr.	PL	TIME	Hometown/High School
Emily Cleveland	Earlham	Sr.	15	19:31	Oak Ridge, TN/Oak Ridge
Heather McMillan	Kenyon	So.	16	19:32	Glencoe, IL/New Trier
Jennifer Stockdale %	Wooster	So.	17	19:35	Rocky River, OH/St. Joseph Academy
Laura Koss #	Kenyon	Jr.	18	19:36	Millburn, NJ/Millburn
Shannon Morris	Oberlin	So.	19	19:37	Millburn, NJ/Millburn
Nicole Morandi #*!	Allegheny	Sr.	20	19:43	Tewksbury, MA/Tewksbury
Adrienne Shue \$*!	Denison	Sr.	21	19:45	Circleville, OH/Circleville

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