MACALESTER COLLEGE
2012-13 ATHLETIC BANQUET AWARD WINNERS

FIRST-YEAR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

M CLUB MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The Macalester College M Club Male Athlete of the Year for 2012-13 is SAM MARSHALL from the football and basketball teams.

Sam has been a mainstay for the last three years on his two teams as a tight end in football and power forward in hoops. He was selected as the football team’s Offensive MVP after catching 34 passes for 433 yards and performing as one of the squad’s top blockers. He was named to the D3football.com Team of the Week after leading the Scots to a win over Hamline. Sam led the basketball team in scoring and rebounding and received honorable mention all-conference honors.

M CLUB FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The Macalester College M Club Female Athlete of the Year for 2012-13 is RENEE JORDAN from the swimming & diving team.

Renee capped off a great season by earning All-America honors at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships with her eighth-place finish in 1-meter diving at the national championships. The MIAC Diver of the Year was the 3-meter champ at the conference meet as well as the NCAA Division III Central Regionals. In addition to placing eighth at nationals on the 1-meter board, Renee also finished ninth at nationals in 3-meter diving. She established three school records on the season.

RIDER CUP DUAL SPORT ATHLETE AWARD (Male)

The Janis Rider Male Dual Sport Athlete Award is presented to the top multi-sport student-athletes and this year’s winner is senior MIKE ADAMS from the football and track teams.

A two-time winner of this award, Adams is a sprinter on the track team and running back and return specialist for the football team. Adams ranked No. 9 nationally in punt return average and set a school record with a 95-yard punt return for a touchdown. He rushed for 10 touchdowns and 7.7 yards a carry.

RIDER CUP DUAL SPORT ATHLETE AWARD (Female)

The Janis Rider Female Dual Sport Athlete Award is presented to the top multi-sport student-athletes and this year’s winner is senior RACHEL GUNSAULS from the cross country and track teams.

Earlier this week, Gunsauls turned in the fourth-fastest time in program history in the 10,000-meter run. One of Macalester’s most-improved distance runners in years, she emerged this past fall as one of the top cross country runners in the region and just missed out at making the national championships. Gunsalus recently received Macalester’s Servant Award Winner.

SCHOLAR ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

DOROTHY MICHEL AWARD – JUNIOR FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR
Winning the Dorothy Michel Award for top Junior Female Scholar-Athlete is LAURA AVENA from the volleyball team.

Avena majors in Chemistry and Physics at Macalester and has accumulated a 3.53 grade point average. A two-time All-MIAC selection, Avena ranked second in the league in kills in each of the past two seasons and this past year ranked 14th in the nation in points per set. She was also third in the conference in serving aces. Avena will head into her senior campaign with 876 career kills.

DOROTHY MICHEL AWARD – SENIOR FEMALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The 2012-13 Dorothy Michel Award for Senior Female Scholar Athlete is ERICA DE JONG of the soccer team.

DeJong has led the Macalester defense as a four-year regular and team-leader, and captain of last year’s team. An Environment Science major, Erica has compiled a 3.76 GPA at Macalester. She was one of two Scots named to the All-MIAC squad last fall DeJong and the Macalester defenders helped lead the Scots to a 10-win season and four conference shutouts.

DAVID PRIMROSE AWARD – JUNIOR MALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The winner of the David Primrose Junior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year award is ROSS BRONFENBRENNER from the Mac baseball team.

A History major with a 3.8 GPA at Macalester, Bronfenbrenner is a two-year starter in the outfielder for the Scots and is currently batting .362 on the season. The speedy base-runner is a perfect 28-for-28 in stolen base attempts for his Mac career. Bronfenbrenner is a team captain as a junior and bats in the leadoff spot in the order. He is considered one of the fastest players in the MIAC.

GEORGE C. SCOTTEN ENDOwed PRIZE – SENIOR MALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The winner of George C. Scotten Endowed Prize for Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year award is ANDY KEEFE from the cross country and track & field teams.

Keefe has compiled a perfect 4.0 GPA at Macalester and recently was announced as one of 62 college students nationally to receive a Truman Scholarship. Usually Macalester’s top runner in cross country meets last fall, Keefe paced the Scots at the conference meet and region championships.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR BY CLASS (PIPER AWARDS)

The recipient of the 2012-13 Macalester College First-Year Male Athlete of the Year is DYLAN KILGOUR from the men’s basketball team.

Kilgour was selected by league coaches to the five-member All-Freshman team. The sharp-shooting guard topped all MIAC frosh in several categories, including scoring, assists, three-point percentage and three-pointers made - and was Macalester’s leading point-producer in seven conference games. Kilgour averaged 12.6 points per game for the Scots.

FIRST-YEAR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The winner of Macalester’s First-Year Female Athlete of the Year is HUNTER HEDENBERG from the women’s swimming & diving team.
Hedenberg showed great promise throughout the winter season, which was highlighted by winning the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship in 1-meter diving. After winning the MIAC crown on the 1-meter board, she wrapped up her first season as a Scots by diving at the NCAA Central Regional championships.

SOPHOMORE MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The Macalester College Sophomore Male Athlete of the Year, as selected by the athletic department, is KONNOR FLEMING from the football and track & field teams.

Fleming wrapped up a great indoor track season by winning the 200-meter dash at the MIAC Championships in school-record time and has continued his progression through the early part of the outdoor campaign – placing second last night in the 200 dash at the Macalester Twilight Meet. A defensive back for the Mac football team, Fleming played in all 10 games and finished with an interception and 25 tackles.

SOPHOMORE FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The Macalester College Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year for 2012-13 is MIRANDA STOKES from the softball team.

Stokes earned all-conference honors last year as one of the top first-years in the conference and has continued to progress as a sophomore. Stokes is batting an excellent .409 through the season’s first 30 games with 20 runs batted in, and leads the team with seven home runs. She also pitches for the Scots and leads the team in earned run average and strikeout. Stokes currently ranks 4th in the MIAC in slugging percentage and is in the top 10 in batting.

JUNIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The winner of the Macalester College Junior Male Athlete of the Year award is ROBIN FORSLUND from the soccer team.

Forslund was named to the All-MIAC squad for the second year in a row after leading his team in goals, assists and shots on goal. Two of his goals were game-winners and he finished with four assists and three goals. Forslund will head into his senior year with nine goals and 11 assists at Mac.

JUNIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Macalester’s Junior Female Athlete of the Year soccer standout GEORGIA CLOEPFIL.

Cloepfil is a two-time all-conference pick and last fall made the All-North Region squad after registering either a goal or an assist in 13 of Mac’s 17 games and leading the Scots to a 10-6-1 record. She finished with 15 goals and assisted on eight others. Cloepfil led the MIAC in goals produced and ranked third in assists. One of the top multi-event standouts in the MIAC in track & field as a sophomore, Cloepfil is missing this year’s track season while studying abroad.

SENIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Macalester College’s Senior Male Athlete of the Year for the 2012-13 school year is JIMMY BELFONT from the baseball team.

Belfont has been one of the MIAC’s top defensive shortstops over the past three years and was the league’s top-hitting shortstops in each of the past two seasons. Belfot is currently batting .423 after hitting a home run in yesterday’s sweep over Concordia and leads the team in most statistical categories, including runs batted in. He has hit safely in 20 of the team’s 23 games.
Macalester College’s Senior Female Athlete of the Year for 2012-13 is KATE ROCHAT from the track & field team.

Rochat is the latest in a long line of standout Macalester horizontal jumpers. After coming close several times to a conference title, she jumped to a first-place finish at the MIAC Indoor Championships a couple months ago in long jump with a school-record mark. In addition, Rochat also placed third in the MIAC in the triple jump.