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Title: UNM Lobos: "Lobos Lead MW in All-Academic Sixth Straight Year" & "Lobo Student-Athletes Make the Grade Again"

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Description: Two news articles from the UNM Lobos website concerning the academic success of the university's student-athletes. The first concerns the leading number of academic honoree student-athletes the university had among their division in 2018, and the second reports on the more general 2017 GPA statistics of student-athletes.

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LOBOS LEAD MW IN ALL-ACADEMIC SIXTH STRAIGHT YEAR

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2018 Mountain West Spring All-Academic Team

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. --- The University of New Mexico got record-setting numbers from men's and women's golf, and league-leading totals from baseball and women's tennis as the Lobos led the Mountain West with 134 Spring All-Academic selections. The Spring tally, coupled with the Fall total, gave UNM a program-record 200 Mountain West All-Academic selections. The Lobos became just the second institution in Mountain West history to amass 200 honorees in one year, joining BYU, which did it eight times.

The Lobos were followed closely by Boise State, which set its own program record with 195 honorees. The last time UNM didn't lead the Mountain West was in 2011-12, when Boise State had 151 honorees to UNM's 148. The 200 selections for the Lobos topped its previous high-water mark of 199, set in the 2015-16 academic year.

Four programs, baseball, men's golf, women's golf, and women's tennis, led the league in the respective sports. For baseball, the program's 19 honorees were the second-most in program history, behind last year's Mountain West record 21. The 40 honorees in the past two seasons is a program record, and UNM's streak of double-figure All-Academic selections in baseball moved to six straight years. UNM and Fresno State both have the longest current Mountain West baseball streaks.

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For men's golf, the eight honorees tied its own program and Mountain West record, originally set by the Lobos in 2008-09 and tied by Fresno State in 2013-14. Alongside the men's golf program was the women's golf program. Its seven honorees established a program record, and it tied the Mountain West record for women's golf teams, set by Wyoming in 2008-09 and then tied by Wyoming against in 2014-15.

UNM's women's tennis team had eight All-Academic picks to lead the league for the first time since the 2013-14 season, and it tied the program-high, set back in 2011-12.

Other notes from the Spring announcement highlighted men's basketball, which finished tied for third in the league with five selections, softball tying for second in the league with 12 selections, men's track and field finishing third in the league with 26 selections, and women's track and field finishing with 26, the second-most in its history.

Counting the Fall, UNM led the league in six sports. Along with baseball, women's golf, men's golf and women's tennis, UNM led in women's cross country and volleyball. Overall, UNM finished in the top three in 11 of the 16 sport categories.

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LOBO STUDENT-ATHLETES MAKE THE GRADE AGAIN

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --- The University of New Mexico student-athletes continue to take care of business in the classroom as they registered a 3.25 cumulative grade point average, tying for the fourth-best semester since UNM began keeping meticulous records in the Fall of 1986. Once again, the GPA for UNM's student-athletes was higher than the general population.

The 3.25 marked the 11th straight semester that UNM's student-athletes have achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average, and it ran their streak of consecutive semesters with at least a 3.0 grade point average to 19. Nine of the 18 programs recorded GPAs in its top-five in program history, including men's golf, men's tennis, beach volleyball, women's skiing, women's soccer and women's track & field/cross country, who all had its second-highest GPAs ever.

The women's programs were led by women's skiing, which recorded a 3.95 GPA, not only tying for the second-highest GPA in program history, but it was the second highest in the department's history, behind the 4.01 the team had last semester. On the men's side, the golf team led the way with a 3.65 GPA, just ahead of the tennis team, which had a 3.62 GPA.

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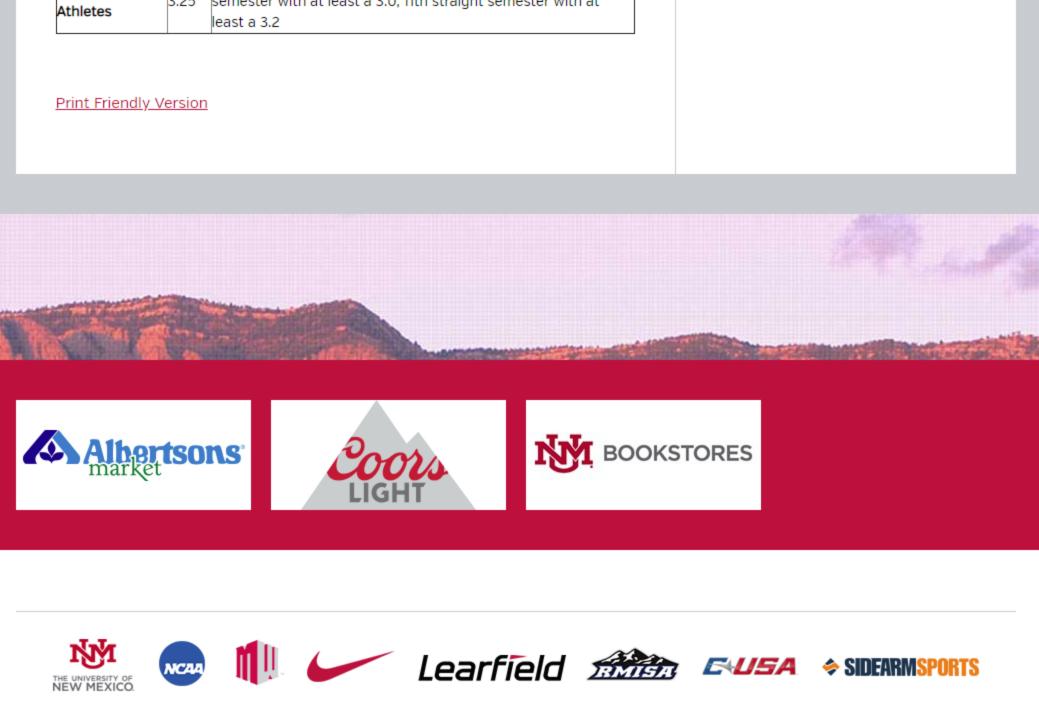
Overall, UNM's female student-athletes had a 3.57 GPA, the ninth straight semester with at least a 3.5 GPA, and it tied for the second-highest overall GPA.

For the men, they recorded a 3.02 GPA, the 12th straight semester with a 3.02 GPA.

"I am extremely proud of the efforts of our student-athletes in the classroom," said Athletic Director Eddie Nuñez. "The academic successes of our studentathletes are a tremendous source of pride for our institution, our academic staff, and the extremely talented faculty at The University of New Mexico. Most of all, it's a testament to the hard work of our student-athletes, who put as much of an effort into their classwork as they do on the playing fields."

Below is a listing of each sports' Fall 2017 GPA and any pertinent notes:

Men's Sports							
		Tied for second-best GPA in program history, 11th straight					
Baseball	3.26	semester with at least a 3.0					
		Third-best GPA in program history; 19 of last 20 semesters with					
Basketball	3.06	at least 2.7					
		12th straight semesters with a 2.5 GPA, longest streak in					
Football	2.53	program history					
o. 15		Second-highest GPA in program history, best Fall GPA in					
Golf	3.65	program history; 21st straight semester with at least a 3.0					
Ski	3.32	38th straight semester with at least a 3.2					
Soccer	3.34	13th straight semester with at least a 3.2					
T i-	2.62	Second-highest GPA in program history, 15th straight semester					
Tennis	3.62	with at least a 3.2					
Track & Field	3.35	13th straight semester with at least a 3.0, eighth straight with					
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Women's Sports							
Basketball	3.06	34th straight semester with at least a 3.0					
Golf	3.57	33 rd straight semester with at least a 3.0, 12th straight					
GOII		semester with at least a 3.5					
Track	3.63	Tied for second-highest GPA in program history, 21st straight					
ITACK		semester with at least a 3.3					
Roach Volloyhall	3.84	Second-highest GPA in program history; seventh straight					
Beach Volleyball		semester with at least a 2.8					
	3.95	Tied for second-highest GPA in department and program					
Ski		history, 21st straight semester with at least a 3.5, seventh					
		straight semester with at least a 3.7					
Soccer	3.75	Second-highest GPA in program history, 15th straight semester					
500001		with at least a 3.4					
Softball	3.44	Fifth-highest GPA in program history, 23rd straight semester					
Sortball	5.44	with at least a 3.0					
Swimming &	3.50	39th straight semester with at least a 3.0, 15th straight					
Diving	5.50	semester with at least a 3.3					
Tennis	3.59	39th straight semester with at least a 3.0					
Volleyball	3.46	12th straight semester with at least a 3.0; 30 of last 31					
		semesters with at least a 3.0					
Male Student- Athletes	3.02	12th straight semester of a 3.0					
Female Student-	3.57	21st straight semester of a 3.3, ninth straight semester with a					
Athletes	5.57	3.5					
		Tied for fourth-highest GPA in department history, 19th straigh					
Overall Student- Athletes	3.25	semester with at least a 3.0, 11th straight semester with at					



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