

# Ohio State Breaks Record With 164 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar Recipients



Ohio State broke its own record for the most Big Ten Distinguished Scholar accolades in an academic year with 164 Buckeye student-athletes earning the honor.

The 164 honorees surpasses the record of 131 winners by Ohio State in 2018-19. For the fifth straight year, the Scarlet and Gray led the Big Ten in total recipients.

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Big Ten faculty representatives created the Distinguished Scholar Award in 2008 to supplement the Academic All-Big Ten program. Distinguished Scholar Award recipients must have earned Academic All-Big Ten recognition in the previous academic year, must have been enrolled full time at the institution for the entire previous academic year (two semesters or three quarters) and earned a minimum GPA of 3.70 or better during the previous academic year, excluding any summer grades.

The Academic All-Big Ten threshold is a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for a student-athlete's academic career. Overall, the Big Ten honored 1,517 student-athletes across the conference as Big Ten Distinguished Scholars for 2019-20.

The Buckeyes had 26 honorees who were recognized for posting 4.0 grade-point averages in 2019-20: Leon Cao (fencing), Gabriela Cecchini (fencing), Aleksandra Kolmykova (fencing), Luke Farrell (football), Ben Schmiesing (football), Adeena Shears (women's golf), Nevin Adamski (women's gymnastics), Claire Gagliardi (women's gymnastics), Tatum Skaggs (women's ice hockey), Emily Nothnagle (pistol), Megan Cymanski (rowing), Allison Krish (rowing), Grace Libben (rowing), Michaela Nordhaus (rowing), Mitch Bergman (men's soccer), Selina Vickery (women's soccer), Spencer Sansom (softball), Evan Stapp (men's swimming and diving), Kendyl Ferrara (women's swimming and diving), Quinn Fike (women's swimming and diving), Lara Tarvit (women's swimming and diving), Luke Landis (men's track and field), Alexa Jankowsky (women's track and field), Mia Grunze (women's volleyball),

Lauren Witte (women's volleyball) and Kollin Moore (wrestling).

Despite difficulties that accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic, the Scarlet and Gray boasted a remarkable year in the classroom, with 231 student-athletes earning Ohio State degrees, 647 named Ohio State Scholar-Athletes and 447 receiving Academic All-Big Ten honors.

2020 Ohio State Big  
Ten Distinguished  
Scholars

Sport	Name	Year	Major	Hometown
Baseball	Nolan Clegg	So.	Air Transportation	Toronto, Ohio
Baseball	Zach Dezenzo	So.	Sport Industry	Alliance, Ohio
Baseball	Marcus Ernst	So.	Finance	Dublin, Ohio
Baseball	Will Pfennig	So.	Finance	Mason, Ohio
Men's Basketball	Danny Hummer	Gr.	Kinesiology	Upper Arlington, Ohio
Fencing	Leon Cao	Sr.	Electrical and Computer Engineering	West Chester, Ohio
Fencing	Gabriela Cecchini	Sr.	Economics	Porto Alegre, Brazil
Fencing	Chris Collado	So.	Political Science	Commack, N.Y.
Fencing	Matthew Comes	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	Bothell, Wash.
Fencing	Ethan Edwards	Jr.	Political Science	Orfordville, Wis.
Fencing	Natalia Falkowski	Sr.	International Business	Wappingers Falls, N.Y.
Fencing	Nicole Fisher	Jr.	Psychology	Columbus, Ohio
Fencing	Matthew Hayes	Jr.	Psychology	Dublin, Ohio
Fencing	Domenik Koch	Gr.	Specialized Master's Business-Finance	Dormagen, Germany
Fencing	Aleksandra Kolmykova	Sr.	Finance	St Petersburg, Russia
Fencing	Henry Lange	So.	Linguistics	Beaverton, Ore.
Fencing	Alexa Laskaris	Sr.	Health Sciences	Park Ridge, Ill.
Fencing	Sarah Merza	Sr.	Psychology	Wayne, N.J.
Fencing	Roscoe Swartz	So.	Health Sciences Program	Ridgewood, N.J.
Field Hockey	Mara Hunter	Jr.	Public Management, Leadership & Policy	Powell, Ohio
Field Hockey	Adelaide Penzone	Sr.	Marketing	Powell, Ohio
Field Hockey	Sina Schwinn	So.	Psychology	Rheinbach, Germany
Field Hockey	Julianna Sweeney	Jr.	Animal Sciences	Stroudsburg, Pa.
Football	Ryan Batsch	So.	Exploration	Loveland, Ohio
Football	Luke Farrell	Jr.	Human Development & Family Science	Perry, Ohio

Football	Zaid Hamdan	So.	Criminology & Criminal Justice	Mason, Ohio
Football	CJ Saunders	Gr.	Kinesiology	Dublin, Ohio
Football	Ben Schmiesing	So.	Finance	Piqua, Ohio
Men's Golf	Laken Hinton	Jr.	Sport Industry	Edmond, Okla.
Women's Golf	Yukie Sasaki	Jr.	Hospitality Management	Hiroshima, Japan
Women's Golf	Adeena Shears	Sr.	Human Development and Family Science	Parkersburg, W.Va.
Men's Gymnastics	Andrew Brower	Gr.	Animal Sciences	Old Bridge, N.J.
Men's Gymnastics	Michael Chan	Sr.	Accounting	Louisville, Ky.
Men's Gymnastics	Sean Neighbarger	Jr.	Exercise Science Education	Virginia Beach, Va.
Men's Gymnastics	Dexter Roettker	So.	Exploration	Jackson, Ohio
Women's Gymnastics	Nevin Adamski	Sr.	Health Sciences	Virginia Beach, Va.
Women's Gymnastics	Olivia Aepli	Sr.	Marketing	Dublin, Ohio
Women's Gymnastics	Claire Gagliardi	So.	Psychology	Hubbard, Ohio
Women's Gymnastics	Kaitlyn Gilson	So.	Communications	Hudson, Wis.
Women's Gymnastics	Morgan Lowe	Jr.	Exercise Science Education	Dallas, Texas
Women's Gymnastics	Colby Miller	So.	Accounting	Mason, Ohio
Women's Gymnastics	Miriam Perez	So.	Communications	Los Angeles, Calif.
Women's Gymnastics	Kali Schierl	So.	Human Nutrition	Stevens Point, Wis.
Men's Ice Hockey	Austin Pooley	Jr.	Finance	Dublin, Ohio
Men's Ice Hockey	Quinn Preston	So.	Sport Industry	Trenton, Mich.
Women's Ice Hockey	Madison Bizal	So.	Exploration	Elk River, Minn.
Women's Ice Hockey	Andrea Braendli	So.	Psychology	Zurich, Switzerland
Women's Ice Hockey	Lisa Bruno	Jr.	Sport Industry	Whitby, Ontario
Women's Ice Hockey	Jincy Dunne	Gr.	Sports Coaching	O'Fallon, Mo.
Women's Ice Hockey	Gabby Rosenthal	So.	Speech and Hearing Science	Blaine, Minn.
Women's Ice Hockey	Sara Saekkinen	So.	Sport Industry	Pirkkala, Finland
Women's Ice Hockey	Eve Savander	So.	Sport Industry	Joensuu, Finland

Women's Ice Hockey	Liz Schepers	Jr.	Health Sciences	Mound, Minn.
Women's Ice Hockey	Tatum Skaggs	Jr.	Special Education	Hartland, Wis.
Men's Lacrosse	Colby Barker	Jr.	Sport Industry	Pittsford, N.Y.
Men's Lacrosse	Lukas Buckley	Gr.	Specialized Master's Business-Finance	Walpole, Mass.
Men's Lacrosse	Christian Feliziani	Sr.	Sport Industry	Boothwyn, Pa.
Men's Lacrosse	Tre Leclair	Sr.	Sport Industry	Surrey, British Columbia
Men's Lacrosse	Nick Musci	Sr.	Finance	Westerville, Ohio
Men's Lacrosse	Evan Riss	Jr.	Finance	Columbia, Md.
Men's Lacrosse	Skylar Wahlund	So.	Accounting	Powell, Ohio
Women's Lacrosse	Ali Beekhuizen	So.	Psychology	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Women's Lacrosse	Sage Darling	Sr.	Speech & Hearing Science	Lakefield, Ontario
Women's Lacrosse	Regina Doty	Sr.	Civil Engineering	St. Louis, Mo.
Women's Lacrosse	Lindsay Epstein	Jr.	Communications	Marietta, Ga.
Women's Lacrosse	MK George	So.	Psychology	Monmouth Beach, N.J.
Women's Lacrosse	Sarah George	Sr.	Child & Youth Studies	Monmouth Beach, N.J.
Women's Lacrosse	Ava Keethler	So.	Exercise Science Education	Upper Arlington, Ohio
Women's Lacrosse	Jill Rizzo	Sr.	Marketing	Queensbury, N.J.
Women's Lacrosse	Emily Skrzypczak	Sr.	Health Sciences	Burke, Va.
Women's Lacrosse	Caroline Tatsuoka	So.	Mathematics	Hunting Valley, Ohio
Pistol	Cade Haiby	So.	Mechanical Engineering	Blackduck, Minn.
Pistol	Bernard Melus	Jr.	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Lake Zurich, Ill.
Pistol	Emily Nothnagle	Jr.	Psychology, Anthropology, and Music	Hershey, Pa.
Rifle	Megan Wilcoxson	Jr.	Communication	Shelton, Conn.
Rowing	Katelyn Bartos	So.	Mechanical Engineering	Copley, Ohio
Rowing	Megan Cymanski	Jr.	Communication	Hiram, Ohio
Rowing	Anjali Fernandes	Sr.	English	Perrysburg, Ohio
Rowing	Lena Harper	Jr.	Industrial and Systems Engineering	Cincinnati, Ohio
Rowing	Leonie Heuer	Jr.	Human Development & Family Science	Leer, Germany
Rowing	Allison Krish	So.	Industrial Design	Woodbury, Minn.
Rowing	Olivia Kwiecinski	Sr.	Environment, Economy, Development & Sustainability	Cincinnati, Ohio

Rowing	Grace Libben	Sr.	Public Health	Logan, Ohio
Rowing	Kendell Massier	Sr.	Speech and Hearing Science	Regina, Saskatchewan
Rowing	Megan McNutt	So.	Biomedical Engineering	Painted Post, N.Y.
Rowing	Michaela Nordhaus	Jr.	Psychology	Ottawa, Ohio
Rowing	Alexandra Nothdurft	Jr.	International Studies	Brisbane, Australia
Rowing	Kelly Stainbrook	Jr.	Biochemistry	Zanesville, Ohio
Rowing	Sierra Tiede	Sr.	International Studies	Missoula, Mont.
Rowing	Willow Wahlers	Jr.	Communication	Toms River, N.J.
Men's Soccer	Mitch Bergman	Jr.	Industrial and Systems Eng.	Canal Winchester, Ohio
Women's Soccer	Meghan Kammerdeiner	Sr.	Public Policy and Management	South Riding, Va.
Women's Soccer	Selina Vickery	Sr.	Neuroscience	Friendswood, Texas
Softball	Niki Carver	Jr.	Special Education	Gainesville, Ga.
Softball	Summer Constable	Jr.	Physical Activity & Coaching Specialist	Sullivan, Ohio
Softball	Andi Farrah	Sr.	Health Sciences	Pickerington, Ohio
Softball	Megan McMenemy	Jr.	Health Sciences	Westerville, Ohio
Softball	Claire Nicholson	Jr.	Human Development & Family Science	Mt. Gilead, Ohio
Softball	Spencer Sansom	Sr.	Physical Activity & Coaching Specialist	Clovis, Calif.
Men's Swimming & Diving	Joseph Canova	Jr.	Data Analytics	Gaithersburg, Md.
Men's Swimming & Diving	Alexander Dillmann	Sr.	Political Science	Naperville, Ill.
Men's Swimming & Diving	Evan McFadden	Jr.	Aero and Astronautical Engineering	Oreland, Pa.
Men's Swimming & Diving	Jacob Siler	Jr.	Speech and Hearing Science	Knoxville, Tenn.
Men's Swimming & Diving	Evan Stapp	Jr.	Sport Industry	Tipp City, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Genevieve Angerame	Jr.	Political Science	The Woodlands, Texas
Women's Swimming & Diving	Rebekah Bradley	Sr.	Biochemistry	Auckland, New Zealand

Women's Swimming & Diving	Kathrin Demler	Sr. Psychology	Gelsenkirchen, Germany
Women's Swimming & Diving	Kendyl Ferrara	Jr. Communication	Cincinnati, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Quinn Fike	Sr. Public Health	Dublin, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Nicole Fye	Jr. Microbiology	Ashburn, Va.
Women's Swimming & Diving	Brooke Glesenkamp	Jr. Health Sciences	Delaware, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Hanna Gresser	Jr. Biology	Akron, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Devin Landstra	Sr. Marketing	Cincinnati, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Rebecca Luft	Sr. Neuroscience	Dillsburg, Pa.
Women's Swimming & Diving	Amanda Palutsis	So. Biomedical Engineering	Louisville, Ohio
Women's Swimming & Diving	Taylor Petrak	Jr. Marketing	Ellwood City, Pa.
Women's Swimming & Diving	Freya Rayner	Jr. World Literatures	Sunderland, England
Women's Swimming & Diving	Kristen Romano	Jr. Anthropology	Lancaster, N.Y.
Women's Swimming & Diving	Lara Tarvit	Sr. Human Resources	Melbourne, Australia
Women's Swimming & Diving	Katie Wright	Sr. Communication	Wexford, Pa.
Synchronized Swimming	Kaitlyn Carboun	Sr. International Studies	Mesa, Ariz.
Synchronized Swimming	Erin Fanning	So. Composition	Cincinnati, Ohio
Synchronized Swimming	Paula Luis	So. Accounting	San Juan, Puerto Rico

Synchronized Swimming	Sarah Walsh	Jr.	Environment, Economy, Development & Sustainability	Cincinnati, Ohio
Synchronized Swimming	Haley Watson	So.	Psychology	Walnut Creek, Calif.
Men's Tennis	Andrew Lutschaunig	So.	Management & Industry Exploring	Richboro, Pa.
Men's Tennis	Kyle Seelig	Sr.	Child and Youth Studies	Hatfield, Pa.
Men's Tennis	Tim Seibert	Jr.	Finance	Pulheim, Germany
Men's Tennis	Jacob Wareti	Sr.	Health Sciences	Columbus, Ohio
Women's Tennis	Luna Dormet	Jr.	Political Science	Tours, France
Women's Tennis	Mary Beth Hurley	Jr.	Health Sciences Program	Novi, Mich.
Men's Track & Field	Steven Bauers	Sr.	Finance	Pickerington, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Paul Bete	Sr.	Finance	Dayton, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Coty Cobb	Sr.	Kinesiology	Middletown, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Joseph Cooper	Jr.	Sports Industry	Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Eric Halford	So.	Data Analytics	Hudson, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Peter Hayden	Jr.	Economics	Bexley, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Terry Johnson	Sr.	Construction Systems Management	Columbus, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Luke Landis	Sr.	Finance	Norwalk, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Nick Regas	So.	Marketing	Massillon, Ohio
Men's Track & Field	Aaron Wood	Sr.	Civil Engineering	Lancaster, Ohio
Women's Track & Field	Brittany Atkinson	Sr.	Accounting	Liberty Center, Ohio
Women's Track & Field	Alexa Jankowsky	Sr.	Architecture	Shaker Heights, Ohio
Women's Track & Field	Devon Leahy	Sr.	Biology	Westfield, Ind.
Women's Track & Field	Abby Nichols	Sr.	Speech & Hearing Sciences	Kettering, Ohio

Women's Track & Field	Oyesade Olatoye	Sr. Health Sciences	Dublin, Ohio
Women's Track & Field	Alexus Pyles	Sr. Biology	Clarksburg, Md.
Women's Track & Field	Sarah Stanley	Sr. Real Estate and Urban Analysis	South Park, Pa.
Men's Volleyball	Tyler Alter	Sr. Consumer & Family Financial Services	Laguna Beach, Calif.
Men's Volleyball	Andrew Hillman	Sr. Finance	Allentown, Pa.
Men's Volleyball	Martin Lallemand	Jr. Industrial and Systems Engineering	Orp le Grand, Belgium
Men's Volleyball	Luke Lentin	So. Finance	La Jolla, Calif.
Men's Volleyball	Parker Mikesch	So. Sport Industry	Xenia, Ohio
Men's Volleyball	Sean Ryan	So. Engineering	Countryside, Ill.
Men's Volleyball	Jack Stevens	So. Civil Engineering	Libertyville, Ill.
Men's Volleyball	Ethan Talley	So. Marketing	Newport Beach, Calif.
Men's Volleyball	Jamie Wolmering	Sr. Civil Engineering	Fairport, N.Y.
Women's Volleyball	Jordan Fry	Sr. Biology	Cincinnati, Ohio
Women's Volleyball	Mia Grunze	So. Sport Industry	Waterford, Wis.
Women's Volleyball	Camryn Moeller	So. Accounting	Troy, Ohio
Women's Volleyball	Lauren Witte	Jr. Health Sciences	Mentor, Ohio
Wrestling	Rocky Jordan	So. Sport Industry	St. Paris, Ohio
Wrestling	Kollin Moore	Gr. Kinesiology (master's)	Burbank, Ohio
Wrestling	Zach Steiner	Jr. Agricultural Communication	Creston, Ohio

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