

MIAC announces 2021 Men's Outdoor Track and Field awards

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BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – The Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) announced its annual award recipients for Men's Outdoor Track and Field on Thursday, capping off an outstanding championship meet last weekend.

The top three finishers in each individual event along with each first-place relay team received All-MIAC honors. Individuals that finished 4-6 and relay teams that finished 2-6 received All-Conference Honorable Mention distinction. MIAC track and field coaches also selected individual award recipients for Outstanding Track Athlete, Outstanding Field Athlete, Outstanding Performance of the Meet, and Coach of the Year.

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2021 MIAC award winners: Wilkinson (left), Irons (middle), Mathre (right). Action photos by Nathan Lodermeier

Carleton senior **Matthew Wilkinson** was selected as the Outstanding Track Athlete, while Bethel sophomore **Gabe Irons** received Outstanding Field Athlete. Wilkinson's showing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase also earned him Performance of the Meet honors. St. Thomas coach **Steve Mathre** was recognized by his peers with the MIAC Coach of the Year award.

Wilkinson (Sr. | Greenwood, Minn. | Minnetonka) won a pair of MIAC championships last week, including a record-breaking performance in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Wilkinson crossed the finish line in 08:44.01 - the third-fastest mark in NCAA Division III history and 0.08 seconds shy of No. 2 all-time. His victory earned him Performance of the Meet honors. Wilkinson also won the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:34.58, and helped Carleton to a runner-up finish in the 4x800 relay.

Irons (So. | Lake Mills, Iowa) won the MIAC title in the discus with a program-record toss of 52.58 meters (172-06.00), claiming the conference championship by more than 20 feet. He also placed second in the hammer throw at 52.99 meters (173-10.00).

Mathre guided the Tommies to their 38th conference title in outdoor track and field last week, with 27 student-athletes scoring points across the 22 events. A multi-time recipient of the MIAC Coach of the Year award, this is Mathre's first outdoor honor since the 2014 campaign.

In addition to the top individual award winners, conference coaches also recognized the 2021 Men's Outdoor Track and Field All-MIAC Sportsmanship team, as well as the [2021 All-Conference individuals and relay teams](#). Complete results and recaps of the 2021 MIAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships can be found on the [event homepage](#).

2021 MIAC MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD AWARDS

Outstanding Track Athlete: Matthew Wilkinson, Carleton (Sr. | Greenwood, Minn. | Minnetonka)

Outstanding Field Athlete: Gabe Irons, Bethel (So. | Lake Mills, Iowa)

Outstanding Performance of the Meet: Matthew Wilkinson, Carleton (Sr. | Greenwood, Minn. | Minnetonka | 3000M Steeplechase)

Coach of the Year: Steve Mathre, St. Thomas (26th season)

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