

2010-2011



PLNU
SEA LIONS

Athletic Year in Review

2010-11 Season Highlights

NACDA Director's Cup Finish: 24 (415.50 Points)

Teams Ranked in NAIA Top-25 (5): Women's Tennis (6),
Women's Cross Country (6), Men's Tennis (7),
Volleyball (17), Men's Golf (19)

Top National Finish (5th):

(Volleyball, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis)

Tournament Champions (1): Men's Golf
(GSAC/Cascade/Cal Pac NAIA Qualifier)

Conference/ Regional Individual Champions: 11

GSAC Coaches of the Year: 1

(Rich Hills, Women's Tennis)

***All-GSAC Athletes: 41**

GSAC Scholar Athletes: 19

***NAIA All-Americans: 17**

NAIA Scholar Athletes: 21

^NAIA All-Tournament (1): (Tabitha Henken, Volleyball)

NAIA Scholar Teams (7): (Men's Cross Country: 3:08 GPA;
Women's Cross Country: 3:47 GPA; Women's Soccer: 3.26 GPA;
Volleyball: 3.33 GPA; Women's Tennis: 3.27 GPA; Men's Track &
Field: 3.02 GPA; Women's Track & Field: 3.38 GPA)

*Track athletes can be All-GSAC and All-Americans in multiple events, each member of relay teams counted as a GSAC Champion and All-American. Also includes honorable mention All-Americans

^Does not include golf and track athletes

Sea Lions Finish 24th in NACDA Director's Cup Standings

CLEVELAND, Ohio - Point Loma Nazarene finished 24th out of nearly 300 schools in the final NAIA Learfield Directors' Cup Standings as announced Friday. The Sea Lion athletic program notched 415.50 total points during the 2010-11 school year.

The Directors' Cup is presented annually to the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country in NCAA Divisions I, II, and III and the NAIA. Points are earned by a school's postseason advancement in each intercollegiate sport. A national championship collects 100 points for a university; a second-place finish garners 90 points; each place below second earns a designated amount of points depending on the size of the field. Only the six top men's teams and six top women's teams are tallied in a school's final results.

The Sea Lion volleyball team earned the most points, 75, after placing fifth at nationals. Both of PLNU's tennis teams also placed fifth, each earning 70 points. Women's track pulled in 67.5 points after coming in 10th; men's track was 23rd for 50 points; men's golf was 15th for 45 points and women's cross country earned 40 points with a 17th place finish.

Fellow Golden State Athletic Conference school Azusa Pacific (Calif.) has claimed the top spot in the final standings. The Cougars tallied 820.75 total points in taking home their seventh straight Learfield Sports Directors' Cup. The GSAC remains atop the conference standings, with four of its member institutions in the top 10 (Azusa Pacific (Calif.) - first; Fresno Pacific (Calif.) - fourth; California Baptist - sixth; Concordia (Calif.) - eighth).

Other GSAC institutions in the standings were Biola (11), PLNU (24), Vanguard (37), Westmont (70) and The Master's (77).

Embry Riddle Aeronautical (Fla.) finished in second following a fifth place finish in baseball. The Eagles end the year with 752.25 total points. The Hawks of Shorter (Ga.) finished in the top five for the first time in the third place spot with 741.00 total points. In fourth place with 719.75 total points is Fresno Pacific (Calif.). Lindenwood (Mo.) rounds out the top-five with 686.75 total points.

All eight spring NAIA championships have been completed to date with the following institutions capturing titles: baseball - Concordia (Calif.); women's golf - California Baptist; men's golf - Oklahoma Christian; softball - Oregon Tech; women's tennis - Auburn Montgomery (Ala.); men's tennis - Fresno Pacific (Calif.); women's track & field - Concordia (Ore.); men's track & field - Shorter (Ga.). PLNU missed placing in the top-20 for the first time in 13 NACDA rankings. The university's best-ever finish was fourth overall in 2004-05. The Sea Lions were 16th in 2009-10.

PLNU Team	Finish	Points
Volleyball	5	75
Women's Tennis	5	70
Men's Tennis	5	70
Women's Track & Field	10	67.5
Men's Track & Field	23	50
Men's Golf	15	45
Women's Cross Country	17	40
Total		415.50

Golden State Athletic Conference Accomplishments



The 2010-11 season was another great year with **4** teams from the Golden State Athletic Conference winning NAIA championships during the 2010-11 season. In **25** years of competition, GSAC teams have now won a total of **40** national championships in 12 out of 13 sports sponsored by the conference. In the classroom, over **50** GSAC teams were NAIA Scholar Teams. *National Coach of the Year* and *NAIA Player of the Year* awards were given to 3 GSAC coaches and 4 GSAC athletes. In the final standings of the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup, which recognizes the best overall athletic programs in the NAIA based on showings in national championship tournaments and meets, **Azusa Pacific** received the NAIA's top award for a record-breaking **seventh** year in a row and was joined by **Fresno Pacific**, **California Baptist**, **Concordia** and **Biola** in the top 11. A total of 9 conference teams made the rankings, all finishing in the top 80. Below is a summary of this year's highlights.

NAIA TEAM CHAMPIONS

Fresno Pacific – Volleyball

Azusa Pacific – Women's Basketball

Fresno Pacific – Men's Tennis

Concordia – Baseball – first NAIA World Series championship by GSAC team

TOP TEAM NAIA FINISHES

Biola – Women's Cross Country Runner-up

Azusa Pacific – Women's Soccer Semifinalist

California Baptist – Women's Soccer Quarterfinalist

Biola – Volleyball Quarterfinalist

California Baptist – Volleyball Quarterfinalist

Point Loma Nazarene – Volleyball Quarterfinalist

Biola – Men's Basketball Quarterfinalist

Concordia – Men's Basketball Quarterfinalist

California Baptist – Softball Runner-up

Azusa Pacific – Men's Tennis Quarterfinalist

Point Loma Nazarene – Men's Tennis Quarterfinalist

Vanguard – Men's Tennis Quarterfinalist
Westmont – Men's Tennis Quarterfinalist
Fresno Pacific – Women's Tennis Runner-up
Azusa Pacific – Women's Tennis Semifinalist
Concordia – Women's Tennis Quarterfinalist
Point Loma Nazarene – Women's Tennis Quarterfinalist
Fresno Pacific – Men's Outdoor Track & Field 6th place finish
Point Loma Nazarene – Women's Outdoor Track & Field 10th place finish

NAIA CHARACTER TEAM AWARD

Concordia – Baseball Hank Burbridge Champions of Character Team Award
Vanguard – Softball NAIA Team Champion of Character Award

NAIA COACHES OF THE YEAR

Ryan McGuyre, California Baptist – Volleyball
T.J. Hardeman, Azusa Pacific – Women's Basketball
Neil Castro, Fresno Pacific – Men's Tennis

NAIA PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Justin Johnson, Concordia – Men's Basketball Player of the Year
Emma Holden, California Baptist – Softball Pitcher of the Year
Ethan DeJongh, Fresno Pacific – Men's Outdoor Track & Field Most Outstanding Performer
Natasha Miller, Biola – NAIA Women's Track & Field Most Valuable Performer

NAIA LEARFIELD DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

([complete standings](#))

1st **Azusa Pacific**
4th **Fresno Pacific**
6th **California Baptist**
8th **Concordia**
11th **Biola**
24th **Point Loma Nazarene**
37th **Vanguard**
70th **Westmont**
77th **The Master's**

In non-GSAC sports, conference members had top performances. **Fresno Pacific** repeated as the NAIA Men's Swimming & Diving Champion, followed by **California Baptist** in second. **Peter Richardson** of Fresno Pacific was selected as the NAIA Men's Coach of the Year. In Women's Swimming & Diving, **California Baptist** earned first place, with **Fresno Pacific** in second and **Azusa Pacific** in fifth. **Rick Rowland** of California Baptist was the NAIA Women's Coach of the Year and **Alex Peters** of Concordia was the Women's Outstanding Meet Performer.

California Baptist won the NAIA Women's Golf Championship. In NAIA Women's Indoor Track & Field, **Azusa Pacific** finished third and **Biola** fourth, while **Azusa Pacific** finished in fourth on the men's side. **Natasha Miller** of Biola was named the Women's Most Outstanding Performer.

PLNU Team Standings and Individual Awards

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

GSAC Meet: 9th (236 points)

Nationals: DNQ

MVP: Kyle Russell

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Will MacNeil

Scholar Team: 3.08 GPA

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

GSAC Meet: 3rd (90 points)

National Meet: 17th (461 points)

Final NAIA Ranking: 6

MVP: Breeelan Matranga

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Katie Kunz

All-GSAC (1): Katie Kunz

GSAC Scholar Athletes (3): Angie Afman, Elise Manley, Olivia Robinson

NAIA Scholar Athletes (2): Elise Manley, Olivia Robinson

NAIA Scholar Team: 3.47 GPA

MEN'S SOCCER (6-10)

GSAC: 9th (3-7)

Final NAIA Ranking: N/A

Most Valuable Player: Macaine Piercy

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Nico Acosta

GSAC Playoffs: DNQ

All-GSAC (1): Macaine Piercy

GSAC Scholar Athletes (1): Grant Cowles

NAIA Scholar Athletes (1): Grant Cowles

WOMEN'S SOCCER (6-5-5)

GSAC: 5th (4-3-3)

Final NAIA Ranking: RV

GSAC Playoffs: Lost to Concordia 1-0 OT

Team MVP: Katie Pedlowe

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Lily Rainey

All-GSAC (3): Tiffany Krcy, Katie Pedlowe, Erica Wessels

GSAC Scholar Athletes (1): Katie Pedlowe

NAIA All-Americans (1): Tiffany Krcy (HM)

NAIA Scholar Athletes (1): Katie Pedlowe

NAIA Scholar Team: 3.26 GPA

VOLLEYBALL (22-13)

GSAC: 6th (11-9)

Final NAIA Ranking: 17

NAIA National Tournament Opening Round: Def. Dillard (LA) 3-0

NAIA Nationals (5th): Pool Play -- Def. Lewis-Clark State (ID) 3-2; Def. Northwestern (IA) 3-1; Def. Malone (OH) 3-0; Def. Embry-Riddle (FL) 3-1. Championship Bracket – Lost to Fresno Pacific 3-0.

Most Valuable Player: Tabitha Henken

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Karleigh Kaszmarek

All-GSAC (1): Tabitha Henken

NAIA All-Americans (1): Tabitha Henken (1st team)

NAIA All-Tournament Team (1): Tabitha Henken

NAIA Scholar Team: 3.33 GPA

MEN'S BASKETBALL (15-16)

GSAC: 6th (10-10)

GSAC Playoffs: Beat Biola 65-63; Lost to Azusa Pacific 57-55

Most Valuable Player: Marek Klassen

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: DeAndre Jones, Robbie McDaniel

All-GSAC (1): Marek Klassen

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (13-16)

GSAC: 8th (8-12)

GSAC Playoffs: Lost to Azusa Pacific 88-68

NAIA Nationals: DNQ

Most Valuable Player: Crissa Jackson

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Jessy Ashton

Records Set: Most blocked shot, game: 11, Andrea Campbell vs. Bethany Lutheran on 12/27/10

BASEBALL (28-22)

GSAC: 5th (19-17)

Final NAIA Ranking: RV

GSAC Playoffs: Lost to Biola 5-3; Beat California Baptist 10-3; Lost to Biola 8-5

Most Valuable Player: Tyler Kuehl

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Tyler Kuehl

All-GSAC (2): Rashad Taylor, Edgar Molina

Records Set: Career hits: 256, Tyler Kuehl; doubles: 64, Tyler Kuehl

MEN'S GOLF (Won NAIA Qualifier)

GSAC/CalPac/Cascade NAIA Qualifier Tournament: 1st (879)

NAIA Qualifier Medalist: Oscar Casillas

NAIA National Tournament: 15th (1220)

Final NAIA Ranking: 19

Most Valuable Player: Ryan Ellerbrock

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Joel Salmond

NAIA All-Americans (2): Ryan Ellerbrock (3rd team); Oscar Casillas (3rd team)

MEN'S TENNIS (16-9)**GSAC: T2nd (10-4)****Most Valuable Player:** Joel Myers**PLSA Sportsmanship Award:** DJ Jaehnig**Final NAIA Ranking:** 7**NAIA Nationals (5th):** Def. Union (TN) 5-2, Lost to Embry-Riddle (FL) 5-1**All-GSAC (2):** Tyler Bowman, Joel Myers**NAIA All-Americans (1):** Joel Myers (2nd team)**NAIA Regional Arthur Ash Award Winner:** DJ Jaehnig**WOMEN'S TENNIS (20-4)****GSAC: T2nd (13-3)****Most Valuable Player:** Kristin Strimple**PLSA Sportsmanship Award:** Jessica Kwan**Final NAIA Ranking:** 6**NAIA Nationals (5th):** Def. Southern Nazarene (OK) 5-1; Lost to Auburn-Montgomery (AL) 5-2**All-GSAC (3):** Kristin Strimple, Jessica Kwan, Ashley Litchfield**GSAC Most Outstanding Player:** Kristin Strimple**GSAC Coach of the Year:** Rich Hills**GSAC Scholar Athletes (1):** Kristin Strimple**NAIA All-Americans (2):** Kristin Strimple (1st team) Ashley Litchfield (2nd team)**NAIA Senior Player of the Year:** Kristin Strimple**NAIA ITA National Singles Champion:** Kristin Strimple**NAIA Super Bowl Singles Champion:** Kristin Strimple**NAIA Scholar Athletes (1):** Kristin Strimple**NAIA Scholar Team:** 3.27 GPA**Records Tied:** Most single season wins: 30 by Kristin Strimple; most career wins: 100 by Kristin Strimple

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

GSAC Meet: 3rd (134 points)

NAIA Meet: 23rd (12 points)

Most Outstanding Athlete: Sean Lewis

Most Valuable Field Athlete: Willis Somervell

Most Valuable Track Athlete: Edward Morrow

Most Improved: Willis Somervell

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Johnny Phillips, Jeff Hester

GSAC Champions (8): Sean Lewis (400 meter, 4x100 relay), Brett McGregor (high jump), Willis Somervell (pole vault), Jeff Hester (decathlon), Marek Klassen (4x100 relay), Edward Morrow (4x100 relay), Corey Botma (4x100 relay)

All-GSAC (top 3 in each event) (12): Sean Lewis (400 meter, 4x100 relay, 100 meter, 400 hurdles), Brett McGregor (high jump), Willis Somervell (pole vault), Jeff Hester (decathlon), Marek Klassen (4x100 relay), Edward Morrow (4x100 relay), Corey Botma (4x100 relay), Kevin Veldcamp (pole vault), Anthony Viola (decathlon)

GSAC Scholar Athletes (3): Jeff Hester, Austen Timm, Graham Yantis

NAIA All-Americans (2): Sean Lewis (400 hurdles), Edward Morrow (400 hurdles)

NAIA Scholar Athletes (3): Jeff Hester, Austen Timm, Graham Yantis

NAIA Scholar Team: 3.02

Records Set: 4x400 relay: 3:12.64 (Marek Klassen, Edward Morrow, Corey Botma, Sean Lewis); 400 hurdles: 51.43 (Sean Lewis)

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

GSAC Meet: 2nd (155.33 points)

NAIA Meet: 10th (29 points)

Most Outstanding Athlete: Tori Anderson

Most Valuable Field Athlete: Agnes Faaleaoga

Most Valuable Track Athlete: Sarah Laine

Most Improved: Dominique Picker

PLSA Sportsmanship Award: Jordan Turner

GSAC Champions (2): Tori Anderson (400 hurdles), Lindsay Honea (heptathlon)

All-GSAC (top 3 in each event) (15): Tori Anderson (400 hurdles, 4x400 relay), Lindsay Honea (heptathlon), Sarah Laine (400 meter, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay), Jordan Turner (400 meter, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay, long jump), Natalija Waldhuber (shot put), Taylor Audia (pole vault), Jennifer Van Wey (4x100 relay), Kelsey Starr (4x100 relay), Dominique Picker (4x400 relay)

GSAC Scholar Athletes (10): Angie Afman, Tori Anderson, Kassandra Ham, Magnolia Hills, Emily Holding, Elise Manley, Breelan Matranga, Ashlee Szabo, Jordan Turner, Natalija Waldhuber

NAIA All-Americans (8): Tori Anderson (400 hurdles, high jump, heptathlon, 4x400 relay), Sarah Laine (400 meter, 4x400 relay), Dominique Picker (4x400 relay), Jordan Turner (4x400 relay)

NAIA Scholar Athletes (13): Alaina Bird, Angie Afman, Ashlee Szabo, Breelan Matranga, Elise Manley, Emily Holding, Gina Erbacci, Jordan Turner, Kassandra Ham, Magnolia Hills, Natalija Waldhuber, Olivia Robinson, Victoria Anderson

NAIA Scholar Team: 3.38

Records Set: 4x100 relay: 47.21 (Jennifer Van Wey, Jordan Turner, Kelsey Starr, Sarah Laine); 4x400 relay: 3:45.12 (Dominique Picker, Jordan Turner, Tori Anderson, Sarah Laine)