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Seven Buckeyes Named NWCA Academic All-Americans

Koontz Wins Gold, Boykin Bronze at Pan Am Championships

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COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio State was one of seven Division I schools to place seven individuals on the National Wrestling Coaches Association 2021-22 Scholar All-America Team.

Buckeyes Malik Heinselman (Sr./Finance), Dylan D’Emilio (R-So./Psychology), Carson Kharchla (R-So./Sport Industry), Ethan Smith (R-Sr./Human Resources), Kaleb Romero (R-Sr./Masters of Human Resources), Gavin Hoffman (R-Jr./Operations Management) and Tate Orndorff (R-Sr./Math) were named NWCA Scholar All-Americans.

All seven qualified for the 2022 NCAA Championships in their respective weight classes. Three, Romero, Hoffman and Kharchla also earned All-America status on the mat in 2022.

The group returns to the Ohio State roster for the 2022-23 season.

Buckeyes Earn Medals at Pan American Championships

Brady Koontz, who just completed his redshirt junior season with the Buckeyes, won the Pan American Championships in the 55kg bracket to claim the 2022 Gold Medal in Greco-Roman. The competition was held May 5 in Acapulco, Mexico.

Nicholas Boykin, a redshirt sophomore in 2021-22, earned the bronze medal, finishing third in the 97kg Greco-Roman bracket.

Koontz went 2-0 in the event with a 9-0 win over Axel Andre Salas Esquivel of Mexico and an 11-0 victory vs. Brandon Jesus Escobar Amador of Honduras.

Boykin went 2-1 overall with wins over Eduardo Ivan Gajardo Meneses of Chile (Inj.) and Luis Gerardo Rivera Alvarado of Mexico (9-0).

Boykin recently won the 97kg Greco-Roman title at the Bill Farrell Memorial International Open with a 10-1 technical fall in the finals over Christian Rouleau (Minnesota Storm). The event was held in Cedar Falls, Iowa, April 1-2.

Koontz has a career record of 18-16 with the Buckeyes and won the 2021 Storm Open at 125 pounds with a 4-0 record.

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