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Shane Griffith Named 2023 Pac-12 Wrestling Scholar-Athlete of the Year



SAN FRANCISCO - Stanford redshirt senior **Shane Griffith** has been named the 2023 Pac-12 Wrestling Scholar-Athlete of the Year, the Conference office announced today. The award, which is presented in each of the 24 sports the Pac-12 sponsors, was established to honor collegiate student-athletes that are standouts academically and in their sports discipline.

Griffith, a graduate student from Westwood, New Jersey, majored in Science, Technology and Society as an undergraduate student at Stanford and graduated with a cumulative 3.61 GPA. The eighth Stanford wrestler to win the award, Griffith is currently pursuing a communications master's degree and holds a 3.85 GPA.

Griffith has been one of the best wrestlers at Stanford and in the country this season. The redshirt senior currently stands at 22-2 on the season, bringing his career record to 81-8, not including his true-freshman season where he went 25-2 wrestling unattached. Griffith earned several gritty wins this season, including a victory over No. 12 Michael Caliendo III of NDSU to capture his second Southern Scuffle title in January—[see him his fifth Pac-12 Wrestler of the Week honor](#)—the most in league history. The 2021 NCAA Champion at 165lbs, Griffith is a three-time NCAA qualifier, a two-time NCAA All-American, a two-time Pac-12 Wrestler of the Year and a 2020 Pac-12 individual champion.

Griffith performs off the mat as well as he does on the mat, maintaining a 3.85 GPA in his communications master's degree program. His off-the-mat efforts are reflected in his extensive list of academic awards: he is

a three-time NWCA Scholar All-American (2020, 2021, 2022), a three-time Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll selection (2020, 2021, 2022), a two-time CoSIDA Second-Team Academic All-American (2021, 2022) and a time CoSIDA Academic All-District pick (2021, 2022).

In order to be eligible for the Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year award, student-athletes must be a senior (i.e., full athletics eligibility) on track to receive a degree, have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher, participate in at least 50 percent of the scheduled contests in the sport and have a minimum one year in residence at the institution. Each Pac-12 institution may nominate one individual per sport, and the winners are selected by a committee of Pac-12 staff members at the conclusion of each sport's regular season. The athletic accomplishments of the nominees are a consideration in voting for the award.

A Scholar-Athlete of the Year is named annually in each of the Pac-12's 24 sponsored sports: baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, beach volleyball, men's cross country, women's cross country, football, men's golf, women's golf, women's gymnastics, women's lacrosse, men's rowing, women's rowing, men's soccer, women's soccer, softball, men's swimming & diving, women's swimming & diving, men's tennis, women's tennis, men's track & field, women's track & field, women's volleyball, and wrestling. The award was first established during the 2007-08 academic year.

ALSO NOMINATED: Brawley Lamer, Cal Poly; Mateo Olmos, OSU; Brandon Courtney, ASU

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