

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS RECEIPT  
OF THE HORIZON LEAGUE MCCAFFERTY TROPHY**

**WHEREAS**, the Youngstown State Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has earned the 2024-25 Horizon League's McCafferty Trophy for its excellence in the conference's 19 championship sports;

**WHEREAS**, in a tightly contested year, Youngstown State earned 41 points to finish at the top of the McCafferty Trophy standings. Cleveland State was second at 40.5, Oakland placed third with 39.5 while Milwaukee (34.5) and Robert Morris (34) rounded out the top five. YSU recorded a league-high 24 points in men's sports, 3.5 more than the second-place Vikings;

**WHEREAS**, this is the third time in the last five academic years that Youngstown State has earned the league's all-sports trophy, and it is the second time in the last three years that the university has won the prestigious award outright;

**WHEREAS**, the men's cross country and track and field teams claimed their third consecutive Horizon League triple crown. The women's track and field team won both the indoor and outdoor Horizon League titles. Women's tennis won the postseason championship to reach the NCAAs. Men's Basketball advanced to the Horizon League Championship Game for the first time in school history. The women's golf program was second at the Horizon League Championships. Also, men's tennis added an appearance in the Horizon League tournament semifinals;

**WHEREAS**, the Horizon League is comprised of full-time members Cleveland State, Detroit Mercy, Green Bay, IU Indy, Milwaukee, Northern Kentucky, Oakland, Purdue Fort Wayne, Robert Morris, Wright State and Youngstown State along with affiliate members Chicago State, Belmont, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Southern Indiana, Lindenwood and Eastern Illinois;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees extends it congratulations and recognition of all involved in achieving this extraordinary accomplishment;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such an accomplishment aligns with the Board's support of the importance of a student-athlete success-focused Department of Intercollegiate Athletics that contributes additional value to a degree from Youngstown State University.

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 24, 2025  
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# YSU Wins 2024-25 McCafferty Trophy, Claims Third Horizon League All-Sports Award in Last Five Years

Youngstown State University has earned the Horizon League's McCafferty Trophy for its excellence in the conference's 19 championship sports. YSU Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Chet Cooper, along with Executive Director of Intercollegiate Ron Strollo, Senior Woman Administrator Rebecca Fink and student-athletes Terin Frodyma and Jordan Truelsch accepted the award at the Horizon League's annual meetings in Indianapolis on Thursday.

This is the third time in the last five academic years that Youngstown State has earned the league's all-sports trophy, and it is the second time in the last three years that the university has won the prestigious award outright. The Penguins were the sole winner for the first time in 2022-23 and shared the McCafferty Trophy with Oakland in 2020-21. YSU joined the Horizon League in 2001-02.

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YSU recorded a league-high 24 points in men's sports, 3.5 more than the second-place Vikings. The Penguins had the sixth-highest total in women's sports with 17 points. Seven women's programs had at least 15 points for the year.

Youngstown State has finished among the top two in the McCafferty Trophy standings in each of the past five seasons. Prior to 2021, YSU had finished second on just two occasions.

"One of our main goals as a department each year is to win the McCafferty Trophy, and we're so proud of our student-athletes, coaches and support staff for coming together to make this a reality for the third time in five years!" said Ron Strollo, YSU's Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. "The McCafferty Trophy rewards broad-based excellence across all sports. We could not achieve that without university-wide support. We are grateful to those across campus as well as within the community who make Youngstown State great.

"With the Women's Bowling team's National Championship as well as owning the top cumulative GPA among our Division I peers in Ohio, it's amazing to see our student-athletes excel in the classroom while also competing at such a high level athletically."

During the 2024-25 school year, the men's cross country and track and field teams claimed their third consecutive Horizon League triple crown. The women's track and field team won both the indoor and outdoor Horizon League titles. Women's tennis won the postseason championship to reach the NCAAs. Men's Basketball advanced to the Horizon League Championship Game for the first time in school history. Men's tennis added an appearance in the Horizon League tournament semifinals. The women's golf program was second at the Horizon League Championships as well.

In men's sports, Youngstown State received seven points in cross country and track & field, five points in tennis, three in basketball and two in baseball. On the women's side, the Penguins received seven points in track & field and five from tennis and golf.

Named in honor of James J. McCafferty, who served as the conference's first commissioner from 1979-80, the McCafferty Trophy is awarded annually by the Horizon League to a member institution compiling the greatest number of performance points, based on its finish in the League's 19 championship sports.

For the sports of men's and women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, softball and baseball, points are awarded based on combined regular-season (60 percent) and championship (40 percent) finishes. For all other sports, points are based on performance in the League championships.