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Starkville, Mississippi - MaKayla Waldner is one of 42 Mississippi State student-athletes named to the 2017 Fall Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll. SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey announced Wednesday, February 7, 2018.

The 2017 Fall SEC Academic Honor Roll includes the sports of cross country, football, soccer and volleyball. It is based on grades from the 2017 spring, summer and fall semesters. The 2017 fall semester saw MSU student-athletes turn in the highest cumulative GPA on record at 3.16.

MSU's football team placed the most athletes on the honor roll with 19 selected, but the women's soccer team had the greatest percentage of its athletes represented with over half the team being recognized. Fourteen of 27 women on the roster earned the achievement. Soccer also led all women's sports at MSU with a 3.69 GPA during the semester.

Thirteen members of the football are repeat honor roll selections including Hunter Bradley, Tolando Cleveland, Nick Fitzgerald, Aaron Hamaker, Jesse Jackson, Elgton Jenkins, Kobe Jones, Harrison Moon, Gabe Myles, Johnny Phillips, Martinas Rankin, Stewart Reese and Jeffery Simmons.

The south region champion women's cross country team placed eight runners on the honor roll. All-region runner Shannon Fair has now received academic recognition from the

conference in all three years of her career. Carly Terp and Kristy Terp also joined Fair with multiple selections in their careers.

Soccer was led by 2017 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Mallory Eubanks who was also selected 16th overall in the NWSL Draft. Minutes leader Kelly Dorney was named to the honor roll along with second-team All-SEC selections Courtney Robicheuax and **MaKayla Waldner.** (Click Her Name)

Liv Benner represented volleyball after playing in all 33 matches of the 2017 season and finishing second on the team with 78.0 total blocks.

The SEC First-Year Honor Roll, which recognizes true freshmen and those transfers that have played their first season in the conference, will be announced later this spring.

MaKayla is a 2016 graduate of Dexter High School and the daughter of Bob and Kim Waldner.

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