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Comments: Kimberly Toone and Lisa Nesta named to the GTE College Division Academic All-America District I Women's At-Large Team

ALBANY, N.Y. -- University at Albany's Kimberly Toone and Lisa Nesta have been named to the GTE College Division District I Women's At-Large Team, as chosen by CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America).

Toone, a track standout with a 3.76 grade point average in criminal justice and a minor in business, and the other nine first-team selections move on to the national ballot. The national GTE all-academic unit will be announced on Thursday, June 22. Nesta, a sophomore distance runner who has a 4.0 GPA in accounting, is a member of the District I second team.

A senior captain from St. Albans, N.Y., Toone was the 1995 Collegiate Track Conference champion in the long jump, 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles, and qualified for NCAAs in all three events. She set a meet and school record of 18' 9.25" in the long jump at the Albany Invitational. On the indoor circuit, Toone was an NCAA qualifier and CTC champion in both the long jump and 55-meter hurdles. An ECAC Merit Medal winner and a Presidential Scholar, she will attend graduate school at Albany in criminal justice.

Nesta qualified for the NCAA championships in cross county, indoor track and outdoor track. She became the school's first all-America cross country runner, when she finished 14th at NCAAs, second at ECACs, and won the New York State title. Nesta, a native of Binghamton, was also a Division III national qualifier in the indoor 5,000-meter run and the outdoor 10,000-meter run. A Presidential Scholar, Nesta tutors Educational Opportuntities Program (EOP) students at Albany.