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Four Blue Raiders receive All-America honors

Student-athletes rewarded for excelling in classroom

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The women's golf program had four student-athletes named All-American Scholar Athletes by the National Golf Coaches Association.

[Clara Leathers](#), [Karisa Akin](#), Leigh Wilkins and Stephanie Gough received the honor by the NGCA after posting a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and competing in at least 50 percent of the teams regularly scheduled rounds for the 2008-09 academic year.

"It is a very big honor and I am very proud of them as student athletes. Being a collegiate golfer has a lot of demands and you miss a lot of class time, so it is a tribute to these young ladies to achieve this academic honor, as well as the support staff at MTSU," head coach Chris Adams said.

These four student-athletes led a squad who was ranked 17th in the nation by NGCA for its team GPA of 3.60.

The National Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. Today, the NGCA represents nearly 500 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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Leigh Wilkins is one of four women's golfers named All-American Scholar Athletes by the National Golf Coaches Association. ()