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### **Amherst continues to justify top ranking in Division III women's poll**

NEW ORLEANS – With its third consecutive victory of the young season, Amherst's women continue to lead the pack in the Division III women's cross country rankings.

The Lord Jeffs remain the top-ranked team in the poll released today by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, followed by Calvin College, Washington University (Mo.), Luther College, SUNY Geneseo, Williams College, Plattsburgh State, Case Western Reserve, Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Dickinson College.

Amherst received seven of the eight first-place votes in this week's rankings. Second-ranked Calvin received the remaining first-place vote.

Amherst finished first against a strong field at the Purple Valley Classic, scoring 48 points to edge seventh-ranked Plattsburgh State by two points. Sixth-ranked Williams finished third. Defending NCAA champion Middlebury was fourth.

Plattsburgh State's Toni Wiszowaty finished 12 seconds in front of Amherst's Elise Tropiano at the Purple Valley Classic.

This year's NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country Championships will be held Nov. 17 in Northfield, Minn.

The Division III women's cross country rankings are determined by a committee comprised of women's coaches representing the eight different regions of the country. The men and women have different representatives on the ranking committees.

Calvin is ranked No. 1 in the Division III men's poll.

For complete Division III men's and women's national and regional rankings visit [www.ustfccca.org](http://www.ustfccca.org).

**Division III women's cross country poll**

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(first place votes in parenthesis)

1. Amherst (7)
2. Calvin (1)
3. Washington (Mo.)
4. Luther
5. SUNY Geneseo
6. Williams
7. Plattsburgh State
8. Case Western Reserve
9. Wisconsin-Eau Claire
10. Dickinson
11. Willamette
12. Keene State
13. Wisconsin-La Crosse
14. Nebraska Wesleyan
15. Haverford
16. Wisconsin-Platteville
17. DePauw
18. St. Olaf
19. Ithaca
20. Puget Sound
21. Johns Hopkins
22. Grinnell
23. Bowdoin
24. St. Thomas
25. Wheaton
26. Emory
27. College of New Jersey
28. Oberlin
29. Wartburg
30. Middlebury
31. Ohio Wesleyan
32. Whitman
33. North Central
34. Carleton
35. University of Chicago