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### **Johnson, Watson top group of Division III regional honorees for outdoor track**

Defending NCAA champions Ashley Johnson of Wilmington College and Alecia Watson of City College of New York lead a standout group of coaches and athletes receiving regional awards for the 2007 Division III outdoor track and field season, the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association announced today.

Johnson is the Great Lakes Region Women's Field Athlete of the Year. Johnson will defend her 2006 title in the pole vault at the 2007 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships that begin Thursday in Oshkosh, Wis.

Watson, the reigning NCAA champion in the triple jump, is the Atlantic Region Women's Track Athlete of the Year.

The 2007 regional coaches and athletes of the year for Division III outdoor track and field include:

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##### **Men's Coach of the Year: Ted Bulling, Nebraska Wesleyan University**

The Prairie Wolves edged Doane College to win the Great Plains Athletic Conference. It was Nebraska Wesleyan's 19th consecutive conference outdoor men's title under Bulling. Nine of his male athletes qualified for this weekend's NCAA Division III Championships in Oshkosh, Wis.