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Northeast-10 Sending 16 Athletes to NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships

South Easton, Mass. - A total of 16 student-athletes, ten men and six women, from the Northeast-10 have qualified for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field championships. The championships will be held May 21-23, at the Legrand Sports Complex on the campus of Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Angelo State University will serve as host.

Among the qualifiers on the men's side include, the University of New Haven's Kevin Downing, who will participate in both the 100 and the 200 meters, and Southern Connecticut State University's Sutton Underwood who will compete in the Pole Vault. Also, the UMass Lowell Men's 4x400 medley team which consists of Doug Caves, NE-10 Athlete of the Year, Jeff Wundt, Robert Liekweg, Andrew Grange, and Donte Brown will compete as well.

On the women's side, standouts include Shannon Gagne from New Haven who will be participating in both the 100 and the 200 meters along with the long jump event. Stonehill's Jen Gardynski will be racing in the 3,000 meter Steeplechase, while Southern Connecticut's Yvonne Perkins will compete in the shot put event.

With 15 member institutions the Northeast-10 is the second largest NCAA Division II athletic conference in the nation. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

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Men's Qualifiers (Events)

Kevin Downing, New Haven (100 Meters, 200 Meters)
Doug Caves, UMass Lowell (400 Meters)
Andrew Grange, UMass Lowell (400 Meters)
Tim Guerin, UMass Lowell (3,000 Meter Steeplechase)
Doug Caves, Jeff Wundt, Robert Liekweg, Andrew Grange, Donte Brown, UMass Lowell (4x400 Meter Relay)
Chris Croft, Southern Connecticut (10, 000 Meters)
Sutton Underwood, Southern Connecticut (Pole Vault)

Women's Qualifiers (Events)

Shannon Gagne, New Haven (100 Meters, 200 Meters, Long Jump)
Haley Catarius, UMass Lowell (800 Meters)
Christina DaLomba, UMass Lowell (1500 Meters)
Jen Gardynski, Stonehill (3000 Meter Steeplechase)
Lauren Raimondi, UMass Lowell (High Jump)

Yvonne Perkins, Southern Connecticut (Shot Put)