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Soccer star Logan Longo is named recipient of NCAA postgraduate scholarship from sports page 1

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the coming fall, Longo will be attending medical school with the hopes of becoming a physician.

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Longo was a key factor in leading Memphis to an American Athletic Conference (AAC) regular season championship in 2024. After moving into a starting role in 2023, where he made

13 starts and logged over 1,200 minutes in defense, Longo was a full-time starter for the Tigers in 2024. In his graduate season, he was a three-time AAC weekly honorable mention, culminating in recognition as a 2024 All-AAC Second Team selection. Longo recorded seven goal contributions (four goals, three assists), was one of three Memphis players to start all 17 matches and was the only Tiger to play all 1,530 minutes.

Details regarding the scholarship can be found below.

The NCAA awards up to 126 postgraduate scholarships annually. The scholarships are awarded to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition.

The one-time non-renewable scholarships of \$10,000 are awarded three times a year corresponding to each sports season (fall, winter and spring). Each sports season, there are 21 scholarships available for men and 21 scholarships available for women for use in an accredited graduate program.

All former student-athletes who earned an undergraduate degree from an NCAA member school are eligible to be nominated by that school for an NCAA graduate degree scholarship, regardless of when they received their undergraduate degree.

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VP Records remembers Colvin Scott known to fans as 'Cocoa Tea'



"Rest In Power Cocoa Tea"

Colvin Scott, known to the world as Cocoa Tea, was one of reggae and dancehall music's most enduring vocal talents. Originally from Rocky Point in the parish of Clarendon, Tea was a regular on Kingston's soundsystems back in the early 80s catching his big break with famed producer Henry 'Junjo' Lawes as part of the Volcano Sounds' pantheon of singers and deejays. Known for his distinct, silky, effortless vocal style, both in recordings and live performances, Tea scored hits pon topa hits over the years with producers such as King Jammy, Gussie Clarke, Phillip 'Fatis' Burrell, and, of course, Junjo. A true Jamaican music icon whose music will continue to resonate with his fans and generations to come. Our thoughts are with his Family and friends at this difficult time.

Memphis Athletics, Altius Sports partner in Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) Summit

MEMPHIS, Tenn. March 10, 2025- The University of Memphis athletic department in conjunction with their Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) partner Altius Sports held its inaugural NIL Summit for a select group of Memphis student-athletes. The two-day event was held on campus February 24-25 in the University Center and was sponsored by Landmark Construction.

Organized by Camie Cole, Altius NIL Athlete Marketing Manager and Deputy Athletics Director of Regulatory Affairs, Kathy Sulentic, the NIL Summit provided student-athletes with critical information surrounding NIL 101, Contracts, the Evolution of NIL, Content Creation and Branding.

The inaugural NIL Summit saw more than 70 student-athletes apply to participate with the 40 selected student-athletes representing the football, volleyball, women's soccer, men's soccer

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and track and field programs. A collaborative effort with campus partners, presenters included Cole, Sulentic and Lynda Wray Black, Professor of Law at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law who also serves as the Faculty Athletic Representative. Au-

burn Sage, the Social Media Manager for the athletics department, highlighted the most effective ways to build an online brand presence.

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Thanks to title sponsor Landmark Construction the select group of student-athletes had the opportunity to compete for a \$5,000 NIL deal via a Content Creation Competition. The collection of student-athletes was broken into groups of five and utilized the knowledge they

gained to create a social media campaign for current Memphis sponsors.

The winners of the Content Creation Competition were Maddie Roberts and Riley Simmons from women's track and field and Matt Adcock, Marcello Bussey, and Jon Hulbert from football.

The winners of the Content Creation Competition will now film a social media campaign for Landmark Construction and each student-athlete will receive a \$1,000 NIL deal with the company. The NIL Summit enabled all the student-athletes to connect with Memphis athletics partners through their Content Creation Competition submissions that were shared with current sponsors.

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Coach Hardaway, Haggerty, Dainja, and Hunter lead Men's Hoops' AAC Award honorees from sports page 1

Tulsa in 2023-24 that saw him win a national freshman of the year honor, Haggerty was widely considered one of the top transfers in the country and Hardaway wasted little time in getting him to Memphis. He has lived up to the preseason hype with an All-American caliber season.

He has been named a top-5 finalist for the Jerry West Shooting Guard of the Year Award, a top-15 finalist for the Wooden Award, and landed on midseason watch lists for the Oscar Robertson Trophy and the Naismith Trophy.

Haggerty ranks fifth in the nation in scoring at 21.2 points per game, is fourth in free throws made (190) and seventh in free throws attempted (238).

He also stands among the AAC league's top-10 leaders in minutes per game (36.5, 1st), field goals made (215, 1st), steals per game (1.83, 2nd), field goals attempted (438, 3rd), field goal percentage (49.1, 8th), assists per game (3.7, 9th) and free throw percentage (79.8, 10th).

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The Crosby, Texas native has posted a league-leading 21 games with 20 or more points, including a season-high 29 points at UNLV (Nov. 9) and against Arkansas State (Dec. 8), and has scored double figures in 30-of-31 games.

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One of only three Tigers to start all 31 games this season, Haggerty is a four-time AAC Player of the Week this season and has

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also been named to the weekly honorable mention four times.

Haggerty is the second Tiger to bring home AAC Player of the Year honors, joining Precious Achiuwa in 2019-20.

DAIN DAINJA | NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR, FIRST TEAM ALL-AAC, ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

Dainja has emerged as one of the nation's most improved players from last year while establishing himself as one of the premier big men in all of college basketball.

The big fella is averaging 13.7 points and 7.0 rebounds this season and ranks 11th in the country with a 61.3 field goal percentage. He leads the Tigers with six double-doubles and ranks second with 35 blocks.

He is one of only five players in the country averaging at least 13.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and shooting 60.0 percent with 30 or more blocks.

Dainja started the first three games of the season and then was sent to the bench as the sixth man for the next two months. He returned to the starting five against UAB on Jan. 26 and has since produced the best basketball of his career, averaging 17.6 points and 8.1 rebounds with a 68.1 field goal percentage.

The Brooklyn Park, Minnesota native has posted six 20-point games with four double-doubles in that span.

Dainja scored a career-high 25 points against Rice on Feb. 26 at home and then pulled down a career-high 17 rebounds at UAB in the very next outing on March 2. Those 17 boards are tied for the third-most by any AAC player this season.

On the year, he has scored double figures 22 times and has six dou-

ble-doubles. He was also named the AAC Player of the Week on March 3 and has three honorable mention nods this season.

TYRESE HUNTER | FIRST TEAM ALL-AAC, ALL-NEWCOMER TEAM

Hunter landed all-conference honors for the first time in his career, earning a spot on the first team alongside Haggerty and Dainja.

The Racine, Wisconsin native has averaged a career-high 14.1 points, 3.9 rebounds, 3.4 assists and 1.5 steals per game, while starting all 30 games he's played in.

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The senior guard has been one of the top 3-point shooters in the country for most of the season,

including a three-day span at the Maui Invitational that saw him drain 14-of-24 from deep en route to earning All-Tournament honors. He is fifth in the AAC averaging 2.4 made three-pointers per game, while his 40.6 three-point percentage is sixth best.

Hunter matched his career-high with seven triples against No. 2 UConn and No. 16 Clemson and has seven games this season with four or more made threes. In the 106 career games prior to arriving in Memphis, he had only four such games total.

He is second on the Tigers with seven 20-point games this season, and has eclipsed double digits 21 times.

The Tigers head to Fort Worth, Texas, for the AAC Tournament at Dickies Arena this week. Memphis won't play until the quarterfinals on Friday, March 14 with a noon tipoff against the winner of the No. 8 Wichita State and No. 9 South Florida.

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