

RMC SKI TEAM AWARDED FIRST TEAM ALL AMERICAN

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BILLINGS – The men and women of the Rocky Mountain College Ski Team placed 12 team members on first and second All-American teams at the U.S. Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Association (USCSA) National Championships.

The RMC Men's ski team won their third national collegiate title, taking first place in USCSA Alpine Combined Skiing, while the RMC Women's ski team finished second in the nation.

"They put their hearts and souls into this," RMC Ski Coach Jerry Wolf said. "From the first guy to the last guy. From the first girl to the last girl."

Besides overall team showings, Rocky's Olle Friberg, Anton Larsson, Isa Floden and Alex Guras received first-team All-America recognition from the USCSA for their individual performances.

Larsson, Guras, Floden, Mimmi Palovaara, Bjorn Tuaz and Harald Carlsson also earned second-team accolades.

"Anywhere I go in the country I usually find somebody that says you're from that college that has that championship ski team," Rocky President Michael Mace told the crowd gathered March 17 to welcome the team home. "I hear that a lot, so congratulations."

The individual awards include, for the men's team:

* Olle Friberg, a RMC junior and current 2011 USCSA Overall National Champion, was awarded first-team All-American in Giant Slalom (GS) and Slalom (SL). He is the first national champion in RMC ski history.

* Anton Larsson, a freshman, is first team All-American in skier cross

country; first-team All-American in GS; second-team All-American in SL; and first-team All-American overall.

* Sophomore Bjorn Tuaz, is first-team All-American in skier cross country; second-team All- American in GS and SL; and second-team Academic All-American.

* Sophomores Harald Carlsson and AJ Oliver are both second-team Academic All-American. Carlsson is also second-team All-American overall, and Oliver is second-team All-American in skier cross country.

* Johnathan Diem, a junior, is second-team All-American in skier cross country and first-team Academic All-American.

* Tyler Chandler, a senior, is second-team Academic All-American.

For the women's team:

*Isa Floden, a junior, is first-team All-American in skier cross country; second-team All-American in GS; first-team All-American in SL; first-team All-American in overall; and second-team Academic All-American.

* Juniors Shannon Hartmann and Megan Thees are both first-team All-American in skier cross country and second-team Academic All-American.

* Alex Guras, a senior, is first-team All-American in GS and second-team All-American in overall.

* Mimmi Palovaara, a sophomore, is second-team All-American in GS, SL and overall.