Oak Lawn graduate Lauren Brightmore was one of six North Central College athletes to be recognized by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association with an All-Academic Award for the 2010 season.

To qualify for the association's All-Academic Track and Field Team, a student-athlete must have compiled a cumulative grade-point average of 3.30 and have met either the NCAA Division III Indoor or Outdoor automatic or provisional qualifying standard in his or her respective event.

Brightmore, a junior, is a three-time All-Academic honoree in track. She qualified for the indoor national championships in the 400-meter dash, clocking a time of 57.40 seconds at the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin Indoor Championships. Her time of 57.82 in the preliminary heats at the national meet was 12th-fastest among the 18 competitors.

She also provisionally qualified for the outdoor championships in the 400 (56.73), as well as part of the 1,600-meter relay (3:55.71). Brightmore ranks second in school history in the 400, both indoors and outdoors.

North Central's women's track and field team has had 25 All-Academic selections since 2005.

Kudos for Hague

Another Southland athlete recognized by the association for her academic and athletic excellence was Lewis University's Kathryn Hague (Mount Assisi).

Hague, a junior, earned All-America honors in the outdoor 1,500-meter run during the 2010 season. She also was a Delahanty Award winner, given to Lewis student-athletes for academic excellence, as well as an Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection. Hague has a 3.52 cumulative GPA in nursing.

On the Horizon

Loyola University had 86 of its student-athletes recognized for their academic efforts by being chosen to the 2010 Horizon League Spring Academic Honor Roll.

Loyola's 86 honorees ranked third among league schools behind Butler (116) and Wisconsin-Milwaukee (96).

Of the 86 Ramblers honored, three have Southland ties, including softball player Amy Solava (Lincoln-Way Central), track and field athlete Genevieve Binnie (Homewood-Flossmoor) and volleyball player Natalie Pounovich (Marist).
Candidates for the Horizon League Academic Honor Roll must participate in at least one of the league's 19 sports during its most recent season, complete three semesters (or four quarters where applicable) as a full-time student at the same member institution, and post a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) as of June 20.