

Division III runners at the Division I meet

At the start of NCAA Divisions (I, II, and III) in 1973, the individual winners of the NCAA III and NCAA II (plus a few additional runners in the early years) were invited to compete in the NCAA I meet on Monday – just two days after winning their own division meet on Saturday. This made for some very difficult racing challenges.

For example, former SUNY Cortland coaching legend Jack Daniels relates: “We drove to nationals when Marybeth won (in 1989) and drove home all night after the race, arriving at 8AM on that Sunday morning. She got some new clothes and we drove to Annapolis for the Monday DI race. I doubt she was well rested for that one.”

The invitation to run in the Division I meet stopped in 1990. Division III coaches recall that the Division I coaches weren't happy with lower division runners occasionally taking All American spots from Division I runners.

<u>Men</u>	<u>NCAA Division III Champion</u>	<u>Result at Division I Meet</u>
1973	Steve Foster, Ashland College	did not run
1974	David Moller, Rochester	19 th at Indiana Univ. (6M), 30:27
1975	Vin Fleming, Univ. of Lowell	XX at Penn State Univ. (6M), time
1976	Dale Kramer, Carleton	XX at North Texas State (6M), time
1977	Dale Kramer, Carleton	46 th at Washington State Univ. (10k), 30:08.7
1978	Dan Henderson, Wheaton	10 th at Univ. of Wisconsin (10k), 29:48.5
1979	Steve Hunt, UMass-Boston	85 th at Lehigh Univ. (10k), 30:49.4
1980	Jeff Milliman, North Central	101 st at Wichita, KS (10k), 30:54.3
1981	Mark Whalley, Principia	50 th at Wichita, KS (10k), 30:21
1982	Nicholas Manciu, St. Thomas	did not run
1983	Tony Bluell, North Central	did not run
1984	Mark Beeman, Brandeis	60 th at Penn State Univ. (10k), 30:55.9
1985	James White, UMass-Dartmouth	61 st at Marquette Univ. (10k), 31:07.93
1986	Arnie Schraeder, UWisc-Stevens Point	11 th at Univ. of Arizona (10k), 31:14.49
1987	Jukka Tammsu, St. Lawrence	73 rd at Univ. of Virginia (10k), 30:42.55
1988	David Terronez, Augustana	66 th at Iowa State Univ. (10k), 30:42
1989	David Terronez, Augustana	56 th at US Naval Academy (10k), 31:01.65
1990	Seamus McElligott, Haverford	35 th at Tennessee (10k), 30:13

<u>Women</u>	<u>NCAA Division III Champion</u>	<u>Result at Division I Meet</u>
1981	Cynthia Sturm, Westfield	52 nd at Wichita, KS (5k), 17:35.2
1982	Tori Neubauer, UWisc-La Crosse	50 th at Indiana Univ. (5k), 18:02.1
1983	Tori Neubauer, UWisc-La Crosse	11 th at Lehigh Univ. (5k), 17:01.0
1984	Julia Kirtland, Macalester	25 th at Penn State Univ. (5k), 16:59.6
1985	Dorcas Denhartog, Middlebury	did not run
1986	Lisa Koelfgen, St. Thomas	did not finish at Univ. of Arizona (5k)
1987	Shelley Scherer, Carleton	59 th at Univ. of Virginia (5k), 17:23.33
1988	Anna Prineas, Carleton	21 st at Iowa State Univ. (5k), 17:09
1989	Marybeth Crawley, SUNY Cortland	77 th at US Naval Academy (5k), 18:00.06
1990	Victoria Mitchell, SUNY Cortland	did not run