

McClurkin Named MWC Student Athlete of the Year

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Senior Mindy McClurkin placed third at Nationals in the long jump. BYU Photo/Jaren Wilke

PROVO, Utah (June 17, 2010) – BYU senior sprinter Mindy McClurkin has been named the women’s Mountain West Conference Outdoor Track and Field Student-Athlete of the Year, an honor bestowed on the most outstanding female outdoor track and field athlete in the MWC.

“Its an honor as always to get recognized for my efforts,” McClurkin said. “I am happy to represent BYU in the MWC and am just grateful for how well this year went for me.”

McClurkin, a 2010 BYU graduate from Santa Barbara, California, received the award based on a nomination from BYU head coach Craig Poole and the votes of the head coaches at each MWC institution.

Already a decorated All-American, McClurkin added to her legacy by coming closes to a National Championship in the long jump at the 2010 NCAA Outdoor Championships. McClurkin finished third in the competition with a leap of 6.53m (21-5.25) to become the only Cougar to earn All-American honors at the meet.

This award also comes approximately one month after McClurkin dominated the field at the MWC Outdoor Championships. With victories in the 100m, 200m, long jump and 4x100m, McClurkin earned 32.5 team points and was given the meet’s High Point Award. McClurkin’s anchor leg on the 4x100m team helped set a BYU

record (44.76) and her winning long jump of 6.63m (21-9.00) ranked third in the nation.

McClurkin ended her career at BYU with a season to remember. During her senior season, McClurkin set five BYU records (60m, indoor 200m, indoor long jump, 100m, outdoor 200m) and anchored her relay team to another (4x100m).

Track and field remains an integral part of McClurkin's plans. She will compete at the USA National Championships in the long jump this summer and will serve as a volunteer assistant coach for Duke track and field next season.