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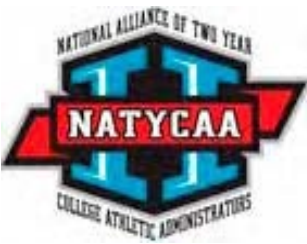
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# Puma *athletics*

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## Lucky # 13

Pumas land 13<sup>th</sup> in the  
2009 NATYCAA Cup Challenge

The successes of this year's Puma teams placed PV in the 13<sup>th</sup> spot out of 192 colleges in the scholarship division of the National Alliance of Two Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) Cup program. The program is a national ranking of team finishes at national competitions for the 2008-2009 competition year. PV participated in national level competition in eight of its 12 sports this year.

The Puma Cross Country teams competed in the NJCAA National Championship in Spartanburg, SC. The men brought home the National Championship this year marking the second national title for the Pumas in five years, all seven of the PV men were named to the NJCAA Coaches Association All-American team and Coach David Barney was named NJCAA Men's Cross Country National Division I Coach of the Year.

Eric Harasyn finished 16<sup>th</sup> overall. Finishing only two seconds behind him was Tailhar Hasson who finished in 17<sup>th</sup> place. George Alex came in 21<sup>st</sup>, Aaron Sherf 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jeremy Sudbury 28<sup>th</sup>, Denis Patrick 37<sup>th</sup> and Marcos Bailon 42<sup>nd</sup>.

The Paradise Valley women also ran well at the national meet, finishing 7<sup>th</sup>. The PV women were led by freshman Hailey Hanna who finished 10<sup>th</sup>. Kacee Hildebrandt finished 30<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Robinson 39<sup>th</sup>,

Erin Sesemann 81<sup>st</sup>, Bobbi Cooley 90<sup>th</sup>, Megan Young 93<sup>rd</sup> and Charla Christopher 106<sup>th</sup>. Hanna was named second-team NJCAA All-American, and both Hanna and Hildebrandt were named to the National Junior College Coaches Association All-American team.

Kendall Martin of the Women's Golf team participated as an individual in the 2009 NJCAA National Championship in Daytona, FL. This year weather was a deciding factor when three days of rain delayed the tournament. One Round was played and Martin tied for 39<sup>th</sup> place.

The Men's Tennis team headed to the 2009 NJCAA DI Championships in Plano, TX. The Pumas had some first round victories in singles and doubles, but bowed out in later rounds in the main and back draws. PV came home with a 20<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Track & Field continued its tradition of excellence, adding one more individual National Champion and six more NJCAA All-Americans to the programs' credits.

At the Indoor National meet, held at



Texas Tech, the Pumas posted 12 top 15 finishers.

- Eric Harasyn 2<sup>nd</sup>/3,000m
- Seth Compton 2<sup>nd</sup>/pole vault
- Lauren Cruzan 3<sup>rd</sup>/pole vault
- George Alex 6<sup>th</sup>/3k and 11<sup>th</sup>/mile
- Tailhar Hasson 9<sup>th</sup>/mile
- Kresta Rogers 5<sup>th</sup>/pentathlon
- Arona Spader 6<sup>th</sup>/pentathlon
- Jeremy Sudbury 7<sup>th</sup>/5,000m
- Jose Olague 7<sup>th</sup>/heptathlon
- Men's distance medley relay 5<sup>th</sup> (Nick Vidaurreta, Chad Standifer, Denis Patrick, Tailhar Hasson)
- Women's 4 x 400 relay 8<sup>th</sup> (Arona Spader, Sarah Stemm, Kresta Rogers, Marissa Maki)

At the Outdoor National meet, held in Hutchinson, KS, 18 individuals and one relay team finished in the top 20 in their respective events. Sophomore pole vaulter Ryan

Schneider returned home with the title of National Champion for his performance.

- Kacee Hildebrandt 3<sup>rd</sup>/steeplechase
- Eric Harasyn 3<sup>rd</sup>/steeplechase
- Tailhar Hasson 4<sup>th</sup>/steeplechase
- Kresta Rogers 4<sup>th</sup>/heptathlon (8<sup>th</sup>/high jump)
- Seth Compton 4<sup>th</sup>/pole vault
- Tyson Rigby 5<sup>th</sup>/javelin
- George Alex 5<sup>th</sup>/5,000m
- Jeremy Sudbury 6<sup>th</sup>/steeplechase (8<sup>th</sup>/5K)
- Jose Olague 7<sup>th</sup>/pole vault and 8<sup>th</sup>/decathlon
- Kennis Kirkpatrick 8<sup>th</sup>/discus
- Solomon Bennett 12<sup>th</sup>/1,500m
- Eric Harasyn 13<sup>th</sup>/5,000m
- Erin Sesemann 13<sup>th</sup>/1,500m
- Aaron Sherf 16<sup>th</sup>/10,000m
- Men's 4 x 800 relay 8<sup>th</sup> (Angel Sanchez, Denis Patrick, Chad Standifer, Alan Thomas)



# Pumas Stand Out in the Classroom

The end of the year academic achievements

of our Pumas is yet again something for the PVCC community to be very proud. This year STUDENT-athletes pushed themselves to a high level off the field. The Pumas once again showed in the close of the 2008-2009 academic year that they understand why they are here.

Earning honors for their classroom achievements for PV were 10 NJCAA Academic All-Americans (45 credits or more with a 3.60 cumulative GPA): Angelyn Avery (Track), Nathaniel Buckland (Soccer), Lauren Cruzan (Track), Matthew Hann (Track), Matt Kennedy (Soccer), Michelle Martin (Soccer), Feroz Rast (Tennis), Jeremy Sudbury (XC/Track), Adam

Sutherland (Tennis) & Stephanie Wilson (Track).

Nathaniel Buckland, Matthew Hann and Feroz Rast all earned distinguished honors for exceeding a 3.80 GPA.

In addition, Paradise Valley adds four more NJCAA All-Academic teams to its distinguished academic-athletic history. Earning the team honors this year were Women's Tennis (3.46), Women's Track & Field (3.25), Men's Tennis (3.08), and Softball (3.00).

In Spring 2009, seven of our 12 teams had term team GPA's over 3.00. The women's teams combined had an impressive 3.16 GPA. And, 14 of our Pumas had a 4.00 GPA this Spring!



## Highlight Reel

Pumas Pounce in 2008-2009

**Cross Country:** The XC men captured the National Championship title for the second time in school history. The XC women placed 7<sup>th</sup> at Nationals. Head coach Dave Barney was named ACCAC and NJCAA National Coach of the Year.

**Women's Soccer:** The Pumas posted a record 18 wins during the season, including a Region 1 tournament win over Pima. They lost 1-0 in the Regional Final against Chandler-Gilbert. At the end of the season they were ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the National poll. Alyssa Oelschlager (Fr) was named an NJCAA All-American.

**Men's Tennis:** Finished 20<sup>th</sup> at the National Tournament.

**Women's Tennis:** Two women advanced to the singles finals at the Region Tournament.

**Women's Golf:** This was the third straight year for women's golf to qualify for the National Tournament.

**Softball:** The Pumas won 22 games this season, the most ever in school history. The team broke six of its nine hitting records.

**Baseball:** In it's Inaugural season, Puma baseball went 35-22. The Pumas were the top Maricopa/D2 team in the Region playoffs, where they advanced to Round 2. At the end of the season they were ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the National poll. Head coach Victor Solis was named ACCAC Coach of the Year. On June 11th freshman centerfielder Isaiah Brown was drafted in the 43<sup>rd</sup> round of the MLB Draft by the New York Yankees.

**Track & Field:** Men's & Women's Indoor teams advanced to Nationals, finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> respectively. Lauren Cruzan (So) and Eric Harasyn (So) named NJCAA All-Americans. Men's and Women's Outdoor teams advanced to Nationals, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> respectively. Ryan Schneider is the National Champion in pole vault. Lauren Cruzan (So), Eric Harasyn (So), Kacey Hildebrandt (Fr) and Ryan Schneider (So) named NJCAA All-Americans. Eric Harasyn was voted by the coaches as the ACCAC Track and Field Athlete of the Year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Soccer**  
Season begins in August  
*(please check the Athletics website for season schedule)*

**Men's Soccer**  
Season begins in September  
*(please check the Athletics website for season schedule)*

**Men's & Women's Cross Country**  
Season begins in September  
*(please check the Athletics website for season schedule)*

**Puma Classic Golf Tournament**  
September 2009  
*(more details to come)*

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