The Mountain West Conference honored a record 897 student-athletes from its 11 member institutions, including 129 from Fresno State. To be eligible, student-athletes must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher and be a starter or significant contributor on their team.

Overall, Fresno State student-athletes posted a 3.11 cumulative GPA in the fall and a 3.02 in the spring.

Fifty Fresno State student-athletes were named Mountain West Scholar-Athletes for maintaining a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA and completing at least two academic terms. The soccer team led the way with six Scholar-Athletes.

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Fresno State wins three Mountain West team championships

Three Fresno State teams claimed 2013-14 Mountain West championships in the University’s second year in the conference, including football, women’s basketball and women’s tennis.

The Fresno State football program won its second straight conference title, beating Utah State 24-17 in the inaugural Mountain West championship game on Dec. 7 at Bulldog Stadium. The Bulldogs (11-2) were ranked as high as 13th nationally before losing to USC in the Las Vegas Bowl.

The women’s basketball team won its sixth conference tournament title in seven years, and second straight Mountain West title, with a 77-68 win over top-seeded Colorado State on March 15 at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas. The Bulldogs (22-11) earned their seventh straight trip to the NCAA tournament, losing 74-55 to Nebraska in the first round.

The top-seeded Fresno State tennis team defeated New Mexico 4-2 on April 27 at the Sierra Sport and Racquet Club in Fresno to win the title. “We knew we had to put it together every day, and to win three matches in a 24-hour span is a tough feat,” said Fresno State coach Ryan Stotland, the Mountain West Coach of the Year. “I am proud of the ladies as we made history today by winning our first Mountain West Conference tournament.”

Fresno State took a 12-match win streak into the NCAA tennis tournament, but lost 4-0 to No. 17 Michigan.

Individually, several more Bulldogs earned Mountain West titles, including Guðrún Brá Björgvinsdóttir for women’s golf; Meagan McKee (outdoor hammer throw) and Breeauna Thompson (outdoor 400-meter dash) for women’s track and field; and Brennen Davis, Cameron Parker, Devante O’Connor and Christopher Brusenback (4x100 meter relay) for men’s track and field.

New Fresno State game-day app

A new interactive mobile application, which is free to download through the iTunes App Store and Google Play, allows fans quick, easy access to team rosters, player bios, schedules, promotions, tickets, the team store and food options inside the stadium. Fresno State partnered with former Bulldogs punter Andrew Shapiro, an account executive for Guidebook, to create the app. Visit http://bit.ly/GoBulldogsApp to download.

Baseball catcher named to Team USA

Following an 11-day tryout with the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team, Fresno State junior catcher Taylor Ward was named to the 24-man national team on June 30 and competed in international competition this past summer. “It’s an honor to wear the USA jersey,” Ward said. “I’m so fortunate to have this opportunity. Hopefully I can take a lot of what I experience back to Fresno and empower us to win games and compete.”

Ward hit .320 with six home runs and 41 doubles last season, earning second-team all-Mountain West.

Volleyball all-star tours Europe

Fresno State junior middle blocker Maci Murdock was selected to the 12-person Mountain West all-star volleyball team that finished third in the European Challenge Global Cup in July. The Turlock native traveled to Italy, Slovenia and Croatia with the team.