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2015 Men's and Women's USCSA ECSC All-MacConnell Division Teams Announced



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Brown University's Natalie Pearl and Matthew Couture of Castleton State College have both been named ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year for their first place finishes in the overall USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division individual standings for the women and men, respectively.

Skiing to the podium in nine of ten races this season, Natalie Pearl of Brown University finished the season with seven victories. Pearl earned 780 points throughout the season to claim the women's ECSC MacConnell Division crown for the second year in a row. In addition to her wins, Pearl also collected two runner-up finishes. Pearl's teammate, Ali Gunesch, winner of one giant slalom event, posted 570 points for second place overall in the division. Gunesch earned six other podium results with three second place finishes and three third place results. Amanda Engelhardt of Brown rounded out the top-three with 422 points. Engelhardt skied to four podium finishes, including two runner-up slalom performances. Another Brown skier, Katie Liebowitz, and Clarkson University's Kara Van Herwarde claimed the remaining two races on the regular season schedule.

Matthew Couture of Castleton State College raced to top-ten finishes in every event throughout the season, including three victories and two additional podium results en route to earning the top spot in the ECSC MacConnell Division individual standings with 585 points. Couture finished no worse than fifth place in eight of ten races. Couture was followed by Charles Lowth of Clarkson University, who completed the season with 437 points, as he posted one victory and an additional six top-ten results. Carter Dowd, the 2013 and 2014 ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year, earned four podium results to earn 425.5 points to finish in third place. In addition to the individual victories by Couture and Lowth, Greg Murray (Clarkson), Chase Ennis (UMass), Patrick Burke (Castleton), and Ian Wolf (UConn) all claimed wins. Babson College's Jackson Vanzon-Borwick won two slalom events before seeing his season end due to injury.

Larry Gianatti of the University of Connecticut was voted USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Coach of the Year by his peers. The division's Sportsmanship Award was presented to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Women's USCSA ECSC All-MacConnell Division Team

USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year: *Natalie Pearl, Brown University*

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| 1 st place: Natalie Pearl, Brown University | 9 th place: Simona Croccolo, Castleton State College |
| 2 nd place: Ali Gunesch, Brown University | 10 th place: Blaire Hooper, Castleton State College |
| 3 rd place: Amanda Engelhardt, Brown University | 11 th place: Sylvie Bertrand, Brown University |
| 4 th place: Tatum Alkier, Babson College | 12 th place: Michelle Martin, Babson College |
| 5 th place: Kelsie Carlette, University of Connecticut | 13 th place: Leika Scott, St. Anselm College |
| 6 th place: Kara Van Herwarde, Clarkson University | 14 th place: Taylor Manderson, Clarkson University |
| 7 th place: Katie Liebowitz, Brown University | 15 th place: Claire Hamnett, University of Massachusetts-Amherst |
| 8 th place: Lauren Stobierski, Brown University | |

Men's USCSA ECSC All-MacConnell Division Team

USCSA ECSC MacConnell Division Skier of the Year: *Matthew Couture, Castleton State College*

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| 1 st place: Matthew Couture, Castleton State College | 9 th place: Ian Wolff, University of Connecticut |
| 2 nd place: Charles Lowth, Clarkson University | 10 th place: Kevin Dachos, Babson College |
| 3 rd place: Carter Dowd, Babson College | 11 th place (tie): Jackson Vanzon-Borwick, Babson College |
| 4 th place: Greg Murray, Clarkson University | 11 th place (tie): TJ Pope, Babson College |
| 5 th place: Chase Ennis, University of Massachusetts-Amherst | 13 th place: Samuel Sutner, University of Massachusetts-Amherst |
| 6 th place: Patrick Burke, Castleton State College | 14 th place (tie): Richard Scanlon, University of Connecticut |
| 7 th place: Griffin Struyk, University of Connecticut | 14 th place (tie): Eric Brandolini, St. Anselm College |
| 8 th place: Sam Barber, Babson College | |

ECSC MacConnell Division Coach of the Year: *Larry Gianatti, University of Connecticut*

ECSC MacConnell Division Sportsmanship Award: *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

*Babson College (MA) :: Brown University (RI) :: Castleton State College (VT) :: Clarkson University (NY) :: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MA)
New England College (NH) :: St. Anselm College (NH) :: University of Connecticut (CT) :: University of Massachusetts-Amherst (MA)*

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