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KIM HEMSTREET

2014 Titan Hall of Fame Inductee

Kim Hemstreet graduated from Detroit Mercy in 2002, but her legacy lives on as she still remains the only women's cross country or track and field athlete to compete at the NCAA Division I Championships. Her decorated career included three All-Horizon League accolades, as well as the magical 2002 season that saw her win the Horizon League Championship in 17:33, taking home HL Athlete of the Year honors. She moved onto the NCAA Great Lakes Regional finishing 12th in 21:45 and then earned a top 100 finish at the NCAA Division I Championships with a time of 21:13. She capped off that season showing her true Titan student-athlete character by being named to the USTFCCA All-Academic team. In 2014, she became just the second Titan cross country runner to be inducted into the Titan Hall Of Fame.



BONNIE (FITZPATRICK) WOOD

2007 Titan Hall of Fame Inductee

In 2007, Bonnie (Fitzpatrick) Wood became the first female cross country and track and field star to be inducted into the Titan Hall of Fame. Wood, whose husband Bill was a former Titan basketball player, was the most decorated individual on U-D's first women's cross country and track teams. Between 1984 and '87, she earned All-Conference recognition in cross country in all four of her varsity seasons. She led Detroit to the MCC Championship in 1986 and again a year later as a senior. She also won the conference individual championship in 1987.



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RUTHIE (COOK) THILL

2023 Titan Hall of Fame Inductee

The 2002 President's Award winner, Ruthie (Cook) Thill was selected the Horizon League Outstanding Running Performer for indoor track and field in 2001 and 2002. In her career, she tallied seven total indoor league titles in the mile, 800m, 1,000m, 4x400 and distance medley relay. She won three total outdoor league titles in the 1,500 meters as well as twice on the 4x400-meter relay. She helped the Titans to four track and field titles, two in outdoor (1999, 2002) and two in indoor (1999, 2000). In cross country, she was All-League twice, finishing in the top 10 as a junior and senior. She was also top 100 at the NCAA Regionals, including 26th at the 2001 meet, at the time the best-ever finish in school history and the second best still today.