SUNY Cortland Named NCAA’s Silver Anniversary Top Division III Women’s Cross Country Program

The U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) has chosen SUNY Cortland as the top NCAA Division III women’s cross country program of the last 25 years. The award is given in conjunction with the NCAA’s Silver Anniversary celebration of 25 years of sponsoring women’s sports.


In addition, Cortland has placed in the top 10 nationally on eight other occasions. The Red Dragons were national runner-up in 1991, third in 1988, fourth in 1985 (under head coach Laura Crain) and fifth in 1998. They placed eighth in 1987 and 1998 (the latter under head coach Brian Lange), and were ninth in both 1986 (coached by Mark Elmore) and 1999.


“I was so very fortunate to have the dedicated and talented runners who were members of our teams from the end of the 1980s to the end of the 1990s,” Daniels commented. “During the time that these runners were achieving all that they did, I always felt that they expected to be the best. I know I certainly expected them to perform well every year and they certainly never let me down.

“Objectively speaking, I guess these great SUNY Cortland runners truly deserve the honor of being selected as the best of this era of collegiate sport for women. I loved being a part of their success and I salute them for what they achieved.”

The USTFCCCA serves as the professional association for men and women who coach in the sports of cross country and track and field throughout the United States. The association represents over 1,800 NCAA Division I, II and III men’s and women’s programs as well as multiple high school and individual coaches.

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