



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA WALTER BYERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
MARCH 12-13, 2026, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **None.**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Announcements.** The NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee welcomed its new committee members.
2. **Report of March 23-24, 2025, NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee meeting.** The committee approved the report from its March 23-24, 2025, videoconference.
3. **Interview topic areas and questions for each area.** The committee reviewed and discussed the questions and assignments for the Jim McKay and Walter Byers Scholarship interviews.
4. **Interviews and selection of Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed four finalists for the Jim McKay Scholarship. The committee selected Lauren Borzilleri, a softball student-athlete from the University of Kentucky, and Thomas Raab, a men's outdoor track and field student-athlete from Trinity University (Texas) as the 2025-26 Jim McKay Scholarship recipients.
5. **Interviews and selection of Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.** The committee interviewed six finalists for the Walter Byers Scholarship. The committee selected Skyler Ciccolini, a women's outdoor track and field student-athlete from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and Aidan Crawford, a men's soccer student-athlete from Loyola University Chicago, as the 2025-26 Walter Byers Scholarship recipients.
6. **Chair election.** The committee elected Jennifer Haskel of Deloitte Sports Business Group and the 2019 Jim McKay Scholarship winner as chair, effective January 2027 to August 2028.
7. **Other business.** The committee discussed adding a line to the Achievements and Honors form for the 2026–27 cycle, instructing applicants not to use acronyms and to identify the awarding organization for each accolade.
8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:23 p.m. Eastern time on March 13.

*Committee Chair:*            *Jeremy Elliott, University of Alabama in Huntsville*

*Staff Liaison:*              *Crystal Rogers, Sport Science Institution; Lori Thomas, Administrative Services*

<b>NCAA Walter Byers Scholarship Committee March 12-13, 2026, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
	Jeremy Elliott; University of Alabama in Huntsville.
	Jennifer Haskel; Deloitte Sports Business Group.
	Anita Hazelwood; University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
	Peg Hefferan; New Jersey Institute of Technology.
	Abiola Wilson-Brigmon; Alabama A&M University
<b>Absentees:</b>	
	None.
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
	None.
<b>NCAA Staff Liaison in Attendance:</b>	
	Crystal Rogers and Lori Thomas.
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
	Jen Roe.