Jared Ward runs cross country for BYU and is majoring in statistics.

means experience. Because students much more than just tests and textbooks — it
Education for students in our college means
students presented their hours of hard work.
wide variety of topics, from predicting risk factors for suicide to calculating future
conference. With research presented on a
community all attended the insightful
This year's SRC was quite a success.
March's biggest event was definitely the
Lecture, and several companies visited
campus seeking innovative BYU students to
Many guests came to our college in March.
Professors from universities in Japan joined
Many guests came to our college in March.
President Rex E. Lee, who died of cancer.
Cancer Research Center in the college and
against Cancer, which is sponsored by the
BYU Alumni Board, will once again be able
college convocation exercises on April 26,
Thursday, April 25, CPMS seniors will proudly
work will be honored at graduation. On
Thursday, April 25, CPMS seniors will proudly
attend commencement ceremonies. During the
college consortium exercises on April 26,
Norman Jarvis, our college representative on
the BYU Alumni Board, will once again be able
to welcome our graduating seniors into the
BYU Alumni Association.
This semester has sped by, and I am grateful
for opportunities like the SRC and graduation
for our graduating seniors into the
BYU Alumni Association.
As winter semester wraps up, I look forward to
continually search for answers to new
questions, they excel in academic and
research pursuits in their scientific studies.
While those who attended the SRC had their
eyes opened to new research, the presenters
also gained valuable experience presenting
research to an audience.
If this reminds you of your own experiences
with science over the years, please remember
that we would love to hear about them. Please
send your anecdotes (of up to 200 words) to
cpms@byu.edu with “Memory Bytes” in the
subject line. We’ll publish the best ones in the
next issue of Frontiers magazine. Please
remember that submissions may be edited.

Beating the Odds: Jared Ward Succeeds on the Course and in the Classroom

The probability for student athletes to make the U.S.
Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association
(USTFCCCA) All-Academic team is pretty low. For those
with a challenging statistics course load, the odds are
even slimmer. But Jared Ward, a cross-country athlete
and junior majoring in statistics, is beating the odds.
Along with his talent for running, Ward has a knack for
mathematics.

“I’m an honors student. I always felt like I excelled in math relative to other
subjects. My senior year, I took AP statistics, and I had an
incredible teacher. I loved it. So I came to BYU and just put down stats as
my major until I could decide, and I haven't changed.”
Though Ward isn't sure which direction he'll go with his major, he
lines his love of statistics to his appreciation for the educated guess.

“Right now I would just say I love the science of it. I like the art of
coming up with an educated guess from the data. You say, “Chances are pretty good that this is going to happen, but I’m not
sure.” I like the idea of my job being based on decisions that are
my best guess but aren't certain.”

Ward was recently accepted into the statistics BS/MS integrated
program at BYU, and he'll begin this program as he finishes his
last year of running. Though his workload is heavy, he hasn't found
it too difficult to manage.

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