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Great Falls' Bruce Qualifies for Nationals in the Marathon

Billings, Mont. – On Saturday, Rocky Mountain College hosted the second annual Battlin' Bear Half-Marathon which was a national qualifying event for the marathon for the 2011 NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships. Not only did University of Great Falls sophomore Christina Bruce win the race, her time of 1:30:55 eclipsed the "A" qualifying standard by two minutes.

The NAIA allows competitors to qualify for the marathon by meeting half and full marathon standards. "They (NAIA) allow for this so that runners aren't competing in too many marathons and increasing their chance of injury," told UGF head coach Jim Brewer.

Bruce bettered her last year's best of 1:35:06 while setting a new school record. She becomes the first Argo athlete to qualify for the 2011 NAIA Outdoor Championships which will be held at the Outdoor Sports Complex in Marion, Ind. on May 26-28.

"I am very proud of Christina and her excellent performance," said Brewer. "She has really worked hard and it showed in her qualifying time!"

The Argo track & field team will host the UGF Winter Blast this Saturday at Great Falls High Memorial Stadium. Events start at 10:30 am and admission is free.

[RMC Spring Half-Marathon Qualifier Results](#)