## Steph Jenks ranked 14th in nation

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Linn-Mar sophomore Stephanie Jenks has been ranked 14th in the country among high school cross country runners by Saucony Elite following her strong showing at a collegiate race in Springfield, Ore., Saturday.

Jenks, running unattached, placed seventh at the Bill Dellinger Invitational against runners from 10 colleges and entered the Saucony rankings for the first time Monday.

It was the third time this season Jenks has competed in open races against collegiate athletes. She placed ninth at the adidas XC Challenge in Cary, N.C., Sept. 21 and finished fifth at the Roy Griak meet at the University of Minnesota Sept. 28.

Jenks won the lowa Class 4A state cross country title last year as a freshman. She is not running for Linn-Mar this season, but she is competing for the swimming team.