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MICHAEL BATES OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE TOPS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III FOOTBALL TEAM

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior quarterback **Michael Bates** of Illinois College headlines the 2014 Capital One Academic All-America® Division III Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A biology major with a 3.88 G.P.A., Bates was selected as the winner of the Capital One Division III Academic All-America® of the Year award for football.

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A senior from Auburn, Illinois, Bates was a threat as both a passer and a rusher for the Blueboys, who finished 7-3 in 2014. Bates completed 235-of-386 passes for 3,008 yards and 32 touchdowns against just nine interceptions, while also leading the team in rushing attempts (152) and yardage (660), tying for the team lead with eight rushing touchdowns.

His 300.8 passing yardage per-game average ranks 11th among NCAA Division III quarterbacks, while his 366.8 yards of total offense per-game ranks fourth nationally. His 24.6 "points responsible for" per-game is tops among all Division III players. He also ranks fourth nationally in overall "points responsible for" (244), sixth in passing touchdowns (32) and 10th in passing yards (3,008).

A three-time All-Midwest Conference first-team selection, Bates finished his career as the active career passing yardage leader among all Division III players with a school-record 10,787 yards. He also holds the school's record for passing touchdowns with 107.

Bates was selected as one of 10 semifinalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, awarded to the outstanding NCAA Division III football player. He was also named as a semifinalist for the Campbell Trophy, awarded by the National Football Foundation to the nation's top football scholar-athlete.

In addition to his achievements on the football field, he has also been active in community service. On campus, he has been both secretary and vice president of the IC Brothers and Sisters in Christ organization, while also raising money for the Jacksonville (Illinois) Pregnancy Resource Center. He has also made numerous mission trips and co-founded the Stronghold Mission Group in his hometown of Auburn, Illinois.

Twenty-one of the 49 members of the Capital One Academic All-America® football teams have a 3.90 or better G.P.A., with three achieving a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. -- Rose-Hulman junior defensive back and first-teamer **Christopher Sander**, Trine senior defensive lineman and first-teamer **Aaron Wolf**, and MIT sophomore offensive lineman and second-teamer **Elliot Tobin**.

The 25 members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team maintain an average G.P.A. of 3.88.

Five individuals are repeat selections on the Capital One Academic All-America® football teams, led by Rose-Hulman senior offensive lineman **Nicholas Buchta**, a three-time selection who was named to the first team this season after being named to the second team in both 2012 and 2013. A native of North Barrington, Illinois, Buchta is a mechanical engineering major with a 3.92 G.P.A.

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A three-year starter, Buchta was part of an offensive line for the Fightin' Engineers that set 20 team and 17 individual single-game or single-season records in 2014. As a team, Rose-Hulman is ranked 11th nationally in total offense yardage per-game (497.0) and fifth in passing offense yardage per-game (345.8). He was named to the All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference second team this season.

Repeating as a first-team honoree in 2014 is St. Scholastica senior defensive lineman **Blake Cedarleaf**. A native of Mahtomedi, Minnesota, Cedarleaf is a biology major with a 3.88 G.P.A. A three-time All-Upper Midwest Athletic Conference first-team selection, Cedarleaf finished the season with 61 tackles (23 solo), including 5.0 tackles for-loss and 3.0 sacks for a St. Scholastica squad that finished 10-1, reaching the NCAA Division III national playoffs and winning the UMAC title for the fourth straight season. He set a school record with 14.5 career sacks.

Augsburg senior defensive lineman **Chris DeVet** moved up from the second team to the first team this season. A native of Shoreview, Minnesota, DeVet is a chemistry major with a 3.80 G.P.A. A three-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection (first team in 2013 and 2014, second team in 2012), DeVet earned the MIAC's Mike Stam Award as the conference's top interior lineman in 2014. DeVet finished his senior season with 53 tackles (22 solo), including 5.5 sacks and 12 tackles for-loss, both second-most among MIAC players in overall statistics. He finished his career with 168 tackles (71 solo), including 32.5 tackles for-loss and 13.0 sacks.

Two student-athletes repeated as second-team Academic All-America® selections -- John Carroll senior defensive back **Brody Zangaro** and Waynesburg senior linebacker **John Sikora**.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Zangaro is an education major with a 3.79 G.P.A. An All-Ohio Athletic Conference first-team selection this season after earning honorable-mention honors last year, Zangaro has 52 tackles (27 solo), including a team-best 10.5 tackles for-loss for the 11-1 Blue Streaks, competing in the NCAA Division III national playoffs. He claimed interceptions on back-to-back drives in JCU's 66-13 win over Otterbein on Nov. 8.

A native of Campbell, Ohio, Sikora is a history major with a 3.97 G.P.A. Sikora earned All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honorable-mention honors for the third time in his career in 2014. He finished the season with 63 tackles (41 solo), including 4.5 tackles for-loss, a sack and a forced fumble for the Yellowjackets, who finished 8-3.

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FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Michael Bates	Illinois College	Sr.	Auburn, Ill.	3.88	Biology
WR	Aaron Abbott	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	Lebanon, Ohio	3.85	Mechanical engineering
WR	Lucas Kirby	Emory & Henry	Sr.	Covington, Va.	3.79	Accounting / economics
TE	Adam Cave	Buena Vista	Sr.	Harlan, Iowa	3.85	Business management
RB	Madison Ross	Austin	Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas	3.92	Business administration
RB	Justin Wallace	MIT	Sr.	Palatine, Ill.	3.44	Electrical engineering & computer sci.
OL	Bryan Auvil	Muhlenberg	Jr.	Macungie, Pa.	3.96	Chemistry
OL	Nicholas Buchta (2, 3)	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	North Barrington, Ill.	3.92	Mechanical engineering
OL	Nick Flannery	Wooster	Jr.	Dayton, Ohio	3.94	Psychology
OL	Andrew McManus	Western New England	Sr.	Rowley, Mass.	3.86	Mechanical engineering
OL	David Simmet	St. Thomas (Minn.)	Jr.	Stillwater, Minn.	3.96	Business accounting
OL	Eric Taylor	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	Chapel Hill, N.C.	3.86	Computer engineering
K	Edward Ruhnke	Mount Union	Sr.	Bayville, N.J.	3.95	Business management
DB	Kirby Crook	Hope	Sr.	Beech Grove, Ind.	3.96	Management
DB	Gregory Hibbard	Pacific Lutheran	Sr.	Olympia, Wash.	3.97	Geosciences
DB	Christopher Sander	Rose-Hulman	Jr.	Baileyville, Ill.	4.00	Chemical engineering
DB	Josh Treimer	Bethel	Sr.	Burnsville, Minn.	3.80	Biokinetics
LB	Thomas Enke	Augustana (Ill.)	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.99	Biochemistry
LB	Alex Mangan	St. Scholastica	Jr.	Eagan, Minn.	3.83	Biochemistry (pre-med)
LB	Jack Nelson	Willamette	Sr.	Portland, Ore.	3.83	Economics
DL	Blake Cedarleaf (1)	St. Scholastica	Sr.	Mahtomedi, Minn.	3.88	Biology
DL	Chris DeVet (2)	Augsburg	Sr.	Shoreview, Minn.	3.80	Chemistry
DL	Michael Longo	Johns Hopkins	Sr.	Scarsdale, N.Y.	3.74	Public health
DL	Aaron Wolf	Trine	Sr.	Huntington, Ind.	4.00	Accounting
P	Tyler Gerwig	Wooster	Sr.	Doylestown, Ohio	3.94	Chemistry

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Kevin Burke	Mount Union	Sr.	Westlake, Ohio	3.37	Business administration
WR	Robbie Anstoetter	Wartburg	Jr.	Farley, Iowa	3.91	Elementary education
WR	Josh Gentile	Illinois College	Sr.	Williamsville, Ill.	3.78	Accounting / finance
TE	Zachary Erba	Rose-Hulman	Sr.	Warsaw, Ind.	3.97	Biomedical engineering
RB	Kevin Herman	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	Stow, Ohio	3.82	Economics management
RB	Craig Needhammer	Lycoming	Sr.	Lansdale, Pa.	3.56	Physics
OL	Austin Carlton	Franklin	Jr.	Evansville, Ind.	3.87	Biology
OL	Taylor Lucas	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Jr.	Brookfield, Wis.	3.95	Business administration
OL	Zach Swingen	Augsburg	Jr.	Cross Plains, Wis.	3.96	Chemistry / biology
OL	Elliot Tobin	MIT	So.	Minnetonka, Minn.	4.00	Biological engineering
K	Alex Hallwachs	Washington (Mo.)	Jr.	Chagrin Falls, Ohio	3.51	Biology
DB	Brandon Harms	Pacific	Sr.	Canby, Ore.	3.76	Physics / mathematics
DB	Mike Lopuchovsky	Waynesburg	Jr.	Hubbard, Ohio	3.88	Mathematics
DB	Michael Mancini	Trinity (Conn.)	Sr.	Rocky Hill, Conn.	3.82	Neuroscience
DB	Brody Zangaro (2)	John Carroll	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.79	Education
LB	Dan O'Brien	Baldwin Wallace	Sr.	Warren, Ohio	3.80	Neuroscience / biology
LB	Dan Pierce	Middlebury	Jr.	Needham, Mass.	3.92	Economics
LB	John Sikora (2)	Waynesburg	Sr.	Campbell, Ohio	3.97	History
LB	Hank Spencer	Mount Union	Jr.	Greencastle, Ind.	3.98	Computer science
DL	Brodick Hirai	Whitworth	Sr.	Kennewick, Wash.	3.88	Biology (pre-med)
DL	Matthew Mender	Rochester	Jr.	Glens Falls, N.Y.	3.66	Biomedical engineering
DL	Michael Rocca	Johns Hopkins	Sr.	Westwood, N.J.	3.75	Public health
DL	Alex Severn	Simpson (Iowa)	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	3.86	Applied philosophy
P	Michael Bennett	Widener	Sr.	Maple Glen, Pa.	3.90	Business

Academic All-American of the Year: Michael Bates, Illinois College

- (1) *Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 1st team selection in 2013*
- (2) *Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 2nd team selection in 2013*
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