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RICHIE BONNEY OF HOBART, STEPHANIE KUZMANIC OF CARTHAGE
TOP CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA®
DIVISION III BASKETBALL TEAMS

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TOWSON, Md. –Senior forward **Richie Bonney** of Hobart and senior **Stephanie Kuzmanic** of Carthage headline the 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-America ® Division III men’s and women’s basketball teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A public policy studies/philosophy major with a 3.88 grade point average, Bonney was selected as the winner of the Capital One Division III Academic All-America ® of the Year award for men’s basketball. An exercise and sport science major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Kuzmanic was the winner of the Capital One Division III Academic All-America ® of the Year award for women’s basketball.

The Capital One Division III Academic All-America ® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure, to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2013-14 Division III Academic All-America ® teams program.

The lone repeat selection on the Capital One Academic All-America ® first team, Bonney is averaging 19.8 points and 11.3 rebounds per-game for the Statesmen. While connecting on 56.9 percent of his field-goal attempts, he has led the Statesmen to an 18-6 record. Hobart clinched its fourth straight Liberty League regular season championship by posting a 12-3 conference record.

His 18 double-doubles this season rank him second among all NCAA Division III players., He is 10th nationally in rebounds per game. He currently leads the Liberty League in rebounding while ranking second in scoring average and field-goal percentage. He has scored more than 1,600 points and pulled down more than 900 rebounds in his career.

A native of Norwich, N.Y., Bonney earned NABC and D3hoops.com All-East Region second-team honors last season, while also being named to the All-Liberty League first team. In 2011-12, he was an All-Liberty League second-team selection, and earned Liberty League Rookie of the Year honors in 2010-11. He is a three-time Liberty League All-Academic honoree.

An honorable mention All-American as a junior, Kuzmanic is the leading scorer for No. 7 Carthage and has led the Lady Reds to a 20-3 record. Honored as the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Most Outstanding Player as a junior, she led Carthage to a 24-5 record and the CCIW championship.

Last season, she ranked fourth among CCIW scoring leaders (13.6 points per game), first in three-point field-goal percentage (.441), first in assists (5.6 per game and ranked seventh nationally), third in free-throw percentage (.827 and 12th in rebounding (5.2 per game) and 14th in field-goal percentage (.457).

The fourth-leading scorer in the CCIW, she is averaging 15.0 points per game. She leads the CCIW with 7/3 assists per game and is third in free throw percentage (.838).

A three-year starter at guard, she was named CCIW "Player of the Week" twice in January and scored a career-high 34 points against Wheaton. She set a Carthage game record with 17 assists against North Central (Ill.) on Jan. 11.



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Bonney is one of seven student-athletes to repeat as Academic All-America® honorees among the 15 student-athletes named to the three teams, including four members of the first team

He is joined on the first team by junior **John Coleman** of Clarkson, senior **Brad Ford** of Nazareth, senior **Mark Ghafari** of Kalamazoo and senior **Dane Jobst** of Worcester State.

Coleman and Ford were named to the second team last season while Ghafari was a third team selection.

A mathematics major with a 3.98 G.P.A., Coleman was an Academic All-America® second team choice last year. A junior forward for the Golden Knights, Coleman is averaging 18.8 points and 7.1 rebounds per-game, hitting 57.6 percent of his field goals. He has also had 53 steals for 13-9 Clarkson. The 2011-12 Liberty League Rookie of the Year in both baseball and basketball, he earned all-conference honors in both sports last season. The Potsdam, N.Y. native was also a Capital One Academic all-district® honoree in basketball and baseball last year.

A business administration major with a 3.83 G.P.A., Ford averages 18.5 points and 10.3 rebounds per game for the Golden Flyers. He has led Nazareth to a 16-7 record and second place in the Empire 8 Conference. He stands third among Empire 8 players in scoring and second in rebounding, playing a conference-best 37.4 minutes per-game. A native of Victor, N.Y., Ford has 14 double-doubles this season and has scored more than 1,300 career points. He was an all-conference second team selection last year, and was an honorable-mention Empire 8 all-star in 2011-12.

An economics major with a 3.78 G.P.A., Ghafari is averaging 23.1 points and 4.6 rebounds per-game for Kalamazoo. A senior guard, he is the sixth-leading scorer in NCAA Division III and has scored more than 1,000 points in his career. An All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team honoree last season, he was named to the DIII News Preseason All-America team. He was also named as the Preseason MIAA Player of the Year. A native of Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich., Ghafari has earned MIAA Player of the Week honors three times this season.

A criminal justice major with a 3.91 G.P.A., Jobst is averaging 17.0 points and 13.2 rebounds per game for Worcester State. He is the first Worcester State men's basketball player to earn Academic All-America® honors. A senior forward for the Lancers, Jobst is the third-leading rebounder in NCAA Division III. The leading rebounder in the Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC), he is fourth in scoring. Jobst has 15 double-doubles this season. An All-MASCAC honoree last season, the Athol, Mass. native has also earned NABC Honors Court and conference all-academic honors in his career.

The five student-athletes on the Capital One Academic All-America® men's basketball first team have an average GPA of 3.88.

The 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-America® second team is made up of senior forward **James Lazarcik** of Beloit, senior guard/wing **Alex Longi** of Denison, junior forward **Gordon Lyons** of Geneseo State, senior forward **Ryan Sheehan** of Nichols and senior center **David Thompson** of Case Western Reserve. Sheehan was an Academic All-America® first team honoree last year while Lazarcik earned second team honors.

The 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-America® third team includes senior guard **Brad Brolen** of Messiah, senior guard **Kyle Hammonds** of King's (Pa.), senior center **Ben Johnson** of Maine, Farmington, senior guard **Tyler Peters** of Wheaton (Ill.) and senior guard **Benjamin Ritholtz** of Yeshiva. Johnson was an Academic All-America® second team honoree last year.

Kuzmanic is joined on the Capital One Division III women's basketball first team by seniors **Katelyn Fischer** of Marymount, **Chelsea Ciba** of Olivet, **Brittany Oster** of Redlands and **Kimi Takaoka** of Chapman.

A business administration major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Fischer is the only repeat selection on the first team. A senior guard from Reisterstown, Md., she earned second team All-American honors as a junior when she led Marymount to a 24-5 record and a berth in the second round of the NCAA Division III Tournament. The CAC career leader with 199 three-point field goals made, she is averaging 16.0 points and 6.6 assists per game.

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A journalism and mass communication major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Ciba has led Olivet to the best season in school history. With Ciba averaging 13.9 points per game, the Comets have posted a 20-3 record and are second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The Comets' second-leading scorer, she was honored as the MIAA Co-Player of the Week in December after helping Olivet win two games at the Albion Tournament. The Olivet, Mich. native is also second on the team with 4.8 assists per game and averages 3.6 rebounds per contest.

A second team All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection last season, Oster has a double major of biochemistry and molecular biology with a 3.84 G.P.A. A native of Agoura Hills, Cal., Oster is averaging 17.8 points and 10.9 rebounds per game with a .510 field goal percentage. A senior forward, she leads the SCIAC in rebounding and field goal percentage. Oster has led Redlands to a 19-5 overall record and a 12-3 mark in the SCIAC, good for second in the conference.

Another All-SCIAC standout, Takaoka rounds out the first team. An athletic training major with a 3.93 G.P.A., Takaoka leads the SCIAC in scoring with a 22.6 average. A third team Academic All-America® selection last season, the Arcadia, Cal. native is the 13th-leading scorer in NCAA Division III. As a junior, Takaoka earned All-SCIAC first team honors when she averaged 17.7 points per game.

The five seniors on the first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.95.

Seniors **Lianna Carrero** of Albertus Magnus, **Megan Kelley** of Hope, **Katie Lytle** of Swarthmore, **Courtney Tennant** of Rochester Institute of Technology and **Rebecca Yoshor** of Yeshiva comprise the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III women's basketball second team. Carrero and Yoshor earned second team honors for the second year in a row.

Seniors **Lexi Baltes** of Illinois Wesleyan, **Alex Gasaway** of DePauw, **Becky Hebert** of Fredonia State, **Leigh Ann Lutz** of Westminster (Mo.) and **Jill VanEperen** of Ripon complete the third team.

All 15 student-athletes are seniors.

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2013-14 Capital One Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team NCAA Division III

Academic All-American of the Year: Richie Bonney, Hobart

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Ci. Hometown	GPA	Major
Richie Bonney (1)	Hobart	Sr. Norwich, N.Y.	3.88	Public Policy Studies, Phil.
John Coleman (2)	Clarkson	Jr. Potsdam, N.Y.	3.98	Mathematics
Brad Ford (2)	Nazareth	Sr. Victor, N.Y.	3.83	Business Administration
Mark Ghafari (3)	Kalamazoo	Sr. Grosse Pt. Shores, Mich.	3.78	Economics
Dane Jobst	Worcester State	Sr. Athol, Mass.	3.91	Criminal justice

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Ci. Hometown	GPA	Major
James Lazarcik (2)	Beloit	Sr. LaCrescent, Minn.	3.78	Chemistry
Alex Longi	Denison	Sr. Cincinnati, Ohio	3.98	Economics / mathematics
Gordon Lyons	SUNY Geneseo	Jr. Amherst, N.Y.	3.76	Accounting
Ryan Sheehan (1)	Nichols	Sr. North Attleboro, Mass.	3.86	International business
David Thompson	Case Western Reserve	Sr. Plano, Texas	3.80	Accounting

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr. Hometown	GPA	Major
Brad Bolen	Messiah	Sr. Ashton, Md.	3.62	Accounting
Kyle Hammonds	King's (Pa.)	Sr. Rosemont, Pa.	3.67	Finance
Ben Johnson	Maine, Farmington	Sr. Manchester, Maine	3.76	History of Political Theory
Tyler Peters	Wheaton (Ill.)	Sr. Medina, Ohio	3.51	Business, Economics
Benjamin Ritholtz	Yeshiva	Sr. West Hempstead, N.Y.	3.98	History

Academic All-American of the Year: Richie Bonney, Hobart

- (1) Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 1st team selection in 2012-13
- (2) Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 2nd team selection in 2012-13
- (3) Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 3rd team selection in 2012-13

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2013-14 Capital One Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Division III

Academic All-American of the Year: Stephanie Kuzmanic, Carthage

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Chelsea Ciba	Olivet	Sr.	Olivet, Mich.	4.00	Journalism & Mass Comm.
Katelyn Fischer (1)	Marymount	Sr.	Reisterstown, Md.	3.97	Business
Stephanie Kuzmanic	Carthage	Sr.	Mount Prospect, Ill.	4.00	Exercise & Sport Science
Brittany Oster	Redlands	Sr.	Agoura Hills, Cal.	3.84	Biochemistry & Molecular Bio.
Kimi Takaoka (3)	Chapman	Sr.	Arcadia, Calif.	3.93	Athletic training

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Lianna Carrero (2)	Albertus Magnus	Sr.	Hamden, Conn.	3.89	Criminal Justice
Megan Kelley	Hope	Sr.	Rockford, Mich.	4.00	Mathematics, Health Education
Katie Lytle	Swarthmore	Sr.	Harrisburg, Pa.	3.60	Mathematics
Courtney Tennant	Rochester Inst. Of Tech.	Sr.	Cortland, N.Y.	3.80	New Media Marketing
Rebecca Yoshor (2)	Yeshiva	Sr.	Houston, Texas	3.92	English

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Lexi Baltés	Illinois Wesleyan	Sr.	St. Charles, Ill.	3.89	English
Alex Gasaway	DePauw	Sr.	Crawfordsville, Ind.	3.59	Communication
Becky Hebert	Fredonia State	Sr.	Hilton, N.Y.	3.44	Math Education
Leigh Ann Lutz	Westminster (Mo.)	Sr.	California, Mo.	4.00	Exercise Science, Biology
Jill VanEperen	Ripon	Sr.	Freedom, Wis.	3.94	Mathematics

- (1) *Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 1st team selection in 2012-13*
- (2) *Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 2nd team selection in 2012-13*
- (3) *Capital One Academic All-America® Division III 3rd team selection in 2012-13*

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