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ELLEN RENFROE OF TENNESSEE HEADLINES CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Pitcher **Ellen Renfroe**, a senior at the University of Tennessee, leads the 2014 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Softball team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A psychology major with a 3.75 G.P.A., Renfroe is the Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I softball. A native of Jackson, Tennessee, she is a three-time Academic All-American® after earning second team honors in 2012 and 2013.

Renfroe has led the No. 9 Volunteers to a 45-10 record and a NCAA regional championship this year. She has compiled a 29-6 record in 2014 with a 1.93 earned run average, 11 shutouts and four saves in 221.0 innings. She has struck out 235 batters and limited the opposition to a .194 batting average. She was named a Top 25 finalist for the 2014 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year for a third straight year. UT faces the University of Oklahoma in the NCAA Super Regionals this weekend.

Renfroe recently went over 100 victories for her career. She is 101-23 during her four seasons with a 1.62 ERA and 12 saves. She has struck out 995 batters in 853.2 innings. She has also tossed a pair of no-hitters and 40 shutouts. She earned Second Team National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Southeast Region and Women's College World Series All-Tournament Team honors in 2013. She was a Louisville Slugger/NFCA First Team All-American and First Team All-Southeast Region choice in 2012. She was also first team all-region and third team All-American in 2011. In addition, she was a member of the 2012 U.S. Elite team.

Renfroe is one of eight players on the Capital One Academic All-America® first team that played in the NCAA Regionals last weekend. Five of those players have helped their teams to advance to play in the NCAA Super Regionals this weekend.

In addition to Renfroe, pitcher **Anna Miller** of University of South Carolina Upstate, catcher **Molly Fichtner**, infielder **Kaila Hunt** and outfielder **Haylie McCleney** of University of Alabama, infielder **Jill Barrett** of University of Tulsa, infielder **Madison Shipman** of Tennessee and outfielder **Bailey Wigness** of Arizona State University participated in the 64-team championship.

Wigness is a three-time first team selection on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I softball team while Hunt, Shipman were each on the second team in 2013. **Andie Varsho** of Purdue University was a third team selection in 2013.

Miller, a senior business administration-marketing major with a 3.96 G.P.A. was the Atlantic Sun Conference Pitcher of the Year and earned NFCA All-Southeast Region honors. The Portland, Oregon, native led Upstate to a 46-9 record, No. 24 national ranking and berth in the NCAA championship where they lost in the regional finals. She went 19-5 with a 1.41 ERA and 241 strikeouts



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in 149.0 innings and is currently No. 2 in the nation in strikeouts per seven innings. She was the 2014 A-Sun Scholar-Athlete of the Year and a toss a perfect game in the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

A senior in general studies with a 4.00 G.P.A., Fichtner is one of three Alabama student-athletes on the first team. Fichtner, Hunt and McCleney have led the fifth-ranked Crimson Tide to a 48-11 record and berth in the Super Regionals.

A second team NFCA All-South Region, Fichtner was also a second team All-Southeastern Conference selection. The Houston, Texas, native transferred from the University of Texas at San Antonio for her final two seasons after earning Southland Conference Student-Athlete of the Year honors in 2011 and Southland Conference Freshman of the Year in 2010. She is hitting .343 with 11 doubles, three homers and 33 RBI.

Barrett is a senior exercise and sports science major with a 3.65 G.P.A. She led Tulsa to a 53-9 record and No. 18 national ranking before losing in the regional finals. The Greenwood, Arkansas, native is ranked in the top 10 in the nation in batting average (.461) and leads the nation in hits (101). She is a three-time NFCA first team All-Mideast Region selection and is the active career hits leader in the NCAA with 322. She was a top-25 finalist for USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year honors and was a three-time All-Conference USA first team choice, including being named the Player of the Year in 2014.

A kinesiology major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., **Jacki Fletcher** of University of Illinois at Chicago is a member of the Capital One Academic All-America® first team infield. The senior from Lowell, Indiana, was named to the NFCA All-Great Lakes Region second team after hitting .362 with 28 runs batted in and 12 extra-base hits. She was the Horizon League Scholar-Athlete of the Month in February and earned first team honors in 2014.

Hunt, a second team selection last year, owns a 3.71 G.P.A. in secondary education. The senior from Evans, Georgia, is a three-time first team NFCA All-South Region infielder and two-time second team All-America selection. She has hit at least 10 home runs in each of her four seasons and is four away from the school record with 57 heading into the Super Regional this weekend. She was a Top-25 Finalist for USA Softball Player of the Year in 2013 and Top-50 Finalist in 2014. She is hitting .325 with 11 homers and 40 runs batted in this year and has driven in 213 runs in her career.

The final infielder on the Capital One Academic All-America® first team is Shipman, who is a senior anthropology major with a 3.49 G.P.A. The Lady Vol hails from Valencia, California, and is among the top five in school history in home runs, doubles, RBI and slugging percentage. She was a NFCA second team All-American in 2012 and first team selection in 2013. She is a Top-10 Finalist for USA Softball Player of the Year and was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2014 National Pro Fastpitch Draft. She was named the SEC Player of the Year and sports a slash line of .431/.563/.863 for the season and is ranked in the top 10 nationally in on-base percentage and slugging percentage.

McCleney is a sophomore exercise science major with a 4.00 G.P.A. and is the third member of the Capital One Academic All-America® first team that plays for Alabama. The Morris, Alabama, native is the lone member of the first team who is a sophomore. She is a two-time first team NFCA All-South Region selection and is a Top-10 Finalist for USA Softball Player of the Year honors after being a Top-25 Finalist in 2013. She was a NFCA second team All-American and an Easton All-American as a freshman. She is sixth in the nation in batting average and is hitting .462 with 66 runs, nine homers, 41 RBI and 34 stolen bases. She has scored 134 runs, walked 80 times and stolen 64 bases in her two seasons.

A senior outfielder, Varsho is an organizational leadership & supervision major with a 3.88 G.P.A. The Chili, Wisconsin, native is a three-time All-Midwest Region and All-Big Ten selection. She is the program's all-time leader in hits and batting average and is second in stolen bases, doubles, runs and on-base percentage. She was on the Top-50 USA Softball Player of the Year watch list and posted a school-record 22 game hitting streak in 2014. She hit .416 with 45 runs, 16 doubles and 26 stolen bases in 2014.

A senior double major in political science and communications with a 4.00 G.P.A., Wigness led Arizona State to a 46-12-1 record and a No. 4 national ranking heading into the NCAA championship where they lost in the

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regional finals. The Casa Grande, Arizona, native was the Elite 89 Award recipient at the 2013 Women's College World Series and a member of the 2011 national championship team. She hit .338 with 30 runs scored and 13 stolen bases en route to earning honorable mention Pac-12 honors and was a first-team Pac-12 All-Academic selection in 2012 and 2013.

The final member of the Capital One Academic All-America® first team is Idaho State University senior **Terah Blackwell**. The biology major has a 3.54 G.P.A and hails from Phoenix, Arizona. The designated player earned third team All-Pacific Region honors thanks to a school-record 73 runs batted in to go along with 16 home runs. She led the Bengals to a school-record 35 wins and the Big Sky Conference regular season title earning first team all-conference honors in the process. She hit .372 for the season and is fourth in the nation in RBI's per game.

The 11 members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I softball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.82.

The second team consists of pitchers **Whitney Canion** of Baylor University and **Stephanie Maday** of Eastern Illinois University; catcher **Amber Freeman** of Arizona State; infielders **Kelsey Barak** of Grand Canyon University, **Marisa Bast** of Northwestern University, **Sara Borders** of Jacksonville State University and **Ryan lamurri** of Alabama; outfielders **Alanna DiVittorio** of McNeese State University, **Jayme Mask** of Boston University and **Nicole Sappingfield** of the University of Michigan and designated player **Brooke Owens** of Eastern Illinois University.

Pitchers **Cheridan Hawkins** of University of Oregon and **Kirsten Verdun** of DePaul University top the third team. Catcher **Haley Outon** of University of Houston joins infielders **Elizabeth Arana** of Stephen F. Austin State University, **Kate Bowen** of Manhattan College, **Jackie Reed** of St. John's (N.Y.) University and **Megan Robinson** of Liberty University on the third team. Outfielders **Amanda Geile** of University of Arkansas, **Kirsten Grant** of North Carolina State University and **Allie Mathewson** of University of Nebraska Omaha round out the third team, along with designated player **Jackie Stifter** of North Dakota State University.

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FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Anna Miller	South Carolina Upstate	Sr.	Portland, Ore.	3.96	Business Administration/ Marketing
P	Ellen Renfro (2)(&)	Tennessee	Sr.	Jackson, Tenn.	3.75	Psychology
C	Molly Fichtner	Alabama	Sr.	Houston, Texas	4.00	General Studies
IF	Jill Barrett	Tulsa	Sr.	Greenwood, Ark.	3.65	Exercise & Sports Science
IF	Jacki Fletcher	Illinois Chicago	Sr.	Lowell, Ind.	4.00	Kinesiology
IF	Kaila Hunt (2)	Alabama	Sr.	Evans, Ga.	3.71	Secondary Education (Math)
IF	Madison Shipman (2)	Tennessee	Sr.	Valencia, Calif.	3.49	Anthropology
OF	Haylie McCleney	Alabama	So.	Morris, Ala.	4.00	Exercise Science
OF	Andie Varsho (3)	Purdue	Sr.	Chili, Wis.	3.88	Org. Leadership & Supervision
OF	Bailey Wigness (1) (#)	Arizona State	Sr.	Casa Grande, Ariz.	4.00	Political Science/ Communications
DP	Terah Blackwell	Idaho State	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.54	Biology

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Whitney Canion	Baylor	Gr.	Aledo, Texas	3.50	Management (U); Sports Management (G)
P	Stephanie Maday	Eastern Illinois	Sr.	Elk Grove Village, Ill.	4.00	Elementary Education
C	Amber Freeman	Arizona State	Jr.	Lakewood, Calif.	3.43	Health Sciences
IF	Kelsey Barak	Grand Canyon	Jr.	Fontana, Calif.	3.91	Exercise Science
IF	Marisa Bast (2)	Northwestern	Sr.	Orange, Calif.	3.68	Learning & Organizational Change
IF	Sara Borders	Jacksonville State	Jr.	Alexandria, Ala.	3.86	Exercise Science & Wellness
IF	Ryan Iamurri	Alabama	Sr.	Naples, Fla.	4.00	Public Relations
OF	Alanna DiVittorio	McNeese State	Sr.	Harahan, La.	3.81	Civil Engineering
OF	Jayne Mask	Boston University	Sr.	Grafton, Mass.	3.41	Biology / Psychology
OF	Nicole Sappingfield	Michigan	Sr.	Norco, Calif.	3.47	Comparative Literature
DP	Brooke Owens	Eastern Illinois	Sr.	Vincennes, Ind.	3.55	Biological Sciences

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Cheridan Hawkins	Oregon	So.	Anderson, Calif.	3.70	Family & Human Services
P	Kirsten Verdun	DePaul	Sr.	Coal City, Ill.	3.59	Communication & Media
C	Haley Outon	Houston	Sr.	Pflugerville, Texas	3.71	Health Promotions
IF	Elizabeth Arana (3)	Stephen F. Austin State	Sr.	The Woodlands, Texas	4.00	Health Science
IF	Kate Bowen	Manhattan	Sr.	Newtown, Conn.	3.86	Physical Education
IF	Jackie Reed	St. John's (N.Y.)	Sr.	Jackson, N.J.	3.74	Biology
IF	Megan Robinson	Liberty	Jr.	Richlands, Va.	4.00	Youth Ministries
OF	Amanda Geile	Arkansas	Sr.	Ballwin, Mo.	3.85	Childhood Education
OF	Kirsten Grant	North Carolina State	Sr.	Oakville, Ontario	3.86	Biological Sciences
OF	Allie Mathewson	Nebraska Omaha	Jr.	Papillion, Neb.	3.98	Secondary Education
DP	Jackie Stifter	North Dakota State	So.	Winsted, Minn.	3.86	Social Science Education/ Public History

Academic All-America® of the Year: Ellen Renfro, Tennessee

(1) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I First Team in 2013

(2) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Second Team in 2013

(3) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Third Team in 2013

(#) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I First Team in 2012

(&) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Second Team in 2012

