



## CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY COSIDA

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### TIM COLWELL OF NORTH DAKOTA STATE HEADLINES CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I BASEBALL TEAM

**YOUNG HARRIS, Ga.** – Outfielder **Tim Colwell**, a senior at North Dakota State University, leads the 2014 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Baseball team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A zoology major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Colwell is the Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I baseball. The Shoreview, Minnesota, native is a three-time first team Academic All-America® selection.

The 2014 Summit League Player of the Year, Colwell led the Bison to their first-ever Summit League tournament title and first appearance in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship since NDSU reclassified from Division II in 2004. He is hitting .376 with 22 RBI and 19 stolen bases this season. Colwell holds the North Dakota State career records for triples (18), hits (288), stolen bases (52), stolen base attempts (67), at-bats (823), runs scored (171), and games played (209), and is tied for second in sacrifice flies (10). He also ranks third in games started (206) and total bases (372) and had started 163 straight games

A three-time All-Summit League first team honoree, Colwell was one of 10 national finalists for the 2014 Senior CLASS Award. He is a three-time Summit League Distinguished Scholar and has been named to the Summit League Academic Honor Roll three times and to the Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence twice.

In addition to Colwell, outfielder **Jeff Keller** of Dartmouth College, outfielder **Derrick Workman** of Mercer University and infielder **Kevin Swick** of the University of Southern California are repeat selections to the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball team. Keller and Workman were first team honorees in 2013, while Swick was named to the third team.

A senior economics major, Keller boasts a 3.95 G.P.A. He was named second team All-Ivy this year after leading the league in doubles (15), ranking third in runs (29) and ranking in the top eight in stolen bases (11), batting average (.308) and slugging percentage (.466). One of 30 Senior CLASS candidates, Keller led the nation in doubles per game and ranked fifth in slugging percentage in 2013, when he was a Louisville Slugger honorable mention All-American. The Atherton, California, native was also named All-New England, second team American Baseball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region and first team All-Ivy last year as a junior.

Workman, a senior majoring in communications, has a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. He hit .294 this season, with a .333 average since March 7. The Atlantic Sun Conference active career leader in games played (229), at-bats (835), runs scored (146), hits (272) and walks (101), Workman is Mercer's all-time hits leader. His 421 career total bases also makes him one of just five active players in all of NCAA Division I with 400 or more career total bases. A native of Acworth, Georgia, Workman is the 2014 A-Sun Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

A senior business major with a 3.83 G.P.A., Swick earned his first career Pac-12 Player of the Week honor in 2014. A psychology minor, the La Cañada, California, native was named a Renaissance Scholar for distinguishing himself with a major and a minor in widely separate fields of study. Swick is a two-time USC Male Trojan of the Year, given to the student-athlete that best demonstrates the qualities of a Trojan. One of 30 finalists for the Senior CLASS Award, he is a two-time Pac-12 All-Academic honoree, President of USC's Value Investing Club and a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

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An English and history double major with a 3.85 G.P.A., **John Curtiss** of the University of Texas will graduate in August, prior to his senior year. The Southlake, Texas, native has eight saves in 10 opportunities this season and was named team Academic MVP. Curtiss has been a member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll every semester and is the recipient of the Lorene L. Rogers Scholar-Athlete Award presented to the graduating male and female student-athlete with the highest overall GPA.

**Trey Lambert**, a senior health promotion major at Liberty University boasts a 3.94 G.P.A. and has led the Flames to a 41-16 record and the Big South regular-season title. The 2014 Big South Pitcher of the Year and Big South Baseball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Lambert led the league in wins (11), ranked fourth in ERA (2.10) and fifth in innings pitched (102.2). A two-time member of the Big South Presidential Honor Roll, the Tazewell, Virginia, native has been a Dean's List member six semesters and earned the 2014 Rock Royer/Mac Rivera Award, honoring the top graduating senior student-athlete at Liberty.

A senior health sciences major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A., **Russell Vaughan** of Texas A&M-Corpus Christi has improved his batting average by 137 points and nearly tripled his RBI total from 2013 this season. A native of Mesa, Arizona, he led the team in on-base percentage and drew 32 walks on the year. An All-Southland Conference third team selection, Vaughan ranked eighth in the league in conference games in batting average (.374), first in on-base percentage (.488) and fifth in slugging percentage (.535).

**Alex Close**, one of just two juniors on the first team, has a 3.84 G.P.A. as a business administration major at Liberty. A first team All-Big South infielder, he ranked third in the conference in RBI (45) and in home runs (8) and sixth in slugging percentage (.505). The Hoover, Alabama, native has been named to the Dean's List six times and was a 2012-13 Big South Presidential Honor Member. Close was a 2012 Louisville Slugger and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Freshman All-American and the 2012 Big South Freshman of the Year after setting the school and conference records with 14 home runs.

A senior accounting major with a 3.67 G.P.A., **Michael Massi** of Mercer leads the team with a .346 batting average. One of 16 players nationally named as a finalist for the 2014 Brooks Wallace Shortstop of the Year Award, he was voted the Atlantic-Sun Conference Defensive Player of the Year, was named first team All-A-Sun and was an A-Sun All-Academic selection. Massi, a native of Powder Springs, Georgia, is listed in the top-10 in the A-Sun in several categories including runs scored (T-6th – 51), on-base percentage (8th - .424), hits (8th – 74), total bases (9th – 106) and walks (T-10th – 26). Massi also set the Mercer single-season assist record with 198.

**Caleb Palensky** of the University of Nebraska Omaha boasts a 3.94 G.P.A. as an exercise science major. He has helped his team to back-to-back Summit League regular-season championships and ranks second in the conference with 40 RBI. Palensky was named first team All-Summit after leading the conference in league games only in doubles (8), RBI (25), total bases (57) and slugging percentage (.671). A member of the Chancellor's List and Dean's List, the Papillion, Nebraska, native was named to the Summit League Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence and the Summit League Academic Honor Roll in 2013.

A senior pre-dental major with a 3.81 G.P.A., **Derek Gibson** of Southeast Missouri State University rounds out the first team. He was named first team All-Ohio Valley Conference this season for the second time in his career. In 2014, Gibson was named OVC Player of the Week three times, most of any player in the conference, and was a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy, the Heisman Trophy of baseball. A native of Bonne Terre, Missouri, he led the nation in sacrifice flies (11), ranked third in both hits (88) and RBI (66), and sixth in batting average (.411).

The 11 members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.89.

The second team consists of pitchers **Doug Ashby** of Baylor University and **Gage Smith** of Florida State University; catcher **Grayson Greiner** of the University of South Carolina; infielders **Danny Diekroeger** of Stanford University, **Connor Panas** of Canisius College, **Scott Schaub** of Jacksonville University and repeat selection **Tyler Vaughn** of Troy University; outfielders **Collin Forgey** of Saint Joseph's University, repeat selection **Collin Slaybaugh** of Washington State University and **Evan Stephens** of Wake Forest University; and designated hitter **Kyle Convissar** of the University of Maryland.

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Pitchers **Rohn Pierce** of Canisius and **Ian Tompkins** of Western Kentucky University top the third team. Catcher and three-time honoree **Zach Fisher** of Towson University joins infielders **Jason Blum** of Southeast Missouri State University, **Sam Haggerty** of the University of New Mexico, **Kevin Nutter** of the College of William & Mary and **Taylor Sparks** of the University of California, Irvine on the third team. Outfielders **Austin Cousino** of the University of Kentucky, **Patrick Riewer** of the University of North Dakota and **DJ Stewart** of Florida State round out the third team, along with designated hitter **Matt Parrish** of Campbell University.

Twelve student-athletes named to one of the three Capital One Academic All-America® Division I teams led their respective institutions to berths in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship that begin this weekend at 16 regional sites. They include Colwell from North Dakota State, Curtiss from Texas, Close and Lambert from Liberty, Smith and Stewart from Florida State, Greiner from South Carolina, Diekroeger from Stanford, Convissar from Maryland, Sparks from UC Irvine, Cousino from Kentucky, and Parrish from Campbell.

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# 2014 Capital One Academic All-America® Baseball Team Division I

## FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	John Curtiss	Texas	Jr.	Southlake, Texas	3.85	English /History
P	Trey Lambert	Liberty	Sr.	Tazewell, Va.	3.94	Health Promotion: clinical
C	Russell Vaughan	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Sr.	Mesa, Ariz.	4.00	Health Sciences
IF	Alex Close	Liberty	Jr.	Hoover, Ala.	3.84	Business Administration/Finance
IF	Michael Massi	Mercer	Sr.	Powder Springs, Ga.	3.67	Accounting
IF	Caleb Palensky	Nebraska Omaha	Sr.	Papillion, Neb.	3.94	Exercise Science
IF	Kevin Swick (3)	Southern California	Sr.	La Canada, Calif.	3.83	Business Administration
OF	Tim Colwell (1) (#)	North Dakota State	Sr.	Shoreview, Minn.	4.00	Zoology
OF	Jeff Keller (1)	Dartmouth	Sr.	Atherton, Calif.	3.95	Economics
OF	Derrick Workman (1)	Mercer	Sr.	Acworth, Ga.	4.00	Communications
DH	Derek Gibson	Southeast Missouri	Sr.	Bonne Terre, Mo.	3.77	Pre-dental

## SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Doug Ashby	Baylor	Sr.	McKinney, Texas	4.00	Engineering
P	Gage Smith	Florida State	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL	3.79	Business Management
C	Grayson Greiner	South Carolina	Jr.	Columbia, S.C.	3.47	Accounting
IF	Danny Diekroeger	Stanford	Sr.	Woodside, Calif.	3.80	Computer Science
IF	Connor Panas	Canisius	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario	3.80	Physical Education/Health Education
IF	Scott Schaub	Jacksonville	Sr.	Ocala, Fla.	3.45	Exercise Science
IF	Tyler Vaughn (1)	Troy	Sr.	Murphy, N.C.	3.92	Chemistry
OF	Collin Forgey	Saint Joseph's	Gr.	San Diego, Calif.	3.65	General Studies
OF	Collin Slaybaugh (1)	Washington State	Sr.	Puyallup, Wash.	4.00	Kinesiology
OF	Evan Stephens	Wake Forest	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.	3.83	Finance
DH	Kyle Convisar	Maryland	Sr.	Severna Park, Md.	3.99	Finance

## THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Rohn Pierce	Canisius	Jr.	Lockport, N.Y.	3.51	Management
P	Ian Tompkins	Western Kentucky	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.	3.78	Accounting
C	Zach Fisher (1)(&)	Towson	Gr.	Baltimore, Md.	3.94	Information Technology
IF	Jason Blum	Southeast Missouri	Jr.	Ste. Genevieve, Mo.	4.00	Finance
IF	Sam Haggerty	New Mexico	So.	Denver, Colo.	3.78	Finance
IF	Kevin Nutter	William & Mary	Sr.	Vienna, Va.	3.94	Accounting
IF	Taylor Sparks	UC Irvine	Jr.	Long Beach, Calif.	3.63	Sociology
OF	Austin Cousino	Kentucky	Jr.	Dublin, Ohio	3.32	Community & Leadership Development
OF	Patrick Riewer	North Dakota	Sr.	Wadena, Minn.	4.00	Chemical Engineering
OF	DJ Stewart	Florida State	So.	Yulee, Fla.	3.48	Sport Management
DH	Matt Parrish	Campbell	So.	Angier, N.C.	3.87	Mathematics

**Academic All-America® of the Year: Tim Colwell, North Dakota State**

- (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
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