

Past winners say Academic All-America® recognition is the **most meaningful honor in their college sports career** because it combines athletic and academic achievements.



About the award:

- Established in 1952 and selected by College Sports Communicators, it is the longest running and premier award for athletic and academic success.
- Opportunity for recognition is available to student-athletes at all NCAA levels, the NAIA, two-year schools and Canadian schools.
- Contests are available for all sports in which a national championship is sponsored.

How award winners are chosen:

- Student-athletes are nominated by their athletics communications director and must have a minimum 3.50 GPA and be a starter or important reserve on their team. (20,000 nominations annually)
- All nominees receive Academic All-District® recognition and advance to the national ballot.
- CSC members vote on Academic All-America teams within their division. (1,500 selections annually)
- An Academic All-America Team Member of the Year is selected in each sport and division. (66 recipients)
- An overall Academic All-America of the Year is selected as the top student-athlete across all sports in each NCAA and NAIA division. (4 recipients)

Academic All-America Hall of Fame®

- The Academic All-America Hall of Fame recognizes past Academic All-America recipients who have achieved lifetime success in their professional careers and are committed to community service and philanthropic causes. These Hall of Famers are inducted in a ceremony each summer at the CSC convention.



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

SELECTED BY



An exclusive club

Academic All-America award winners are in an exclusive club that includes professional sports champions, MVPs and Olympic medalists including **Peyton Manning, Candace Parker, Katie Ledeccky, Drew Brees, Maya Moore, Rebecca Lobo, Heather O'Reilly, Lynette Woodard, and Patrick Mahomes.**

Outside of athletic achievement, some of the most accomplished men and women in medicine, business and science earned Academic All-America while in college too, such as:

- **Arne Duncan**, US Secretary of Education
- **Lt. Col. Nicole Mann**, NASA Astronaut
- **James Clear**, Author, Atomic Habits
- **Gail Koziara Boudreaux**, President and CEO, Elevance Health
- **Dr. Myron Rolle**, Neurosurgeon
- **Bill Bradley**, US Senator and Rhodes Scholar
- **Dr. James Cash**, Professor, Harvard Business School
- **Dr. Harry Edwards**, American sociologist and civil rights activist