GOOGLE CLOUD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM
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KIRBY HORA OF AUGUSTANA (S.D.) HEADLINES GOOGLE CLOUD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION II FOOTBALL TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Augustana (S.D.) University senior linebacker **Kirby Hora** headlines the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division II football team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The Division II Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division II national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2018-19 Division II Academic All-America® teams program.

A native of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Hora is the recipient of the Google Cloud Academic All-America® of the Year award for Division II football. A biology major with a perfect 4.00 GPA, Hora is one of two three-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® choices on the 2018 first team. Hora is two-time All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference academic selection who completes his Augustana career with 411 tackles (second in program history).

A four-time All-NSIC pick on the field, Hora had 97 tackles this year as the Vikings compiled a 7-4 overall record. Hora also recorded 10 tackles for losses (43 yards), three sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and one interception in 2018. He has made his mark as chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Augustana.

The 26 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division II football first team members hold a composite 3.883 GPA. Five first team honorees hold a perfect 4.00 cumulative GPA. Nine Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division II football selections are repeat picks from the 2017 honor squads with seven of the veterans making the 2018 first team.

Hora and Ohio Dominican University senior wide receiver **Cory Contini** complete their careers as three-time Academic All-America® choices. Hora made the second team as a sophomore before grabbing first team laurels his final two seasons. Contini made a clean sweep with his three consecutive first team trophies.

The other five repeat first team selections are senior offensive linemen **Brandon Roe** (Southwestern Oklahoma State University) and **Austin Treneff** (Notre Dame College), senior defensive linemen **Jon Dicke** (Southwest Minnesota State University) and **Joey Newman** (Augustana) and senior defensive back **Avram Tynes** (Augustana). Dicke has two first team distinctions, while Roe, Treneff, Newman and Tynes made the second team in 2017.

Missouri University of Science & Technology teammates **Deshawn Jones** and **Bo Brooks** are the two repeat performers on the Google Cloud Academic All-America® second team. Linebacker Brooks was a first team choice in 2017, while running back Jones receives back-to-back second team honors. Missouri S&T is one of three schools with two second team selections each. The others are Ashland University and Grand Valley State University.

Hora, Newman and Tynes give the Vikings three first team members, tops on the 2018 list. Pittsburg State University takes home a program-best four Google Cloud Academic All-America® plaques with one first team member (senior defensive lineman **Levi Wyrick**) and three second team selections.

For more information on the Google Cloud Academic All-America® program, go to https://academicallamerica.com/.

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2018 Academic All-America®
Football Team
Division II

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
QB	Layton Rabb	MSU Texas	Sr.	3.73	Finance
RB	Austin Micci	Colorado State University - Pueblo	Jr.	3.73	Business Management & Business Administration
RB	Landon Nault	Emporia State University	Sr.	3.96	Biology
WR	Cory Contini (1, $)	Ohio Dominican University	Sr.	3.90	Accounting
WR	Shane Zylstra	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Jr.	3.47	Biology: Biomedical Sciences
TE	Marqus Andrews	Northwest Missouri State University	Jr.	3.66	Chemistry
TE	Jordan Smith	Gannon University	Jr.	4.00	Biomedical Engineering
OL	Jack Hansbury	Bentley University	Sr.	3.94	Corporate Finance & Accounting
OL	Brandon Roe (1)	Southwestern Oklahoma State University	Sr.	4.00	Engineering Technology
OL	Ryan Spelhaug	Northwest Missouri State University	Jr.	3.96	Business / Economics
OL	Austin Treneff (1)	Notre Dame College	Sr.	3.95	Accounting & Software Development
OL	Robert Vargo	Ohio Dominican University	Sr.	3.96	Sport Management
K	Kristov Martinez	Texas A&M University - Commerce	Gr.	3.84/4.00	Secondary Education (G)/Business Administration (UG)
ST	Kevin Ribarich	Colorado State University - Pueblo	Sr.	3.91	Accounting & Economics
DL	John Cominsky	University of Charleston	Sr.	3.90	Biology / Chemistry
DL	Jon Dicke (1)	Southwest Minnesota State University	Sr.	4.00	Exercise Science
DL	Joey Newman (2)	Augustana University	Sr.	3.83	Athletic Training
DL	Levi Wyrick	Pittsburg State University	Sr.	4.00	Education
LB	Sam Blankenship	Harding University	Gr.	3.93	Finance / Secondary Education
LB	Alex Goettl	Minnesota State University, Mankato	Jr.	3.91	Biology: Biomedical Sciences
LB	Kirby Hora (1, #)	Augustana University	Sr.	4.00	Biology
DB	Geoff Keating	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	3.94	Mechanical Engineering
DB	Connor Shedeed	Fort Hays State University	Sr.	3.81	Criminal Justice & Political Science
DB	Kyle Toth	Wayne State University	Sr.	3.87	Kinesiology
DB	Avram Tynes (2)	Augustana University	Sr.	3.78	Exercise Science
P	John Cummings	West Texas A&M University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Criminal Justice

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
QB	Cole Sears	University of Arkansas at Monticello	Gr.	3.97/3.97	Education
RB	Kevin Coy, Jr.	Chadron State College	Sr.	3.69	Sport & Recreation Management
RB	Deshawn Jones (2)	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Jr.	3.49	Biological Sciences
WR	Mitch Nichols	Truman State University	Sr.	4.00	Health Science
WR	Brody Oliver	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	3.34	Metallurgical & Materials Engineering
OL	Ronnie Clifton	Lenoir-Rhyne University	Jr.	3.88	Finance / Management
OL	Neal Davis	University of Findlay	Sr.	3.94	Strength & Conditioning
OL	Ryan Dodd	Pittsburg State University	Sr.	3.90	Marketing
OL	Lawrence Guyot	Mississippi College	Sr.	3.88	Kinesiology
OL	Ben Walling	Grand Valley State University	Sr.	3.69	Occupational Safety
K	Brian Alsobrooks	California University of Pennsylvania	Sr.	3.90	Business Administration
ST	Travis Downing	Ashland University	Sr.	3.92	Sport Management
DL	Andrew Berger	Gannon University	Sr.	3.85	Criminalistics
DL	Ned Bingaman	Pittsburg State University	Sr.	3.96	Justice Studies
DL	Kolbie Foster	Wayne State College	Jr.	3.77	Family Consumer Science / Fashion Merchandising
DL	Mikal Toliver	Urbana University	Jr.	3.72	Strategic Management
LB	Garrett Blubaugh	Texas A&M University - Commerce	Sr.	3.97	Biological Sciences
LB	Tyler Bradfield	Grand Valley State University	So.	4.00	Finance & Accounting
LB	Bo Brooks (1)	Missouri University of Science & Technology	Sr.	3.81	Petroleum Engineering
DB	Sam Fareri	Clarion University	Jr.	3.73	Rehab Science
DB	Josh Hornback	Pittsburg State University	Sr.	3.72	Construction Management
DB	Brandon Morrison	West Liberty University	Sr.	3.86	Criminology
DB	Isaiah Stiverson	Ashland University	Sr.	3.70	Marketing
P	Jordan White	Southern Arkansas University	Sr.	3.99	Chemistry / Biochemistry

Google Cloud Academic All-America® of the Year: Kirby Hora, Augustana University

(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II first team selection in 2017
(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II second team selection in 2017
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(#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America@ Division II second team selection in 2016