



GOOGLE CLOUD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY CoSIDA

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MAKENZIE DUNCAN OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE (IND.) HEADLINES 2018 GOOGLE CLOUD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III SOFTBALL TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior outfielder Makenzie Duncan of Saint Mary's College (Ind.) headlines the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division III softball teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

An integrative biology major with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, Duncan has been selected as the recipient of the Academic All-America® of the Year award for Division III softball. She was also a chemistry minor and was one of the Class of 2018's valedictorians at Saint Mary's.

A first-team selection to the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division III Team, Duncan was a National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Central Region second-team and Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) first-team selection this spring. She helped the Belles to a 36-7 overall record and a 15-1 conference mark for the program's first MIAA regular-season championship and NCAA Tournament appearance. Duncan was named to the Notre Dame (Ind.) Regional All-Tournament team.

A native of LaSalle, Michigan, Duncan batted .418 (59-for-141), including .493 (34-for-69) with runners in scoring position, 59 RBI and 32 runs scored. She smacked 26 extra-base hits, including seven triples and six home runs. The program's all-time leader in triples (22) and RBI (145), Duncan ended her career with 191 hits, a .380 batting average and a .633 slugging percentage.

Twenty-five of the 33 members of the 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division III softball teams have at least a 3.90 GPA, with 11 student-athletes maintaining a perfect 4.00 GPA. The 11 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.97.

The 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Division III softball teams include seven repeat Academic All-America® performers. The 2018 honor is the third consecutive for **Maddie Flasco** (Otterbein University), who was joined on the first team by 2017 selections **Taylor Arends** (Washington University in St. Louis) and **Kassie Howard** (Berry College). **Laura Finke** (Thomas More College) and **Anna Strien** (Luther College) repeated their second-team selections from a year ago, while **Ama Biney** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and **Stefanie Polderman** (University of Texas at Dallas) were named to the third team.

The Division III Google Cloud Academic All-America® program is financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2017-18 Division III Academic All-America® teams.

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2018 Google Cloud Academic All-America® Softball Team Division III

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
P	Kassie Howard (2)	Berry College	Sr.	3.81	Exercise Science
P	Sam Platt	The College of New Jersey	Sr.	4.00	Biology
C	Hayley Reitsma	Hope College	Sr.	3.90	Biology
IF	Hannah Anderson	Ithaca College	Jr.	3.99	Clinical Health Studies
IF	Taylor Arends (3)	Washington University in St. Louis	Jr.	3.96	Psychological & Brain Sciences
IF	Maddie Flasco (#)	Otterbein University	Sr.	3.97	Biology
IF	Alyson Shaw	Otterbein University	Jr.	4.00	Early Childhood Education
OF	Makenzie Duncan	Saint Mary's College (Ind.)	Sr.	4.00	Integrative Biology
OF	Katie Shade	MIT	Sr.	4.00	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
OF	Katie Wede	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	4.00	Accounting
DP	Katie Rufo	Johnson & Wales University (R.I.)	Sr.	4.00	Sports, Events & Entertainment Management

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
P	Mackenzie Murphy	Williams College	Jr.	3.74	Biology
P	Beth Wood	University of Wisconsin-Stout	Sr.	4.00	Dietetics
C	Ashley Allen	Simpson College	Jr.	3.90	Sports Administration
IF	Jessica Gott	University of Puget Sound	Sr.	3.99	Psychology
IF	Briana Halle	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	Sr.	3.98	Science & Management
IF	Rachel Johnson	Washington & Jefferson College	Jr.	3.90	Neuroscience
IF	Anna Strien (2)	Luther College	Sr.	3.72	Political Science
OF	Laura Finke (2)	Thomas More College	Sr.	3.95	Biology
OF	Allison Meyer	George Fox University	So.	4.00	Elementary Education
OF	Brittany Tuttle	Berry College	Sr.	3.93	Exercise Science
DP	Sarah Von Ahn	MIT	So.	4.00	Mathematics & Computer Science

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
P	Hannah Bibeault	Stockton University	Sr.	3.97	Health Science
P	Taylor Holmes	Suffolk University	Sr.	3.95	Accounting & Big Data & Business Analytics
C	Lexi Curt	Williams College	Sr.	3.64	History (Pre-Medicine)
IF	Brittney Birkhauser	Saint Mary's University (Minn.)	Sr.	3.97	Actuarial Science
IF	Kirsten Drobiak	Springfield College	Sr.	3.79	Physician Assistant
IF	Melissa Livermore	University of Texas at Dallas	Jr.	3.86	Healthcare Studies
IF	Harper Patsko	Ramapo College	Jr.	4.00	History & Journalism
OF	Morgan Arst	East Texas Baptist University	So.	4.00	Business
OF	Ama Biney (^)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Sr.	3.67	Management Engineering
OF	Stefanie Polderman (1)	University of Texas at Dallas	Sr.	3.90	Biochemistry
DP	Aubree Douglas	Hamline University	Jr.	3.88	Psychology

Google Cloud Academic All-America® of the Year: Makenzie Duncan, Saint Mary's College (Ind.)

(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first-team selection in 2017

(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second-team selection in 2017

(3) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third-team selection in 2017

(#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second-team selection in 2017 and third-team selection in 2016

(^) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third-team selection in 2016