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## MARCUS DEMPSEY OF MUSKINGUM, SYDNEY KOPP OF DePAUW TOP CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III BASKETBALL TEAMS

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Muskingum's **Marcus Dempsey** and DePauw's **Sydney Kopp** headline the 2019-20 Academic All-America® NCAA Division III men's and women's basketball teams as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and announced Wednesday.

Dempsey, a junior business management major from Zanesville, Ohio, and Kopp, a political science major from Burr Ridge, Illinois, have been named as the Academic All-America® NCAA Division III for men's and women's basketball, respectively.

Kopp is the NCAC Player of the Year and a Jostens Award finalist after leading DePauw to a perfect 16-0 league record and the 2020 NCAC championship. A three-time first team All-NCAC honoree, Kopp led all players in scoring and was seventh in rebounding.

Dempsey, a 2018 third team Academic All-America®, earns his second AAA nod this year after averaging 30.6 points per game on his way to a second All-OAC first team honor. In 2017-18, he finished third in the nation in scoring and he is currently second in the country this season.

A total of eight returnees dot the 15 men and 15 women on the Academic All-America® squads with each squad having four.

Both genders have two returnees from 2018-19 on the first team – **Booker Coplin** (Augsburg) and **Conor Riordan** (Simpson) for the men and **Yuleska Ramirez-Tejada** (Emmanuel) and **Eva Reinertsen** (UW-Superior) for the women.

**Kena Gilmour** (Hamilton) and **Matthew Kirmse** (Milwaukee School of Engineering) join Dempsey, Coplin and Riordan on the men's first team.

The women's first team consists of Kopp, Ramirez-Tejada, Reinertsen, **Taite Anderson** (Bethel) and **Katie McShea** (Marymount).

Four of the five women on the first team are seniors with McShea, only a sophomore, completing the group.

The men's first team consists of three seniors (Coplin, Gilmore, and Riordan), a graduate student (Kirmse) and a junior (Dempsey).

Coplin, Riordan, and Ramirez-Tejada were all second team honorees last season with Reinertsen a third team pick.

**Hannah Frazier** (Wheaton (Ill.)) and **Jack Davidson** (Wabash) also were second team honorees last season with Frazier again picked to the women's second team this winter and Davidson to the men's third team.

The final repeat selection, **Kelly Williams** (Randolph-Macon), is a second team women's honoree this year after earning that same honor in 2017-18. Williams, the 2020 ODAC Player and Scholar-Athlete of the Year, missed the majority of the 2018-19 season with an injury.

Springfield College, with second teamers **Heath Post** for the men and **Alex Goslin** for the women, is the only school selections to both teams.

The 2019-20 women's team has a 3.87 average GPA with five members boasting perfect 4.0 GPAs. The men have two honorees at 4.0 and the full team comes in at 3.81. The men's first team has a 3.83 GPA and the women 3.87.

Gilmour, Riordan, **Ben College** (Whitworth), **Spencer Cook** (Stevens Institute of Technology), **Noah Valencia** (Gallaudet) are men's Jostens Award finalists with Frazier, Coplin, Williams and **Paige Matijasich** (Kenyon) four of the 10 finalists for the women's award.

The Division III Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2019-20 Division III Academic All-America® teams program.

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# 2019-20 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team Division III

## FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Booker Coplin (2)	Augsburg University	Sr.	3.60	Biopsychology
<b>Marcus Dempsey (#)</b>	<b>Muskingum University</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>Business Management</b>
Kena Gilmour	Hamilton College	Sr.	3.70	Government
Matthew Kirmse	Milwaukee School of Engineering	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Business Administration (UG) / MBA (G)
Conor Riordan (2)	Simpson College	Sr.	3.94	Mathematics

## SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Sam Jefferson	Colby College	Sr.	3.83	Econ-Math / Financial Markets
Gabriel Leifer	Yeshiva University	Sr.	3.68	Accounting
Heath Post	Springfield College	Sr.	3.77	Environmental Science
Noah Valencia	Gallaudet University	Sr.	3.83	Physical Education & Recreation
Tanner Youngberg	University of Northwestern - St. Paul	Sr.	3.92	Accounting

## THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Ben College	Whitworth University	Sr.	3.62	Graphic Design
Spencer Cook	Stevens Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.84	Finance
Jack Davidson (2)	Wabash College	Jr.	3.59	Economics
Lucas Martin	Salisbury University	Sr.	4.00	Computer Science
Miles President	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	Sr.	3.94	Computer Science

**CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Marcus Dempsey, Muskingum University**

(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II second team selection in 2018-19

(#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II third team selection in 2017-18



# 2019-20 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Division III

## FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Taite Anderson	Bethel University	Sr.	3.70	Biokinetics
Sydney Kopp	DePauw University	Sr.	3.75	Political Science
Katie McShea	Marymount University	So.	4.00	Biology
Yuleska Ramirez-Tejeda (2)	Emmanuel College	Sr.	3.89	Criminal Justice
Eva Reinertsen (3)	University of Wisconsin-Superior	Sr.	4.00	Social Work

## SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Hannah Frazier (2)	Wheaton College (Illinois)	Sr.	3.75	Mathematics
Megan Flynn	The Sage Colleges	Gr.	3.99/4.00	Business Administration (UG) / MBA (G)
Alex Goslin	Springfield College	Sr.	4.00	Mathematics / Secondary Education
Sophie Nick	Vassar College	Sr.	3.93	Biochemistry
Mary Kate O'Day	Framingham State University	Sr.	3.93	Sociology
Kelly Williams (*)	Randolph-Macon College	Sr.	3.81	Computer Science / Accounting

## THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Madeline Eck	Amherst College	Sr.	3.85	Economics / Psychology
Paige Matijasich	Kenyon College	Sr.	3.88	Chemistry
Caitlin Navratil	Nebraska Wesleyan University	Sr.	3.53	Social Work
Sammie Woodward	Carthage College	Sr.	4.00	Exercise Science

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