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KYLE HIEBERT OF MISSOURI STATE, KERRY ABELLO OF PENN STATE LEAD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I MEN'S & WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Defender Kyle Hiebert, a graduate student at Missouri State University, and Pennsylvania State University senior defender Kerry Abello headline the 2020-21 Academic All-America® Division I men's and women's soccer teams selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and announced Monday.

Hiebert has been named the 2020-21 Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I men's soccer, while Abello earned the distinction of 2020-21 Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I women's soccer.

A native of La Salle, Manitoba, Hiebert is pursuing a graduate degree in accounting. He owns a 4.0 GPA in his graduate course work after also earning a 4.0 as an undergrad. Hiebert earns his fourth Academic All-America® honor after being named to the first team in 2018 and 2019, and to the third team in 2017. During the spring 2021 season, Hiebert led the Bears to a Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) tournament title and a bid to the NCAA Tournament. He started all 14 games on the backline for Missouri State, en route to being named the MVC Defensive Player of the Year and the MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Hiebert is a two-time United Soccer Coaches (USC) All-American, earning first team honors this past season. He was a MAC Hermann Trophy semifinalist along with being named the USC Scholar Player of the Year. Hiebert concluded his career by starting 68 consecutive games for the Bears.

Abello, a senior from Batavia, Illinois, carries a 4.0 GPA while double majoring in science and Spanish. It is her third Academic All-America® recognition, earning first team accolades in 2019 and second team honors in 2018. As team captain she helped guide Penn State to the 2021 Big Ten regular-season championship, her third as a Nittany Lion. She was also honored as a Senior CLASS second-team All-American. Abello is a Schreyer Honors College Scholar and a member of the Penn State Presidential Leadership Academy. She has played nearly every position during her four seasons at Penn State, where she has made 53 starts and scored 15 goals with nine assists in 74 career games.

Eight of the 33 members of the Academic All-America® Division I men's soccer teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 11 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.85, with the entire men's team holding a collective average GPA of 3.78.

Joining Hiebert as a repeat selection on the Academic All-America® Division I men's soccer team is fellow teammate **Michael Creek**. It is Creek's third Academic All-America® honor after being named to the first team in 2019 and the third team in 2018. **David Grana** (Saint Joseph's University) also earns his third Academic All-America® award following selections to the second team in 2018 and third team in 2019. Other repeat selections from 2019 include - **Andrew Thomas** (Stanford University), **Joel Harrison** (University of Michigan), and **Zach Maas** (Utah Valley University).

Eleven of the 33 members of the Academic All-America® Division I women's soccer teams sport a perfect 4.0 GPA in either undergrad or graduate school. The 11 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.96, with the complete 33-member women's team averaging a 3.88 GPA.
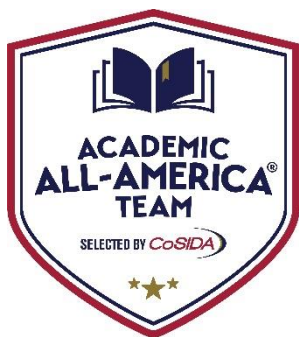
Along with Abello, the Academic All-America® Division I women's soccer teams have four other repeat performers from last year's teams – **Caroline Chipman** (University of Georgia), **Hannah Webb** (Oklahoma State University), **Madison Haley** (Stanford University), and **Victoria Tran** (U.S. Naval Academy).

For more information regarding the Academic All-America® program, visit https://academicallamerica.com/.

2020-21 Academic All-America ® Men's Soccer Team NCAA Division I

FIRST TEAM

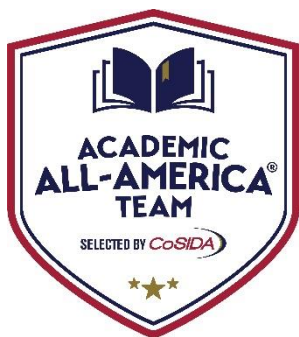| Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Andrew Thomas (2)	Stanford University	Sr.	3.95	Engineering Physics
D	David Grana (3) (#)	Saint Joseph's University	Sr.	3.95	Biology
D	Joel Harrison (2)	University of Michigan	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Computer Science Engineering Masters
D	Kyle Hiebert (1) ($) (&)	Missouri State University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Accounting
D	Kevin Morris	West Virginia University	Gr.	3.90	Mathematics (UG) / Business Data Analytics (G)
M	Zach Maas (3)	Utah Valley University	Sr.	3.83	Exercise Science, Pre-Med
M	Pierre Reedy	Pennsylvania State University	Gr.	3.64/3.66	Security & Risk Analysis (UG) Corporate Finance (G)
M	Lucas Rosa	Saint Francis University	Sr.	4.00	Accounting
F	Zach Ryan	Stanford University	Sr.	3.51	Management Science & Engineering
F	Lukas Sunesson	Marquette University	Jr.	3.82	Operations & Supply Chain MGM / Intern. Business
F	Rene White	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.67	Business Concentration in Financial Technology

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Michael Creek (1) (%)	Missouri State University	Sr.	3.98	Business Administration
D	Spencer Glass	Indiana University	Sr.	3.39	Marketing, Management & Sales
D	Jacob Graiber	University of Illinois at Chicago	Gr.	3.41/3.57	Finance (UG) / Finance (G)
D	Patrick Hogan	Charlotte	Gr.	3.43/4.00	Business Analytics
D	Matt Nocita	U.S. Naval Academy	Jr.	3.58	History
M	Billy Hency	Loyola University Chicago	Jr.	3.73	Supply Chain Management
M	Alan Kahlenbeck	Saint Joseph's University	Gr.	4.00	Finance
M	Storm Strongin	Hofstra University	Sr.	3.93	Economics
M	Marc Ybarra	University of Michigan	Sr.	3.45	Business Administration
F	Victor Bezerra	Indiana University	So.	3.60	Sport Marketing & Management
F	Mike Melaragni	Western Michigan University	Jr.	4.00	Biomedical Sciences
F	CJ Tibbling	Seton Hall University	Jr.	3.71	IT Management

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Will Palmquist	University of Denver	Gr.	3.95/4.00	Finance & Data Analytics
D	Jordan Broadwater	East Tennessee State University	Sr.	4.00	Chemistry
D	Mark Brown	Utah Valley University	Sr.	3.95	Finance
D	Nick Dauchot	Loyola Marymount University	Gr.	3.52/3.89	Finance (UG) / MBA (G)
D	Daniel Strachan	University of Akron	Gr.	3.65	Business Administration
M	Matthew Fearnley	Georgia State University	Jr.	3.84	Health & Physical Education
M	Matt Thorsheim	Bucknell University	Sr.	3.70	Accounting & Financial Management
F	Taylor Durall	UNC Asheville	Jr.	3.97	Biology
F	Jack Lynn	University of Notre Dame	Jr.	3.41	Finance
F	Matthew Vowinkel	Hofstra University	Sr.	3.45	Finance

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Kyle Hiebert, Missouri State University

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Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
GK	Bethany Kopel	Indiana University	3.99	Sr.	Human Biology
D	Kerry Abello (1) (#)	Pennsylvania State University	4.00	Sr.	Science / Spanish
D	Maddie Barkow	University of Northern Colorado	4.00	Sr.	Sports & Exercise Science
D	Hannah Sharts	University of Colorado	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Organizational Leadership (G)
D	Hannah Webb (3)	Oklahoma State University	4.00	Sr.	Mathematics
M	Sam Coffey	Pennsylvania State University	3.88	Gr.	Journalism
M	Lucy Porter	Hofstra University	3.80	Sr.	Community Health
M	Victoria Tran (3)	U.S. Naval Academy	3.97	Jr.	Honors Robotics & Control Engineering
F	Madison Haley (3)	Stanford University	3.76	Sr.	Science, Technology & Society
F	Zsani Kajan	St. John's University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	International Hospitality Management
F	Sarah Sodoma	Arkansas State University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Accountancy (G) / Accounting (UG)

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
GK	Emily Alvarado	TCU	3.66	Sr.	Supply Chain Management
D	Delaney Graham	Duke University	3.93	Jr.	Biology
D	Kiki Pickett	Stanford University	3.36	Sr.	Communication
D	Carrie Reaver	Longwood University	4.00	Sr.	Biology / Spanish
D	Emily Smith	University of California	3.92	Sr.	Applied Mathematics / Data Science
M	Lauren Chang	University of South Carolina	3.83	Gr.	Political Science / Business Administration
M	Camy Huddleston	Oklahoma State University	3.98	Sr.	Biochemistry & Molecular Bio. / Pre-Med Science
M	Brianna Pinto	University of North Carolina	3.48	Jr.	Business Administration
F	Natalie Beckman	University of Denver	3.98	Jr.	Mathematics / Psychology
F	Peyton DePriest	Middle Tennessee State University	3.94	Sr.	Exercise Science
F	Penelope Hocking	University of Southern California	3.44	Jr.	Computer Science

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
GK	Kayla Thompson	Brown University	3.82	Sr.	Public Health
D	Jordan Brewster	West Virginia University	3.58	Jr.	Business & Economics
D	Caroline Chipman (3)	University of Georgia	4.00	Sr.	Accounting
D	Keegan Maris	Valparaiso University	4.00	Sr.	Nursing
D	Chanel Thomas	Ole Miss	4.00/4.00	Gr.	MBA
M	Vital Kats	Kent State University	3.90	Sr.	Business Management
M	Ashley Santos	Illinois State University	4.00	Sr.	Mathematics
M	Frankie Tagliaferri	Pennsylvania State University	3.65	Gr.	Kinesiology / Movement Science
F	Jill Aguilera	University of Arizona	3.85	Sr.	Sports & Society
F	Rachel Jones	University of North Carolina	3.95	Sr.	Public Policy
F	Emma Westin	University of California	3.74	Sr.	Business Administration

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Kerry Abello, Pennsylvania State University

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