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ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY COLLEGE SPORTS COMMUNICATORS

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FOUR TALENTED STUDENT-ATHLETES HIGHLIGHT 2022-23 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Four standouts headline a group of outstanding student-athletes named to the 2022-23 Academic All-America® men's basketball teams as selected by the College Sports Communicators.

Ben Vander Plas from the University of Virginia, **John Paul Kromka** from the University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, **Josh Angle** from Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, and **Riley Minix** of Southeastern University lead the Academic All-America® teams by being named as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for NCAA Divisions I, II, and III as well as the NAIA, respectively.

The four Academic All-America® teams, totaling 55 players, have a 3.87 average grade-point average with 16 members posting a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Division I

Vander Plas, a forward from Ripon, Wisconsin, is a graduate transfer student, holding a perfect 4.00 grade-point average in his professional learning program at Virginia. He was named the 2021-22 Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year at Ohio, where he averaged 14.2 points per game, 6.8 rebounds per game and 3.1 assists per contest and was selected to the All-MAC first team.

Prior to suffering a season-ending injury last week, Vander Plas helped Virginia earn the No. 2 seed at the ACC Championship. He started 14 contests and saw playing time in 29 games this season, averaging 7.4 points per game and 4.6 rebounds per contest. He finished his five-year collegiate career with 1,787 points, 892 rebounds and 242 three-pointers.

There are seven repeat selections to the Division I Academic All-America® team: **Josh Bannan** (University of Montana), **Matt Dentlinger** (South Dakota State University), **Tanner Groves** (University of Oklahoma), **Chris Ledium** (Harvard University), **Kahlil Spear** (Robert Morris University), **JT Shumate** (University of Toledo) and Vander Plas.

The Division I team boasted a 3.86 average GPA with the first team checking in at 3.95.

Division II

Kromka, a native of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, holds the unique distinction of being named to four consecutive Academic All-America® teams, with three-consecutive first-team selections. The forward led the team with 17.3 points per game, 7.2 rebounds per contest, a 67.4 field goal percentage, and 37 steals, helping Pitt-Johnstown secure a spot in the 2023 NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Tournament.

The mechanical engineering major with a 3.94 GPA is a four-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year award winner, ranking No. 5 nationally in blocks (78) and No. 2 in field goal percentage (68.4). He was named a National Association of Basketball Coaches All-American in 2021-22 and closed out his career with 1,944 points, 941 rebounds and a school record 320 blocked shots.

Division II had six repeat selections: **Austin Andrews** (University of Minnesota Duluth), **Antonin Kemkeng** (Thomas Jefferson University), Kromka, **Matt Leritz** (Bentley University), **Ronnie Silva** (Adelphi University) and **Brendan Sullivan** (Colorado School of Mines). Leritz, who is a three-time Academic All-America® selection, was the 2021-22 Division III Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year while he was at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The Division II team boasted a 3.85 average GPA with the first team checking in at 3.88.

The Division II Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division II national governance structure to assist CSC with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2022-23 Division II Academic All-America® program.

Division III

A guard hailing from Lake Oswego, Oregon, Angle was named to the All-SCIAC first team for the second year in a row and currently ranks No. 19 in the country in points per game (21.5) and No. 8 in three-point field goal percentage (45.0). He has scored at least 14 points in every game this season and has a streak of 47 straight games in double figures.

A 2021-22 second-team All-District honoree by the NABC, Angle is making his second-straight appearance on the Academic All-America® team, earning first-team honors the last two seasons. The junior, who holds a 3.94 GPA as an economics and finance major, eclipsed the 1,000 career point mark during the 2022-23 campaign, despite only scoring 91 points during his freshman season and having his sophomore season canceled.

Four members of the Division III team were selected last year: **Ryan Algier** (University of Rochester), Angle, **Kasey Draper** (Roanoke College) and **Elijah Hales** (DePauw University).

Division III led the four Academic All-America® teams with a 3.91 average GPA with the first team boasting a 3.95.

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NAIA

Riley Minix, a kinesiology: exercise science major with a 3.96 GPA, has led Southeastern University to back-to-back upsets in the NAIA National Tournament and a spot in the Round of 16. The small forward from Vero Beach, Florida, leads Southeastern and ranks No. 1 nationally in rebounding (13.7 per game) and No. 3 in scoring (25.3 points per game).

A two-time Sun Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Year, Minix has scored 30 or more points in nine contests this campaign, including a season-high 41 points against Fisher. Last year, he was named to the NAIA and NABC All-America teams after averaging 22.7 points and 11.3 rebounds.

The final three repeat selections come from the NAIA: **Jason Hubbard** (Taylor University), Minix, and **Jacob Vis** (Dordt University).

The NAIA team boasted a 3.86 average GPA with the first team checking in at 3.91.

The NAIA Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NAIA national governance structure to assist CSC with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2022-23 NAIA Academic All-America® program.

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

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2022-23 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team NCAA Division I

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Dalton Bolon	College of Charleston	Gr.	4.00/3.83	Biology (UG) / Biology (G) / Communication (G)
Matt Dentlinger (2, 6)	South Dakota State University	Gr.	3.99/4.00	Mechanical Engineering (UG) / Electrical Eng. (G)
Marcus Domask	Southern Illinois University	Sr.	3.99	Sport Administration
JT Shumate (1)	University of Toledo	Sr.	3.84	Middle Childhood Education
Kahliel Spear (2)	Robert Morris University	Sr.	3.91	Economics
Ben Vander Plas (1, 5)	University of Virginia	Gr.	3.99/4.00	Communication Studies (UG) / Sports Admin & Mgmt. (G) / Professional Learner at UVA

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Kobe Brown	University of Missouri	Sr.	3.59	General Studies
Alex Gross	Morehead State University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Sport Management
Ben Krikke	Valparaiso University	Sr.	3.79	Finance
Chris Ledlum (3)	Harvard University	Sr.	3.55	Sociology

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Brandon Angel	Stanford University	Jr.	3.97	Economics
Josh Bannan (3)	University of Montana	Jr.	3.92	Economics
Tanner Groves (1)	University of Oklahoma	Gr.	3.89/4.00	Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership
Michael Jones	Stanford University	Gr.	3.90	M.S. Statistics
Hunter Tyson	Clemson University	Gr.	3.55/3.90	Sports Communications (UG) / Athletic Leadership (G)

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Ben Vander Plas, University of Virginia

- (1) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2021-22
- (2) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22
- (3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22
- (5) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2020-21
- (6) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2020-21



2022-23 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team NCAA Division II

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Jacob Beeninga	Minnesota State University, Moorhead	Jr.	4.00	Business
Bryce Butler	West Liberty University	Jr.	3.76	Sport Management
Matt Cartwright	University of Sioux Falls	Gr.	3.82/3.82	MBA
John Paul Kromka (1, 4, 7)	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Sr.	3.94	Mechanical Engineering
Erik Timko	Thomas Jefferson University	Jr.	3.89	Management

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Ben Gahlert	Limestone University	Jr.	4.00	Business General / Business Marketing
Jordan Janssen	Wayne State College	Gr.	3.77/3.77	Business Administration
Matt Leritz (&, 1, 4)	Bentley University	Gr.	3.96/3.85	MBA
Rowan Mackenzie	Lubbock Christian University	Sr.	3.80	Social Work
Brendan Sullivan (2, 5)	Colorado School of Mines	Gr.	3.82/3.54	Civil Engineering (UG) / Eng. & Technology Mgmt. (G)

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Austin Andrews (1)	University of Minnesota Duluth	Jr.	3.93	Civil Engineering B.S.C.E.
Antonin Kemkeng (3)	Thomas Jefferson University	Sr.	3.86	Finance
Sam Masten	Northern State University	Sr.	3.50	Business Management
Adam Moussa	Black Hills State University	Jr.	3.96	Business Administration
Ronnie Silva (3, 6)	Adelphi University	Gr.	3.71/4.00	Sport Management

College Sports Communicatore Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: John Paul Kromka, University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown

(&) – Division III Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year in 2021-22

(1) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2021-22

(2) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22

(3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22

(4) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2020-21

(5) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2020-21

(6) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2020-21

(7) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2019-20



2022-23 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team NCAA Division III

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Josh Angle (1)	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	Sr.	3.94	Economics / Finance
Kasey Draper (2)	Roanoke College	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration
Elijah Hales (3)	DePauw University	Sr.	3.97	Economics
Ryan Thissen	Saint John's University (Minn.)	Jr.	4.00	Biochemistry
Evan Thomas	Hope College	Sr.	3.88	Biology
Caleb Williams	Macalester College	Jr.	3.91	Physics

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Ryan Algier (4)	University of Rochester	Gr.	3.84/3.90	Data Sci. & Business (UG) / Business Analytics (G)
Jack Boydell	Willamette University	Sr.	3.95	Economics & Data Science (Double) (BA/MBA)
Tyson Cruickshank	Wheaton College (Illinois)	Gr.	3.54/3.65	Economics (UG) / Master's in Global Leadership (G)
Jonathan Zapinski	Elmhurst University	Sr.	3.96	Accounting & Finance

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
John Adams	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Jr.	3.87	Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Carr	Augustana College	Sr.	3.91	Accounting & Business Admin. – Management
Tyler Gouin	Marian University	Sr.	3.85	Business Administration
Tate Ivanyo	Anderson University	So.	4.00	Biology
Cael Schmitt	Coe College	Jr.	4.00	Business Admin & Computer Science

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Josh Angle, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

- (1) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2021-22
 (2) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22
 (3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22
 (4) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2020-21



2022-23 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team NAIA

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Aitor Anabitarte	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	Jr.	4.00	Mathematics & Computer Science
Riley Minix (1)	Southeastern University	Sr.	3.96	Kinesiology: Exercise Science
Jack Monis	Viterbo University	Sr.	3.92	Psychology
Jacob Vis (2)	Dordt University	Sr.	3.98	Health & Human Performance: Exercise Science
Mason Walters	University of Jamestown	Sr.	3.67	Accounting / Financial Planning & Wealth Mgmt.

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Cory Ainsworth	Cornerstone University (Mich.)	Sr.	3.70	Pre-Med
Trace Hill	Faulkner University	Gr.	3.92/4.00	Masters in Elementary Education
Jason Hubbard (2)	Taylor University	Sr.	3.51	Sport Management
Gage Smith	Concordia University (Neb.)	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration
Drew Wyman	College of Idaho	So.	4.00	Biomedical Sciences

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Riley Minix, Southeastern University

(1) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2021-22

(2) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021-22