



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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FOUR TALENTED STUDENT-ATHLETES HIGHLIGHT 2023 SOFTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas - Four CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year recipients highlight the 2022-23 CSC Softball Academic All-America® teams for NCAA Divisions I, II, and III along with the NAIA and announced Tuesday by the College Sports Communicators.

Ashley Rogers from the University of Tennessee, **Lindsey Hibbs** of Adelphi University, **Karson Saunders** of Union College and **Sydney Pelaez** of Georgia Gwinnett College are the All-America® of the Year honorees for NCAA Division I, Division II, Division III, and the NAIA, respectively.

Division I

Rogers is a kinesiology graduate student from Athens, Tennessee, with a 4.0 undergraduate and 3.96 graduate GPA and a three-time All-Southeastern Conference first team selection.

Rogers was selected as the SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was instrumental in leading the Volunteers to the SEC Softball Tournament Championship, Knoxville Regional title and to the Women's College World Series. She is one of 16 CSC Academic All-Americans competing in the Women's College World Series. In 2023, Rogers is 18-1 with a 0.75 ERA in 131.1 innings pitched with 173 strikeouts and 41 walks. She has 12 complete games and six shutouts.

Thirteen of the 35 members of the Academic All-America Division I softball teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 12 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.88.

In addition to Rogers, 10 additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division I softball team and three are three-time selections – **Montana Fouts** (University of Alabama), **Grace Lyons** (University of Oklahoma) and **Emily Young** (Stanford University). The list also includes **Tiare Jennings** (University of Oklahoma), **Kiki Milloy** (University of Tennessee), **Natalie DenHartog** (University of Minnesota), **Yannira Acuna** (Arizona State University), **Rachel Becker** (Oklahoma State University), **Allee Bunker** (University of Oregon) and **Kelly Maxwell** (Oklahoma State University).

Division II

Hibbs is a junior sport management major from Brampton, Ontario, Canada with a 3.89 GPA and was a two-time NFCA second team All-American and NE10 first team All-Conference selection.

Hibbs is the Northeast 10 Conference Pitcher of the Year and helped lead the Panthers to back-to-back NE10 Conference Championships. In 39 appearances, 32 starts, this season Hibbs went 28-5 with an NCAA Division II best 0.67 ERA with 26 complete games and 13 shutouts.

Nicole Purtell of Shepherd University was the lone three-time All-America® selection while seven additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division II softball team – **Gracey Brink** (Augustana University), **Lydia Goble** (Grand Valley State University), **Ashlyn Lerma** (Angelo State University), **Delaney Young** (Augustana University), **Keelah Griffith** (Pittsburg State University), **Clara Heislen** (Concordia-St. Paul) and **Morgan Hill** (Valdosta State University).

Fifteen of the 34 members of the Academic All-America® Division II softball teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 13 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.90.

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

Saunders, a senior outfielder from Rexford, New York, is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® selection with a 4.0 GPA as a sociology and English double major. She was also a NFCA First Team All-American, a two-time NFCA All-Region First Team honoree and three-time All-Conference selection, twice on the first team.

The 2023 Liberty League Player of the Year led the league in multiple categories this season including batting average (.528), OPS (1.364), slugging percentage (.764), and on-base percentage (.600). She led the team with 56 hits in 106 at-bats and scored a team-best 41 runs, while driving in 26 runs, stealing 22 bases and walking 19 times. She also posted the best batting average (.528) in Liberty League history, which dates back to 1995. Saunders recorded a hit in 31 of her 35 games this season, including 17 multi-hit games all while reaching base in 33 of the 35 games this season for Union. On the national level, Saunders is tied for fourth in Division III in batting average and is third in on-base percentage this year. This season, Saunders set new Union single-season records for batting average, on-base percentage and stolen bases.

Sixteen of the 37 members of the Academic All-America Division II softball teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 12 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.96.

In addition to Saunders, eight additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division III softball team – **Lindsay Ambrosino** (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), **Kaili Gross** (Case Western Reserve University), **Allie Fauth-Kilgore** (Bethel University), **Sydney Ouellette** (Texas Lutheran University), **Ashlyn Strother** (Texas Lutheran University), **Erin Askins** (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), **Katia Pendowski** (MIT) and **Kenzie Dore** (Husson University).

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 2022-23 Division III Academic All-America® program.

NAIA

Pelaez, a senior catcher from Tampa, Florida, led the Grizzlies to a fourth-straight Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) tournament championship and a trip to the NAIA World Series. She has a 3.88 GPA as a Political Science major.

Pelaez, the 2023 CAC Player of the Year and four-time all-conference selection, hit .438 this season with a 1.195 on-base plus slugging percentage. She tied for the team lead with 46 runs scored and led the team with 46 RBIs, 17 doubles and seven home runs. She recorded at least one hit in 47 of the 57 games she played.

Six of the 23 members of the Academic All-America NAIA softball teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 12 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.85.

In addition to Pelaez, who is a three-time Academic All-America® selection, five additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® NAIA softball team – **Haley Loffer** (College of Idaho), **Claire Buckley** (Arizona Christian University), **Katie Cronin** (Milligan University), **Lexi Duff** (Oklahoma City University) and **Ashton Whitman** (Indiana Wesleyan University).

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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2023 Academic All-America® Softball Team NCAA Division I

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Ashley Rogers (2,5)	University of Tennessee	4.00/3.96	Gr.	Kinesiology (UG) / Kinesiology (G)
P	Montana Fouts (1,4)	University of Alabama	3.50/3.63	Gr.	Hospitality Management
C	Kayla Kowalik	University of Kentucky	3.56	Sr.	Business Administration (G)
IF	Grace Lyons (1,5)	University of Oklahoma	3.884	Gr.	Biomedical Engineering (UG) / MBA (G)
IF	Tiare Jennings (2)	University of Oklahoma	3.59	Jr.	Sports Business
IF	Alyssa Brito	University of Oklahoma	3.83	Jr.	Human Relations
IF	Allie Skaggs	University of Arizona	3.96	Jr.	Journalism
OF	Kiki Milloy (2)	University of Tennessee	3.65	Sr.	Neuroscience
OF	Natalie DenHartog (3)	University of Minnesota	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Organizational Leadership Policy & Development (G)
OF	Yannira Acuna (3)	Arizona State University	3.66/3.67	Gr.	Liberal Studies (UG) / Communications (G)
DP	Deja Davis	Duke University	3.73	Gr.	Sociology (UG) / Environmental Management (G)

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Jordy Bahl	University of Oklahoma	3.62	So.	Multidisciplinary Studies
P	Megan Faraimo	UCLA	3.69	Sr.	Communications
C	Ally Shipman	University of Alabama	3.96/4.00	Gr.	Health Studies
C	Caitlyn Brockway	UTEP	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Rehabilitation Science
IF	Rachel Becker (3)	Oklahoma State University	3.76/4.00	Gr.	Business Administration (G)
IF	Allee Bunker (3)	University of Oregon	3.59/3.64	Gr.	Accounting
IF	Katie Keller	University of Wisconsin	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Sports Leadership
IF	Emily Young (2,6)	Stanford University	3.88	Sr.	Aeronautics & Astronautics
OF	Ashley Trierweiler	Santa Clara University	4.00	Sr.	Child Studies
OF	Chyenne Factor	Oklahoma State University	3.51/4.00	Gr.	Health Care Administration (G)
OF	Emma Schutter	University of Dayton	4.00	So.	Mechanical Engineering
DP	Morgyn Wynne	Oklahoma State University	3.77	Sr.	Strategic Comm. / Advertising & Public Relations

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Kelly Maxwell (2)	Oklahoma State University	3.63/4.00	Gr.	Health Care Administration (G)
P	Nicole May	University of Oklahoma	3.81	Jr.	Psychology
C	Riley Coyne	Miami University	3.88	Gr.	Gerontological Studies
C	Sydney Collazos	Baylor University	3.97	Jr.	Health Science Studies
IF	Emme Olson	Illinois State University	4.00	Sr.	Accounting
IF	Erin Coffel	University of Kentucky	3.62	Jr.	Kinesiology
IF	Makena Smith	University of California	3.55/4.00	Gr.	Public Health (UG) / Education (G)
IF	McKenna Gibson	University of Tennessee	3.60	So.	Sociology / Criminal Justice
OF	Alex Honnold	University of Missouri	3.91	Jr.	Parks, Recreation, & Sport / Sport Management
OF	Caroline Jacobsen	Clemson University	3.82/4.00	Gr.	Political Science (UG) / MBA (G)
OF	Katelynn Carwile	Oklahoma State University	3.78	Jr.	Applied Exercise Science / Strength & Conditioning
DP	Caroline Hudson	Liberty University	3.92	Sr.	Developmental Psychology

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Ashley Rogers, University of Tennessee

(1) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2022 | (2) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2022
(3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2022 | (4) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2021
(5) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021 | (6) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2021



2023 Academic All-America® Softball Team NCAA Division II

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Kayla Betts	Saint Leo University	3.98	Sr.	Criminal Justice (G)
P	Lindsey Hibbs	Adelphi University	3.89	Jr.	Sport Management
P	Tatum Goff	University of Texas at Tyler	3.84	Jr.	Nursing
C	Gracey Brink (1)	Augustana University	3.95	Sr.	Exercise Science
IF	Talon LaClair	Lenoir-Rhyne University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Mathematics (UG) / Teaching (G)
IF	Ashley Troutman	Rollins College	4.00	Sr.	Anthropology
IF	Savanna Brooks	Wingate University	4.00	So.	Exercise Science
IF	Lydia Goble (2)	Grand Valley State University	3.50	Sr.	Sport Management
IF	Nicole Purtell (3,4)	Shepherd University	3.93/3.75	Gr.	Business Admin. / Sociology (UG) / MBA (G)
OF	Shelby Robb	Metropolitan State University of Denver	4.00	Jr.	Sport Management
OF	Rylee Couch	Colorado Mesa University	3.87	So.	Exercise Science
OF	Logan Menzies	Colorado Christian University	3.96	Sr.	Psychology
DP	Ava Caputo	Saint Anselm College	4.00	Jr.	Biology

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Lauren Dixon	University of Minnesota Duluth	3.98	Jr.	Chemical Engineering
C	Kenzie Middleton	Colorado Christian University	3.74	Jr.	Business
IF	Tiarra Delrosario	Lubbock Christian University	4.00	Sr.	Mathematics
IF	Jamie Roberts	Frostburg State	4.00	So.	Law & Society
IF	Ashlyn Lerma (2)	Angelo State University	3.95/4.00	Gr.	Finance (UG) / MBA (G)
IF	Michelle Arias	University of Texas at Tyler	4.00	Jr.	Business Administration
OF	Taylor Shingler	Maryville University	4.00	Gr.	MBA (G)
OF	Morgan Hill (1)	Valdosta State University	3.97	Sr.	Health Science
OF	Megan Nichols	University of Indianapolis	3.89	So.	Nursing
DP	Kamryn Eaton	Mississippi College	3.56	Sr.	Kinesiology
DP	Calli Wibbenmeyer	Rockhurst University	3.94/4.00	Gr.	Elementary Education (UG) / Educational Studies (G)

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Kenzee Smith	University of Indianapolis	3.59	Jr.	Nursing
P	Caleigh Rister	PennWest, California	4.00	So.	Education
P	Hannah Harrison	Pittsburg State University	4.00	Jr.	History
C	Keaolani Takemura	Chaminade University	3.92	Jr.	Psychology
IF	Taylor Robinson	University of Montevallo	4.00	Sr.	Exercise & Nutrition Science
IF	Delaney Young (3)	Augustana University	3.70	Sr.	Business Administration
IF	Sydni Hawkins	Missouri Western State University	3.80	Sr.	Business Administration (UG) / MBA (G)
OF	Keelah Griffith (1)	Pittsburg State University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Recreation Services, Sport & Hospitality Mgmt.
OF	Courtney Wengryn	Adelphi University	3.89	Jr.	Marketing
OF	Clara Heislen (2)	Concordia-St. Paul	3.98	Sr.	Health & Physical Education

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Lindsey Hibbs, Adelphi University

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(3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2022 | (4) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021



2023 Academic All-America® Softball Team NCAA Division III

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	McKenna Smith	Husson University	3.92	Sr.	Biology
P	Anna Koeppel	Trine University	3.98	Sr.	English Education
C	Maddie Luderman	Simpson College	3.83	Sr.	Neuroscience
IF	Lindsay Ambrosino (1)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Electrical & Computer Engineering
IF	Alyssa Borozan	Montclair State University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Clinical Mental Health Counseling (G)
IF	Mackenzie Bivin	MIT	4.00	So.	Business Analytics
IF	KaiLi Gross (3)	Case Western Reserve University	4.00	Jr.	Biomedical Engineering
IF	Morgan Frye	Berry College	3.85	Jr.	Environmental Science
OF	Karson Saunders (3)	Union College	4.00	Sr.	Sociology / English
OF	Allie Fauth-Kilgore (3)	Bethel University	3.98/4.00	Gr.	Elementary Education (UG) / Counseling (G)
OF	Grace Salaja	Milwaukee School of Engineering	4.00	Sr.	Electrical Engineering
DP	Grace Houghton	Loras College	3.94	Sr.	Mathematics

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Sydney Ouellette (3)	Texas Lutheran University	4.00	Sr.	Business Administration & Accounting
P	Ashlyn Strother (2)	Texas Lutheran University	3.63	Sr.	Accounting
C	Candace Kipp	Rockford University	4.00/3.96	Gr.	MAT
IF	Erin Askins (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	3.87/4.00	Gr.	Civil Engineering
IF	Kaili Saathoff	Linfield University	4.00	So.	Mathematics
IF	Karson Bagelmann	Adrian College	4.00	Jr.	Political Science
OF	Grace Heath	University of Mount Union	3.95	Sr.	Accounting & Finance
OF	Natalie Ritchey	Huntingdon College	3.80	Sr.	Business Administration
OF	Hannah Biddlecome	Calvin University	3.51/3.52	Gr.	Media & Strategic Communication
OF	Kaci Neveling	The College of New Jersey	3.96	Sr.	School Counseling
DP	Katia Pendowski (1)	MIT	4.00	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Grason Long	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	4.00	Sr.	Nursing
P	Charli Shinstine	Manhattanville College	3.64	Sr.	English Literature / Creative Writing
C	Tyler Miller	Emory University	3.98	Sr.	Nursing
C	Anna Jackson	Berry College	3.54	Jr.	Nursing
IF	Mattea Nelson	Whitworth University	4.00	Gr.	Marriage & Family Counseling (G)
IF	Jordyn McCormack	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	3.90	Jr.	Psychology
IF	Maleea Gallaspy	John Jay College	3.92	So.	Forensic Psychology
IF	Kenzie Dore (1)	Husson University	3.99	Jr.	Criminal Justice
IF	Mackenzie Latess	Westminster College	3.87	Sr.	Early Childhood Education / Special Education
OF	Mary Frances Ellis	East Texas Baptist University	4.00	So.	Finance
OF	Kami Anson	Grinnell College	3.98	Jr.	Psychology
OF	Lexie Leggett	Capital University	3.86	Sr.	Intervention Education
OF	Mackenzie Doyle	Springfield College	3.69	Sr.	Sport Management
DP	Ashley Croft	East Texas Baptist University	3.89	Sr.	Rehabilitative Science

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Karson Saunders, Union College

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(3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2022



2023 Academic All-America® Softball Team NAIA

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Ella Schouten	Columbia College (Mo.)	3.81	Jr.	Childhood Development
P	Kacie Schmidt	Oregon Tech	3.7	Jr.	Civil Engineering
C	Sydney Pelaez (1,3)	Georgia Gwinnett College	3.88	Sr.	Political Science
IF	Haley Loffer (2)	College of Idaho	3.80/4.00	Gr.	Accounting (UG) / Sports Administration (G)
IF	Kaila Mick	Oregon Tech	3.92	Sr.	Dental Hygiene
IF	Claire Buckley (1)	Arizona Christian University	3.89	Sr.	Interdisciplinary Studies
IF	Payton Lewis	Concordia University Ann Arbor	3.71	So.	Elementary Education
IF	Camryn Scott	Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College	3.55/3.70	Gr.	Psychology (UG) / Leadership Development (G)
OF	Katie Cronin (1)	Milligan University	3.89	Sr.	Nursing
OF	Emily Prai	Midland University	4.00	Jr.	Accounting
OF	Shannon McAlinden	Concordia University Ann Arbor	3.84	Jr.	Sport & Entertainment Business
DP	Kate Pendleton	Milligan University	3.81	Sr.	Exercise Science

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Abby Kraemer	Dordt University	3.61	Sr.	Agriculture & Animal Science
P	Lexi Duff (2)	Oklahoma City University	3.65	Sr.	Biomedical Sciences / Exercise Science
P	Aliyah Rincon	Midland University	3.83	Jr.	Nursing
C	Ashton Whitman (2)	Indiana Wesleyan University	3.96/4.00	Gr.	Business Administration
IF	Katie Smith	Central Baptist College	4.00	So.	Accounting
IF	Carly Oliver	University of the Cumberland	3.77	Jr.	Nursing
IF	Elisa Koshy	Indiana Wesleyan University	3.61	Sr.	Business Administration
OF	Kylee Pettit	Mount Vernon Nazarene University	3.77	Sr.	Biology
OF	Lexi Klum	Oregon Tech	4.00	Jr.	Applied Psychology
OF	Kaylie Sippel	University of St. Francis (IL)	4.00	Sr.	Biology
DP	Athena Wheeler	Columbia College (Mo.)	3.91	Jr.	Elementary Education

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Sydney Pelaez, Georgia Gwinnett College

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 (2) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2022
 (3) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2021