



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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

AUSTIN, Texas – Four standouts headline a group of outstanding student-athletes named to the 2023 Academic All-America® baseball teams as selected by College Sports Communicators (CSC).

Jake Gelof from the University of Virginia, **Alex Epp** from William Jewell College, **Tyler Horvat** of Washington & Jefferson College, and **Eric Maffie** from University of St. Francis (Ill.) are the All-America® of the Year honorees for NCAA Division I, Division II, Division III, and the NAIA, respectively.

Division I
Gelof, from Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, mans third base for Virginia. The junior is a media studies major with a 3.54 cumulative grade-point average. A first team Academic All-America® selection in 2022 for the Cavaliers, he earns the honor again in 2023.

Recently named a 2023 All-American by *Collegiate Baseball*, Gelof has already become Virginia's career leader in home runs and leads the Cavaliers this season in round trippers with 22. A semifinalist for this year's Golden Spikes Award for the top collegiate baseball player, Gelof has broken his own UVA single-season record for RBI this year.

Seven members of this year's Academic All-America® Division I baseball team are earning a recognition for at least the second time, including one honoree that was a Division II selection in 2022. **Jonathan Fincher** of Louisiana Tech is the lone member of this year's Academic All-America® Division I baseball team to earn the recognition for a third time. He has third team honors this year and also in 2021, to go with second team recognition in 2022. Joining Gelof as two-time Division I honorees on this year's squad are: **John Bakke** (Morehead State University), **Ryan Galanie** (Wofford College), **Kyle Gurney** (Bowling Green State University), and **Jacob McKeon** (Washington State University). Outfielder **Nick Brassington** from Queens University of Charlotte is a third team selection on this year's Division I squad after earning a Third Team selection to the Division II team in 2022.

The 35-man team had a 3.80 average GPA with the first team checking in at 3.83. Five of the 10 student-athletes with perfect 4.0 cumulative GPAs this year are first team honorees.

Division II
Epp is a senior civil engineering major from Wichita, Kansas, and is a repeat first team selection. He holds a 3.91 cumulative GPA.

Epp, a shortstop for William Jewell, was recently named a second team All-American by the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association. He broke his own school single-season record for batting average with a mark of .435 at the plate this season. He led the team with 16 doubles, eight home runs and 49 RBI. He also broke the single-season record with 48 walks while having 21 multi-hit games. Epp earned First Team All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors along with all-region accolades from D2CCA, ABCA and the NCBWA.

Epp is one of six repeat selections from the 2022 Academic All-America® Division II baseball team. He is joined by these returning selections: **Corey Avant** (Wingate University), **Lewis Beals** (Hillsdale College), **Harrison Rodgers** (Colorado Mesa University), **Cody Smith** (Harding University), and **Greyson Stevens** (Henderson State University).

The Division II team boasts a 3.81 average GPA with a 3.89 average for the first team. Seven of the 36 Division II selections have a cumulative 4.0 grade point average.

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
Horvat hails from Irwin, Pennsylvania. A finance major at Washington & Jefferson, he has a 3.99 cumulative GPA. He is a pitcher and outfielder for the Presidents, earning five All-America awards in his career, including selection this season by both the American Baseball Coaches Association and D3baseball.com as a utility player.

He was named the Presidents' Athletic Conference Pitcher and Player of the Year. On the mound this year, Horvat posted an 11-3 record, with career-highs of 82 strikeouts and 93-1/3 innings. He compiled a 29-4 career record to establish a new school record with 29 career wins. He patrolled centerfield for W&J when he wasn't on the mound. Horvat hit .387 this year, scoring 54 runs from the leadoff spot. He set a school single-season record with 30 stolen bases this year, and his 62 career steals are also a school record.

Horvat is one of two members of the Division III team earning their third career selection to the Division III Academic All-America® Team. He earned first team honors this year and in 2022 to go with second team recognition in 2021. **Luke Werkmeister-Martin** (Willamette) is a three-time honoree with third team honors this year and in 2021 to go with second team accolades in 2022. The duo is part of a group of 10 selections on this year's squad that were also on the 2022 Academic All-America® Division III baseball team. They are joined by: **Carter Ballstadt** (Piedmont University), **Pearce Bucher** (Shenandoah University), **Cormac Madigan** (Ripon College), **Evan Sante** (Washington & Jefferson), **Justin Sartori** (Aurora University), **Teddy Schoenfeld** (MIT), **Luke Vonderhaar** (Baldwin Wallace University), and **Ricky Voss** (New Jersey City University).

The Division III team boasts an overall average GPA of 3.846 with a 3.92 average for the first team. Nine student-athletes boast 4.0 GPAs.

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NAIA

Maffie, from Coal Valley, Illinois, is currently a graduate student majoring in business administration with a 4.00 cumulative GPA. He earned his undergraduate degree from St. Francis (Ill.) in marketing with a 3.89 GPA.

Maffie was named the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year this spring, winning the award for the second-consecutive season. The outfielder helped lead the Fighting Saints to the NAIA National Tournament with team highs of 20 home runs, 24 doubles, 62 RBI, 58 runs scored, and a .383 batting average.

Maffie is a first team honoree on the NAIA Academic All-America® baseball team for the second-consecutive year. **Nick Olsen** (Lawrence Tech), a second team honoree this year, is the other repeat selection joining Maffie following second team recognition in 2022.

The 22-man NAIA team has a 3.89 average GPA with the first team checking in at 3.93.

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® Baseball Team NCAA Division I

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P Rhett Lowder	Wake Forest University	3.50	Jr.	Economics
P Jesse Barker	University of Central Arkansas	4.00	Sr.	General Science
C Lucas McNew	University of Southern Indiana	4.00/3.81	Gr.	Management (UG)/Business Administration (G)
IF JJ Wetherholt	West Virginia University	3.87	So.	Finance
IF Dylan Ditzenberger	University of New Mexico	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Liberal Arts
IF Brock Vradenburg	Michigan State University	3.74	Jr.	Advertising Management
IF Nolan Schanuel	Florida Atlantic University	3.61	Jr.	Pre-Business
IF Jake Gelof (1)	University of Virginia	3.54	Jr.	Media Studies
OF Angelo Dispigna	Georgia Tech	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Business Administration
OF RJ Schreck	Vanderbilt University	3.76/4.00	Gr.	Computer Science (UG)/Human Dev. Studies (G)
OF Jake DeLeo	Georgia Tech	3.91	Jr.	Business Administration
DH Jacob McKeon (2)	Washington State University	3.95	Sr.	Kinesiology

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P Ben Ferrer	Oregon State University	4.00/3.66	Gr.	Economics & Finance (UG)/Corporate Finance & Business Analytics
P Simon Miller	University of Texas at San Antonio	3.60	Jr.	Cyber Intelligence
C Kyle Gurney (1)	Bowling Green State University	3.91	Sr.	Business Analytics & Intelligence
C Calvin Harris	Ole Miss	3.54	Jr.	Entrepreneurship
IF Owen Cobb	Stanford University	3.87	Sr.	Management Science & Engineering
IF Ryan Galanie (3)	Wofford College	3.80	Sr.	Computer Science & Spanish
IF Carter Graham	Stanford University	3.58	Jr.	Science, Technology & Society
OF Jared Wegner	University of Arkansas	3.50/3.80	Gr.	Mgmt. Social Enterprise & Marketing (UG)/Operations Mgmt. (G)
OF Jackson Gray	University of Kentucky	3.80/3.80	Gr.	Finance
OF Homer Bush Jr.	Grand Canyon University	3.92	Jr.	Sports Management
DH Jeremiah Boyd	Middle Tennessee	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Sports Management

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P John Bakke (3)	Morehead State University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Sports Management
P Chase Dollander	University of Tennessee	3.78	Jr.	Recreation & Sport Management
P Jonathan Fincher (2, #)	Louisiana Tech University	3.92	Sr.	Biology/Kinesiology & Health Sciences
C Ryan Campos	Arizona State University	3.58	So.	Liberal Studies
IF John Giesler	Georgia Tech	4.00	Jr.	Business Administration
IF Riley Cheek	Queens University of Charlotte	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Business
IF Travis Bazzana	Oregon State University	3.55	So.	Psychology
IF William Sullivan	Troy University	3.73	Sr.	Exercise Science
OF Ian Cleary	Oakland University	4.00	Sr.	Biomedical Sciences
OF Nick Brassington (3)	Queens University of Charlotte	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Business
OF Eddie Park	Stanford University	3.68	Jr.	Management Science & Engineering
DH Slade Wilks	University of Southern Mississippi	3.52	Jr.	Business Administration

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Jake Gelof, University of Virginia

(1) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2022

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

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

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



2023 Academic All-America® Baseball Team NCAA Division II

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Edward Berry	Rollins College	4.00	So.	Economics
C	Billy Sullivan	Southern Connecticut State University	3.69	Sr.	Sport Management
IF	Alex Epp (1)	William Jewell College	3.91	Sr.	Civil Engineering
IF	Jake Williams	Metropolitan State University of Denver	3.95	Gr.	Sport Management (UG)/Business Administration (G)
IF	Harrison Rodgers (3)	Colorado Mesa University	3.92	Sr.	Sport Management
IF	Ethan Bedgood	University of Texas at Tyler	3.96	Jr.	Accounting
OF	Garret Nielsen	Colorado School of Mines	3.88/3.61	Gr.	Business (UG)/Engineering & Technology Mgmt. (G)
OF	G. Allen	Ouachita Baptist University	3.96	Jr.	Christian Studies
OF	Lewis Beals (2)	Hillsdale College	4.00	Sr.	Biochemistry
DH	Isaac Nett	Southwest Minnesota State University	3.93	Jr.	Agricultural Business & Finance

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Cole Hillier	Point Loma	3.89	Sr.	Exercise & Sports Science
P	Karter Fitzpatrick	Wayne State University	3.77	Sr.	Civil Engineering
C	Garrett Nepert	Lock Haven University	3.86	Sr.	Health & Physical Education
IF	Sam Kuchinski	University of Montevallo	3.57	Sr.	Exercise & Nutrition Science
IF	Matt Marlow	Regis University	3.82	Sr.	Business Administration
IF	Brooks Sunny	Drury University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Business Administration
IF	Carson Ogilvie	Lubbock Christian University	3.86	Jr.	Finance
OF	Christian Jayne	UNC Pembroke	3.50/3.80	Gr.	Business Administration
OF	Cody Smith (3)	Harding University	3.97/4.00	Gr.	Management & Business Ethics
OF	Ed Scott	Fort Hays State University	3.93	Sr.	Technology Studies/Management
OF	Greyson Stevens (1)	Henderson State University	3.97/3.63	Gr.	Health & Human Performance (UG)/Engineering Mgmt. (G)
DH	Casey O'Laughlin	Azusa Pacific University	3.75/3.58	Gr.	Business Administration

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Brandon Bergert	Seton Hill University	3.76	Jr.	Accounting/Finance
P	Corey Avant (3)	Wingate University	4.00	Jr.	Mathematics
C	Rhett Jolly	Newberry College	3.70	Jr.	Health Professions
IF	Jakob Christian	Point Loma	3.66	So.	Business Administration
IF	Brevin McCool	Lubbock Christian University	4.00	So.	Biology
IF	Nico Hartojo	Cal State Monterey Bay	3.88	Sr.	Computer Science
IF	Caleb Thomason	Colorado Mesa University	4.00	Jr.	Mass Communications
IF	Scott Anderson	Point Loma	3.72	Sr.	Computer Science
IF	Cal James	University of Mary	3.98	Sr.	Business Administration
IF	Casey Yamauchi	University of Hawaii at Hilo	3.73	Sr.	Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences/Communication
IF	Reed Latimer	University of Montevallo	3.54	Sr.	Mathematics
OF	John Nett	St. Cloud State University	3.55	Jr.	Finance
OF	Michael Gould	Maryville University (Mo.)	3.57	Jr.	Sport Business Management
DH	Carson Boles	Lincoln Memorial University	3.52	So.	Business

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Alex Epp, William Jewell College

(1) - 1st team Academic All-America® in 2022

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

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



2023 Academic All-America® Baseball Team NCAA Division III

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Tyler Horvat (1,%)	Washington & Jefferson College	3.99	Sr.	Finance/Accounting
P	Charlie Fleming	Denison University	3.84	Sr.	Health, Exercise, & Sport Studies
C	Harrison Poeszat	Kalamazoo College	3.96	Sr.	Chemistry
IF	Justin Sartori (1)	Aurora University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Finance & Business Admin. (UG)/Business Admin. (G)
IF	Noah Campabelli	St. John Fisher University	3.93	Sr.	Finance/Accounting
IF	Luke Vonderhaar (2)	Baldwin Wallace University	3.98	Sr.	Accounting
IF	Michael Newsom	Spalding University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Business Communication
OF	Matthew Carlsen	Bethel University (Minn.)	4.00	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering
OF	Matthew Cooper	Johns Hopkins University	3.54	Sr.	Economics
OF	Kyle McCausland	Middlebury College	3.92	So.	Economics & Computer Science
DH	Graham Cartwright	MIT	3.92	Sr.	Computer Science/Economics/Business Analytics

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Gabe Van Emon	Endicott College	3.85	Sr.	Business Management
P	John Gassler	New York University	3.96/4.00	Gr.	Biomolecular Science (UG)/Biotechnology (G)
C	Jack Anderson	Case Western Reserve University	3.66	Sr.	Mechanical Engineering
IF	Pearce Bucher (3)	Shenandoah University	3.70/3.57	Gr.	Doctor of Physical Therapy
IF	DJ Perron	UMass-Dartmouth	3.59	Sr.	Crime & Justice Studies
IF	Clayton Miller	Washington University in St. Louis	4.00	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering
IF	Ari Fierer	Denison University	3.98	Sr.	Psychology
OF	Ryan Murray	Mount St. Joseph University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Math, Web & Mobile App Dev., Computer Sci. (UG)/MBA (G)
OF	Caleb Shpur	Endicott College	3.62	Sr.	Finance & Applied Mathematics
OF	Jacob Ambuel	Aurora University	3.80	Sr.	Business Administration
OF	Ricky Voss (2)	New Jersey City University	3.77/3.58	Gr.	Finance (UG)/Business Analytics (G)
OF	Carter Ballstad (1)	Piedmont University	3.74/3.70	Gr.	Business Analytics (UG)/Business Admin. (G)
DH	Brett Kiger	Beloit College	3.55	Sr.	Physics

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Tyler Horvath	Case Western Reserve University	4.00	Jr.	Finance
P	Nolan Sparks	University of Rochester	3.92	Jr.	Neuroscience & Business
P	Kyle Lambert	Ithaca College	3.75	Sr.	Business Administration
P	Jacob Bell	Shenandoah University	3.86	Sr.	Sports Management
C	Hunter Strong	Spalding University	4.00	So.	Health Science
IF	Julian Sanders	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	3.78	Jr.	Mathematics and Computer Science
IF	Michael Kasik	Concordia University Chicago	3.98	So.	Accounting
IF	Dylan Joyce	University of Puget Sound	3.71	Sr.	Business Leadership/Economics
IF	Zack Carinci	Case Western Reserve University	3.90	Jr.	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
IF	Luke Werkmeister-Martin (2, #)	Willamette University	3.97	Sr.	Data Science & Economics (UG)/Data Science (G)
OF	Evan Sante (1)	Washington & Jefferson College	3.90	Sr.	Biochemistry
OF	Cormac Madigan (3)	Ripon College	4.00	Sr.	Chemistry/Biology
OF	Nick Harms	Case Western Reserve University	3.94	So.	Computer Science
OF	Teddy Schoenfeld (3)	MIT	3.84	Jr.	Computer Science/Neuroscience
OF	Gavin Horning	Shenandoah University	3.63	Sr.	Criminal Justice
DH	Henry Pelinski	Emory University	3.68	Sr.	Business Administration

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Tyler Horvat, Washington & Jefferson College

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 (2) - 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2022
 (3) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2022
 (%) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2021
 (#) - 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2021



2023 Academic All-America® Baseball Team NAIA

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Austin Dill	Evangel University	3.75	Gr.	Organizational Leadership/Spanish
P	Dan Fick	Columbia College (Mo.)	3.77	Sr.	Accounting
C	Ben Berg	Concordia University (Neb.)	3.98	Sr.	Secondary Education
IF	Jonah Hultberg	College of Idaho	3.94	Sr.	Mathematics/Physics
IF	Raphy Almanzar	University of the Cumberland	4.00	Sr.	Business Administration
IF	Zachary Spradlin	Ottawa University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	MBA-Leadership Development
IF	Jesse Garcia	Concordia University (Neb.)	3.65/4.00	Gr.	Criminal Justice (UG)/Business Administration (G)
IF	Tyler Horner	Oregon Tech	4.00	So.	Mechanical Engineering
OF	RJ Stinson	William Carey University	4.00	Jr.	Physical Education
OF	Eric Maffie (1)	University of St. Francis (Ill.)	3.89/4.00	Gr.	Marketing (UG)/Business Administration (G)
OF	Blane Besse	Missouri Baptist University	3.73	Sr.	Business Administration
DH	Sujel Arias	University of the Cumberland	3.93	Sr.	Business Admin./Strategic Communications

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
P	Kelton Lachelt	Mid-America Christian University	4.00	Sr.	Business & Ethics
P	Jake Ostrowski	Trinity Christian College	3.65	Sr.	Finance
C	Logan Hulette	Milligan University	4.00	Sr.	Business
IF	Jake Lycette	William Carey University	3.92	Jr.	Biology
IF	Dane Smitz	Aquinas College	3.99	Sr.	Biology
IF	Kade Vander Molen	Taylor University	3.79	Sr.	Exercise Science
OF	Jake Collins	Cornerstone University (Mich.)	3.81	Sr.	Accounting/Business Finance
OF	Kaleb Kolpien	Taylor University	3.69	So.	Management
OF	Nick Olsen (2)	Lawrence Technological University	4.00	Jr.	Nursing
DH	Nick George	William Penn University	3.72	Jr.	Sociology

College Sports Communicators Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Eric Maffie, University of St. Francis (IL)

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