

## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY COLLEGE SPORTS COMMUNICATORS

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## TWO-TIME WINNER NATALIE BRUNS JOINED BY KIKI IRIAFEN, GRACE FOSTER, AND LILLI FRASURE TO HIGHLIGHT WOMEN'S BASKETBALLACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAMS

**AUSTIN**, **Texas** – The College Sports Communicators (CSC) announced Wednesday the 2024-25 Academic All-America® women's basketball teams for NCAA Division I-II-III and NAIA, headlined by University of Southern California's **Kiki Iriafen**, **Grace Foster** from Lubbock Christian University, New York University's **Natalie Bruns**, and **Lilli Frasure** of Indiana Wesleyan University.

Iriafen (Division I), Foster (Division II), Bruns (Division III) and Frasure (NAIA) have each been named the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year award winners for their respective divisions.

Four members of the Division I Academic All-America® team were selected in the WNBA Draft on April 14 led by DI Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year **Kiki Iriafen** of USC, who was the fourth player selected in the first round by the Washington Mystics. Alabama's **Sarah Ashlee Barker** was the ninth player selected in the first round by the Los Angeles Sparks. Two players were picked in the third round, Kansas State's **Serena Sundell** was the 26th overall pick by the Seattle Storm and Gonzaga University's **Yvonne Ejim** was the 33rd overall pick by the Indiana Fever.

#### **Division I**

A power forward from Los Angeles, Iriafen has been named the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for Division I. The senior carries a 3.54 GPA while pursuing her graduate degree in entrepreneurship and innovation at USC, after earning an undergraduate degree from Stanford in design engineering with a 3.52 GPA. She led the Trojans to the program's first regular-season conference title since 1994, their highest AP ranking since 1984, and an NCAA Elite Eight appearance in 2024-25. She was named to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-America Team, in addition to being named to the AP and United States Basketball Writers Association All-America Third Teams. Iriafen was also a unanimous selection to the 2025 All-Big Ten First Team. She finished the season with 12 double-doubles and averaged 18.0 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, while shooting 49 percent from the floor. She ranked 15th in the nation with 4.1 offensive rebounds per game and 38th with 142 free throws made. Iriafen's other national honors include the Wade Watch List, Naismith Trophy Watch List, Wooden Award Watch List, and is a repeat finalist for the Katrina McClain Power Forward of the Year award.

Three of the 15 members of the Academic All-America® Division I women's basketball teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The six members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.72, with the entire Division I team holding a collective average GPA of 3.79.

Four student-athletes were repeat selection on the Academic All-America® Division I team. **Raegan Beers** of the University of Oklahoma and **Yvonne Ejim** of Gonzaga University earned second team honors last season, while **Morgan Maly** of Creighton University earned third team honors. **Lauren Ross** of Purdue Fort Wayne was a third team honoree during the 2022-23 season.

## **Division II**

Foster has been named the Academic All-America® of the Year for Division II after being named to the first team last season. The senior forward carries a perfect 4.0 GPA while pursuing her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. A native of Childress, Texas, Foster is a three-time WBCA All-America selection. She was the 2024-25 Lone Star Conference Most Valuable Player and Academic Player of the Year after leading the Lady Chaparrals to a 32-4 record an appearance in the Elite Eight. She finished the year averaging 20.1 points per game, which ranks 11th nationally. She ranks fourth nationally with 233 field goals made while shooting 48.9% from the field. From beyond the arc, Foster ranks ninth nationally shooting 42.6% and at the free-throw line she made 89.4%, which ranked seventh nationally. Her 723 points and 177 free throws made both set a new single-season program record, while her 2,018 career points are also a program record.

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 2024-25 Division II Academic All-America® program.

Six of the 16 members of the Academic All-America® Division II women's basketball teams sustain an unblemished 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.86, with the entire Division II team maintaining a collective average GPA of 3.91.

Five other student-athletes joined Foster as repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division II team, **Sage Hawley** (Harding University), **Ashley Ingram** (Texas Woman's University), **Audrey Ramsey** (University of Tampa), **Olivia Reed Thune** (Colorado Mesa University) and **Emilee Weakley** (Frostburg State). Ramsey becomes a three-time honoree having earned third team honors in 2022-23.

### **Division III**

Bruns becomes the second player to repeat as the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for Division III. The graduate student from St. Louis, Missouri holds a 4.0 GPA as she pursues her master's degree in cybersecurity, after earning her undergraduate degree also in business & technology management with a 3.9 GPA. The forward has led NYU to back-to-back national championships and a pair of perfect 31-0 seasons. At the Division III Final Four she earned the NCAA Elite 90 Award. Most recently she was named the Jostens Trophy winner to go along with being named the WBCA Division III Player of the Year, the D3hoops.com Player of the Year, and the University Athletic Association Player of the Year. Bruns finished the year averaging 17.2 points, 6.5 rebounds, 5.2 assists, and 2.9 steals per game. Her 91 blocks ranked second in the nation, the 163 assists were third, and her 112 steals were fifth. She also ranked eighth in the county in field goal percentage, shooting 58.8 percent.

The Division III Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CSC with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2024-25 Division III Academic All-America® program.

Three of the 15 members of the Academic All-America® Division III women's basketball teams claim a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.89, with the entire Division III team retaining a collective average GPA of 3.85.

Joining Bruns as repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division III team are Lauren Huber (Illinois Wesleyan University), Olivia Rangel (Carroll University), Kasey Schipfer (Ohio Wesleyan University), and Zoë Tomlinson (Colorado College).

### NAIA

A guard from Winamac, Indiana, Frasure has been named the Academic All-America® of the Year for NAIA after also earning first team honors as season ago. The senior maintains a 3.98 GPA while pursuing her degree in elementary education. She led Indiana Wesleyan to an NAIA Runner-Up finish and a 34-3 record. She was named an NAIA All-American First Team honoree for the second consecutive season after averaging 18.1 points, 7.6 rebounds, and 4.4 assists. Her 88 steals ranked 17th in the nation. She is a four-time All-Crossroads League First Team selection.

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 2024-25 NAIA Academic All-America® program.

Four of the 11 members of the Academic All-America® NAIA women's basketball teams maintain an impeccable 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.92, with the entire NAIA team carrying a collective average GPA of 3.92.

Frasure's IWU teammate Jessica Carrothers joins her as a repeat selection on the Academic All-America® NAIA team along with Mak Hatcliff (Doane University). Molly Schany (Northwestern College) and Jaycie Jenkins (Milligan University) also garnered their second Academic All-America® honors, with Schany earning second team accolades in 2022-23 and Jenkins being named to the second team in 2021-22.

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

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# 2024-25 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NCAA Division I

Mathematics & Data Science Specialization

## **NCAA DIVISION I**

## CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Kiki Iriafen, USC

South Dakota State University

### **FIRST TEAM**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Sarah Ashlee Barker	University of Alabama	Gr.	3.63/3.75	Sport Management
Raegan Beers (2)	University of Oklahoma	So.	3.51	Multidisciplinary Studies
Katie Dinnebier	Drake University	Sr.	3.74	Pharmacy
Kiki Iriafen	USC	Sr.	3.52/3.54	Entrepreneurship & Innovation (G)
Peyton McDaniel	James Madison University	R-Jr.	3.96/4.00	Adult Education & Human Resource Development
Kiki Rice	UCLA	Jr.	3.85	Education
SECOND TEAM				
Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Kelsey Rees	Oregon State	Gr.	3.97/3.93	Bioengineering
Morgan Maly (3)	Creighton University	Sr.	3.93	Exercise Science
Lauren Ross (6)	Purdue Fort Wayne	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Organizational Leadership
Serena Sundell	Kansas State	Sr.	3.84/3.83	Business Administration (G)

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Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Yvonne Ejim (2)	Gonzaga University	Sr.	3.60	Human Physiology
Emily Ryan	Iowa State University	Sr.	3.56	Kinesiology and Health
Addy Brown	Iowa State University	So.	3.79	Business Management
Amaya Battle	University of Minnesota	Jr.	3.73	Sociology

<sup>(2) = 2</sup>nd team Academic All-America® in 2023-24

<sup>(3) = 3</sup>rd team Academic All-America® in 2023-24

<sup>(6) = 3</sup>rd team Academic All-America® in 2022-23



## 2024-25 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NCAA Division II

## **NCAA DIVISION II**

## **CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Grace Foster, Lubbock Christian University**

### **FIRST TEAM**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Rylie Bisballe	Grand Valley State University	R-Sr.	3.71	Accounting
Grace Foster (1)	Lubbock Christian University	Sr.	4.00	Criminal Justice
Olivia Reed Thyne (3)	Colorado Mesa University	Jr.	3.93	Fitness & Health Promotion
Bri Stoltzman	Southwest Minnesota State University	Sr.	3.80	Exercise Science
Emilee Weakley (2)	Frostburg State	Sr.	3.89	Business Administration
SECOND TEAM				
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Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Leslie Huffman	Fairmont State University	Jr.	3.96	Nursing
Ashley Ingram (1)	Texas Woman's University	Sr.	3.87	Kinesiology & Pre-Occupational Therapy
Mia Kalich	Seton Hill	So.	4.00	Engineering Mathematics
Audrey Ramsey (2)(6)	University of Tampa	Gr.	4.00/3.70	Business Administration (U) / Cybersecurity (G)
Katie Wagner DeGarmo	Fort Hays State University	Gr.	3.87/4.00	Business Administration
Lili Wilken	The University of Alabama in Huntsville	Jr.	3.98	Chemistry

### **THIRD TEAM**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Lydia Haack	Concordia-St. Paul	Jr.	3.98	Biology
Sage Hawley (5)	Harding University	Gr.	3.79	Information Systems
Zoe Miller	Ashland University	Sr.	3.89	Psychology
Caitlynn Daniels	Drury University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Communications
Kamryn Wadsworth	University of Sioux Falls	So.	4.00	Elementary Education

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# 2024-25 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NCAA Division III

## **NCAA DIVISION III**

## **CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:** Natalie Bruns, New York University

FIRST TEAM				
Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Natalie Bruns (1)(6)	New York University	Gr.	3.90/4.00	Business & Technology Management/Cybersecurity
Kacie Carollo	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Sr.	3.88	Business
Lauren Huber (2)	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sr.	3.69	Biology
Kasey Schipfer (1)	Ohio Wesleyan University	Gr.	3.92	Exercise Science & Psychology
Zoë Tomlinson (2)	Colorado College	Sr.	3.94	Mathematical Economics
SECOND TEAM				
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Name	School
Michaela O'Neil	Johns Hopkins University
Catherine Or	Carnegie Mellon University
Belle Pellecchia	New York University
Cam Lexow	Gallaudet University
Alexa Mustafaj	Middlebury College

THIRD TEAM	
Name	School
Olivia Rangel (3)	Carroll University
Kaci Kranson	University of Scranton
Mallory Powers	Illinois Wesleyan Univer
Nina Branchizio	The College of New Jers

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Mallory Powers	Illinois Wesleyan University
Nina Branchizio	The College of New Jersey
Tova Gelb	Vassar College
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Sr.	3.68	Communications & Spanish
Jr.	3.60	Kinesiology
Sr.	3.53	Kinesiology & Allied Health
Sr.	3.97	Speech Pathology & Audiology
Sr.	3.90	Biology

Sociology

4.00/4.00 Psychology

Molecular & Cellular Biology

Journalism & Environmental Studies

Mechanical Engineering



# 2024-25 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NAIA

## **NAIA**

## **CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:** Lilli Frasure, Indiana Wesleyan University

### **FIRST TEAM**

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Morgan Baird	Southern Oregon University	Sr.	3.96/4.00	Business Administration (G)
Jessica Carrothers (2)	Indiana University Northwest	Jr.	3.84	Criminal Justice
Lilli Frasure (1)	Indiana Wesleyan University	Sr.	3.98	Elementary Education
Kassie Monday	University of the Cumberlands	Gr.	3.80/4.00	Exercise & Sport Science
Macy Sievers	Dordt University	Jr.	3.83	Education

## **SECOND TEAM**

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	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	
	Korynn Clason	Sterling College	Sr.	3.84	Pre-Physical Therapy	
	Mak Hatcliff (2)	Doane University	Sr.	3.84	Pre-Medicine	
	Jaycie Jenkins (8)	Milligan University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Education	
	Molly Schany (5)	Northwestern College	Sr.	4.00	Physical Education	
	Janie Van Donge	Dordt University	Sr.	3.80	Exercise Science	
	Tabor Teel	Dakota State (S.D.)	Jr.	3.93	Business	
	Jaycie Jenkins (8) Molly Schany (5) Janie Van Donge	Milligan University Northwestern College Dordt University	Gr. Sr. Sr.	4.00/4.00 4.00 3.80	Education Physical Education Exercise Science	

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