



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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FOUR TALENTED STUDENT-ATHLETES HIGHLIGHT 2025 SOFTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas - Four standouts on the diamond and in the classroom – Texas Tech University's **NiJaree Canady**, Colorado Mesa University's **Ally Distler**, Illinois Wesleyan University's **Jen Kuhn** and Georgia Gwinnett College's **Annalise Jarvis** – highlight the 2025 Academic All-America® softball teams selected by College Sports Communicators and announced today.

Canady (Division I), Distler (Division II), Kuhn (Division III) and Jarvis (NAIA) have each been named the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for their respective divisions.

Division I

Canady, a junior from Topeka, Kansas, maintains a 3.9 GPA majoring in business, and helped lead Texas Tech to the program's first NCAA Division I Women's College World Series berth in 2025. She was named the Big 12 Conference's Pitcher of the Year and was the recipient of the Honda Sport Award for softball after transferring from Stanford University. She made 46 appearances in the circle with 39 starts this season. Canady finished with a 34-7 record, including two saves, to go along with a 1.11 earned run average. In 240.0 innings pitched, she struck out 319 batters and held the opposition to a .161 batting average. Canady led the nation in wins and finished second in strikeouts, games started, and ERA. She was third in strikeout-to-walk ratio (6.93).

Canady is a two-time National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) first team All-American, a two-time NFCA All-Region pick, and three-time all-conference selection (All-Pac-12 in 2023 and 2024). She is a two-time first team Academic All-America® selection.

Ten of the 34 members of the Academic All-America Division I softball 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 3.73.

In addition to Canady, three additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division I softball team – **Jordyn Bahl** (University of Nebraska), **Shaylon Govan** (Baylor University), and **Dakota Kennedy** (University of Arizona).

Division II

Distler is now in graduate school in physical therapy and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, both as an undergrad and graduate student. The native of Littleton, Colorado, helped lead Colorado Mesa to its fourth regional appearance in five years and a 40-17 record. The Mavericks' catcher is a three-time D2CCA All-South Central Region and NFCA All-Region selection. She earned second team D2CCA All-America honors in 2024.

She is a four-time All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) selection - first team (2022, 2024, 2025) and second team in 2021. She is a three-time Academic All-America® honoree - first team (2024 and 2025) and second team (2022).

Distler batted .318 and started all 57 games this year. She socked 16 home runs, 12 doubles, one triple, scored 50 runs, and drove in 56.

In addition to Distler, six student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division II softball team – **Macauley Bailey** (Carson-Newman University), **Sam Schott** (University of Texas at Tyler), **Savanna Brooks** (Wingate University), **Sydney Watson** (Converse University), **Heather Arnett** (Pittsburg State University), and **Natalia Mallozzi** (Gannon University). Distler and Brooks are three-time selections.

Thirteen of the 33 members of the Academic All-America® Division II softball 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 3.93.

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

Division III

Kuhn, a senior shortstop from Normal, Illinois, maintained a 3.98 GPA as a graphics design major. She started in all 46 games and led the team with a .449 batting average with 70 hits, 17 doubles, 57 runs batted in, 111 total bases, and had a .712 slugging percentage as well as a .473 on-base percentage. Kuhn was second on the team with 38 runs scored and eight home runs. She helped lead the Titans to an undefeated regular season (16-0) in the College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin (CCIW), which was the first time that happened since 2009. The Titans won their seventh region title and advanced to the super regional round for the first time since 2019.

Kuhn earned NFCA first team All-America and All-Region VIII honors this year. She also took home the 2025 NFCA Rawlings Gold Glove award and was named the CCIW Defensive Player of the Year. Kuhn helped lead the Titans three conference regular and post season titles and three NCAA Division III Tournament berths. She is a three-time CCIW first team pick (2023, 2024, 2025) and earned second team honors in 2022.

Eight of the 33 members of the Academic All-America® Division III 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 Kuhn, seven additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division III softball team – **KaiLi Gross** (Case Western Reserve University), **Brynn Nelson** and **Kaili Saathoff** (Linfield University), **Alexis Michon** (Trine University), **Jess Pozezinski** (Concordia University Wisconsin), **Mary Frances Eillis** (East Texas Baptist University), and **Mackenzie Bivin** (MIT). Gross is a four-time selection while Saathoff, Eillis, and Bivin are three-time honorees. Saathoff was the 2024 Division III Softball Team Member of the Year.

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NAIA

Jarvis is a senior from Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, and maintains a 3.92 GPA in business management. The 2024 and 2025 Continental Athletic Conference (CAC) Pitcher and Player of the Year led the Grizzlies to a 48-10 record, 9-0 conference record and fourth-place finish at the NAIA Softball World Series. Jarvis is a three-time NFCA first team All-American at Georgia Gwinnett and earned the same honor as a freshman at Bryan College in 2022. She was named the NAIA National Pitcher of the Year in 2023. Jarvis is a four-time NAIA All-American with three first team honors at Georgia Gwinnett and a second team accolade at Bryan. She is a four-time NFCA All-Region pick (three at Georgia Gwinnett and once at Bryan) and a three-time All-CAC first team selection.

Jarvis became the seventh pitcher in NAIA history to strike out more than 1,000 batters in her career. The standout pitcher had a remarkable final year in the program as she posted a 25-3 record with five saves, and a 0.93 earned run average. In 196.2 innings pitched she struck out 266 batters. She finished third in the nation in strikeouts and fourth in ERA.

Four 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 3.825.

In addition to Jarvis, three additional student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® NAIA softball team – **Carly Oliver** (University of the Cumberlands), **Chapel Cunningham** (Southeastern University), and **Kacie Schmidt** (Oregon Institute of Technology).

The NAIA Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NAIA national governance structure to assist the College Sports Communicators with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2024-25 NAIA Academic All-America® program.

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

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2025 Academic All-America® Softball Team NCAA Division I

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Lexie Brady	University of Mississippi	3.96	Sr.	Exercise Science
DP	Sydney Shaffer	University of Delaware	3.93	Jr.	Elementary Teacher Education
IF	Taylor Pannell	University of Tennessee	3.56	So.	Sport Management
IF	Paige Sinicki	University of Oregon	3.77	Sr.	Human Physiology
IF	Miah McDonald	Marist University	3.70/3.71	Sr.	Biology
IF	Mya Perez	Texas A&M University	3.51	So.	Sport Management
OF	Rachel Roupe	Liberty University	3.84	Sr.	Public Health
OF	Kedre Luschar	University of Oregon	3.63	Sr.	Business Administration & General Social Science
OF	Kasidi Pickering	University of Oklahoma	3.55	So.	Business
P	NiJaree Canady (1)	Texas Tech University	3.90	Jr.	Business
P	Jordyn Bahl (5)	University of Nebraska	3.64	Jr.	Human Development & Family Sciences

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Sophia Nugent	University of Tennessee	3.79	Sr.	Sociology
DP	Morgan Frye	The Ohio State University	3.92/4.00	Gr.	Environmental Assessment
IF	Arianna Rodi	University of South Carolina	4.00	Jr.	Services Management
IF	Jade Hylton	University of Virginia	3.64	Jr.	Kinesiology
IF	Haley Ahr	Marist University	3.75	Jr.	Psychology
IF	Isa Torres	Florida State University	3.56	So.	Media & Communications
IF	Shaylon Govan (1)	Baylor University	3.76/3.79	Gr.	Community Health Science
IF	Katie Stewart	The University of Texas at Austin	3.68	So.	Corporate Communication
OF	Dakota Kennedy (1)	University of Arizona	4.00	Jr.	Criminal Justice Studies
OF	Kennedy Harp	Florida State University	3.78	So.	Digital Production
OF	Kai Luschar	University of Oregon	3.72	Sr.	General Social Science
P	Karlyn Pickens	University of Tennessee	3.64	Jr.	Sport Management
P	Allison Benning	University of North Florida	4.00	Sr.	Communications

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Laurel Moody	Brown University	3.57	Sr.	Neuroscience
C	Lexi Winters	University of South Carolina	4.00	Jr.	Psychology
DP	KK Mathis	Duke University	3.58	Jr.	Sociology
IF	Ailana Agbayani	University of Oklahoma	3.53	Jr.	Multidisciplinary Studies
IF	Kate Lappe	University of Northern Iowa	3.72	Jr.	Accounting & Finance
OF	Jessica Clements	UCLA	3.58/4.00	Gr.	Education
OF	Morgan Hess	University of Delaware	4.00	Sr.	Criminal Justice
OF	Raigan Kramer	University of Arkansas	4.00/4.00	Sr.	Rec. & Sports Mgmt. (U) / Construction Mgmt. (G)
P	Reese Basinger	Clemson University	4.00	Sr.	Biological Sciences
P	Nicolette Picone	Coastal Carolina University	4.00	Sr.	Psychology

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
NiJaree Canady, Texas Tech University

(1) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2024

(5) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2023



2025 Academic All-America® Softball Team NCAA Division II

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Ally Distler (1) (8)	Colorado Mesa University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Psychology (U) / Physical Therapy (G)
DP	Emma Little	Bloomsburg	3.88	Sr.	Early Childhood Education
IF	Macauley Bailey (2)	Carson-Newman	4.00	Jr.	Psychology
IF	Sam Schott (2)	University of Texas at Tyler	4.00	Sr.	Biochemistry
IF	Savanna Brooks (1) (4)	Wingate University	4.00/4.00	Sr.	Biology (U) / Sport Management (G)
IF	Madison Primm	Lenoir-Rhyne University	3.89	So.	Marketing
OF	Kayla Rodgers	Concordia University Irvine	3.96/3.96	Gr.	Counseling (G)
OF	Danielle Jason	Tusculum University	3.95/4.00	Sr.	Sport Management (G)
OF	Sophia Luetticke	Drury University	4.00	Jr.	Marketing
P	Gisselle Garcia	Pace University	3.71	Sr.	Criminal Justice
P	Emilee Boyer	West Texas A&M University	3.83	Jr.	General Business

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Lani Warren	Lenoir-Rhyne University	3.97	So.	Psychology
DP	Taylor Thompson	University of Central Missouri	3.76	So.	Occupational Safety
IF	Maleah Andrews	Western Washington University	3.83/3.83	So.	Public Health
IF	Aniston Gano	Valdosta State University	3.83/3.90	Sr.	Physical Education (G)
IF	Brooke Holmes	St. Cloud State	3.94	So.	Business Economics & Finance
IF	Kary Hales	Catawba College	3.97	Sr.	Sports Medicine
OF	Madisyn Leffle	Jessup University	4.00/4.00	Gr.	Counseling Psychology
OF	Abigail Weirich	East Stroudsburg University	3.56	Sr.	Exercise Science
OF	Katie Dillon	St. Edward's University	4.00	Sr.	Criminal Justice
OF	Emily Konz	Francis Marion University	3.77	Sr.	Accounting
P	Heidi Vortherms	West Texas A&M University	4.00/4.00	Sr.	Sports & Exercise Science
P	Grace Glanzer	Augustana (S.D.)	3.87	Gr.	Elementary Education

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Delaney Ridgell	East Stroudsburg University	4.00	Jr.	Political Science
DP	Sydney Watson (2)	Converse University	3.67	Sr.	Elementary Education
IF	Miia Campos	University of Texas at Tyler	4.00	Sr.	Criminal Justice
IF	Heather Arnett (1)	Pittsburg State University	3.78	Jr.	Elementary Education
IF	Brianna Gallagher	Catawba College	3.73	Jr.	Psychology
IF	Natalia Mallozzi (3)	Gannon University	3.99/4.00	Gr.	Exercise Science (U) / Business Analytics (G)
OF	Tatiana Trotter	Angelo State	3.73	Jr.	Intelligence & Analysis
OF	Leah Oberkehr	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	3.96	Jr.	Civil Engineering
P	Joni Russell	Hillsdale College	3.64	Sr.	Exercise Science
P	Kaylee Davis	University of Texas at Tyler	4.00	Sr.	Criminal Justice

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Ally Distler, Colorado Mesa University

- (1) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2024
- (2) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2024
- (3) – 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2024
- (4) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2023
- (8) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2022



2025 Academic All-America® Softball Team NCAA Division III

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Annabelle Calderon	Denison University	3.78	Sr.	Biology
DP	Lyndsey Roth	Nebraska Wesleyan University	3.89	Sr.	Health & Fitness Studies
IF	Jen Kuhn (1)	Illinois Wesleyan University	3.98	Sr.	Graphic Design
IF	KaiLi Gross (1) (4) (9)	Case Western Reserve University	3.97/4.00	Gr.	Biomedical Engineering
IF	Ellie Jones	Belhaven University	3.95	Sr.	Chemistry
IF	Megan Heidelbauer	Simpson College	3.92	Jr.	Environmental Science
IF	Brynn Nelson (1)	Linfield University	3.97	Sr.	Mathematics & Economics
OF	Jessica Remm	Alfred University	3.93	Jr.	Political Science/Criminal Justice
OF	Annie Kay	Texas Lutheran University	3.69	Jr.	Business
OF	Ashlyn Steen	Simpson College	3.96	Jr.	Political Science
P	Gracie Ellis	Randolph-Macon College	3.75	Sr.	Nursing
P	Alexis Michon (2)	Trine University	3.79	Sr.	Elementary Education

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Katelyn Lamm	Case Western Reserve University	3.90	Sr.	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
DP	Serena Gonzalez	Texas Lutheran University	3.55	Jr.	Kinesiology
IF	Kaili Saathoff (1) (5)	Linfield University	4.00	Sr.	Mathematics & Physics
IF	Jess Pozezinski (1)	Concordia Wisconsin	3.81	Sr.	Nursing
IF	Payton MacNair	Rowan University	3.83/3.83	Gr.	Health & Physical Education
OF	Gabbie Stallbaum	Heidelberg University	3.99	Sr.	Health Science
OF	Sydney Fellows	Wartburg College	3.96	Sr.	Mathematics
OF	Mary Frances Eillis (1) (6)	East Texas Baptist University	4.00	Sr.	Accounting & Finance
OF	Emma Lee	Trine University	4.00	Jr.	Elementary Education
P	Emma Bullin	Pfeiffer University	4.00	Sr.	Special Education
P	Emma Woodhouse	Dominican University	4.00	Sr.	Neuroscience & Chemistry

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Olivia Hebert	Edgewood College	4.00	Sr.	Biology & Environmental Science
DP	Bri Melchionda	UMass Boston	3.72/3.72	Gr.	Business Administration
IF	Laci Campbell	Virginia Wesleyan University	3.84	Jr.	Sociology & Criminal Justice
IF	Mackenzie Bivin (3) (4)	MIT	4.00	Sr.	Business Analytics & Economics
IF	Liz McCaffery	Rowan University	3.75	Sr.	Sports Communication & Media
IF	Ava Khoury	Illinois Wesleyan University	3.54	Sr.	Kinesiology & Allied Health
OF	Ashley Chu	Emory University	3.91	Jr.	Nursing
OF	Kristyn Carroll	Middlebury College	3.78	Jr.	Earth & Climate Sciences
P	Jamie Martin	Christopher Newport University	3.86	Sr.	Neuroscience
P	Paige Forry	Gettysburg College	3.62	Sr.	Psychology

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Jen Kuhn, Illinois Wesleyan University

- (1) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2024
- (2) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2024
- (3) – 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2024
- (4) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2023
- (5) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2023
- (6) – 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2023
- (9) – 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2022



2025 Academic All-America® Softball Team NAIA

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
C	Elena Montoya	Friends University	3.83	Jr.	Conservation Science
C	Grace Meyer	Marian University	3.69	Sr.	Elementary Education
DP	Cameryn Davidson	Shawnee State University	3.59/3.92	Sr.	Occupational Therapy (G)
IF	Carly Oliver (1) (4)	University of the Cumberlands	3.85/4.00	Gr.	Nursing
IF	Elizabeth Palumbo	Central Methodist University	3.82/3.82	Jr.	Exercise Science
IF	Chapel Cunningham (2)	Southeastern University	3.73	Sr.	Medical Sciences
IF	Kenna Mayfield	Evangel University	3.98	Jr.	Allied Health
OF	Fiona Crane	Saint Xavier University	3.80	Jr.	Elementary Education
OF	Aubrey Wroble	Saint Xavier University	3.93	So.	Communications
OF	Kailer Fulton	Southern Oregon University	3.69	Sr.	Healthcare Administration
P	Annalise Jarvis (1)	Georgia Gwinnett College	3.92	Sr.	Business Management
P	Kacie Schmidt (3)	Oregon Tech	3.88/3.59	Sr.	Civil Engineering

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	GPA	Yr.	Major
DP	Lizzy Small	Keiser University	3.85	Sr.	Criminal Justice
IF	Leah Salas	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	3.55	Jr.	Global Security & Intelligence Studies
IF	Ellie Facklam	Evangel University	3.74	Sr.	Early Childhood Education
IF	Madison Roberts	Central Methodist University	3.85	Jr.	Nursing
IF	Livie Lehmann	Taylor University	3.81	Jr.	Sport Management
OF	Priscilla Mora	Friends University	3.93	Sr.	Human Services & Psychology
OF	Mackenzi Harrel	Morningside University	3.97	So.	Biology
OF	Paige Schuster	Morningside University	4.00	So.	Psychology
P	Lindsey Shope	University of the Cumberlands	3.88/4.00	Gr.	Elementary Education
P	Riley Wertz	Friends University	3.93	Sr.	Health & Physical Education
P	Kailynn James	Georgia Gwinnett College	4.00	Sr.	Biology

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

- (1) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2024
 (2) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2024
 (3) – 1st team Academic All-America® in 2023
 (4) – 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2023