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GSC ANNOUNCES 2012 SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Birmingham, AL—The Gulf South Conference proudly announces its 2012 Spring Sports All-Academic Team.

Forty-two student-athletes, including five three-time selections and nine other repeat members were honored: **baseball** (10), **men's golf** (6), **women's golf** (1), **softball** (12), **men's tennis** (7) and **women's tennis** (6).

The Spring All-Academic Team is selected by the Gulf South Conference Sports Information Directors (SIDs) and Faculty Athletic Representatives (FARs) in a joint vote. Nominated student-athletes must have an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.20 or better on a 4.00 scale for their entire academic career and may not be freshmen or first-semester or quarter transfers. The student-athlete must be a significant contributor to the squad. Other factors include leadership, community service and extra-curricular activities. SIDs and FARs are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes. The number of student-athletes selected in each sport is determined by the number of positions normally involved in the playing of that sport. Ties are not broken.

BASEBALL

The GSC All-Academic Baseball Team is headlined by two returning members and six unanimous selections.

Alabama-Huntsville led the way with three standouts, while **Delta State** and **North Alabama** added two apiece.

Returning from last year are **UAH relief pitcher Cody Barrett** and **Valdosta State utility player Chaz Bagwell**. Bagwell was also among the list of unanimous selections which also included **Alabama-Huntsville outfielder Ty Chancellor** and **starting pitcher Drew Eiland**, **DSU catcher Jon Carnahan**, **West Alabama starting pitcher Barry Meeks** and **West Georgia second baseman Stuart Drew**.

Rounding out the Baseball contingent were **DSU outfielder Jordan Chovanec** and the UNA duo of **third baseman Andrew Almon** and **catcher Drew Parker**.

MEN'S GOLF

All six GSC Men's Golf sponsoring schools claimed at least one player on the All-Academic Team. **North Alabama senior Jake Greer** led the way as a *three-time returning member*, while **Delta State senior Grant Goforth** and **West Georgia senior Bryan Powers** posted second-career laurels. Goforth is back from 2011, while Powers returns after a year's hiatus.

Greer and **West Florida senior Ryan Black** are the only two players that also posted All-GSC honors in 2012. **Taylor Stinson** is the first **Christian Brothers** All-Academic men's golfer since 2009, while **Valdosta State sophomore Austin Graham** is the lone underclassmen on the squad.

WOMEN'S GOLF

West Florida junior Agustina Cocha is the lone honoree on the Women's Golf All-Academic Team. Cocha makes her first-ever appearance after also collecting GSC All-Tournament honors via a fourth-place effort at this year's Conference Championship.

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SOFTBALL

2012 NCAA Champion Valdosta State led the way on the 12-member All-Academic Softball Team by placing five honorees. **Alabama-Huntsville, Delta State** and **North Alabama** each added two spots on the squad.

Two *three-time All-Academic* honorees are **North Alabama catcher Kathryn Young** and **Valdosta State shortstop Marti Littlefield**. **Alabama-Huntsville pitcher Whitney Gilbert** is also back after posting laurels a year ago.

Unanimous selections included **VSU first baseman Natalia Morozova** and **West Alabama pitcher Kristen Skinner**. Completing the squad were **UAH utility player Mary Kelley, Delta State pitcher Brittany Gonzales** and **Maggie Jackson, UNA pitcher Haley Barnette** and the VSU trio of **Brianna Hancock, April Hutchens** and **Morgan Johnson**.

MEN'S TENNIS

Over half of the seven-member Men's Tennis All-Academic Team return from a year ago. **West Florida's Sean Gunnels** and **Mike Lue** are back from 2011 along with **Alabama-Huntsville's Daniel Canellas** and **Valdosta State's Konstanin Kutschenko**. **Delta State's Cristian Serrano-Garcia** was also a unanimous selection along with Gunnels, Lue and Kutschenko. Rounding out the squad was **North Alabama's Matt Feury** and **West Florida's Domenico Sano**.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

North Alabama's Victoria Rees and **West Florida's Naomi Higa** top the six-member Women's Tennis All-Academic squad *three-time members*. Rees is also featured as the squad's lone unanimous selection.

Valdosta State placed three members; **Juliana Boehm, Michelle Fisher** and **Alina Nagel**, while **UNA's Mackenzie Bishop** completed the team.

GSC HONOR ROLL

Delta State leads all schools with 43 Spring Academic Honor Roll student-athletes, followed by **Christian Brothers** (39) and **West Florida** (36). **North Alabama** and **Valdosta State** each secured 34 members, while **Alabama-Huntsville** (32), **West Georgia** (31) and **West Alabama** (28) closed out the Honor Rol. A minimum grade point average of 3.00 is required. Qualification for this particular honor is automatic based on GPA and nomination (there is no vote).

GSC All-Academic Teams listed on next three pages

2012 SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

BASEBALL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POS</u>
!Cody Barrett	Alabama-Huntsville	JR	Civil Engineering	3.41	RP
\$Ty Chancellor	Alabama-Huntsville	SR	Mechanical Engineering	3.43	OF
\$Drew Eiland	Alabama-Huntsville	SO	Civil Engineering	3.94	SP
%Jon Carnahan	Delta State	SR	Business	3.54	C
\$Jordan Chovanec	Delta State	SO	Business	3.74	OF
Andrew Almon	North Alabama	JR	Biology	3.76	3B
Drew Parker	North Alabama	SR	Mass Communications	3.90	C
!Chaz Bagwell	Valdosta State	JR	Marketing	3.53	UT
%Barry Meeks	West Alabama	SR	Physical Education	3.48	SP
Stuart Drew	West Georgia	SR	Pre-Med/Biology	3.80	2B

MEN'S GOLF

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
Taylor Stinson	Christian Brothers	SR	Civil Engineering	3.62
!Grant Goforth	Delta State	SR	Business	3.51
!#\$Jake Greer	North Alabama	SR	Health, Physical Ed. & Recreation	3.38
Austin Graham	Valdosta State	SO	Finance	3.37
\$Ryan Black	West Florida	SR	Sports Management	3.20
#Bryn Powers	West Georgia	SR	Chemistry	3.35

WOMEN'S GOLF

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
Agustina Cocha	West Florida	JR	International Studies	3.43

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\$—2012 First Team All-GSC	%—2012 Second Team All-GSC
Unanimous Selections in BOLD	

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Softball and Men's and Women's Tennis Teams listed on next page

SOFTBALL

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA	POS
!\$Whitney Gilbert	Alabama-Huntsville	JR	Management	3.37	P
\$Mary Kelley	Alabama-Huntsville	SO	Management	3.33	UT
Brittany Gonzales	Delta State	JR	Chemistry	3.34	SP
Maggie Jackson	Delta State	SR	Education	3.84	OF
Haley Barnette	North Alabama	SO	HPER	3.48	P
!#%Kathryn Young	North Alabama	SR	Secondary Education	3.98	C
%Brianna Hancock	Valdosta State	SO	Business Administration	3.95	P
\$April Hutchens	Valdosta State	SR	Deaf Education	3.36	2B
\$Morgan Johnson	Valdosta State	JR	Nursing	3.66	OF
!\$Marti Littlefield	Valdosta State	SR	Exercise Physiology	3.29	SS
\$Natalia Morozova	Valdosta State	SR	International Business	3.63	1B
\$Kristen Skinner	West Alabama	SR	Biology	3.50	P

MEN'S TENNIS

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA	POS
!\$Daniel Canellas	Alabama-Huntsville	SR	Marketing	3.44	1/1
Cristian Serrano-Garcia	Delta State	SR	Accounting	3.53	1/1
Matt Feury	North Alabama	SO	Biology	3.93	1/1
!\$Konstanin Kutschenko	Valdosta State	JR	Psychology	3.71	2/2
!Sean Gunnels	West Florida	SR	Pre-Professional Biology	3.74	3-5/-
!Mike Lue	West Florida	SR	Information Technology	3.41	3-6/3
Domenico Sano	West Florida	SO	Accounting	3.23	4-6/3

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA	POS
\$Mackenzie Bishop	North Alabama	JR	Secondary Education	3.63	2/2
!#\$Victoria Rees	North Alabama	SR	Psychology	3.81	1/1
\$Juliana Boehm	Valdosta State	SO	Exercise Physiology	3.34	3-6/1-3
\$Michelle Fischer	Valdosta State	SO	Psychology	3.82	1-2/1-2
%Alina Nagel	Valdosta State	SO	Business Administration	3.76	4-5/1-2
!Naomi Higa	West Florida	SR	Finance	3.60	6/3

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