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GSC ANNOUNCES 2012 FALL ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Gulf South Conference is proud to announce its 2012 Fall Sports All-Academic Team.

Sixty-eight student-athletes, including seven three-time members and 20 two-time standouts were selected: **men's cross country** (8), **women's cross country** (9), **football** (17), **men's soccer** (12), **women's soccer** (13) and **volleyball** (9).

Academic All-GSC Teams are selected by the Gulf South Conference Sports Information Directors (SIDs) and Faculty Athletic Representatives (FARs) in a joint vote. Nominees 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.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

The Men's Cross Country All-Academic Team is led by five returning members, including **Christian Brothers' Alex Shipp**, the lone *three-time selection*. Shipp joins another returner - **West Alabama's Brandon Nelson** - as First Team All-GSC picks. **Valdosta State's Jesse Prince** (a Second Team All-GSC choice), **North Alabama's Zeke Nichols** and **West Georgia's Robert Fenesterer** are back on the Academic Team for second straight season. CBU's **Nate Spears** was a Second Team All-GSC selection while UAH's **Matt Ursprung** and VSU's **Ryan Winkle** round out the All-Academic Team.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY:

The Women's Cross Country All-Academic Team is highlighted by two returnees. **Delta State's Stacy Hagenson** and **West Florida's Renea Porsch** were chosen to the Academic team for the second consecutive season and are two of seven All-Academic selections to earn All-GSC honors in 2012. Porsch and **Valdosta State's Ashley Luther** were *unanimous selections* among the All-GSC choices, which also include **Alabama-Huntsville's Michelle Kruse**, **North Alabama's Victoria Acocella**, **VSU's Juliana Boehm** and **West Georgia's Elyse Boileau**. **Delta State's Alyssa Shetley** and **UWG's Morgan Adams** complete the team.

FOOTBALL:

Valdosta State center Jake Thomas, the lone *three-time selection*, headlines the 17-member All-Academic football team that includes five other returning members. **Delta State's Reed Faulkner**, the **North Alabama** trio of **Seth Alexander**, **Daniel Almon** and **Jason Smith**, and **West Alabama's Skeeter Sellers** were all honored in 2011.

Sellers is one of three All-Academic team selections to earn All-GSC honors, joining teammate **Jordan Ikner** and **UNA's David Lundberg** as Second Team picks. Rounding out the Academic Football Team are **DSU's Brant Botill**, **VSU's Justin Roberts**, **UWA's Curtis Amacker** and **Jeremy McAdam**, and **West Georgia's Mark Bardenwerper**, **Kyle Bowman**, **Alex Macauley** and **Adam Strakose**.

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MEN'S SOCCER:

The Men's Soccer All-Academic Team features three returnees from 2011 and one three-time member who returns after a one-year absence.

West Florida forward **Frank Cope** earns his third All-Academic honor after making the team in 2009- and 2012. He is joined by **Christian Brothers'** brother duo of **David Skull** and **Yannick Skull** and **West Florida's Trey Kramer** as the returning players on the 12-member squad. Cope and both Skull brothers were All-GSC First Team members in 2011 along with CBU's **Jose Ferraz** and UWF's **James Moore**. CBU's **Jaime Garcia** and **Sean Rutter** were Second Team picks.

Completing the Academic squad are **Alabama-Huntsville's Mitch Wilson**, **CBU's Nico Alvarez-Garcia**, and **UWF duo Steven Hermosa** and **Lucas Williams**.

WOMEN'S SOCCER:

The Women's Soccer All-Academic Team is headlined by six returning members, including three-time selections **Nikki Brown** of **North Alabama** and **West Florida's Monica Malavassi**. The other returners were **Christian Brothers' Jennifer Hale**, **UNA's Jo Chubb** and **Jennifer Osmond** and UWF's **Daniela Cruz**. Three other members – **Valdosta State's Heather Mulkey** and **West Georgia's Amy Gardner** and **Miriam Perfecto** - had perfect 4.00 grade-point averages. Rounding out the All-Academic team are VSU's **Blakely McClellan** and **Sydney Smith** and UWF's **Kelly Andres** and **Taylor Harbison**.

VOLLEYBALL:

Five members of the All-Academic Volleyball Team were also All-GSC selections, including Player of the Year **Autumn Duyn** of **West Florida**. **Alabama-Huntsville's Kelsey Williams** and **Christian Brothers' Corinne Doder** were selected to the All-Academic team for the third time while CBU's **Kelsey Miles** and **North Alabama's Caroline Neisler** are chosen for the second consecutive season.

Miles is the lone unanimous selection and she garnered First Team All-GSC laurels along with Duyn, UWF's **Haley Shackelford** and West Georgia's **Emily Reul**. UAH's **Stacey Sargent** was a Second Team All-GSC pick. **Valdosta State's Krista Bradford** completed the Volleyball Academic Team.

HONOR ROLL:

Shorter led the Fall All-Academic Honor Roll, posting 73 of the 515 members who qualified with a GPA of at least 3.00. **Valdosta State** topped the 60-student plateau (63) while **Delta State** (57), **Union** (56) and **West Georgia** (55) each had more than 50 student-athletes make the list. **North Alabama** (48), **West Florida** (44), **West Alabama** (43), **Christian Brothers** (41) and **Alabama-Huntsville** (35) rounded out the list. Please note that Shorter and Union student-athletes were not eligible for the All-Academic team while the schools continue to fulfill their requirements for full membership in the GSC. Qualification for the Honor Roll is automatic based on GPA and nomination (there is no vote).

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>
Matt Ursprung, Alabama-Huntsville	SO	3.65	Mechanical Engineering
%&Nate Spears, Christian Brothers	SR	3.35	Mechanical Engineering
#!\$Alex Shipp, Christian Brothers	SR	3.65	Business Administration
!Zeke Nichols, North Alabama	SR	3.62	Biology
!%Jesse Prince, Valdosta State	JR	3.68	Biology
Ryan Winkle, Valdosta State	JR	3.86	History
!\$^Brandon Nelson, West Alabama	JR	3.50	Pre-Medicine
!Robert Fensterer, West Georgia	SR	3.54	History

!—2011 GSC All-Academic
\$—2012 First Team All-GSC
^—2011 First Team All-GSC

#—2010 GSC All-Academic
%—2012 Second Team All-GSC
&—2010 First Team All-GSC

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>
#^Michelle Kruse, Alabama-Huntsville	JR	3.68	Marketing
!#^%Stacey Hagenson, Delta State	SO	3.81	Education
Alyssa Shetley, Delta State	JR	3.79	Business
\$Victoria Acocella, North Alabama	JR	3.63	Nursing
#Juliana Boehm, Valdosta State	JR	3.47	Exercise Physiology
*\$Ashley Luther, Valdosta State	SR	3.83	Sociology
!#*&Renea Porsch, West Florida	JR	3.50	Environmental Science
Morgan Adams, West Georgia	SR	3.88	Speech Pathology
\$Elyse Boileau, West Georgia	SR	3.36	Education

!—2011 GSC All-Academic
\$—2012 All-GSC Second Team
&—2011 Second Team All-GSC
*—Unanimous selection

#—2012 All-GSC First Team
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FOOTBALL

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>POS</u>
&Brant Botill, Delta State	SR	3.33	Chemistry	RB
*Reed Faulkner, Delta State	JR	3.74	Exercise Science	TE
*Seth Alexander, North Alabama	JR	3.56	HPER	DL
*Daniel Almon, North Alabama	SR	3.89	Biology	WR
^David Lundburg, North Alabama	JR	3.36	Secondary Education	OL
*Jason Smith, North Alabama	JR	3.36	Computer Science	WR
Justin Roberts, Valdosta State	SR	3.94	Business Management	QB
*!Jake Thomas, Valdosta State	SR	3.86	Finance	C
Curt Amacker, West Alabama	SR	3.80	Special Education	WR
^Jordan Ikner, West Alabama	SO	3.20	Undecided	P/K
Jeremy McAdam, West Alabama	JR	3.57	Exercise Science	QB
*^Skeeter Sellers, West Alabama	JR	3.47	Accounting	C
Mark Bardenwerper, West Georgia	JR	3.40	Engineering	K
Kyle Bowman, West Georgia	SR	3.33	Special Education	TE
Alex Macauley, West Georgia	SO	3.75	Business Management	WR
Adam Strakose, West Georgia	JR	3.29	Education	LB

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^—2012 Second Team All-GSC

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MEN'S SOCCER

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>POS</u>
Mitch Wilson, Alabama-Huntsville	SO	3.42	Accounting	F
%Nico Alvarez-Garcia, Christian Brothers	JR	3.45	Physics	D
*^Jose Ferraz, Christian Brothers	SO	3.23	Civil Engineering	F
&%Jaime Garcia, Christian Brothers	JR	3.26	Business Administration	GK
&%Sean Rutter, Christian Brothers	SO	3.73	Business	D/M
!*^David Skull, Christian Brothers	SR	3.63	Psychology	D
!*^@Yannick Skull, Christian Brothers	JR	3.52	Business Administration	D/M
#\$* @Frank Cope, West Florida	SR	3.50	Pre-Professional Biology & Exercise Science	M/F
Steven Hermosa, West Florida	JR	3.72	Undecided	GK
!Trey Kramer, West Florida	SR	3.65	Environmental Science	D
*James Moore, West Florida	SR	3.24	Undecided	D
Lucas Williams, West Florida	JR	3.69	Sports Management	M

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&\$Jennifer Hale, Christian Brothers	SR	3.45	Natural Science	D
*!^\$#Nikki Brown, North Alabama	SR	3.77	Physical Education	M
^\$%Jo Chubb, North Alabama	SR	3.33	Communication Arts	M
^\$#Jennifer Osmond, North Alabama	JR	3.28	HPER	F
#Blakely McClellan, Valdosta State	SO	3.80	Business Marketing	F
Hannah Mulkey, Valdosta State	SO	4.00	Exercise Physiology	M
Sydney Smith, Valdosta State	SO	3.90	Biology	F
Kelly Andres, West Florida	SO	3.32	Pre-Med	M/D
*!^\$#Monica Malavassi, West Florida	SR	3.66	Elementary Education	M/F
^\$Daniela Cruz, West Florida	JR	3.41	Undecided	M/D
%Taylor Harbison, West Florida	SO	3.36	Pre-Professional Biology	M/D
Amy Gardner, West Georgia	JR	4.00	Psychology	M/F
Miriam Perfecto, West Georgia	SR	4.00	Pre-Law	D

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&—2011 Second Team All-GSC

VOLLEYBALL

<u>NAME, SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>POS</u>
%Stacey Sargent, Alabama-Huntsville	JR	3.82	Biology	OH
!#Kelsey Williams, Alabama-Huntsville	SR	3.61	Mechanical Engineering	OH
!#&Corinne Doder, Christian Brothers	SR	3.87	Accounting	L
#^*\$Kelsey Miles, Christian Brothers	SR	3.65	Natural Science	S
#&Caroline Neisler, North Alabama	JR	3.65	Marketing	S
Krista Bradford, Valdosta State	SO	3.93	Criminal Justice	L
\$@Autumn Duyn, West Florida	SO	3.55	Athletic Training	OH
\$Haley Shackelford, West Florida	SR	3.45	Psychology	OH
\$Emily Reul, West Georgia	JR	3.43	Biology	OH

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!—2010 GSC All-Academic

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&—2011 Second Team All-GSC

@—2012 Player of the Year

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