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GSC ANNOUNCES 2013-14 WINTER ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Birmingham, AL—The Gulf South Conference proudly announces its 2013-14 GSC Winter Sports All-Academic Teams. A total of 10 student-athletes were selected, including three returning members and two standouts with 4.00 grade-point-averages.

The Winter All-Academic Team is selected by the Gulf South Conference Sports Information Directors (SIDs) and Faculty Athletic Representatives (FARs) in a joint vote. Nominees must meet all three of the following qualifications to appear on the ballot: 1) an overall grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.20 or better on a 4.00 scale for their entire academic career, 2) a starter or significant contributor to the squad, and 3) leadership, academic curriculum and community service. SIDs and FARs are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes. Freshman are not eligible, nor is any student who has not spent a full year in residence at the sponsoring GSC member and passed 24 semester hours or 36 quarter-hours towards an identifiable degree program during the year at that GSC member. 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 BASKETBALL:

Christian Brothers headlines the 2013-14 GSC Men's Basketball All-Academic Team, providing three of the five members. **Junior guard Trey Casey** is back from last year after becoming a unanimous selection for the second year in a row. Casey held on to his perfect 4.00 grade-point-average this year, while posting First Team All-GSC laurels as well. **Senior guard Cory McCarthy** also earned his second consecutive Academic honor, while **sophomore guard/forward Drew Hildreth** completed the Bucs' trio.

Delta State guard Jack Madgen is the second of two sophomores on the squad, while **North Alabama forward Wes Long** wrapped up his career with his first-ever award.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:

North Alabama leads the way on this year's GSC Women's Basketball All-Academic Team as the lone school with multiple members. **Junior guard Lauren Faris** returns from last year by becoming the squad's lone unanimous selection after collecting Second Team All-GSC honors as well. Joining Faris on the team is its lone sophomore, **UNA guard Jennifer Towne**.

Alabama Huntsville guard Jordan Smith completes her career with her first Academic honor after posting First Team All-GSC laurels this year. **Christian Brothers guard Erica Burgess** turned in a stellar season on the court and in the classroom, graduating with a 4.00 GPA while earning her master's degree and also posting Second Team All-GSC honors. Rounding out the All-Academic Team is **Delta State junior guard Rhandi Ball** who collected her first-ever selection.

HONOR ROLL:

Future member Lee University led the way on the Winter Academic Honor Roll, placing 18 student-athletes, while **Alabama Huntsville** and **Provisional members Shorter** and **Union** added 16 apiece.

Christian Brothers and **North Alabama** each provided 13 members, followed by nine by **Delta State** and **West Florida**. Peach State rivals **Valdosta State** and **West Georgia** tied with eight designees and **West Alabama** completed the list with three. Qualification for the Honor Roll is automatic (there is no vote) and is based on a minimum 3.00 overall grade-point average.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	POS	MAJOR	GPA
\$*!Trey Casey	Christian Brothers	JR	G	Business Administration	4.00
Drew Hildreth	Christian Brothers	SO	G/F	Business Administration	3.45
\$Cory McCarthy	Christian Brothers	SR	G	Business Administration	3.59
Jack Madgen	Delta State	SO	G	Business	3.64
Wes Long	North Alabama	SR	F	Secondary Education	3.37

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	POS	MAJOR	GPA
!Jordan Smith	Alabama Huntsville	SR	G	Mathematics	3.20
#Erica Burgess	Christian Brothers	GR	G	Master of Art in Teaching	4.00
Rhandi Ball	Delta State	JR	F	Business	3.63
\$*#Lauren Faris	North Alabama	JR	G	Nursing	3.81
Jennifer Towne	North Alabama	SO	G	Public Communications	3.51

!—2013-14 All-GSC First Team; #—2013-14 All-GSC Second Team; \$—2012-13 Winter All-Academic Team;

*—Unanimous selection; GR—Graduate

****All red-shirt freshmen are listed under their academic status rather than their eligibility status. ****

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