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GSC ANNOUNCES 2014 SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Birmingham, AL—The Gulf South Conference proudly announces its 2014 Spring Sports All-Academic Team.

Forty-four student-athletes, including five three-time selections and 12 other repeat members were honored:

baseball (11), **men's golf** (5), **women's golf** (5), **softball** (11), **men's tennis** (6) 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 Baseball All-Academic Team is headlined by *three-time returning members*: **Alabama Huntsville senior starting pitcher Drew Eiland** and **Delta State senior outfielder Jordan Chovanec**. The duo were also two of the four members of the this year's squad to earn unanimous selections along with **DSU senior outfielder Dex Herrington** and **West Alabama sophomore designated hitter Mitch Holgate**.

UAH and DSU each collected three overall student-athletes as **senior second baseman Kasey Hinton** closed out Delta State's trio of honorees and **senior shortstop Blake Massey** and **junior pitcher Luke Mould** completed Alabama Huntsville's list. Rounding out the Baseball contingent were **North Alabama junior starting pitcher Brantley Claunch**, **Valdosta State sophomore third baseman Michael Gouge**, **West Florida senior third baseman Jeremy Bajdaun** and **West Georgia graduate Galen Smith**.

MEN'S GOLF

The GSC Men's Golf All-Academic Team is led by **West Florida senior Gary Buffington III** and **West Georgia junior Kevin Clarke** who are back from 2013. Christian Brothers led all schools with two honorees. **Junior Andrew Aristorenas** was the lone member to post a perfect. 4.00 G.P.A., while **senior Kyle Johnson** completed CBU's duo. **Delta State junior Jack Byrd** completed the five-member squad.

WOMEN'S GOLF

West Florida dominated the Women's Golf All-Academic Team, placing four honorees for the second consecutive year. Back from last year's squad are **juniors Daisy-May Kenny**, **Elin Olsson** and **Camila Sevellano**. All three also earned First Team All-GSC laurels in 2014 and Olsson was tabbed the GSC Player of the Year. **Sophomore Fanny Starzmann** rounded out UWF's list of winners, while **West Georgia senior Jaime Jordon** completed the team.

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SOFTBALL

Valdosta State and **Delta State** led the way on the 11-member All-Academic Softball Team, placing three honorees a piece. The squad also features two three-time selections and one student-athlete with 4.00 grade-point average.

Alabama Huntsville senior outfielder Mary Kelly and **VSU senior pitcher Brianna Hancock** posted their *third consecutive All-Academic laurel*, while four other student-athletes returned from 2013: **Christian Brothers' third baseman Marie Joiner**, **North Alabama outfielder Shelby Goodman** and **Valdosta State's Courtney Albritton** and **Fran Johnson**. Albritton and Goodman were also unanimous selections along with **UNA sophomore Harlie Barkley**. Johnson was the only player with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A.

Completing the squad were the **DSU trio of Memrie Corley, Taylor Holland and Kassidy Tally** and **West Alabama's Rebecca Schick**.

MEN'S TENNIS

The Men's Tennis All-Academic Team features two returning players, two unanimous selections and two student-athletes with 4.00 grade-point averages.

Back from 2013 are **West Alabama senior Anton Ivanova** and **West Florida junior Elio Latella**. **Alabama Huntsville senior Fredrik Graaner** joined **UWF senior Tony Rajaobelina** as unanimous picks and Graaner also ended his career with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. along with **Delta State's Guillaume Lacour**. Complete the squad was UWA's second honoree: **senior Nestor Vargas**.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The 2014 six-member Women's Tennis All-Academic squad is highlighted by one three-time selection, one returning standout and three unanimous selections. **Valdosta State's Michelle Fischer** earned her third consecutive designation, while **West Florida junior Fernanda Amaral** is back from 2013. Fisher and Amaral were also unanimous picks along with **Alabama Huntsville junior Katie Bryant** who was also the squad's lone 4.00 G.P.A. player.

Completing the squad is **UAH senior Jessica Grouppierre**, **North Alabama senior Bruna Vieira** and **West Alabama senior Dasha Popova**.

GSC HONOR ROLL

West Alabama leads all schools with 52 Spring Academic Honor Roll student-athletes, followed by **future member Shorter** (49) and **West Georgia** and **future member Lee** which tied at 45. **Delta State** (44) rounded out the Top Five, followed by and **Valdosta State** (41), **West Florida** (39) and **future member Union** (36). **Alabama Huntsville** and **North Alabama** each notched 33 members, while **Christian Brothers** (30) closed out the Honor Roll list. 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

2014 SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

BASEBALL

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA	POS
\$!#Drew Eiland	Alabama Huntsville	SR	Civil Engineering	3.91	SP
%Blake Massey	Alabama Huntsville	SR	Mechanical Engineering	3.39	SS
Luke Mould	Alabama Huntsville	JR	Chemical Engineering CHE	3.92	P
\$!#Jordan Chovanec	Delta State	SR	Exercise Science	3.67	OF
%Dex Herrington	Delta State	SR	Business Administration	3.37	OF
%Kasey Hinton	Delta State	SR	Pre-Physical Therapy	3.76	SS/2B
Brantley Claunch	North Alabama	JR	Mathematics	3.55	SP
%Michael Gouge	Valdosta State	SO	Exercise Physiology	3.34	3B
\$*Mitch Holgate	West Alabama	SO	Pre-Engineering	3.89	DH
%Jeremy Bajdaun	West Florida	SR	Sports Management	3.43	3B
Galen Smith	West Georgia	GR	Masters in Criminology	3.83	C

MEN'S GOLF

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA
Andrew Aristorenas	Christian Brothers	JR	Biomedical Science	4.00
Kyle Johnson	Christian Brothers	SR	Business Administration	3.41
Jack Byrd	Delta State	JR	Undeclared	3.63
!Gary Buffington III	West Florida	JR	Accounting	3.98
!Kevin Clarke	West Georgia	JR	Sport Management	3.43

WOMEN'S GOLF

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA
\$!Daisy-May Kenny	West Florida	JR	Exercise Science	3.43
\$*!Elin Olsson	West Florida	JR	Hospitality Management	3.47
\$!Camila Sevillano	West Florida	JR	Marketing	3.73
Fanny Starzmann	West Florida	SO	Business Administration	3.33
Jaime Jordan	West Georgia	SR	Psychology	3.42

!—2013 Academic All-GSC	#—2012 Academic All-GSC
\$—2014 First Team All-GSC	%—2014 Second Team All-GSC
*—GSC Player of the Year	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
\$!#Mary Kelley	Alabama Huntsville	SR	Management	3.53	C/OF
!Marie Joiner	Christian Brothers	SR	History	3.62	3B
%Memrie Corley	Delta State	SO	Undeclared	3.70	OF
%Taylor Holland	Delta State	JR	Biology	3.75	2B
%Kassidy Tally	Delta State	SO	Elementary Education	3.89	OF
Harlie Barkley	North Alabama	SO	Biology	3.91	SS
%! Shelby Goodman	North Alabama	SR	Exercise Science	3.80	OF
\$!Courtney Albritton	Valdosta State	JR	Middle Grades Education	4.00	OF
\$!#Brianna Hancock	Valdosta State	SR	Accounting	3.72	P
!Fran Johnson	Valdosta State	JR	Biology	4.00	OF
\$Rebecca Schick	West Alabama	SR	Sport Management	3.66	OF

MEN'S TENNIS

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA	POS
Fredrik Graaner	Alabama Huntsville	SR	Finance	4.00	3/3
Guillaume Lacour	Delta State	GR	Master of Business Administration	4.00	1/3
\$!Anton Ivanov	West Alabama	SR	Psychology	3.86	2/1
\$Nestor Vargas	West Alabama	SR	Sport Management	3.60	1/2
!Elio Latella	West Florida	JR	Economics	3.57	6/3
\$Tony Rajaobelina	West Florida	SR	Business Management	3.71	2/1

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	MAJOR	GPA	POS
%Katie Bryant	Alabama Huntsville	JR	Communications	4.00	5/--
Jessica Groupierre	Alabama Huntsville	SR	Management	3.71	2/1
%Bruna Vieira	North Alabama	SR	Computer Information Systems	3.47	3/2
\$!#Michelle Fischer	Valdosta State	SR	Psychology	3.90	1/1
%Dasha Popova	West Alabama	SR	Psychology	3.68	5/3
\$!Fernanda Amaral	West Florida	JR	Business Management	3.94	5/3

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