

## **GULF SOUTH CONFERENCE**

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## GSC ANNOUNCES 2014-15 FIRESEEDS WINTER ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS

**Birmingham, AL**—The Gulf South Conference proudly announces its 2014-15 GSC <u>FireSeeds</u> Winter Sports All-Academic Teams. A total of 11 student-athletes were selected, including four returning members, two first-time eligible standouts and two 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 headlined the 2014-15 GSC Men's Basketball All-Academic Team, placing three of the six members. Trey Casey returned from last year after becoming a unanimous selection for the third 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. Drew Hildreth earned his second-consecutive Academic honor, while Charlie Oswald completed the Bucs' trio.

**Delta State** guard **Jack Madgen** earned a spot for the second year in a row, while **Alabama Huntsville's Troy Saxton** and **Union's Felipe Rocha**, both sophomores, rounded out the list of honorees.

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:**

**Union** led the way on this year's GSC Women's Basketball All-Academic Team as the lone school with multiple members. GSC Player of the Year **Amy Philamlee** was joined by junior **Kelsey Risner**.

**Delta State** guard/forward **Rhandi Ball** completed her career with her second-consecutive Academic Team honor after also bringing in Second Team All-GSC laurels this year. **West Florida** first-timer **Katie Bobos**, the 2013-14 GSC Freshman of the Year, earned All-Academic honors, while **Alabama Huntsville's Halle Jarnagin**, who along with CBU's Casey, pulled in a perfect 4.0 GPA to complete the list of honorees.

#### **HONOR ROLL:**

Both **North Alabama** and **Shorter** turned in a league-high 17 student-athletes on the 2014-15 GSC Winter Academic Honor Roll. Provisional member **Lee** placed 16 student-athletes, while **Christian Brothers** saw 14 and **Union**, and provisional member **Mississippi College**, both with 13, and **Alabama Huntsville**, which saw 12 student-athletes honored, closed out the schools with double-digit honorees. **Delta State**, **Valdosta State** and **West Florida**, which all placed eight honorees each. Closing out the honor roll were **West Georgia** (seven) and **West Alabama**, with four. 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
<pre>\$*!Trey Casey</pre>	Christian Brothers	SR	G	<b>Business Administration</b>	4.00
\$Drew Hildreth	Christian Brothers	SO	G/F	Cybersecurity	3.46
Charlie Oswald	Christian Brothers	SO	F	Accounting	3.60
\$Jack Madgen	Delta State	JR	G	Journalism	3.75
Troy Saxton	Alabama Huntsville	SO	G	Management	3.91
Felipe Rocha	Union	SO	F	Business Administration	3.88

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

NAME	SCHOOL	YEAR	POS	MAJOR	GPA
!Amy Philamlee	Union	SR	G	Exercise Science/Wellness	3.46
Kelsey Risner	Union	JR	G	Exercise Science/Wellness	3.77
#Rhandi Ball	Delta State	SR	F	Biology	3.62
Katie Bobos	West Florida	SO	F	Biology	3.95
Halle Jarnagin	Alabama Huntsville	JR	G	Psychology	4.00

!—2014-15 All-GSC First Team; #—2014-15 All-GSC Second Team; \$—2013-14 Winter All-Academic Team; \*— Unanimous selection.

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup>All red-shirt freshmen are listed under their academic status rather than their eligibility status.\*\*\*

\*\*\*The men's team placed six student-athletes as ties are NOT broken.\*\*\*