

*ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM*  
*SELECTED BY COSIDA*

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***Oklahoma's Ivey & Ashland's Jirsa Head***  
***2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Team***

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** – Senior outfielder Aaron Ivey of the University of Oklahoma and senior infielder Casey Jirsa of Ashland University head the 2007 *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®* Baseball Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

A product of Oklahoma City, Okla., Ivey has been instrumental in helping the Sooners to a 34-24 record this season, advancing to the semifinals of the Big Ten 12 Conference Tournament. He has played in 54 games, with 37 starts, and is second on the team with a .351 average. Ivey has 53 hits, 35 runs, 13 RBI and leads the team with 23 stolen bases in 27 attempts. He also has a .979 fielding percentage.

A 2006 Second Team *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American®*, Ivey owns a perfect 4.00 grade point average in Energy Management.

Jirsa was named to the All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference teams and the conference's Player of the Year as he led Ashland to a 38-19 record. The Tallmadge, Ohio, native is ranked eighth in NCAA Division II in batting average (.422), 23<sup>rd</sup> in slugging percentage (.697) and 24<sup>th</sup> in RBI. The repeat *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®* selection batted .422 (78-of-185) with 10 home runs and 62 RBI. He also scored 50 runs with 19 doubles and a triple as he was named to the all-region first team for a second consecutive year. Jirsa, who led the GLIAC in batting average, slugging percentage, RBI, doubles and hits this season, set a Ashland single-game record for RBI when he drove in nine against Mercyhurst University in 2007. Jirsa has a 3.87 cumulative grad point average as an accounting major.

There were two repeat members from last year on the University Division team: senior outfielder Emeel Salem (Alabama) was selected to the first team and Ivey was selected to the second team.

Others on the 2006-07 University Division Academic All-America® first team squad were: Justin Fiske (Texas State), Patrick Ezell (Southern Miss), Mitch Canham (Oregon State), Jeff Grantham (St. John's), Brett Lilley (Notre Dame), Trey Sutton (Southern Miss), Justin Baum (Pacific), Erik Huber (Eastern Illinois), Kevin Weidlich (Troy) and Josh Yates (Arkansas State).

The second team was comprised of: Eitan Barbalat (Bradley), Ryne Tacker (Rice), Josh Plumaj (Texas A&M-Corpus Christi), Josh Stirneman (Houston), Bradley Suttle (Texas), Scott Boley (Toledo), Tyler Stovall (Central Michigan), Eric Cattoni (St. Mary's (CA)), Steve Mignogna (Radford) and J.J. Eno (Brown).

Rounding out the University Division Academic All-America® team were third team members Nick Hill (U.S. Military Academy), Jesse Craig (Brigham Young), Ryan Schreiter (Towson), Jeff Hehr (Eastern Michigan), Brian Friday (Rice), Brendon Hitchcock (Binghamton), Brett Scott (Kansas State), Matt Nohelty (Minnesota), James Conrad (Lafayette), Chris Swauger (The Citadel) and Jacob Howell (Ohio State). There were five repeat members from last year on the college division team: Jirsa, senior infielder Skyler Stromsmoe (Southern Arkansas), junior infielder Andrew Bennett (Hamline), and senior outfielders Brandon Burchfield (Carson-Newman) and Dustin Jones (Wayne State).

Others on the College Division Academic All-America® first-team squad were Keith Barrett (Ouachita Baptist), David Anderson (Dakota Wesleyan), Chris Rosenbaum (Tampa), Kyle Sherman (Ohio Wesleyan), Dan Wentzell (George Fox) and Zack Helm (Mount Vernon Nazarene).

The second team was comprised of Sam Mann (Washington & Jefferson), Ryan Decker (Mount Vernon Nazarene), Ryan Tryt (RIT), Sheldon Steiner (Wooster), Daniel Ziccardy (Shenandoah), Cody Lusero (Nebraska-Kearney), Bryan Donohue (George Fox), John Pacillo (Millsaps), Kevin Deao (Pittsburg State), Andrew Shaver (Lee) and Joe Bonyai (Gettysburg).

Rounding out the third team were Patrick Larm (Rockhurst), Paige Dumont (Sonoma State), Riley Bosch (St. Thomas (Minn.)), Paul Pentz (Pittsburgh-Johnstown), Darin Mastroianni (Southern Indiana), Justin Funk (Oklahoma City), Bennett Mayfield (Augusta State), Dan Weitzel (St. Norbert), Richard Hurd (Rhodes), Kirby Carr (Bethel (Minn.)), Rob Pietroforte (Johns Hopkins) and Josh Carter (Mount Olive).

The Academic All-America® program annually honors over 1600 student-athletes who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA (the College Sports Information Directors of America), a 2,000-member organization consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America® honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

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**2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Team (University Division) as selected by CoSIDA**

<b>First Team</b>						
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major</b>
P	Justin Fiske	Texas State	Sr.	College Station, Texas	3.92	Exercise and Sports Science
P	Patrick Ezell	Southern Mississippi	Sr.	Petal, Miss.	3.73	History
C	Mitch Canham	Oregon State	Jr.	Lake Stevens, Wash.	3.53	Business Administration
INF	Jeff Grantham	St. John's (N.Y.)	Jr.	Randolph, N.J.	3.98	Physics
INF	Brett Lilley	Notre Dame	Jr.	North Canton, Ohio	3.78	Accounting
INF	Trey Sutton	Southern Mississippi	Jr.	Hattiesburg, Miss.	3.75	Business Administration
INF	Justin Baum	Pacific	Jr.	La Mesa, Calif.	3.79	Business Administration
INF	Erik Huber	Eastern Illinois	Sr.	Belleville, Ill.	3.65	Physical Education
OF	Aaron Ivey	Oklahoma	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.00	Energy Management
OF	Emeel Salem	Alabama	Sr.	Mountain Brook, Ala.	3.85	Marketing and Spanish
OF	Kevin Weidlich	Troy	Sr.	Plano, Texas	4.00	Social Science
DH	Josh Yates	Arkansas State	Sr.	San Antonio, Tex.	3.86	Accounting

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P	Eitan Barbalat	Bradley	Jr.	Thornhill, Ontario	4.00	Cell and Molecular Biology
P	Ryne Tacker	Rice	Sr.	Benbrook, Texas	3.55	Kinesiology/Managerial Studies
C	Josh Plumaj	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	Sr.	Missouri City, Texas	4.00	Marketing
INF	Josh Stirneman	Houston	Sr.	Cuero, Texas	3.85	Business
INF	Bradley Suttle	Texas	So.	Boerne, Texas	3.54	Business
INF	Scott Boley	Toledo	Jr.	Celina, Ohio	3.97	Finance
OF	Tyler Stovall	Central Michigan	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.84	Personal Financial Planning
OF	Eric Cattoni	Saint Mary's (Ca)	Sr.	Lethbridge, Alberta	3.99	Biology (pre-med)
OF	Steve Mignogna	Radford	Gr.	Mt. Laurel, N.J.	3.8	MBA, Business Administration
DH	J.J. Eno	Brown	Jr.	Kahului, Hawaii	3.73	Neuroscience

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P	Nick Hill	Army	Sr.	Bluff City, Tenn.	3.24	Systems Engineering
P	Jesse Craig	Brigham Young	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	3.80	Exercise Science
C	Ryan Schreiter	Towson	Sr.	Montoursville, Pa.	3.54	Biology
INF	Jeff Hehr	Eastern Michigan	Jr.	Boardman, Ohio	3.93	Accounting
INF	Brian Friday	Rice	Jr.	Houston, Texas	3.39	Economics/Managerial Studies
INF	Brendon Hitchcock	Binghamton	Sr.	Laceyville, Pa.	3.55	Accounting
INF	Brett Scott	Kansas State	Jr.	Manhattan, Kan.	3.97	Finance
OF	Matt Nohelty	Minnesota	So.	Rothschild, Wis.	4.00	Computer Science
OF	James Conrad	Lafayette	Sr.	Columbia, Md.	3.58	Mathematics
OF	Chris Swauger	Citadel	Jr.	Tampa, Fla.	3.92	Business Administration
DH	Jacob Howell	Ohio State	Sr.	Ashland, Ohio	3.53	Communication

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Aaron Ivey, Oklahoma**

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P	Keith Barrett	Ouachita Baptist	Sr.	Bristow, Okla.	3.98	Business Administration
P	David Andersen	Dakota Wesleyan	Sr.	Hooker, Okla.	3.99	Biochemistry
C	Chris Rosenbaum	Tampa	Gr.	Castleton, N.Y.	3.90	MBA, Finance
INF	Casey Jirsa	Ashland	Sr.	Tallmadge, Ohio	3.87	Accounting
INF	Skyler Stromsmoe	Southern Arkansas	Sr.	Etzikom, Alberta	4.00	Health, Kinesiology & Recreation
INF	Andrew Bennett	Hamline	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn.	3.96	Physics and Math
INF	Kyle Sherman	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	Plain City, Ohio	3.62	History
OF	Dan Wentzell	George Fox	Sr.	Tualatin, Ore.	3.97	Accounting
OF	Dustin Jones	Wayne State (Neb.)	Sr.	Dakota Dunes, S.D.	3.76	Business Management & Marketing
OF	Brandon Burchfield	Carson-Newman	Sr.	Maryville, Tenn.	4.0	Business Administration
DH	Zack Helm	Mount Vernon Nazarene	Sr.	Centerville, Ohio	3.93	Communication Studies

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P	Sam Mann	Washington & Jefferson	Sr.	Warren, Ohio	3.88	Political Science and History
P	Ryan Decker	Mount Vernon Nazarene	Sr.	Dover, Pa.	3.98	History & Criminal Justice
C	Ryan Tryt	Rochester Inst. of Tech.	Jr.	Fulton, N.Y.	4.00	Marketing
INF	Sheldon Steiner	Wooster	Sr.	Dalton, Ohio	3.86	Biology
INF	Daniel Ziccardy	Shenandoah	Sr.	Harrisonburg, Va.	4.00	Political Science/Spanish
INF	Cody Lusero	Nebraska-Kearney	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.71	Marketing
INF	Bryan Donohue	George Fox	Sr.	Gresham, Ore.	3.66	Business Administration
OF	John Pacillo	Millsaps	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La.	3.79	Business
OF	Kevin Deao	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.92	Nursing
OF	Andrew Shaver	Lee	Sr.	Harrison, Tenn.	3.75	Business Administration
DH	Joe Bonyai	Gettysburg	Sr.	Torrington, Conn.	3.58	Health Sciences

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P	Patrick Larm	Rockhurst	Gr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.98	Business Management; MBA
P	Paige Dumont	Sonoma State	Gr.	Lakeport, Calif.	3.34	MA: Extended Education; BA: Kinesiology
P	Riley Bosch	St. Thomas (Minn.)	Sr.	Vadnais Heights, Minn.	3.64	Biochemistry
C	Paul Pentz	Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Sr.	Johnstown, Pa.	3.91	Electrical Engineering Technology
INF	Darin Mastroianni	Southern Indiana	Jr.	Huntersville, N.C.	3.73	Business Administration
INF	Justin Funk	Oklahoma City	Sr.	Enid, Okla.	3.90	Science
INF	Bennett Mayfield	Augusta State	Sr.	Cumming, Ga.	3.67	Marketing
INF	Dan Weitzel	St. Norbert	Sr.	Racine, Wis.	3.88	Accounting
OF	Richard Hurd	Rhodes	Jr.	Marietta, Ga.	3.86	Spanish
OF	Kirby Carr	Bethel (Minn.)	Sr.	Fergus Falls, Minn.	3.51	Biology
OF	Rob Pietroforte	Johns Hopkins	Jr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	3.70	Economics
DH	Josh Carter	Mount Olive	Sr.	Goldsboro, N.C.	3.70	Exercise Science

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