

# **ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM**

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### ***Stanford's Nnamani and Juniata's Dale Head*** **2004 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Volleyball Team**

WALTHAM, Mass. – Senior outside hitter Ogonna Nnamani of Stanford University and senior setter Carli Dale of Juniata College head the 2004 *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America® Women's Volleyball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Nnamani, a four-time All-Pac 10 selection, was named the Academic All-America of the Year for the university division while Dale, the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division III National Player of the Year, received the honor for the college division.

It's the second major honor of the week for Nnamani, who was named the Pacific-10 Conference Player of the Year on Monday. The native of Normal, Ill. led the Pac-10 in kills (5.88 per game) and points (6.55 average) while posting the league's sixth best attack percentage (.343). She has posted a Stanford single-season record 658 kills, has registered 59 straight double-doubles and owns the conference records for career kills (2,285) and attacks (5,164).

Nnamani, a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic team, was previously selected to the Academic All-America third team in both 2002 and 2003. She's compiled a 3.44 grade point average as a human biology major.

Dale, who led her team to its first-ever NCAA Division III national championship, earning tournament MVP honors in the process, had a standout career as a four-year starter for the Eagles. She ranks in the top five in Division III history with 6,385 career assists, and her career average of 13.3 is a Division III record. Dale is a three-time All-America, including first-team each of the last two seasons, and a two-time conference Player of the Year who has helped Juniata to a four-year record of 141-19 with three appearances in the national semifinals.

Dale's success on the court carries over into the classroom where the Cochranton, Pa. resident has a 3.84 grade point average as an accounting major. The two-time team captain is a member of the National Economics and Business Honor Society, and has been named to the conference Academic Honor Roll three times.

Nnamani and Dale are two of the seven first-team selections who led their team to an appearance in the 2004 NCAA playoffs. The Division I tournament, which begins this weekend, also includes Emily Adams of Southern California and Catherine DuPont of Rice. Kim Rementer of Salisbury, Jamie Stark of Central College and Jessica Walden of Concordia-Moorhead were members of teams that competed in the Division III playoffs.

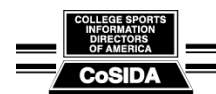
Rementer and Walden both have perfect 4.00 GPAs for their collegiate careers, as does Erica Gerth of Eastern Illinois.

The only repeat first-team selection this year was Tricia Jones of Nazareth, owner of a lofty 3.92 GPA in biology. ms, two that played in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, seven who participated in the Division II playoffs and three whose teams earned NCAA Division III playoff berths.

Five of the six first-team selections in the university division, including Nnamani, have earned Academic All-America honors previously. Adams and Cincinnati's Julie DuPont were both second-team honorees in 2003, and Catherine DuPont and Gerth were members of the 2003 third team.

The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually 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 consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has

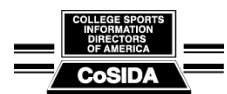


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**First Team**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>YR.</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>
+Emily Adams	Southern California	Middle Blocker	Sr	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.65	International Relations
Erin Deffenbaugh	Northern Colorado	Outside Hitter	Sr	Strasburg, Colo.	3.83	Interdisciplinary Language Arts
#Catherine DuPont	Rice	Outside Hitter	Sr	St. Petersburg, Fla.	3.95	Kinesiology & Psychology
+Julie DuPont	Cincinnati	Outside Hitter	Sr	Muskego, Wis.	3.97	Communication Science Disorders
#Erica Gerth	Eastern Illinois	Outside Hitter	Sr	El Paso, Ill.	4.00	Health Studies
#Ogonna Nnamani	Stanford	Outside Hitter	Sr	Normal, Ill.	3.44	Human Biology

**Second Team**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>YR.</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>
Adah Burke	New Mexico	Libero	Sr	Las Cruces, N.M.	4.02	Mathematics
Kristin Colson	Liberty	Setter	Sr	Austin, Texas	4.00	Mathematics
Amy Doman	Wyoming	Setter	Sr	Brentwood, Tenn.	3.95	Health Sciences
#Leslie Kuhn	Wisconsin-Green Bay	Setter/Out. Hitter	Sr	Juneau, Wis.	3.97	Communication Processes
#Heather Watts	Memphis	Setter	Sr	Sandy, Utah	3.88	Exercise & Sports Science
Leah Wischmeier	Purdue	Outside Hitter	Jr	Brownstown, Ind.	4.00	Health Sciences

**Third Team**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>YR.</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>
Sarah Mae Billingsley	Winthrop	Libero	Sr	Cedar Park, Texas	3.79	Mathematics
Jackie Choi	New Mexico State	Setter	So	Corpus Christi, Texas	4.00	Economics
Kate Duchek	Xavier	Outside Hitter	Jr	St. Louis, Mo.	4.00	Education
Krystal Kolkhorst	Texas State	Setter	Sr	Houston, Texas	3.96	Finance
Candace Lee	Washington	Libero	Jr	Eugene, Ore.	3.78	English
Courtney Thompson	Washington	Setter	So	Kent, Wash.	3.63	Business

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Ogonna Nnamani, Stanford**

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Carli Dale	Juniata	Setter	Sr	Cochranton, Pa.	3.84	Accounting
Kristin Halleck	Willamette	Outside Hitter	Sr	Salem, Ore.	3.82	Biology
*Tricia Jones	Nazareth	Middle Hitter	Sr	Corning, N.Y.	3.92	Biology
Kim Rementer	Salisbury	Defensive Spec.	Sr	Denton, Md.	4.00	Psychology
Jamie Stark	Central College	Middle Hitter	Sr	Center Point, Iowa	3.99	Sport Science
Jessica Walden	Concordia-Moorhead	Setter	Sr.	Hawley, Minn.	4.00	Biology/Psychology

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Jean Anne Babin	Univ. of the South	Outside Hitter	So	Huntsville, Ala.	4.00	Pol. Science./Psychology
Elisabeth Bosma	Coast Guard Acad.	Outside Hitter	Sr	Sterling, Va.	3.81	Op. Research & Comp. Anal.
Heather Jonasson	Illinois College	Middle Hitter	Sr	Schaumburg, Ill.	4.00	Economics./Business Admin.
Katya Khmel'nitskaya	New York Univ.	Setter	Jr	Albany, N.Y.	3.77	Psychology
Kristian Kleminsky	Alabama-Huntsville	Outside Hitter	Sr	Madison, Ala.	4.00	Biological Science
Elizabeth Loveless	Rochester	Setter	Sr	Baldwinsville, N.Y.	3.89	Chemical Engineering

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Angela Bagwell	Texas Lutheran	Outside Hitter	Sr	San Antonio, Texas	3.92	Business
Lindsay Harksen	Linfield	Right Side	Jr	Sublimity, Ore.	4.00	Finance
Kecia Jennings	Rockhurst	Setter	Sr	Leavenworth, Kans.	3.93	Biology
Lisa Kidwell	Lee	Setter	Sr	Milford, Ohio	3.95	Human Development
Lauren Petrick	Frostburg State	Outside Hitter	Sr	Denton, Md.	3.81	Bus. Admin.
Kristin Smith	Bemidji State	Setter	Sr	Caledonia, Ill.	4.00	Bus. Admin.
Lindsay Thiery	Mount St. Joseph	Libero	Jr	Cincinnati, Ohio	4.00	Business
Emily Wolfing	Washington & Lee	Outside Hitter	Sr	Mount Airy, Md.	3.76	Physics/Math.

**ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Carli Dale, Juniata**

\*First-team selection in 2003

Eight selected to third team due to tie in voting

