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### ALIX KLINEMAN OF STANFORD, BRITTANY DONELAN OF HEIDELBERG LEAD ESPN ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

**TOWSON, Md.** – Senior **Alix Klineman** of number two-ranked Stanford University and senior **Brittany Donelan** of Heidelberg University headline the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball Teams as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Klineman has been named as the Academic All-America® of the Year for the University Division while Donelan has been chosen as the Academic All-America® of the Year for the College Division.

An Art major with a minor in Political Science and a 3.53 G.P.A., Klineman has been named as an All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) three times. As a senior, she has played in all 27 matches for fourth-ranked Stanford while leading the Pacific-10 Conference co-champions to a 24-3 record. Stanford is seeded third in the NCAA Tournament which starts on Thursday, December 2.

Named as a second team ESPN Academic All-America® second team pick in 2009, she is second in NCAA Division I with 5.47 kills per set. She also ranks among the national leaders with 6.2 points per set. With a team high .364 hitting percentage, she averages 0.66 blocks and 2.87 digs per set.

A native of Manhattan Beach, Cal., Klineman led Stanford to back-to-back NCAA Final Four appearances in 2007 and 2008 when the Cardinal finished as national runner-up each time. She was also named to the all-tournament team at the Final Four twice.

Named as the AVCA National Player of the Week twice, she is a three-time All-Pacific 10 Conference pick and the eighth player in school history with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in her career.

Honored as a third team All-American selection by the AVCA as a junior and senior, Donelan has a double major in Accounting and Business Administration with a 3.96 G.P.A. Named as the Ohio Athletic Conference Libero of the Year for the third straight season, she averaged 5.60 digs per set. A first team All-OAC selection in 2010, she was a second team All-OAC pick as a sophomore and junior.

A four-year starter for “The ‘Berg,” Donelan led Heidelberg to four consecutive NCAA Division III regional appearances. As a senior, the North Olmstead, Ohio native led Heidelberg to the best season in school history.

In 2010, Heidelberg finished the season with a 33-6 record, setting a school record for victories in a season. “The ‘Berg” also won the OAC regular season and tournament championships. The top seed at the NCAA Great Lakes regional, Heidelberg was upset by eventual national champion Calvin in the second round of the tournament.

Donelan finished her career with 2,687 digs, setting Heidelberg and OAC records. Named to the OAC All-Academic team, she helped Heidelberg earn a final number 15 national ranking in 2010. During her career, she led “The ‘Berg” to a 118-33 record, including a 32-4 mark in OAC play.

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## **Klineman, Donelan Headline ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball Teams – page 2**

Klineman is one of two Stanford players named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball University Division first team. Senior setter **Cassidy Lichtman** is also part of the first team.

Senior **Caitlin Saxton** of Rutgers, a third team ESPN Academic All-America® University Division selection in 2009, has also been chosen to the first team along with seniors **Johannah Bangert** of Illinois, **Allyson Doyle** of Western Michigan and **Nikki Fowler** of Tennessee.

Four members of the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball University Division first team will play in the NCAA Division I Tournament which starts this weekend.

A Political Science major with a 3.63 G.P.A., Lichtman has been a standout at setter for Stanford. Named as a first team AVCA All-American as a junior, she is averaging 8.29 assists per set. A native of Poway, Cal., she has 42 “double doubles” in her career as well as 11 “triple doubles.” As a senior, she is third on the team with 0.62 blocks per set and averages 2.44 digs per set. A first team All-Pac-10 pick last year, she will finish her career ranked among Stanford’s career leaders in assists.

A three-year standout at Rutgers, Saxton is a Journalism and Media Studies major with a minor in Sociology and a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. The team leader in kills for the last three seasons, she averaged 3.0 kills per set as a senior. A starter in all 28 matches, she helped the Scarlet Knights post an 11-17 record. Saxton, who was a team captain as a junior and senior, was second on the team in digs (2.47 per game) and service aces (36) in 2010. Named to the BIG EAST All-Academic team twice, she is a native of Encinitas, Cal. who transferred to Rutgers after one year at California Santa Barbara.

The career leader in blocks for Illinois, Bangert has led the #10 Fighting Illini to a 22-8 record and second place in the Big Ten Conference. A Mathematics major with a 3.72 G.P.A., she has a .367 hitting percentage with 1.79 kills per set. The two-time NCAA leader in blocks, she is averaging 1.23 blocks per set this year to rank among the NCAA leaders. An honorable mention All-American in 2009, she was named to the 2010 Pre-Season All-Big Ten team. A native of Washington, Mo., she has 744 career blocks. Eighth-seeded Illinois opens play in the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

A Speech Pathology major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Doyle was a second team All-Mid-American Conference choice after leading Western Michigan to a 22-10 record and third place in the MAC. A four-year starter at outside hitter, she was a first team All-MAC pick in 2009. While averaging 2.38 kills per set in 2010, she is the 15<sup>th</sup> Bronco with more than 1,000 career kills (1,188). As a senior, she had a .279 hitting percentage and was second on the team with 3.83 digs per set. A native of Battle Creek, Mich., she was a member of the Broncos’ NCAA Tournament team in 2008.

A three-time All-Southeastern Conference pick, Fowler is a Marketing major with a minor in International Business and a 3.80 G.P.A. One of the top players in Tennessee history, she led the 21<sup>st</sup>-ranked Lady Vols to a 24-6 regular season record and a NCAA Tournament berth. A native of Dallas, Texas, she is a two-time honorable mention All-American. As a senior, she leads the Lady Vols with 3.52 kills per set and a .301 hitting percentage. Honored as the SEC’s Co-Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2010, she also averages 2.96 digs per game, one of the top marks on the team. She will finish her career ranked among Tennessee’s all-time leaders in kills, attacks, blocks and digs. The 11<sup>th</sup>-seeded Lady Vols open play in the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

The six members of the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America® University Division first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.78.

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Senior **Elizabeth Fleming** of Marshall, a repeat selection on the ESPN Academic All-America® University Division second team, is one of six seniors on the 2010 second team. Fleming is joined by **Nina Camaioni** of Loyola (Md.), **JuliAnne Chisholm** of Kansas State, **Holly Evans** of Morehead State, **Amanda Graham** of Robert Morris and **JennaRae Jester** of Wyoming on the second team.

Another Scholar-Athlete from fourth-ranked Stanford, junior **Stephanie Browne**, heads the third team. She is joined on the ESPN Academic All-America® University Division third team by junior **Suzy Boulavsky** of Oklahoma, sophomore **Katherine Fischer** of Oregon, junior **Kristin Hoffman** of Northern Illinois and senior **Kelly Williamson** of New Mexico.

Senior **Jennifer Hefner** of Wayne State (Neb.) is the only repeat selection on the ESPN Academic All-America® College Division Volleyball first team.

Hefner is joined on the first team by junior **Tricia McCutchan** of Case Western Reserve and senior **Devon Woolard** of Lynn, a pair of second team honorees in 2009.

Junior **Maria Horning** of Eastern and senior **Steph Strauss** of Juniata round out the ESPN Academic All-America® College Division Volleyball first team.

Hefner, a first team Academic All-America® pick as a junior, majors in Applied Human and Sport Physiology with a 3.93 G.P.A. A three-time All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference first team selection, she was named as a second team All-American by the AVCA as a junior. In 2010, Hefner led fourth-ranked Wayne State (Neb.) to an NCAA Division II Tournament berth where the Wildcats were upset in the first round. A native of Archer, Neb., she finished her career with 1,540 kills, ranked fourth in school history. Hefner, who averaged 3.38 kills and 1.13 blocks per set in 2010, led the Wildcats to a 102-34 in her career with four NCAA Tournament appearances.

One of two juniors on the ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball College Division first team, McCutchan was a second team selection last year. A Biomedical Engineering major with a 4.00 G.P.A., she earned second team All-University Athletic Association honors for the third year in a row. While leading the Spartans to a 24-10 record and the first NCAA Division III regional appearance in school history, she averaged 3.81 kills per set to lead the team. A native of Hamilton, Ohio, McCutchan had a .282 hitting percentage while leading the team with 0.98 blocks per set. Honored as the UAA Player of the Week four times, she already stands second on CWU's all-time list of kill leaders.

A Business Administration major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Woolard was also a second team honoree on the ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball College Division team in 2009. A four-year starter at setter for Lynn University, she earned All-South region notice this past year. A three-time All-Sunshine State Conference second team selection, she led the Fighting Knights to a 21-10 record and an NCAA Division II Tournament berth. As a senior, she averaged 9.79 assists and 2.55 digs per set. A native of Delray Beach, Fla., Woolard became only the second player in school history with more than 1,000 assists and 1,000 digs. She set a school record with 4,564 career assists and her 1,174 career digs are fourth on the all-time list.

Honored as a first team NCAA Division III All-American setter, Horning led eighth-ranked Eastern University to a 30-5 record. An Economic Development major with a 4.00 G.P.A., she also minors in Accounting and Spanish. Named as the Freedom Conference Player of the Year for the third consecutive season, she ranked fourth in the nation with 11.5 assists per set for the Eagles. A native of Denver, Pa., she also averaged 1.1 kills per set with a .322 hitting percentage and 3.0 digs per set. Chosen by the faculty as the winner of the University's Social Science Award, Horning has led Eastern to a 97-12 record and three NCAA Tournament berths in her career.

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## **Klineman, Donelan Headline ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball Teams – page 4**

A Sport Marketing and Management major with a minor in Communications and a 3.89 G.P.A., Strauss led third-ranked Juniata College to a 34-6 record and berth in the NCAA Division III semi-finals this past season. Honored as a Division III second team All-American by the AVCA for the third straight year, Strauss averaged 9.94 assists per set for the Eagles. She also averaged 1.88 kills and 2.13 digs per set. A two-time team captain, she earned all-tournament honors at the NCAA Division III Championships in 2009 while leading the Eagles to a national runner-up finish. Named to the All-Landmark Conference team three times in her career, she helped Juniata post a 142-20 record with four NCAA Tournament appearances during her career. A native of Verona, Pa., she is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society.

Three of the six members of the ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball College Division first team have perfect 4.00 G.P.A.'s. The average of G.P.A. of the first team selections is 3.96.

Woolard is one of two members of Lynn to earn ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball College Division honors. Senior **Kala Abdell** of Lynn was named to the second team. Junior **Cara Carson** of Southwest Minnesota State, senior **Kendra Coulson** of Texas Woman's University, junior **Mollie Lacy** of Washburn, senior **Sarah Stephens** of Frostburg State and senior **Lisa Shilling** of Fresno Pacific were also named to the ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball College Division second team.

Seniors **Jessica Anderson** of U.S. Coast Guard Academy, **Madison Chylik** of Thiel, **Stormi Gale** of Wingate, **Jackie Hamilton** of Redlands and **Hilary Pavels** of Adelphi are joined on the ESPN Academic All-America® Volleyball College Division third team by junior **Karie Altman** of Madonna.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 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.

Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 15,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

The ESPN Academic All-America® program currently selects 12 teams at the University Division level and 12 teams at the College Division level.

The program currently selects the following Academic All-America® teams: men's and women's soccer, volleyball, football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's cross country and track, women's cross country and track, men's at-large and women's at-large.

For more information about the ESPN Academic All-America® Teams program, please visit [www.cosida.com](http://www.cosida.com).

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# 2010 ESPN Academic All-America<sup>®</sup> Volleyball Team as selected by CoSIDA

## University Division

### FIRST TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Major</u>
Johannah Bangert	Illinois	V	Sr.	Washington, Mo.	3.72	Mathematics
Allyson Doyle	Western Michigan	IV	Sr.	Battle Creek, Mich.	4.00	Speech Pathology & Audiology
Nikki Fowler	Tennessee	IV	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	3.80	Marketing
<b>Alix Klineman (2)</b>	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>VIII</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach, Cal.</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>Art</b>
Cassidy Lichtman	Stanford	VIII	Sr.	Poway, Cal.	3.63	Political Science
Caitlin Saxton (3)	Rutgers	II	Sr.	Encinitas, Cal.	4.00	Journalism & Media Studies

### SECOND TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Major</u>
Nina Camaioni	Loyola (Md.)	II	Sr.	Williamstown, N.J.	3.83	Global Studies
JuliAnne Chisholm (3)	Kansas State	VII	Sr.	Hillsboro, Kan.	3.97	Pre-Med
Holly Evans	Morehead State	IV	Sr.	Blacklick, Ohio	4.00	Health Promotions
Elizabeth Fleming (2)	Marshall	II	Sr.	South Bend, Ind.	4.00	International Affairs
Amanda Graham	Robert Morris	II	Sr.	Melbourne, Fla.	3.98	Nuclear Medicine Technology
JennaRae Jester	Wyoming	VII	Sr.	Cheyenne, Wyo.	3.97	Business Administration

### THIRD TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Major</u>
Stephanie Browne	Stanford	VIII	Jr.	Danville, Cal.	3.93	Political Science
Suzy Boulavsky	Oklahoma	VI	Jr.	Houston, Texas	3.95	Journalism
Katherine Fischer	Oregon	VIII	So.	Los Altos, Cal.	4.00	Pre-Business Administration
Kristin Hoffman	Northern Illinois	V	Jr.	Batavia, Ill.	3.95	History
Kelly Williamson	New Mexico	VI	Sr.	Buenos Aries, Argentina	3.99	Conservation Biology
Kayla Woodard	Mississippi State	VI	Gr.	Addison, Ala.	4.00	Elementary Education

**ESPN University Division Academic All-America<sup>®</sup> of the Year: Alix Klineman, Stanford**

## College Division

### FIRST TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Major</u>
<b>Brittany Donelan</b>	<b>Heidelberg</b>	<b>IV</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>No. Olmsted, Ohio</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>Accounting/Business Adm.</b>
Tricia McCutchan (2)	Case Western Res.	IV	Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio	4.00	Biomedical Engineering
Jennifer Hefner (1)	Wayne State (Neb.)	VII	Sr.	Archer, Neb.	3.93	Appl. Human & Sport Physiology
Maria Horning	Eastern	II	Jr.	Denver, Pa.	4.00	Economic Development
Steph Strauss	Juniata	II	Sr.	Verona, Pa.	3.89	Sport Marketing & Management
Devon Woolard (2)	Lynn	III	Sr.	Delray, Beach, Fla.	4.00	Business Administration

### SECOND TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Major</u>
Kala Abdell	Lynn	III	Sr.	Royal Palm Bch, Fla.	4.00	Advertising & Public Relations
Cara Carson	Southwest Minnesota	V	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	4.00	Business Marketing
Kendra Coulson	Texas Woman's U.	VI	Sr.	Abilene, Texas	4.00	Legal Studies
Mollie Lacy	Washburn	VII	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.	4.00	Nursing
Sarah Stephens	Frostburg State	II	Sr.	Oakland, Md.	3.96	Business Administration
Lisa Shilling	Fresno Pacific	VIII	Sr.	Clovis, Calif.	3.98	Liberal Studies

### THIRD TEAM

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Dist.</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>G.P.A.</u>	<u>Major</u>
Karie Altman	Madonna	IV	Jr.	Taylor, Mich.	3.98	Biology
Jessica Anderson	U.S. Coast Guard Ac.	I	Sr.	Schoolcraft, Mich.	3.58	Marine & Environmental Science
Madison Chylik	Thiel	II	Sr.	Valley View, Ohio	3.98	Elementary Education
Stormi Gale	Wingate	III	Sr.	Richmond, Texas	3.64	Biology
Jackie Hamilton	Redlands	VIII	Sr.	Loma Linda, Cal.	3.84	Government, Women's & Gender St.
Hilary Pavels	Adelphi	I	Sr.	North Woodmere, N.Y.	4.00	Physical Education

**ESPN College Division Academic All-America<sup>®</sup> of the Year: Brittany Donelan, Heidelberg**

- (1) ESPN Academic All-America<sup>®</sup> 1st team in 2009  
 (2) ESPN Academic All-America<sup>®</sup> 2nd team in 2009  
 (3) ESPN Academic All-America<sup>®</sup> 3rd team in 2009

