



CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY COSIDA

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JAKE SNODGRASS OF McPHERSON LEADS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® COLLEGE DIVISION FOOTBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Junior quarterback **Jake Snodgrass** of McPherson College headlines the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A Biochemistry major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Snodgrass has been chosen as the winner of the College Division Academic All-America® of the Year award for the football team.

The College Division Academic All-America® football team is comprised of student-athletes from NAIA, Canadian and two-year institutions.

Six members of the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football first team represent teams that qualified for the NAIA Football Championship Series, including three from Saint Xavier University. Saint Xavier will be making its first appearance in the NAIA National Championship Game in Rome, Ga. on Saturday, Dec. 17. Saint Xavier will face Carroll of Montana.

Nebraska Wesleyan led all schools with four first team selections while Central Methodist and McPherson joined Saint Xavier with three first team honorees. In addition, Central Methodist had four players chosen to the second team while Nebraska Wesleyan had three second team selections.

Snodgrass completed 170-of-305 passes for 2,094 yards and 19 touchdowns for McPherson. He ranked 19th in the NAIA in total offense with 2,427 yards. A native of Derby, Kan., Snodgrass threw for three touchdowns in a game four times and passed for a season-high 301 yards against the University of Saint Mary.

One of Snodgrass' targets, senior wide receiver **Andy Skinner**, was also named to the first team. Saint Xavier's **Shane Zackery** was also named as a first team wide receiver. A Biochemistry major with a 3.86 G.P.A., Skinner hauled in 43 passes for 602 yards and scored seven touchdowns. A junior Business Administration major with a 3.64 G.P.A., Zackery has 86 catches for 1,130 yards and 17 touchdowns for the Cougars. A native of Rockford, Ill., he ranks third in the NAIA in both total catches and receiving yards and fifth in total scoring (102 points).

A senior Physics major with a 3.86 G.P.A., Matt Orvis of Taylor University is the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team tight end. A senior from Kailua Kona, Hawaii, Orvis had 21 receptions for 193 yards and three touchdowns.

Derek Atwood of University of St. Francis (Ind.) and **Caleb Haynes** of Central Methodist University are the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team running backs. Atwood helped St. Francis reach the quarterfinal round of the NAIA Football Championship Series by rushing for 134 yards on 35 carries. A senior from Shelbyville, Ind., he is a Political Science and Pre-Law double major with a 3.81 G.P.A. A Physical Education major with a 3.71 G.P.A., Haynes scored eight touchdowns for Central Methodist. A native of Higginsville, Mo., he ran the ball 110 times for 443 yards.

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Making up the offensive line are senior **Garek Bebee** of Nebraska Wesleyan University, senior **Sam Greene** of Cumberland (Tenn.) University, senior **Nicholas Hauge** of Saint Ambrose University, senior **David Kraft** of McPherson and junior **Nathan Nieuwendorp** of Northwestern (Iowa) University.

A Physics major with a 3.69 G.P.A., Bebee is a native of Wakefield, Neb. who led the Prairie Wolves to a 5-5 record. A Biology major with a 3.64 G.P.A., Greene was a four-year starter at right tackle for Cumberland. A four-year starter at left guard for Saint Ambrose, Hauge is an Exercise Science major with a 3.54 G.P.A. who led Saint Ambrose to a 7-3 record. A three-time all-conference selection, Kraft is an Exercise Science major with a 3.66 G.P.A. A native of Peck, Kan., he was a four-year starter for McPherson who played center and guard in his career. An Actuarial Science major with a 3.82 G.P.A., Nieuwendorp has been a three-year starter for Northwestern (Iowa). An Orange City, Iowa native, he helped the Red Raiders post a 9-2 record.

Junior place kicker **Steven Anderson** of Nebraska Wesleyan rounds out the offense of the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team. An Exercise Science major with a 3.33 G.P.A., he scored 58 points this season. While connecting on 28-of-31 conversions, he went 10-for-13 on field goal attempts.

On defense, senior **Derek Bosia** of Menlo College, senior **Jacob Heppner** of Central Methodist, junior **Cody McCallister** of Cumberland (Tenn.) and senior **Shea Struiksma** of Azusa Pacific University made the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football Team as defensive backs. A Management major, Bosia recorded 38 total tackles, including 28 solos, for Menlo. He also broke up two passes. A Mathematics major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Heppner played in eight games for Central Methodist, recording 13 total tackles. McCallister, a Health and Human Performance major with a 3.84 G.P.A. at Cumberland, intercepted three passes and broke up four others this season. He also recorded 35 tackles for the Bulldogs. Struiksma helped Azusa Pacific advance to the NAIA Football Championship series with 46 total tackles, two interceptions and five pass deflections. A Finance major, the Artesia, Cal., native has a 3.77 G.P.A.

Tyler Belt of Central Methodist is the lone graduate student to make the first team as he leads the linebacking corps. Joining Belt as linebackers on the first team are seniors **Dalton Ryba** of Doane College and **Garrett Wheeler** of Taylor. A graduate student who had a double major in Athletic Training and Pre-Physical Therapy, Belt registered 41 total tackles, two quarterback sacks and one interception for Central Methodist. A Biochemistry major with a 3.69 G.P.A., Ryba ranked among the NAIA leaders in forced fumbles while making 76 total tackles and three sacks for Doane. A Communications Studies major with a 3.69 G.P.A., Wheeler had 88 total tackles and broke up one pass in 10 games for Taylor.

National finalist Saint Xavier is represented by two defensive linemen on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football first team. Seniors **Patrick Appino** and **Michael Prosser** have helped the Cougars post a 13-1 record and reach the national championship. Senior **Matt Muschall** of Morningside College and junior **Russell Walton** of Nebraska Wesleyan join Appino and Prosser on the defensive line.

A Mathematics major with a minor in Secondary Education, Appino has made 40 tackles for the Cougars. He has also made 15 tackles for lost yardage and had seven sacks. A native of Rockford, Ill., Appino also broke up three passes and recovered three fumbles en route to All-Mid-States Football Association first team honors. Another All-MSFA first team pick, Prosser leads the Cougars with 90 tackles and ten sacks. A Business major with a 3.76 G.P.A., the Rockton, Ill. native ranks among the NAIA leaders with 21.5 tackles for lost yardage.

Muschall, who has a double major of English and Physics and Applied Comprehensive Science with a 3.81 G.P.A., helped Morningside qualify for the NAIA postseason as he recorded 19 total tackles and two sacks for the Great Plains Athletic Conference champions. A native of Omaha, Neb., Muschall was named second team All-GPAC and led the Mustangs to a 9-2 record. A Business Administration major with a 3.86 G.P.A., Walton made 71 total tackles, six sacks and intercepted a pass for Nebraska Wesleyan.

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Sophomore punter **Kelby Vandenberg** of Nebraska Wesleyan rounds out the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football first team. A Business Administration and Economics double major with a 3.79 G.P.A., Vandenberg averaged 38.7 yards per punt. He punted 77 times for 2,979 yards. In three games, he punted 11 times or more, including a season-high 12 punts against Concordia (Neb.) University. A native of David City, Neb., he launched a season-long punt of 76 yards against Hastings College.

The 24 members of the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football first team have a 3.76 average G.P.A.

Senior wide receiver **Bradley Carter**, senior offensive lineman **Kyle Gibson**, junior offensive lineman **Cody Davis** and senior defensive lineman **Ryan Adams** represent Central Methodist on the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football second team. Senior tight end **Matt Edwards**, junior defensive back **Cody Eller** and junior linebacker **Brett Kaczor** give Nebraska Wesleyan three selections on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football second team.

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Capital One 2011 Academic All-America® College Division Football Team

COLLEGE DIVISION: Academic All-American of the Year: Jake Snodgrass, McPherson

			FIRST TEAM			
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Jake Snodgrass	McPherson	Jr.	Derby, Kan.	4.00	Biochemistry
WR	Andy Skinner	McPherson	Sr.	Montezuma, Kan.	3.86	Biochemistry
WR	Shane Zackery	Saint Xavier	Jr.	Rockford, Ill.	3.64	Business Administration
TE	Matt Orvis	Taylor	Sr.	Kailua Kona, Hawaii	3.86	Physics
RB	Derek Atwood	St. Francis (Ind.)	Sr.	Shelbyville, Ind.	3.81	Political Science, Pre-Law
RB	Caleb Haynes	Central Methodist	Sr.	Higginsville, Mo.	3.71	Physical Education
OL	Garek Bebee	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Wakefield, Neb.	3.69	Physics
OL	Sam Greene	Cumberland	Sr.	Maryville, Tenn.	3.64	Biology
OL	Nicholas Hauge	Saint Ambrose	Sr.	Rockford, Ill.	3.54	Exercise Science
OL	David Kraft	McPherson	Sr.	Peck, Kan.	3.66	Psychology
OL	Nathan Nieuwendorp	Northwestern (IA)	Jr.	Orange City, Iowa	3.82	Actuarial Science
K	Steven Anderson	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.33	Exercise Science
DB	Derek Bosia	Menlo	Sr.	San Francisco, Cal.	3.80	Management
DB	Jacob Heppner	Central Methodist	Sr.	Mansfield, Mo.	4.00	Mathematics
DB	Cody McCallister	Cumberland	Jr.	Dickson, Tenn.	3.84	Health & Human Performance
DB	Shea Struiksma	Azusa Pacific	Sr.	Artesia, Cal.	3.77	Finance
LB	Tyler Belt	Central Methodist	Gr.	Macon, Mo.	3.89	Athletic Training, Pre-Phys. Ther.
LB	Dalton Ryba	Doane	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb.	3.69	Biochemistry
LB	Garrett Wheeler	Taylor	Sr.	Springboro, Ohio	3.83	Communications Studies
DL	Patrick Appino	Saint Xavier	Sr.	Rockford, Ill.	3.52	Mathematics (Secondary Educ.)
DL	Matt Muschall	Morningside	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.81	Eng. Physics, Appl. Comp. Sci.
DL	Michael Prosser	Saint Xavier	Sr.	Rockton, Ill.	3.76	Business
DL	Russell Walton	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	Franklin, Neb.	3.86	Business Administration
P	Kelby Vandenberg	Nebraska Wesleyan	So.	David City, Neb.	3.79	Business Admin., Economics

			SECOND TEAM			
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Nick Freeman	Taylor	Jr.	Gaylord, Mich.	3.60	Business Management
WR	Bradley Carter	Central Methodist	Sr.	El Cajon, Calif.	3.83	Physical Education
WR	Matt Davis	Azusa Pacific	Sr.	Acampo, Calif.	3.32	Mathematics
TE	Matt Edwards	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Gretna, Neb.	3.50	Biology
RB	Tim McCord	Cumberland	Jr.	Augusta, Ga.	3.71	Entertainment Design, Gen. Bus.
RB	Brandon Smith	Northwestern (Ia.)	Jr.	Mankato, Minn.	3.39	Business
OL	Cody Davis	Central Methodist	Jr.	Sullivan, Mo.	3.85	History
OL	Kyle Gibson	Central Methodist	Sr.	Columbia, Mo.	3.85	Athletic Training
OL	Tyler Klyn	Northwestern (Ia.)	Jr.	Oskaloosa, Iowa	3.92	Mathematics
OL	Jon Shipley	Union (Ky.)	Jr.	Tazewell, Tenn.	3.46	Human Performance
OL	Mitchell Thornton	Faulkner	Jr.	Prattville, Ala.	3.45	Math Education
K	Andrew Nielsen	Doane	Sr.	North Platte, Neb.	3.33	Exercise Science
DB	Cody Eiler	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	O'Neill, Neb.	3.52	Business Administration
DB	Jonathan Luetchens	Dordt	Jr.	Murdock, Neb.	3.93	Agriculture, Biotechnology
DB	William McClain	Dordt	Sr.	Miller, S.D.	3.97	Biology
DB	Kent McCrimmon	Doane	Jr.	Broomfield, Colo.	3.99	Physics, Spanish
LB	Matt Gross	Ottawa	Sr.	Blue Springs, Mo.	3.93	Business Administration
LB	Brett Kaczor	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	Ewing, Neb.	3.47	Business Administration
LB	Ben Miller	Cumberland	Sr.	Gallatin, Tenn.	3.55	Criminal Justice
DL	Ryan Adams	Central Methodist	Sr.	Slater, Mo.	3.57	English
DL	Cason Christensen	Doane	Jr.	Raymond, Neb.	3.98	Biology
DL	Matthew Remacle	Midland	Sr.	Nebraska City, Neb.	3.80	History
DL	Aaron Rolon	Dakota Wesleyan	Jr.	Bogata, Texas	3.73	History
P	Jordan Sitzmann	Morningside	So.	Le Mars, Iowa	3.85	Undeclared