



CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM **SELECTED BY CoSIDA**

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UCONN'S MAYA MOORE, SHANNON GAGNE OF NEW HAVEN HONORED AS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

TOWSON, Md. – A pair of phenomenal scholar-athletes who attended universities in the state of Connecticut, **Maya Moore** of the University of Connecticut and **Shannon Gagne** of the University of New Haven, have been named as the 2010-11 Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year Award winners, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

One of the greatest women's basketball players in NCAA history, Moore was selected as the Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year for the University Division. She joins **Rebecca Lobo, '95** as the second women's basketball player from UConn to be named as the Academic All-America® of the Year for the University Division. She is also the fourth women's basketball player to be honored as the Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year for the University Division. **Ruth Riley, '01** of Notre Dame was selected in 2001 and Stacey Dales-Schuman of Oklahoma earned the award in 2002.

A six-time All-American in track and field at New Haven, Gagne was selected as the Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year for the College Division. She is the third women's track and field performer to win the award, joining **Kristen Shields** of Whitworth in 2004 and **Jessica Pixler** of Seattle Pacific in 2010.

Moore, who graduated with a Sports Media and Promotion major and a 3.67 G.P.A., was the Academic All-America® of the Year for women's basketball in the University Division as a junior and senior. When she repeated as the Academic All-America® of the Year, she became the first University Division women's basketball player to repeat as Academic All-America® of the Year.

A three-time Capital One Academic All-America® selection, she finished her illustrious career as the fourth-leading scorer in NCAA Division I history with 3,036 points. A four-time WBCA All-American first team selection, she led the University of Connecticut to a pair of national championships and four appearances in the NCAA Final Four during her career. She played in all 154 games of her college career and led UConn to a phenomenal record of 150-4.

Named as the Most Outstanding Performer at the 2010 NCAA Division I Tournament, Moore was the winner of the Wade Trophy as the top women's basketball player in the nation three times. A native of Lawrenceville, Ga. who grew up in Jefferson City, Mo., she was the first

freshman to be named as the BIG EAST Player of the Year in 2008. Moore was also named as the BIG EAST Player of the Year in 2009 and 2011.

Only the second person who was a two-time winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup as the top female college athlete in the nation, she was named as the BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete of the Year twice. In her career, she recorded 50 “double doubles” and set a school record by averaging 22.5 points per game.

The all-time scoring leader in UConn history, she also finished second on the school’s list of career leaders with 1,268 rebounds. She also ranked sixth on UConn’s career list with 542 assists and was third with 306 career steals.

Honored as the National Women’s Basketball Player of the Year three times, she helped UConn set an NCAA record with 90 consecutive wins, a mark that was snapped in December. She is only the second player ever to earn first team All-American honors four years in a row.

The winner of the 2011 NCAA Elite 88 Award for compiling the highest G.P.A. of all the student-athletes at the Final Four, she also set an NCAA record by scoring in double figures in 149 games.

Moore was the number one draft pick in the WNBA draft and was selected by the Minnesota Lynx. In her first season in the WNBA, she is averaging 13.1 points, 4.5 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game while leading Minnesota to a 13-4 record and first place in the Western Conference.

“This historical award brings a special satisfaction to my collegiate career,” said Moore. “Academics are not always praised as much as our athletic skills which is why this award is memorable. Knowing that there are so many deserving and hard-working student-athletes all over the country, I am elated to be recognized for my work. I am truly thankful to all the people who have poured into my academic life.”

In the University Division, there are 12 Academic All-America® teams selected annually - Men’s and Women’s Soccer, Men’s and Women’s Basketball, Men’s and Women’s Cross Country and Track, Men’s and Women’s At Large, Football, Volleyball, Baseball and Softball. In each program, there is an Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. Those 12 Team Members of the Year are considered for the Academic All-America® of the Year Award.

Moore was selected from a field of 12 Scholar-Athletes with an average G.P.A. of 3.89.

A graduate student who is pursuing her Master’s degree in National Security, Gagne has a 3.95 G.P.A. in graduate school.

Honored as the 2011 USTFCCCA Division II Women’s Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year, she graduated from the University of New Haven last year with a degree in Criminal Justice and a 3.93 G.P.A.

Named as the Northeast-10 Conference Woman of the Year, she was also honored as the Northeast-10 Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A six-time All-American, she led New Haven to a fourth place finish at the 2011 NCAA Division II Indoor Track Championship and a ninth place showing at the Division II Outdoor Track Meet.

In 2011, she won five individual national championships. At the NCAA indoor meet, she won titles in the 200-meter run, the 400-meter run and the long jump. At the NCAA outdoor meet, she finished

first in the 200-meter run and the 400-meter run. Her five national championships make her one of just three student-athletes at the Division II level to ever accomplish the feat in one year.

At the 2011 Northeast-10 Conference outdoor track championships, Gagne won four titles as she led New Haven to a second place finish.

A native of Meriden, Conn., Gagne was UNH's Hatfield Scholar Recipient, which is awarded for competitive scholarship for honors students only. She is the head volunteer for the school's legal society and volunteers at the West Haven Community House, serving as a student mentor.

"I am very excited to be recognized for this prestigious award," said Gagne. "It's an honor to even be mentioned among such outstanding student-athletes."

In the College Division, there are also 12 Academic All-America® teams selected annually - Men's and Women's Soccer, Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track, Men's and Women's At Large, Football, Volleyball, Baseball and Softball. In each program, there is an Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year. Those 12 Team Members of the Year are considered for the Academic All-America® of the Year Award.

Gagne was chosen from a remarkable field of 12 Scholar-Athletes with an average G.P.A. of 3.97.

The Academic All-America® of the Year award, which began in 1987-88, is presented to the most outstanding student-athlete of the year and is chosen from the student-athletes who have been awarded Team Member of the Year honors. From over 360,000 student-athletes in the nation, just 816 are selected as Academic All-America® Team members each year, 24 are selected as Team Members of the Year and two are named Academic All-America® of the Year.

"Congratulations to Shannon Gagne and Maya Moore for receiving one of the highest honors presented by the College Sports Information Directors of America," said **Tom Di Camillo**, president of CoSIDA. "This type of dedication and commitment in the classroom and in the arena of competition is why the Academic All-America® program was created. It is why sports information directors across North America and our supporters from Capital One continue to make it the flagship program of CoSIDA."

"The University of New Haven and the University of Connecticut, along with the entire state of Connecticut, should be proud of these two student-athletes," Di Camillo added. "And what great exposure for all of the Academic All-America® student-athletes selected this year to have Maya Moore – one of the rising superstars of the WNBA – to earn the honor in the midst of her standout rookie season."

Former recipients of Academic All-America® of the Year honors include **Rebecca Lobo** (1994-95), **Peyton Manning** (1997-98), **Chad Pennington** (1999-00), **Stacey Dales-Schuman** (2001-02) and **Emeka Okafor** (2003-04). A complete list of the previous recipients of the AAA of the Year award follows.

For more information about the Academic All-America® program, please visit www.cosida.com.

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2010-2011 CAPITAL ONE SPORT-BY-SPORT ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS OF THE YEAR

University Division

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Major, G.P.A.</u>
Nick Amuchastegui, Stanford	M. At Large	Jr.	Talent, Ore.	Mechanical Engineering, 3.98
Kristi Andreasen, No. Arizona	W. Soccer	Sr.	Tempe, Ariz.	Exercise Science, 4.00
Miles Batty, Brigham Young	M. Track, CC	Jr.	Sandy, Utah	Neuroscience, Exercise Science, 3.95
Ashley Brignac, Louisiana-Laf.	Softball	Sr.	River Ridge, La.	Kinesiology, Exercise Science, 4.00
Jordan Hasay, Oregon	W. Track, CC	So.	Arroyo Grande, Cal.	Human Physiology, 3.95
Kayla Hoffman, Alabama	W. At Large	Sr.	Union, N.J.	Human Development, Family Stud., 4.00
Matt Howard, Butler	M. Basketball	Sr.	Connersville, Ind.	Finance, 3.77
Alix Klineman, Stanford	Volleyball	Sr.	Manhattan Beach, Cal.	Art, 3.53
Greg McElroy, Alabama	Football	Gr.	Southlake, Texas	Business Marketing Sports Admin., 3.82
Maya Moore, Connecticut	W. Basketball	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Sports Media and Promotion, 3.67
Matt Rice, Western Kentucky	Baseball	Sr.	Johnson City, Tenn.	Mechanical Engineering, 4.00
Kofi Sarkodie, Akron	M. Soccer	Jr.	Huber Heights, Ohio	Biology, 3.96

College Division

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Major, G.P.A.</u>
Marianne Andersson, Florida So.	W. At Large	Sr.	Bjor, Sweden	Finance, 4.00
Kellen Beckwith, Olivet	M. At Large	Sr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Mathematics Education, 4.00
Zach Carr, Stevens Inst.of Tech.	M. Soccer	Sr.	Carmel, Ind.	Biomedical Engineering, 3.92
Tara Carter, Otterbein	W. Soccer	Sr.	Pickering, Ohio	Art, 4.00
Brittany Donelan, Heidelberg	Volleyball	Sr.	N. Olmsted, Ohio	Accounting, Business Adm., 3.96
Shannon Gagne, New Haven	W.Track, CC	Gr.	Meriden, Conn.	Criminal Justice, 3.93
Tori Hansen, West Liberty	W. Basketball	Sr.	McKean, Pa.	Mathematics Education, 4.00
Bryan Lippincott, Concordia St.Paul	Baseball	Jr.	Des Moines, Iowa	Finance, 4.00
Kelsey Kittleson, Luther	Softball	Jr.	St. Ansgar, Iowa	Biology, 4.00
Austin Meier, Milwaukee Eng.	M. Basketball	Sr.	Oshkosh, Wis.	Architect. Eng., Construction Mgt., 3.93
Isaac Odim, Minnesota Duluth	Football	Sr.	Rochester, Minn.	Mechanical Engineering, 3.85
Bobby Torphy, Muhlenberg	M.Track, CC	Sr.	Schnecksville, Pa.	Biochemistry, 4.00



CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR RECIPIENTS YEAR-BY-YEAR

2010-11

Maya Moore, Connecticut (Women's Basketball)
Shannon Gagne, New Haven (Track/Cross Country)

2009-10

Justine Schluntz, Arizona (W. At-Large; Swimming)
Jessica Pixler, Seattle Pacific (W. Track/Cross Country)

2008-09

Galen Rupp, Oregon (Men's Track/Cross Country)
Greg Micheli, Mount Union (Football)

2007-08

Sarah Pavan, Nebraska (Volleyball)
Troy Ruths, Washington of Mo. (Men's Basketball)

2006-07

Sarah Pavan, Nebraska (Volleyball)
Jamie Wolf, Clarion (Women's At Large)

2005-06

Christine Sinclair, Portland (Women's Soccer)
Josh Lamberson, Northwest Missouri St. (Football)

2004-05

Alex Smith, Utah (Football)
Carli Dale, Juniata (Volleyball)

2003-04

Emeka Okafor, Connecticut (Men's Basketball)
Kristen Shields, Whitworth (Women's Track & Field, CC)

2002-03

Theresa Kulikowski, Utah (W. At Large, Gymnastics)
Ashley Rowatt, Kenyon (W. At Large, Swimming)

2001-02

Stacey Dales-Schuman, Oklahoma (W. Basketball)
T.J. Hess, Widener (Football)

2000-01

Ruth Riley, Notre Dame (Women's Basketball)
Emily Bloss, Emporia State (Women's Basketball)

1999-00

Chad Pennington, Marshall (Football)
Korey Coon, Illinois Wesleyan (Men's Basketball)

1998-99

Matt Stinchcomb, Georgia (Football)
Kelly Schade, Simpson (Softball)

1997-98

Peyton Manning, Tennessee (Football)
Brad Gray, MIT (Football)

1996-97

Danny Wuerffel, Florida (Football)
Julie Roe, Millikin (Women's Basketball)

1995-96

Todd Fuller, North Carolina St. (M. Basketball)
Chris Palmer, St. John's (Minn.) (Football)

1994-95

Rebecca Lobo, Connecticut (Women's Basketball)
(tie) Rob Zatechka, Nebraska (Football)

1993-94

*Carl Erikson, Oberlin (Tennis)

1992-93

*Jim Hansen, Colorado (Football)

1991-92

*Tommy Vardell, Stanford (Football)

1990-91

*Al Parker, Tennis (Georgia)

1989-90

*Alec Kessler, Georgia (Basketball)

1988-89

*James Martin, Penn St. (Wrestling)

1987-88

*Michael Smith, Brigham Young (Basketball)

** From 1988-1995 only one winner was chosen per year. Beginning in 1996 the format was changed to select one winner per year in each division (College and University)*