



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

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ALABAMA'S BARRETT JONES TOPS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I FOOTBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Graduate student **Barrett Jones** of defending national champion Alabama and a three-time selection, headlines the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I football team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A four-year starter on the offensive line for the Crimson Tide, Jones has been selected as the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I football.

A graduate student at Alabama working on his Master's degree in accounting with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Jones is the first-ever four-time Capital One Academic All-America® selection. In 2009, he was named to the second team. He earned first team honors in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Jones has played all five positions on the offensive line for the Crimson Tide during his career. The winner of the Outland Trophy as the nation's most outstanding interior offensive lineman in 2011, he was Alabama's starting left tackle as a junior.

Alabama's starter at right guard in 2009 and 2010, he has been the Crimson Tide's starting offensive center this season, helping the Crimson Tide earn a spot in the BCS national championship game for the third time in the last four years. Jones is a finalist for the Rimington Award, presented to the top center in college football.

The 6-5, 302-pound Jones was also the winner of the ARA Sportsmanship Award and the Wuerffel Trophy for his commitment to the community and academics. A native of Germantown, Tenn., Jones has played in 52 career games at Alabama and he has started 49 of them. A three-time All-Southeastern Conference selection, Jones has helped Alabama post a 48-5 record during his career, including two SEC championships and two national championships.

Earlier this week, Jones was honored as the winner of the William V. Campbell Trophy, the Academic Heisman, which is presented by the National Football Foundation.

No. 2 Alabama, which has a 12-1 record, will play No. 1 Notre Dame for the national championship on Jan. 7.

Jones is one of five student-athletes who are repeat selections on the 2012 Capital One Division I Academic All-America® football first team.

Senior wide receiver **Pat Kelly** of Liberty University, senior running back **Rex Burkhead** of Nebraska, senior offensive lineman **Patrick Ward** of Northwestern and senior defensive lineman **Pete Massaro** of Penn State have also been named to the first team.

An exercise science major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Kelly earned All-Big South Conference first team honors after leading the league with 80 receptions for 857 yards and three touchdowns. A three-year starter at wide receiver, he became the first Liberty player to be named as the Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year for football. A native of New Orleans, La., he led the Flames to a 6-5 record this season.

A history major with a 3.45 G.P.A., Burkhead was limited to seven games this season but will finish his career as one of the top runners in school history. An All-Big Ten Conference first team pick in 2011, the native of Plano, Texas, has helped the Cornhuskers post a 10-3 record and earn a berth in the Capital One Bowl against Georgia. The fifth-leading rusher in school history, he has run for 3,128 yards on 584 carries and he has scored 28 touchdowns in his career.



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A mechanical engineering major with a 3.94 G.P.A., Ward started all 12 games at left tackle for Northwestern. A three-year starter on the line, he switched from right tackle to left tackle as a senior and earned All-Big Ten Conference first team honors. A native of Homer Glen, Ill., Ward is a two-time Big Ten Distinguished Scholar who led the Wildcats to a 9-3 record and a berth in the Gator Bowl where they will face Mississippi State.

A graduate student with a 3.85 G.P.A. in finance, Massaro was also a Capital One Academic All-America® first team selection in 2010. After missing the 2011 season with an injury, he returned to the Nittany Lions and appeared in nine games. A native of Newtown Square, Pa., he helped Penn State finish the season with an 8-4 record while finishing second in the Big Ten Conference's Leaders Division with a 6-2 record. A solid performer at defensive end, he finished his career with 45 tackles.

Four members of the 2011 Capital One Division I Academic All-America® football second team earned first team notice this year. Junior offensive lineman **Gabe Ikard** of Oklahoma, graduate student place kicker **Dustin Hopkins** of Florida State, senior linebacker **Manti Te'o** of Notre Dame and senior defensive lineman **Nolan Nearhoof** of Robert Morris (Pa.) were named to the Capital One Academic All-America® first team.

One of two juniors on the Capital One Division I Academic All-America® football first team, Ikard is a multidisciplinary studies major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. A three-year starter on the Sooners' offensive line, he has played guard and center during his career. Honored as a first team All-Big 12 selection as a junior, the Oklahoma City, Okla. native, has started 36 of 38 career games. He helped Oklahoma post a 10-2 record and earn a share of the Big 12 title. The Sooners will play Texas A&M in the AT&T Cotton Bowl on Jan. 4.

A graduate student who is pursuing a Master's degree in international affairs, Hopkins is the most prolific scorer in NCAA FBS history with 459 points. A native of Houston, Texas, he has kicked 87 field goals in his career to tie the NCAA FBS record. A two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference first team selection, he broke the ACC single season record with 133 points this season. While converting 24 of 28 field goal attempts and 61 of 62 conversion tries, he has helped the ACC champion Seminoles to an 11-2 record and a berth in the Orange Bowl where they will play Northern Illinois.

A design major with a 3.32 G.P.A., Te'o is a finalist for the Heisman Trophy. A senior from Laie, Hawai'i, he has been the leader for No. 1 Notre Dame, now 12-0 on the season. The winner of the Butkus Award as the top linebacker in the nation and the Bronco Nagurski Award, he leads the Fighting Irish with 103 tackles. A four-year starter at linebacker, he has made 427 tackles in his career. A consensus first team All-American selection, he intercepted seven passes as a senior, the second-highest total in the nation. Led by Te'o, Notre Dame leads the nation in scoring defense, allowing 10.3 points per game. He also was the recipient of the ARA Sportsmanship Award in 2012. Notre Dame will face Alabama in the BCS championship game on Jan. 7.

A biology major with a 3.74 G.P.A., Nearhoof earned Capital One Academic All-America® Division I second team honors in 2011 and 2010 for Robert Morris. A three-time All-Northeast Conference selection, he was named as the NEC Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. In 2012, he made 76 tackles with 10.5 sacks. A native of Gibsonia, Pa., he finished his career with 213 tackles and a school record 26.5 sacks.

Notre Dame and Penn State are the only schools with more than one player on the 24-player Capital One Division I Academic All-America® football first team. The Fighting Irish and the Nittany Lions each have two first team honorees.

A graduate student who earned his degree in film, television and theatre with a 3.43 G.P.A., offensive lineman **Mike Golic, Jr.**, joins Notre Dame teammate Te'o on the Capital One Division I Academic All-America® football first team. A starter in all 12 games for the undefeated Fighting Irish, he has helped 202.5 rushing yards per game. A native of West Hartford, Conn., he earned a berth on the 2012 AFCA Good Works Team.

Another graduate student, **John Urschel** joins Massaro as Penn State representatives on the Capital One Academic All-America® first team. A starter at right guard for the Nittany Lions, he graduated with a degree in mathematics in only three years and had a 4.00 G.P.A. An All-Big Ten Conference first team selection, Urschel is pursuing his Master's degree in mathematics. He helped the Nittany Lions post an 8-4 record and finish second in the Big Ten's Legends Division.

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One of eight graduate students on the Capital One Division I Academic All-America® Division I football first team, **Nick Florence** of Baylor University is the first team quarterback. An economics major with a 3.79 G.P.A., he is a first-semester member of graduate school. A native of Garland, Texas, Florence led the Bears to a 7-5 record and a berth in the Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl where they will face UCLA. Florence leads the NCAA with 387.7 yards of total offense per game. He has completed 276 of 451 passes for 4,121 yards and 31 touchdowns.

Senior **Chris Looney** of Colgate University joins Kelly as the wide receivers on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I first team. An international relations and history major with a 3.90 G.P.A., Looney led the Raiders to a 8-4 record and the Patriot League championship. Named as the Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year, he was also named second team all-league. A native of Verona, N.J., he led Colgate with 43 receptions for 776 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior **Cameron Brate** of Harvard was picked as the tight end on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I first team. An economics major with a 3.39 G.P.A., he started all 10 games for Harvard, leading the Crimson to an 8-2 record. A native of Naperville, Ill., he caught 41 passes for 592 yards and six touchdowns.

Graduate student **Ray Holley** of Louisiana Tech joins Burkhead as the running backs on the first team. A graduate student pursuing a degree in Counseling, he has a 3.50 G.P.A. A second team All-Western Athletic Conference selection, he rushed for 740 yards on 142 carries and scored seven touchdowns for Tech, which finished the season with a 9-3 record. A native of Orange, Cal., Holley helped Tech lead the nation in scoring, averaging 51.3 points per game.

Senior **McKade Brady** of Utah State, graduate student **Cody Davis** of Texas Tech, senior **Luke Ruff** of Wyoming and senior **Cooper Taylor** of Richmond make up the defensive backfield on the Capital One Division I Academic All-America® Football first team.

Seniors **Dan Molls** of Toledo and **Keegan Wetzel** of the U.S. Naval Academy join Te'o as the linebackers on the first team while senior **Alan Baxter** of Northern Illinois and senior **Adam Replogle** of Indiana complete the defensive line.

A human movement major with a 3.57 G.P.A., Brady made 87 tackles for No. 18 Utah State, helping the Western Athletic Conference champions post a 10-2 record. A two-year starter at safety, the Cove, Utah native earned Academic All-WAC honors three times. Utah State will play Toledo in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on Dec. 15.

A graduate student who earned his degree in management information systems and had a 3.70 G.P.A., Davis is a four-year starter at safety for Texas Tech. A second team All-Big 12 Conference selection, he leads the Raiders with 91 tackles and made 82 solo tackles. He also leads the Red Raiders with three interceptions. A native of Stephenville, Texas, he leads the nation with 82 solo tackles while leading Texas Tech to a 7-5 record and a berth in the Meineke Car Care Bowl on Dec. 28 where Tech will face Minnesota. He currently ranks eighth on Texas Tech's all-time list of tackle leaders with 382.

A civil engineering major with a 3.60 G.P.A., Ruff served as one of the team captains at Wyoming. A two-year starter at safety, he made 102 tackles as a junior, earning All-Mountain West Conference second team notice. A member of the pre-season all-conference team, he played in only five games due to an injury. A native of Castle Rock, Col., Ruff had 34 tackles for the Cowboys this season.

Honored as a first team All-Colonial Athletic Association selection, Taylor led Richmond to an 8-3 overall record and a share of the CAA championship. A two-year starter at safety for the Spiders, he has a double major in business administration and management with a 3.63 G.P.A. As a senior, Taylor made 78 tackles, including five tackles for lost yardage and 1.5 sacks. He also led Richmond with four interceptions. A transfer from Georgia Tech, the Atlanta, Ga. native had 63 tackles as a junior.

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An exercise science major with a 3.61 G.P.A., Molls is a three-year starter at inside linebacker for Toledo. The NCAA leader with 166 tackles, he earned All-Mid-American Conference first team honors. A third team All-MAC honoree as a sophomore, Molls has made six tackles for lost yardage and has three interceptions this season. A native of North Royalton, Ohio, he has led Toledo to a 9-3 record. The Rockets will face No. 18 Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on Dec. 15.

A senior systems engineering major with a 3.90 G.P.A., Wetzel has enjoyed an outstanding senior year for Navy, helping the Mids post a 7-4 record. A first-year starter at outside linebacker, he is fourth on the team with 63 tackles and leads Navy with 13.5 tackles for lost yardage. A native of Palos Heights, Ill., he also leads the Mids with six sacks. Wetzel and his Navy teammates will play Army on Saturday, Dec. 8 with the Commander-in-Chief Trophy on the line. The Mids have accepted an invitation to play Arizona State in the Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl on Dec. 29. It will be Navy's ninth appearance in a bowl game in the last 10 years.

A finance major with a 3.61 G.P.A., Baxter is a two-year starter at defensive end for Northern Illinois. Honored as a first team All-Mid-America Conference selection, he leads the Huskies with 10.5 tackles for lost yardage and nine quarterback sacks. While leading the Huskies to a 12-1 record and their second straight MAC championship, Baxter has made 54 tackles. A native of Buffalo Grove, Ill., Baxter has been a key to Northern Illinois' 12-game winning streak. Northern Illinois will play Florida State in the Discover Orange Bowl on Jan. 1.

Replogle, a four-year starter at Indiana, has a double major of criminal justice and psychology with a 3.68 G.P.A. A second team All-Big Ten Conference selection, he set a school record by starting 47 games in his career with the Hoosiers. As a senior, he was third on the team with 71 tackles and led the Hoosiers with five sacks. A native of Centerville, Ohio, he finished his career with 184 tackles and 15 sacks.

A senior marketing major with a 3.80 G.P.A., punter **Dylan Breeding** of Arkansas rounds out the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I football first team. A two-time second team All-Southeastern Conference, pick, Breeding was second in the SEC and seventh in the nation with a 45.6 average. A native of Hoover, Ala., he is the third-leading punter in school history with 9.387 yards on 219 punts for a 42.9 career average.

The 24-members of the Capital One Division I Academic All-America® Football first team combined for a 3.715 G.P.A.

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2012 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Football Team

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Nick Florence	Baylor	Gr.	Garland, Texas	3.79	Economics
WR	Pat Kelly (1)	Liberty	Sr.	New Orleans, La.	4.00	Exercise Science
WR	Chris Looney	Colgate	Sr.	Verona, N.J.	3.90	International Relations, History
TE	Cameron Brate	Harvard	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.	3.39	Economics
RB	Rex Burkhead (1)	Nebraska	Sr.	Plano, Texas	3.45	History
RB	Ray Holley	Louisiana Tech	Gr.	Orange, Calif.	3.50	Counseling
OL	Mike Golic Jr.	Notre Dame	Gr.	West Hartford, Conn.	3.42	Film, Television & Theatre
OL	Gabe Ikard (2)	Oklahoma	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.00	Multidisciplinary Studies
OL	Barrett Jones (1) # @	Alabama	Gr.	Germantown, Tenn.	4.00	Accounting (UG & Grad)
OL	John Urschel	Penn State	Gr.	Williamsville, N.Y.	4.00	Mathematics
OL	Patrick Ward (1)	Northwestern	Sr.	Homer Glen, Ill.	3.94	Mechanical Engineering
K	Dustin Hopkins (2)	Florida State	Gr.	Houston, Texas	3.76	International Affairs (MS)
DB	McKade Brady	Utah State	Sr.	Cove, Utah	3.57	Human Movement Science
DB	Cody Davis	Texas Tech	Gr.	Stephenville, Texas	3.70	Management Information Systems
DB	Luke Ruff	Wyoming	Sr.	Castle Rock, Colo.	3.60	Civil Engineering
DB	Cooper Taylor	Richmond	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	3.63	Business Admin., Management
LB	Dan Molls	Toledo	Sr.	North Royalton, Ohio	3.61	Exercise Science
LB	Manti Te'o (2)	Notre Dame	Sr.	Laie, Hawaii	3.32	Design
LB	Keegan Wetzel	U.S. Naval Academy	Sr.	Palos Heights, Ill.	3.90	Systems Engineering (honors)
DL	Alan Baxter	Northern Illinois	Sr.	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	3.61	Finance
DL	Pete Massaro #	Penn State	Gr.	Newtown Square, Pa.	3.85	Finance
DL	Nolan Nearhoof (2) \$	Robert Morris (Pa.)	Sr.	Gibsonia, Pa.	3.74	Biology
DL	Adam Replogle	Indiana	Sr.	Centerville, Ohio	3.68	Criminal Justice, Psychology
P	Dylan Breeding	Arkansas	Sr.	Hoover, Ala.	3.80	Marketing

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Aaron Murray	Georgia	Gr.	Tampa, Fla.	3.30	Psychology
WR	Tanner Bleskin	Montana State	Jr.	Great Falls, Mont.	3.90	Microbiology
WR	Cody Wilson (2)	Central Michigan	Sr.	Rochester Hills, Mich.	3.66	Marketing
TE	Jason Schepeler	Northern Illinois	Sr.	Sycamore, Ill.	3.86	Electrical Engineering
RB	Zach Barket	Lehigh	Sr.	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	3.46	Accounting
RB	Zach Zenner	South Dakota State	So.	Eagan, Minn.	3.78	Biology/pre-medicine
OL	Trey Clark	South Alabama	Gr.	Prattville, Ala.	3.91	Exercise Science
OL	Dalton Freeman	Clemson	Gr.	Pelion, S.C.	3.52	Communications
OL	Ty Frix	Georgia	Gr.	Calhoun, Ga.	3.77	Biological Engineering
OL	Khaled Holmes	Southern California	Gr.	Santa Ana, Calif.	3.31	Communication Management (MA)
OL	Perry Simmons	Duke	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C.	3.87	Civil Engineering (architecture)
K	John Bonano	Arizona	Sr.	Salinas, Calif.	3.92	Physiology
DB	Lyle Dankenbring	Central Florida	Gr.	Palm City, Fla.	3.75	Teacher Education
DB	Jeff Minnerly	Eastern Washington	Sr.	Spokane, Wash.	3.78	Finance & Electrical Engineering
DB	Caleb Schaffitzel	Missouri State	So.	Fair Grove, Mo.	3.97	Wildlife Conservation & Management
DB	Jayme Szafranski	Butler	Jr.	Barrington, Ill.	3.81	Finance
LB	Brad Banas	Robert Morris (Pa.)	Sr.	Houston, Pa.	3.95	Engineering
LB	Max Bullough	Michigan State	Jr.	Traverse City, Mich.	3.73	Finance
LB	Sean Fisher (2)	Nebraska	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	4.00	Business Administration
DL	Brian Arnfelt	Northwestern	Gr.	Lake Elmo, Minn.	3.52	Comm.Stud.(UG), Sports Adm. (G)
DL	Nabal Jefferson	Northern Illinois	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	3.78	Accountancy
DL	Travis Johnson	San Jose State	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.	3.35	Kinesiology
DL	Matt Milner (2)	East Carolina	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.	4.00	Physics
P	Mike Sadler	Michigan State	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	4.00	Applied Engineering Sciences

Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year: Barrett Jones, Alabama

- (1) Capital One Academic All-America® 1st team selection in 2011
 (2) Capital One Academic All-America® 2nd team selection in 2011
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