



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

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

TOWSON, Md. - Senior quarterback **Jake Snodgrass** of McPherson College once again headlines the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A biology major with a 3.89 G.P.A., Snodgrass has been chosen as the winner of the Capital One College Division Academic All-America® of the Year award for the football team, marking the second year in a row he received this honor. He is the first student-athlete to win the award on the College Division level twice.

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

Snodgrass is one of six student-athletes who are repeat selections on the Capital One College Division Academic All-America® football team

There are 11 members of the Capital One College Division Academic All-America® first team who led their teams to the NAIA Football Championship Series. NAIA semi-finalist Saint Xavier University placed two student-athletes on the Capital One College Division Academic All-America® football first team.

Nebraska Wesleyan University led all schools with five first-team honorees. The Prairie Wolves posted a 6-4 record this season. Northwestern (Ia.) had three first-team selections.

Snodgrass completed 171-of-287 passes for 2,053 yards and 17 touchdowns in helping McPherson to a 4-5 overall record. He also rushed for 497 yards and scored three touchdowns on 110 carries, finishing the season ranked ninth in the NAIA in offensive yards per game with an average of 283.3. The Derby, Kan., native had his best game of the season against Bethel (Kan.) College when he threw for 346 yards and four touchdowns on 24-of-32 passing and rushed for 51 and another score on five attempts in a 61-9 victory.

Senior wide receiver **Shane Zackery** of Saint Xavier, senior offensive lineman **Nathan Nieuwendorp** of Northwestern (Iowa), senior defensive back **Cody McAllister** of Cumberland, senior defensive lineman **Russell Walton** and junior punter **Kelby Vandenberg** of Nebraska Wesleyan were named to the first team for the second year in a row.

A business administration major with a 3.70 G.P.A., Zackery led No. 4 Saint Xavier to an 11-2 record and a second consecutive appearance in the NAIA Football Championship Series semifinal round. He ranks seventh in the NAIA in total receiving yards with 1,122. Zackery caught 80 passes and scored 13 touchdowns. A native of Rockford, Ill., he was named first-team all-conference.

An actuarial science major with a 3.93 G.P.A., Nieuwendorp paced Northwestern's rushing attack, which ranked fourth in the NAIA with 3,191 yards. A native of Orange City, Iowa, Nieuwendorp earned first team all-conference honors as a senior while helping the Red Raiders to a 9-3 record and a berth in the NAIA playoffs.

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A physical education with finance and math major and a 3.84 G.P.A., McCallister made 30 total tackles with nine pass breakups while helping Cumberland post an 8-3 overall record.

A business administration major with a 3.82 G.P.A., Walton anchored the second-best rushing defense in the NAIA as Nebraska Wesleyan only surrendered 64 rushing yards per game. A first-team all-conference selection, the Franklin, Neb. native racked up 61 total tackles with 2.0 sacks and five pass breakups.

A repeat first team selection as a punter, Vandenberg ranks 10th in the NAIA in punting average with a 40.5 mark for Nebraska Wesleyan. The David City, Neb., native made the all-conference first team by racking up 2,268 yards on 56 punts.

Junior place kicker **Aaron Lorraine**, junior defensive back **Michael Huettner** and sophomore defensive back **Seth Wardyn** rounded out the Nebraska Wesleyan contingent on the Capital One College Division Academic All-America® first team.

A business administration with a 3.85 G.P.A., Lorraine kicked 12 field goals rank him eighth in the NAIA. The Omaha, Neb., native went 12-for-20 on field goal attempt with a long of 45 yards. He was a perfect 5-for-5 on PATs, helping the Prairie Wolves to a 6-4 record.

An accounting major with a 3.95 G.P.A., Huettner recorded 38 tackles, including four tackles for a loss of 11 yards. The Verdon, Neb. native recovered one fumble and broke up eight passes.

Senior **Tyler Walker** of Northwestern (Iowa) College joins Zackery as the wide receivers on the first team. An accounting and business administration double major with a 3.70 G.P.A., Walker was a second-team all-conference selection who caught 33 passes for 640 yards and six touchdowns. Averaging 19.4 yards per reception, the Arlington, Texas, native helped Northwestern post a 9-3 overall record and earn a berth into the NAIA Football Championship Series.

Junior **Andrew Friederich** of Saint Ambrose University is the tight end on the first team. A chemistry pre-med major with a 3.60 G.P.A., he averaged 19.5 yards per reception as he caught 24 passes for 468 yards and seven touchdowns. The Davenport, Iowa, native helped Saint Ambrose post a 9-2 record and a berth into the NAIA Football Championship Series.

Senior **John Niesen** of Dakota State University and sophomore **Lamont Wims** of Robert Morris (Ill.) University are the running backs on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team.

An elementary and special education double major with a 3.65 G.P.A., Niesen led the Trojans in rushing with 579 yards and six touchdowns on 172 carries. He also caught 12 passes for 60 yards.

A business administration major with a 3.83 G.P.A., Wims is the second-leading rusher in NAIA. He ran for 1,623 yards on 225 carries and scored 15 touchdowns, leading Robert Morris to an 8-3 record. The Frederick, Md., native ranks second in the NAIA in rushing yards per game (147.5). Wims also caught 20 passes for 255 yards and four touchdowns as he scored 114 total points on the year.

All five Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first-team offensive linemen play on teams which advanced to the NAIA Football Championship Series. Seniors **Alexander Berg** of Saint Ambrose, **Brice Darling** of University of Saint Francis (Ind.), **Tyler Klyn** of Northwestern, and **Mason Woods** of William Penn University join Nieuwendorp on the offensive line.

A physical education major with a 3.80 G.P.A., Berg anchored the line which helped the Bees become one of the best passing attacks in the NAIA, ranking ninth in total passing yards with 3,039. Saint Ambrose ranked 12th in total offense per game (440.5) and 21st in points per game (32.6).

Darling helped Saint Francis post a 9-3 overall record and earn a quarterfinal appearance in the NAIA Football Championship Series. A first-team all-conference selection, Darling manned the Cougars' line which paved the way to the 10th scoring offense in the NAIA with 418 points. A native of New Castle, Ind., Darling has a 3.87 G.P.A. as a secondary education major.

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A business, finance and math major with a 3.94 G.P.A., Klyn was a second-team all-conference selection for Northwestern. A business management major with a 3.66 G.P.A., Woods led William Penn to a 9-3 record and an NAIA playoff berth. A two-time all-conference first team selection at center, he helped the Statesmen pile up 4,105 total yards, including an NAIA-leading 3,530 rushing yards.

Senior **Logan Schultz** of Ottawa (Kan.) University joins Huettnner, Wardyn and McCallister as the defensive backs on the Capital One Academic All-America® first team. An accounting major with a 3.59 G.P.A., Schultz led the NAIA with 12 interceptions. He returned those 12 interceptions for 267 yards. A first team all-conference selection, he made 53 tackles while helping the Braves post an 8-3 record and an NAIA playoff berth.

Senior **Michael Bushnell** of Saint Xavier, senior **Zach Eagler** of Union (Ky.) College and junior **Brock Peery** of William Penn are the linebackers on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team.

A biology major with a 3.57 G.P.A., Bushnell registered 75 tackles for Saint Xavier to go along with one interception and four pass breakups. A native of Tinley Park, Ill., he earned first-team all-conference honors.

A business administration major with a 3.71 G.P.A., Eagler helped Union to a 4-7 overall record as he made 73 tackles with two sacks and 4.5 tackles for lost yardage. The Florence, Ky., native also had two fumble recoveries.

A secondary education major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Peery earned second team all-conference honors as he made 87 total tackles for William Penn,. The Payson, Utah, native also recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass.

Senior **Cason Christensen** of Doane College, senior **Tim Oehring** of Peru State College and junior **Cody Schwerin** of Taylor University join Walton as the defensive lineman on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team.

A biology major with a minor in chemistry and a 3.93 G.P.A., Christensen was a second team selection on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division team last year. The Raymond, Neb. native led Doane to a 7-3 record as he made 24 tackles with one sack and an interception.

A double major in elementary education and K-12 special education and a 3.82 G.P.A., Oehring appeared in only seven games for Peru State, which finished the season with a 5-6 record. When he was on the field, the Lincoln, Neb., native registered 17 tackles with two sacks and one pass breakup.

Schwerin, a social studies education major, earned an all-conference honorable mention notice after helping Taylor post a 4-6 mark. He made 18 tackles and had five sacks on the season.

Junior punter **Zach Antie** of Grand View University joins Vandenberg as the punters on the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team due to a tie in the voting. Antie averaged 39.0 yards per punt for Grand View, which finished the season with an 8-3 record. Antie punted 48 times for 1,874 yards. The Allerman, Iowa, native has a 3.82 G.P.A. as a secondary education major..

The 25 members of the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Football first team have a 3.63 average G.P.A.

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To be eligible for Academic All-America® consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. 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 16,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

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

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

FIRST TEAM						
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Jake Snodgrass (1)	McPherson	Sr.	Derby, Kan.	3.89	Biology
WR	Tyler Walker	Northwestern (Ia.)	Sr.	Arlington, Texas	3.70	Accounting, Business Admin.
WR	Shane Zackery (1)	Saint Xavier	Sr.	Rockford, Ill.	3.70	Business Administration
TE	Andrew Friederich	Saint Ambrose	Jr.	Davenport, Iowa	3.60	Chemistry, Pre-Med
RB	John Niesen	Dakota State	Sr.	Amherst, S.D.	3.65	Elementary, Special Education
RB	Lamont Wims	Robert Morris (Ill.)	So.	Frederick, Md.	3.83	Business Administration
OL	Alexander Berg	Saint Ambrose	Sr.	Batavia, Ill.	3.80	Physical Education
OL	Brice Darling	St. Francis (Ind.)	Sr.	New Castle, Ind.	3.87	Secondary Education
OL	Tyler Klyn (2)	Northwestern (Ia.)	Sr.	Oskaloosa, Iowa	3.94	Business, Finance and Math
OL	Nathan Nieuwendorp(1)	Northwestern (Ia.)	Sr.	Orange City, Iowa	3.83	Actuarial Science
OL	Mason Woods	William Penn	Sr.	Williamsburg, Iowa	3.66	Business Management
K	Aaron Lorraine	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.85	Business Administration
DB	Michael Huettner	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	Verdon, Neb.	3.95	Accounting
DB	Cody McCallister (1)	Cumberland	Sr.	Dickson, Tenn.	3.84	Physical Education
DB	Logan Schultz	Ottawa	Sr.	Garden City, Kan.	3.59	Accounting
DB	Seth Wardyn	Nebraska Wesleyan	So.	Grand Island, Neb.	3.81	Biology
LB	Michael Bushnell	Saint Xavier	Sr.	Tinley Park, Ill.	3.57	Biology (Pre-Medicine)
LB	Zach Eagler	Union (Ky.)	Sr.	Florence, Ky.	3.71	Business Administration
LB	Brock Peery	William Penn	Jr.	Payson, Utah	4.00	Secondary Education
DL	Cason Christensen (2)	Doane	Sr.	Raymond, Neb.	3.93	Biology
DL	Tim Oehring	Peru State	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	3.82	Elementary Ed./K-12 Sp. Ed.
DL	Cody Schwerin	Taylor	Jr.	Flanagan, Ill.	3.74	Social Studies Education
DL	Russell Walton (1)	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Franklin, Neb.	3.82	Business Administration
P	Zach Antle	Grand View	Jr.	Alleman, Iowa	3.82	Secondary Education
P	Kelby Vandenberg (1)	Nebraska Wesleyan	Jr.	David City, Neb.	3.73	Business Administration

SECOND TEAM						
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Nick Freeman (2)	Taylor	Sr.	Gaylord, Mich.	3.53	Business Management
WR	John Hasty	Marian (Ind.)	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.76	History
WR	Seth Myers	Kansas Wesleyan	Sr.	Salina, Kan.	3.40	Biomedical Chemistry
TE	Byron O'Rourke	McPherson	Sr.	Holcomb, Kan.	3.47	Business Administration
RB	Jon Halvorson	Morningside	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	3.87	Business Administration
RB	Evan Ressler	William Penn	Jr.	Cascade, Iowa	3.65	Biology
OL	Cody Davis (2)	Central Methodist	Sr.	Sullivan, Mo.	3.87	Social Science Education
OL	Skyler Eriksen	Dakota Wesleyan	Jr.	Presho, S.D.	3.73	Elementary Education
OL	Heath Hewitt	McPherson	Jr.	Sterling, Kan.	3.97	Biology, Education
OL	Jonathan Shipley (2)	Union (Ky.)	Sr.	Tazewell, Tenn.	3.36	Health, Physical Education
OL	Mitchell Thornton (2)	Faulkner	Sr.	Prattville, Ala.	3.44	Math Education
K	Jared White	Cumberland	Jr.	Hartsville, Tenn.	3.69	Health & Human Performance
DB	Matt Broeckelman	Kansas Wesleyan	Jr.	Mankato, Kan.	3.86	Athletic Training
DB	Philip Emminger	Robert Morris (Ill.)	So.	Canton, Mich.	4.00	Business Administration
DB	Jared Goforth	Morningside College	Sr.	Polk City, Iowa	3.35	Business Administration
DB	Bryan Plenge	Central Methodist	Sr.	Kahoka, Mo.	3.43	Physical Education
LB	Matt Gross (2)	Ottawa University	Sr.	Blue Springs, Mo.	3.94	Business Administration
LB	Aaron Jansen	Northwestern (Ia.)	Sr.	Orange City, Iowa	3.49	History
LB	Drew Tondini	St. Francis (Ill.)	Sr.	Morris, Ill.	3.63	Biology
DL	Matt Carden	St. Francis (Ind.)	So.	Wakarusa, Ind.	3.97	Math, Secondary Education
DL	Lance Carey	St. Francis (Ind.)	Sr.	Leo, Ind.	3.56	Secondary Education
DL	Andrew Hammond	Jamestown	Sr.	Lake St. Louis, Mo.	3.46	History, French
DL	Greg Hayward	Saint Xavier	So.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	3.71	Criminal Justice

- # Repeat selection as Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year
 (1) Capital One Academic All-America® College Division 1st team in 2011
 (2) Capital One Academic All-America® College Division 2nd team in 2011

