



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

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PURDUE'S ARIEL TURNER TOPS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I VOLLEYBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Senior outside hitter **Ariel Turner** of Purdue University headlines the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Volleyball team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A mechanical engineering major with a 3.49 G.P.A., Turner was selected as the winner of the Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year award for Division I Volleyball.

As a senior, Turner was named to the AVCA All-America second team and was a unanimous selection for All-Big Ten Conference honors. She was also tabbed as a Senior CLASS Award finalist while garnering AVCA National Player of the Week and three Big Ten Player or Defensive Player of the Week nods. She averaged 4.48 kills and 5.13 points per set, ranking 13th and 11th, respectively, in the nation. She led the Big Ten in kills and is second in points.

A native of Highlands Ranch, Col., Turner became part of an exclusive group of seven Boilermakers, joining the 1,000-kill, 1,000-dig club when she recorded her 1,000th dig in the NCAA first round match against Colorado State. She is the Purdue record holder for hitting attempts with 5,578 and also wrapped up her career ranked second in kills (1,906) and kills per set (3.89).

A Capital One Academic All-America® second team selection last year, Turner was an AVCA first team All-America honoree as a junior. She is Purdue volleyball's first dual All-America recipient since 1984. As a junior, she was named as the Big Ten Player of the Year, becoming the first Purdue player to earn the award since 1985. She was named to the All-Big Ten team twice.

As a senior, Turner led the No. 22 Boilermakers to a 23-11 record and a berth in the NCAA Tournament Round of 16. Purdue beat Colorado State and Florida State before losing to Minnesota.

Senior **Katherine Fischer** of Oregon is the only repeat first team selection on the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I volleyball team. Fisher was a first team honoree as a junior and picked up third team honors as a sophomore. She is just the 24th Division I volleyball player to earn Capital One Academic All-America® honors three times.

Seniors **Andrea Beck** of Wake Forest, **Moriah Bellissimo** of Georgia Southern and **Gina Mancuso** of Nebraska were also named to the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Volleyball first team. Junior **Katy Buck** of Towson rounds out the first team.

An accounting major with a 4.01 G.P.A., Fischer has led No. 5 Oregon to a 29-4 record and a berth in the NCAA Division I semi-finals. Oregon will face No. 1 Penn State in the national semi-finals on Thursday, Dec. 13 at Omaha, Neb.

A native of Los Altos, Cal., Fisher is a four-year starter for the Ducks who leads the team in aces. She is seventh in the Pac-12 in aces per set (0.27). She won her first career Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honor when she had a career-high hitting percentage (.652) at Oregon State.



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The Ducks' active career double-double leader (35), Fischer also ranks in the top 10 all-time at Oregon in points (fifth, 1,410.0), digs (seventh, 1,167), attempts (seventh, 3,412), aces (eighth, 113) and kills (10th, 1,206). This year's Pac-12 Senior Scholar-Athlete Award winner, she has played every set except four in her four-year career (445 of 449), and started every match in that span except one (123 of 124).

A biology major with a 3.96 G.P.A., Beck earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors as a sophomore and junior at Wake Forest. A four-year starter at middle blocker, she led Wake Forest by averaging 3.41 kills per set with a .295 hitting percentage. She also averaged 0.85 blocks per set. A native of Winston-Salem, she finished her career with 1,236 kills, sixth on the Demon Deacons' career list. Her 349 career blocks also place her sixth. She is a three-time ACC Honor Roll selection and was a Senior CLASS award nominee in 2012.

An exercise science major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Bellissimo led Georgia Southern to a 25-7 record as a senior. A second team All-Southern Conference selection in 2012, she was named SoCon Offensive Player of the Week and SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week this season when she averaged 2.99 digs, 2.84 kills and 0.28 service aces per set. A two-year starter at outside hitter, she earned Academic All-SoCon honors twice. A native of Blackstone, Va., Bellissimo has been named to the SoCon Academic Honor Roll three times and serves as president of the Georgia Southern Student- Athlete Advisory Board.

A two-time All-Big Ten Conference first team selection at Nebraska, Mancuso is a marketing major with a 3.67 G.P.A. The Omaha, Neb. native helped the Huskers to a 26-7 mark, a second-place Big Ten finish and a NCAA regional final appearance. She was named to the AVCA All-American second team this year after she led the Huskers with 3.48 kills per set and averaged 2.41 digs per set. A first team AVCA All-American in 2011, Mancuso is a two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection and was named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll four times. The three-year SAAC representative is the recipient of the NU Highest Honors medallion and the HERO leadership Award.

A biology major with a 3.99 G.P.A., Buck led Towson to a 25-4 record and the Colonial Athletic Association regular season title. She also helped the Tigers post an 18-match winning streak, the second-longest winning streak in school history. A three-year starter, the Catonsville, Md. native led Towson and was ranked fourth in the CAA with 3.42 kills per set. A first team All-CAA as a sophomore and junior, she was named as the CAA Player of the Year in 2011. Named to the CAA All-Tournament team in 2012, she was also honored as CAA Preseason Player of the Year in 2012. A three-year starter, Buck was named AVCA honorable mention all-region in 2011.

The six members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I volleyball first team have a 3.85 average G.P.A.

The Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Volleyball second team includes six seniors. **Megan Bober** of Creighton, **Danielle Carlson** of Marquette, **Dana Cranston** of Colorado State, **Andrea Hannasch** of San Diego State, **Jamie Straube** of Iowa State and **Nrithya Sundararaman** of Miami (Fla.) were named to the second team.

Seniors **Sabrina Burns** of Stephen F. Austin State, **Sheina Fernandes** of Oral Roberts and **Christina Teter** of Chattanooga lead the Capital One Academic All-America® third team. All three of them have perfect 4.0 G.P.A.'s. Burns is a professional accountancy major while Fernandes majors in international business. Teter is a biology major. Senior **Alaina Bergsman** of Oregon, junior **Natalie Hagglund** of Southern California and senior **Bailey Yeager** of Southern Illinois round out the third team.

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Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year: Ariel Turner, Purdue

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr. Hometown	GPA	Major
Andrea Beck	Wake Forest	Sr. Winston-Salem, N.C.	3.96	Biology
Moriah Bellissimo	Georgia Southern	Sr. Blackstone, Va.	4.00	Exercise Science
Katy Buck	Towson	Jr. Catonsville, Md.	3.99	Biology
Katherine Fischer (1) #	Oregon	Sr. Los Altos, Calif.	4.01	Accounting
Gina Mancuso	Nebraska	Sr. Omaha, Neb.	3.67	Marketing
Ariel Turner (2)	Purdue	Sr. Highlands Ranch, Col.	3.49	Mechanical Engineering

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr. Hometown	GPA	Major
Megan Bober	Creighton	Sr. Murdock, Neb.	3.82	Exercise Science
Danielle Carlson	Marquette	Sr. Marshfield, Wis.	3.72	Psychology, Theology
Dana Cranston	Colorado State	Sr. Fort St. John, B.C.	3.89	Business Administration
Andrea Hannasch	San Diego State	Sr. New Braunfels, Texas	3.82	Mathematics
Jamie Straube	Iowa State	Sr. Tecumseh, Neb.	3.99	Kinesiology
Nrithya Sundararaman	Miami (Fla.)	Sr. Naperville, Ill.	3.90	Neurobiology

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr. Hometown	GPA	Major
Alaina Bergsma	Oregon	Sr. Chandler, Ariz.	3.60	Business Administration
Sabrina Burns	Stephen F. Austin State	Sr. McAlester, Okla.	4.00	Professional Accountancy
Sheina Fernandes	Oral Roberts	Sr. Porto Alegre, Brazil	4.00	International Business
Natalie Hagglund	Southern California	Jr. Encinitas, Calif.	3.44	Communications
Christina Teter	Chattanooga	Sr. Signal Mountain, Tenn.	4.00	Biology
Bailey Yeager	Southern Illinois	Sr. Brownsburg, Ind.	3.92	Speech Comm. Disorders

(1) Capital One Academic All-America® Division I first team selection in 2011

(2) Capital One Academic All-America® Division I second team selection in 2011

Capital One Academic All-America® University Division third team selection in 2010