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CASEY COONS OF TAYLOR, JENNIFER JORGENSEN OF GRAND VIEW TOP CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® COLLEGE DIVISION BASKETBALL TEAMS

TOWSON, Md. – Junior guard **Casey Coons** of Taylor University and senior **Jennifer Jorgensen** of Grand View University headline the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Men's and Women's Basketball Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The Capital One College Division Academic All-America® basketball teams are comprised of student-athletes from NAIA, Canadian and two-year institutions.

Coons and Jorgensen have been chosen as the winners of the Academic All-America® of the Year award for the men's and women's basketball teams, respectively.

Coons, a health and physical education major from Indianapolis, Ind., carries a 3.69 grade point average. He has been the Trojans' leading scorer for the past three seasons. The third-leading scorer in the Mid-Central College Conference, he is averaging 20.0 points per game. A two-time MCC third team all-conference selection, Coons ranks fourth in NAIA Division II with 95 3-pointers made. He is also seventh in free throw percentage (.871) and 14th in scoring.

Coons, who has led the Trojans to a 20-10 record, has scored 1,566 points in his career with 318 assists. He was named first team All-MCC this season.

Jorgensen, a sport management major from Dayton, Iowa, carries a perfect 4.00 grade point average. She is the leading scorer for the No. 9 Vikings, who have a 25-5 record. Jorgensen, a first team NAIA All-American selection as a junior, also leads NAIA Division II in scoring with 702 points, a 23.4 average. She has been named as the Midwest Collegiate Conference Player of the Week six times as a senior.

The leading scorer and rebounder in the MCC as a junior, she led the Vikings to the Midwest Collegiate Conference regular season title in 2012. She also ranks ninth in the nation with 10.1 rebounds per game and stands third in steals (3.4).

Joining Coons on the men's first team are **Kevin Dawson** of the University of Saint Francis (Ind.), **Chris Donnelly** of Saint Ambrose University, **Coleson Rakestraw** of John Brown University and **Andy Schweitzer** of Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Dawson, a senior health and exercise science major from Fort Wayne, Ind., has a 3.99 grade point average. He has started every game for the No. 24 Cougars and ranks second on the team with a 12.37 scoring average. Dawson currently is ranked 21st in NAIA Division II in free throw percentage (.836).

A senior industrial engineering major with a 3.70 G.P.A., Donnelly is a native of Peoria, Ill. He leads the Midwest Collegiate Conference in blocked shots with a 2.07 average and also ranks fifth with 1.52 steals per game. He is also 12th in the league with a 6.0 rebounding average. Ranked fourth in the nation in blocked shots, he has scored 1,288 points in his career, 20th on the Fighting Bees' all-time list. He has led No. 16 Saint Ambrose to a 23-9 record.

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Rakestraw, a junior engineering major with a 3.93 G.P.A., has started every game of his career for John Brown University. A native of Siloam Springs, Ark., he has led No. 13 John Brown to a 23-6 record by averaging 11.1 points per game, fourth on the team. A junior guard, he is one of the top three-point shooters in the NAIA, ranking 21st with a .427 three-point field goal percentage.

A senior accounting and economics major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A., Schweitzer has led Nebraska Wesleyan to a 12-13 record and the number six seed in the Great Plains Athletic Conference. A native of Bedford, Iowa, he is averaging 7.84 points per game and is second on the team with 29 three-point baskets made. He has scored in double figures in 10 games this year and is tied for the team lead with 2.5 assists per game.

Named to the second team are sophomore **Michael Greene** of Northwest (Wash.) University, senior **Garth Hamilton** of Morningside College, sophomore **Brad Karp** of Saint Xavier University, senior **Derek Kingshott** of Cornerstone University and junior **Daniel Van Kalsbeek** of Northwestern (Iowa) College.

Senior **Zachary Bryant** of Southwestern Christian College, senior **Taylor Evans** of Columbia (Mo.) College, sophomore **Danny Rudeen** of Morningside College, sophomore **Nick Reed** of Doane College and junior **Elliott Smith** of Grace College were named to the third team.

The five members of the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Men's Basketball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.86.

Joining Jorgensen on the women's first team are senior guard **Katy Clift** of Oklahoma Christian University, junior guard **Kelly Ellison** of Shorter University, senior guard **Brittany Roberts** of Lubbock Christian University and senior guard **Marissa Young** of Saint Xavier.

A senior English Writing major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A., Clift is the leading scorer for Oklahoma Christian with a 13.7 average. A native of Kiowa, Okla., she has started all 28 games for the Eagles and leads the team with 74 three-point field goals made. The team leader with a .848 free throw percentage, she ranks second on the Eagles' career list with 210 three-point baskets made in a career. As a junior, Clift set the school record with 93 three-point baskets made.

Ellison, a senior business major from Columbus, Ga., also owns a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. A two-time All-Southern States Athletic Conference selection, Ellison was named as the NAIA National Emil S. Liston Award winner in 2010-11. A two-time NAIA All-American, she has led No. 22 Shorter to a 23-5 record. The NAIA leader with 6.8 assists per game, she is already the Hawks' career leader with 499 assists. She is averaging 11.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

A senior exercise science major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Roberts has led the No. 7 Chaparrals to a 22-4 record and a 19-1 mark in the Sooner Athletic Conference. A native of Canyon, Texas, she is the fourth-leading scorer for the Chaps with a 12.3 average. A two-time All-Sooner Athletic Conference selection, she is ranked fourth in NAIA Division I with an .871 free throw percentage. She set the conference and school record for single-season free throw percentage last year with a .913 mark. She ranks among the Chaps' career scoring leaders with 1,331 points.

Young, a senior pre-medicine major with a 3.96 G.P.A., has led No. 14 Saint Xavier to a 20-7 record. A native of Monroe, Wis., she was named to the Capital One Academic All-America® third team last year. Averaging 16.8 points per game, she is the second-leading scorer in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. She also leads the CCAC with 3.95 steals per game. A two-time All-CCAC selection, she ranks 14th in the NAIA in steals.

Senior teammates **Karlee Despres** and **Julie Janish** of Davenport University lead the Capital One Academic All-America® second team. Junior **Courtney Clifton** of Campbellsville University, senior **Shea Rasmussen** of Nebraska Wesleyan and junior **Amy Vos** of Grand View complete the second team.

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Senior **Abby Ballman** of Shawnee State University, junior **Kaitlin Bogle** of Columbia (Mo.), senior **Sarah Child** of Roberts Wesleyan University, senior **Sierra Fletcher** of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, senior **Kelsey Green** of Huntington University) and senior **Abbey Marra** of Southern Nazarene University complete the third team.

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Capital One 2012 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team College Division

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Casey Coons	Taylor	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind	3.69	Health & Physical Education
Kevin Dawson	Saint Francis (Ind.)	Sr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	3.99	Health & Exercise Science
Chris Donnelly	Saint Ambrose	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	3.70	Industrial Engineering
Coleson Rakestraw	John Brown	Jr.	Siloam Springs, Ark.	3.93	Engineering
Andy Schweitzer	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Bedford, Iowa	4.00	Accounting, Economics

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Michael Greene	Northwest (Wash.)	So.	Bellingham, Wash.	3.90	Business Administration
Garth Hamilton	Morningside	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	3.69	Psychology Counseling
Brad Karp	Saint Xavier	So.	Valparaiso, Ind.	3.50	Biology
Derek Kingshott	Cornerstone	Sr.	Zeeland, Mich.	3.95	Education
Daniel Van Kalsbeek	Northwestern (Iowa)	Jr.	Sheldon, Iowa	3.70	Biology, Health Professions

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Zachary Bryant	Southwestern Christian	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.00	Business Administration
Taylor Evans	Columbia (Mo.)	Sr.	Belleville, Ill.	3.90	Business Management
Danny Rudeen	Morningside	So.	Sioux City, Iowa	3.85	Computer Science
Nick Reed	Doane	So.	Syracuse, Neb.	3.64	Exercise Science
Elliot Smith	Grace	Jr.	Bristol, Ind.	3.91	Accounting

Academic All-American of the Year: Casey Coons, Taylor





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FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Katy Clift	Oklahoma Christian	Sr.	Kiowa, Okla.	4.00	English Writing
Kelly Ellison	Shorter	Sr.	Columbus, Ga.	4.00	Business
Jennifer Jorgensen	Grand View	Sr.	Dayton, Iowa	4.00	Sport Management
Brittany Roberts	Lubbock Christian	Sr.	Canyon, Texas	3.97	Exercise Science
Marissa Young (3)	Saint Xavier	Sr.	Monroe, Wis.	3.96	Pre-medicine

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Courtney Clifton	Campbellsville	Jr.	Lexington, Ky.	3.62	Biology (pre-med)
Karlee Despres	Davenport	Sr.	Belmont, Mich.	3.69	Intl. Business, Sport Mgmt.
Julie Janish	Davenport	Sr.	Whittemore, Mich.	4.00	Honors Accounting, Management
Shea Rasmussen	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Longmont, Colo.	3.89	Athletic Training
Amy Vos	Grand View	Jr.	Newton, Iowa	4.00	Health Promotion

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Abby Ballman	Shawnee State	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.76	Psychology
Kaitlin Bogle	Columbia (Mo.)	Jr.	Crocker, Mo.	4.00	Business administration
Sarah Child	Roberts Wesleyan	Sr.	Albany, N.Y.	3.95	Communication
Sierra Fletcher	Mount Vernon Nazarene	Sr.	Utica, Ohio	3.74	Exercise Studies, Sports Mngmnt
Kelsey Green	Huntington	Sr.	Van Buren, Ind.	3.77	Math Education
Abbey Marra	Southern Nazarene	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.	3.91	English

(3) Academic All-America® third team selection in 2011

Academic All-American of the Year: Jennifer Jorgensen, Grand View

