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ALAN SPANEL OF DOANE HEADLINES CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® COLLEGE DIVISION BASEBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Senior second baseman **Alan Spanel** of Doane College leads the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division baseball team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A biochemistry major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., **Spanel** has been chosen as the winner of the Academic All-America® of the Year award for the College Division baseball Team.

The Norfolk, Neb., native is a repeat member of the Capital One Academic All-America® first team, receiving the honor in 2012. Spanel posted a .321 batting average with eight doubles, a triple, a home run and 22 RBI's. He also scored 32 runs and led the Tigers with 17 stolen bases.

While helping Doane to a 32-20 record, Spanel played 198 games in his career at Doane. He had a .334 lifetime average with 29 doubles, seven triples, two home runs and 122 RBI's. He scored 128 times and swiped 28 bases. Spanel is a three-time letter winner and was named to the All-Great Plains Athletic Conference first team in 2013 and second team in 2011.

Spanel is one of four honorees who was also named to the Capital One Academic All-America® College Division baseball first team in 2012. Infielders **Jacob Harrison** of William Woods University, **Beau Kelly** of Nebraska Wesleyan University and designated hitter **Jacob Storrer** of Arizona Christian University are repeat first team picks. Pitcher **Matt Thomas** of William Woods University and outfielder **Benji Sutherland** of Biola University made the third team in 2012.

Thomas and Harrison represent Williams Woods on the first team. They helped the Owls to a 29-17 overall record.

A junior physical education major at Williams Woods with a 3.65 G.P.A., Thomas earned All-AMC first team honors after posting a 4-1 record with seven saves and a 1.73 E.R.A. In 26 innings of work, the Brashear, Mo., native had 19 strikeouts. His seven saves rank him 25th in the NAIA. Thomas also helped the Owls offensively, recording a .311 average with 10 doubles, two triples, four home runs and 27 RBI's.

A senior exercise science and sports management double major at William Woods with a 3.84 G.P.A., Harrison ended the 2013 season with a .333 average, scoring 32 times, adding two doubles, one triple, two home runs and 26 RBI's. The Fulton, Mo., native made the All-AMC first team as an infielder this season after making the teams as utility player twice.

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A senior with a double major of business administration and history at Nebraska Wesleyan with a 3.94 G.P.A., Kelly captured an All-GPAC honorable mention as a first baseman for the Prairie Wolves. The Colorado Springs, Col., native batted .330 with seven doubles, a triple and 14 RBI's, helping Nebraska Wesleyan to a 16-20 record. Kelly owns the Prairie Wolves' single-season record for putouts (276) and ranks fourth all-time in program history with 801.

A senior biology major for Arizona Christian with a 3.72 G.P.A., Storrer had a .278 batting average with three doubles, a triple and nine RBI's to help the Firestorm post a 31-27 overall mark. The Phoenix, Ariz., native ranks in the top 10 in 15 of Arizona Christian's career statistical categories and is the program's all-time leader in triples (six), walks (51) and runs scored (77).

A senior pastoral ministries major at Biola with a 3.86 G.P.A., Sutherland batted .344 with 13 doubles and 34 RBI's as an outfielder for the Eagles. Earning All-GSAC first team honors, the Orange, Cal., native recorded 16 multi-hit and seven multi-RBI games this season to help Biola to a 25-26 record. Sutherland also led the Eagles with seven stolen bases. He directs the Biola Athletic Ministry program on campus.

Junior pitcher **Steven Beckham** of Olivet Nazarene, senior catcher **Ian Sikes** of Hannibal-LaGrange, senior infielder **Andrew Firth** of British Columbia, senior outfielder **Brad Lineberry** of Madonna and senior outfielder **Don McDuffee** complete the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division baseball first team.

A junior actuarial science major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. at Olivet Nazarene, Beckham posted a 9-2 record with a 3.82 E.R.A. In 74 2/3 innings, he struck out 46 batters and had five complete games with one shutout. The Mt. Vernon, Ill., native helped the Tigers to a 35-21 overall record and the CCAC South Division championship for the second year in a row. His nine wins rank him ninth in the NAIA.

Sikes is a senior secondary education and art major with a 3.69 G.P.A. The Edwardsville, Ill., earned All-AMC first team honors as he batted .365 and led the Trojans with 24 doubles and 37 RBI's. Sikes also hit three home runs and scored 25 runs while helping Hannibal-LaGrange to a 21-23 record. His 24 doubles rank him fourth in the NAIA.

A senior kinesiology major for University of British Columbia with a 3.75 G.P.A., Firth led the team with 72 hits while batting .387 and earning All-NAIA west team honors. A second baseman from London, Ontario, also led the team with 40 RBI's to go along with 10 doubles, a triple and 38 runs scored. He helped the Thunderbirds post a 25-19 record.

Lineberry is a senior criminal justice major with a 3.57 G.P.A. The Canton, Mich., native helped the Crusaders win the WHAC regular-season championship and a berth in the NAIA National Championship Tournament. The Crusaders finished with a 36-12 record. Lineberry collected All-WHAC first team honors while batting .397 with nine doubles, four triples, a home run and 23 RBI's. He played in the outfield for the first time after earning All-WHAC honorable mention notice at first base in 2012.

McDuffee completes the first team. A senior business management and marketing major with a 3.79 G.P.A. McDuffee earned All-KIAC first team honors after leading the Pioneers to a 39-16 record. A native of Champaign, Ill., he led the Pioneers to a berth in the NAIA Tournament. He batted .379 with 11 doubles, five triples, one home run and 38 RBI's. McDuffee helped Point Park win both the KIAC regular-season and tournament championships.

Spanel of Doane Leads Capital One Academic All-America® College Division Baseball Team

The 11 members of the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division baseball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.80. Spanel and Beckham both have perfect 4.00 G.P.A.s.

The Capital One Academic All-America® College Division baseball second team consists of pitchers **Josh DeGraaf** of Taylor University and **Nick Turner** of Biola University, catcher **Alex Heideman** of Nebraska Wesleyan University, infielders **Jesse Dodd** of College of Idaho, **Jason Hicks** of Belhaven University, **Ryan Kiesel** of Trinity Christian College and **Keven McDonald** of Robert Morris (Ill.) University. Outfielders **Michael Burns** of Ashford University, **Ryan Grabowski** of Peru State College and **David Kuhne** of University of St. Francis (Ill.) join designated hitter **Sean Fitzgerald** of Benedictine University at Springfield (Ill.) to complete the second team.

The third team consists of pitchers **Chad Modomo** of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.) and **Daniel Pulliam** of Lindsey Wilson as well as catcher **Adam Cellini** of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.). **Tom Birko** of Point Park, **Jordan Coffey** of Taylor, **Trent Daniels** of Mid-American Christian and **Johnny Griffith** of Seward County Community College are the third team infielders. Outfielders **Steven Karkenny** of The Master's College, **Kendall Konopka** of Arizona Christian University and **Brent Leslie** of Lubbock Christian, and designated hitter **Zach Dillman** of Union College (Ky.) round out the third team.

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Academic All-American of the Year: Alan Spanel, Doane

FIRST TEAM					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A. Major
P	Steven Beckham	Olivet Nazarene	Jr.	Mt. Vernon, Ill.	4.00 Actuarial Science
P	Matt Thomas (3)	William Woods	Jr.	Brashear, Mo.	3.65 Physical Education
C	Ian Sikes	Hannibal-LaGrange	Sr.	Edwardsville, Ill.	3.69 Secondary Educ./Art
INF	Andrew Firth	British Columbia	Sr.	London, Ontario	3.75 Kinesiology
INF	Jacob Harrison (1)	William Woods	Sr.	Fulton, Mo	3.84 Ex. Science/Sport Mgt.
INF	Beau Kelly (1)	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Col.	3.94 Business Admin./History
INF	Alan Spanel (1)	Doane	Sr.	Norfolk, Neb.	4.00 Biochemistry
OF	Brad Lineberry	Madonna	Sr.	Canton, Mich.	3.57 Criminal Justice
OF	Don McDuffee	Point Park	Sr.	Champaign, Ill.	3.79 Business Mgmt./Marketing
OF	Benji Sutherland (3)	Biola	Sr.	Orange, Calif.	3.86 Pastoral Ministries
DH	Jacob Storrer (1)	Arizona Christian	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.72 Biology

SECOND TEAM					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A. Major
P	Josh DeGraaf	Taylor	So.	Morris, Ill.	3.85 Psychology
P	Nick Turner	Biola	Sr.	Palos Verdes, Cal.	3.54 Journalism
C	Alex Heideman	Nebraska Wesleyan	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.	3.40 Political Science
INF	Jesse Dodd (3)	College of Idaho	Gr.	Eagle, Idaho	3.89 Math./Masters in Teach.
INF	Jason Hicks	Belhaven	Sr.	Brandon, Miss	3.88 Accounting
INF	Ryan Kiesel	Trinity Christian	Sr.	Streamwood, Ill.	3.69 Business Marketing
INF	Kevin McDonald	Robert Morris (Ill.)	Sr.	Crestwood, Ill.	3.91 Accounting/Finance
OF	Michael Bruns	Ashford	Sr.	La Porte, Iowa	3.85 Physical Education
OF	Ryan Grabowski	Peru State	Sr.	Omaha, Neb.	3.48 Crim. Justice/Administration
OF	David Kuhne	St. Francis (Ill.)	Jr.	Metamora, Ill.	3.78 Finance
DH	Sean Fitzgerald	Benedictine-Springfield	Sr.	Vienna, Ill.	3.46 Business Management

THIRD TEAM					
Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A. Major
P	Chad Modomo	Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	Sr.	Winter Park, Fla.	3.50 Homeland Security
P	Daniel Pulliam (2)	Lindsey Wilson	Sr.	Crestwood, Ky.	3.80 Psychology
C	Adam Cellini	Embry-Riddle (Fla.)	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.	3.80 Communications
INF	Tom Birko	Point Park	Jr.	Kennedy Twp., Pa.	3.64 Sports, Arts & Enter.Mgmt.
INF	Jordan Coffey	Taylor	Jr.	Batavia, IL	3.53 International Studies
INF	Trent Daniels	Mid-America Christian	Sr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.00 Behavioral Science
INF	Johnny Griffith	Seward County C.C.	So.	Parker, Colo.	3.85 English
OF	Steven Karkenny	Master's College	So.	Chatsworth, Calif.	3.88 Business Administration
OF	Kendall Konopka	Arizona Christian	Sr.	Gilbert, Ariz.	4.00 Business Administration
OF	Brent Leslie	Lubbock Christian	Sr.	Lubbock, Texas	3.77 Finance
DH	Zach Dillman	Union (Ky.)	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.43 Business

- (1) Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team selection in 2012
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