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LB DANTZLER OF SOUTH CAROLINA TOPS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I BASEBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Senior first baseman **LB Dantzler** of the University of South Carolina leads the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A sports and entertainment management major with a 3.64 G.P.A., Dantzler has been selected as the winner of the Academic All-America® of the Year award for the Division I baseball.

The Winter Haven, Fla., native has been a key player for South Carolina (39-18), one of 16 NCAA Division I regional hosts this weekend. The Gamecocks, who have won two national titles in the last three years, will host a regional at Carolina Stadium in Columbia. South Carolina finished second in the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division and fourth overall with a 17-12 record.

Named to the 2013 Golden Spikes Award Watch List in May, Dantzler leads the No. 12 Gamecocks with a .332 batting average. He also leads the team with 15 home runs and 48 RBI's. Dantzler is tied for the SEC lead in homers and ranks second in slugging percentage (.648). He is also fourth in total bases (125), fifth in walks (36) and sixth in on-base percentage (.445).

A finalist for the 2013 Senior CLASS Award®, Dantzler is South Carolina's 2012-13 male candidate for the SEC's H. Boyd McWhorter Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Off the field, Dantzler has volunteered more than 50 hours at the Epworth Children's Home, working on various projects. He also helped organize a fundraising effort for the orphanage through an area restaurant and has made speaking appearances for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Dantzler is one of four players on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I first team who will play in the NCAA Regionals this weekend. In addition to Dantzler, third baseman **Zach Fisher** of Towson University, shortstop **Tyler Vaughn** of Troy University and right fielder **Derrick Workman** of Mercer University will play in the 64-team NCAA Tournament.

Junior **Tim Colwell** of North Dakota State University is the only repeat first team selection on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball team. Senior **Shane Basen** of Charlotte was a second team pick in 2012. Fisher was a Capital One Academic All-America® third team choice in 2012 while designated hitter **Benjamin Packard** of Northern Colorado was named to the third team in 2011.

North Dakota State University was the only school with more than one player on the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball first team. Colwell was joined on the first team by pitcher **John Straka**.

Pitcher **Joe Burg** of Hofstra University, catcher **Collin Slaybaugh** of Washington State University and rightfielder **Jeff Keller** of Dartmouth complete the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball first team.

An M.B.A. candidate who graduated in May 2012 with a 3.94 G.P.A. in economics, Fisher led Towson to a 29-28 record, the Colonial Athletic Association championship and a berth in the NCAA tournament. The Baltimore native was the CAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player as he batted .476 with five runs

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scored, a double, three home runs and 10 runs batted in. The Tigers, who won their first CAA title as the number four seed, are the No. 3 seed in the NCAA regional hosted by No. 1 North Carolina in Chapel Hill. An All-CAA second team pick, Fisher is hitting .322 with three home runs and 40 RBI's and is part of a defense that leads NCAA Division I with 79 double plays. He was named as the CAA Player of the Week in mid-April and was named as the 2012 CAA Scholar-Athlete for baseball.

Vaughn, a junior chemistry major with a 3.91 G.P.A., led 21st-ranked Troy (40-18) to the Sun Belt Conference regular season championship and a No. 3 seed at the NCAA regional in Tallahassee, Fla. The Murphy, N.C., native ranks second in NCAA Division I with 70 runs scored. He is batting .339 with 19 doubles, nine stolen bases and a .411 on-base percentage as Troy's leadoff hitter. A first team All-Sun Belt Conference selection at shortstop, Vaughn has committed just five errors and is the second toughest player in the country to strikeout - just once every 26.9 at-bats (nine strikeouts in 242 at-bats).

A junior communications major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Workman led Mercer to a 43-16 record and the Atlantic Sun Conference regular season championship. He also helped the Bears earn only the second NCAA Tournament appearance in program history. Mercer opens regional play at Mississippi State. A native of Acworth, Ga., he was named first team All-Atlantic Sun Conference after hitting .345 with nine home runs and 48 RBI's. Named to the 2013 Golden Spikes Award Watch List, Workman is a valuable part of the NCAA's top-ranked defensive team (.982). The Bears' rightfielder, he has five outfield assists with only two errors in 119 fielding chances.

A junior university studies major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., Colwell hit .310 with one home run and 28 RBI's as he led North Dakota State to a 26-27 record and a berth in the Summit League championship game for the second straight year. The Shoreview, Minn., native, the centerfielder had a team high 12 doubles while leading the league in base hits (66) and runs scored (40). He earned All-Summit League honors for the second straight year.

Straka, an exercise science major with a 3.89 G.P.A., completed his senior year for the Bison with an 8-2 record, a 1.67 E.R.A., six complete games, three shutouts and one save. A native of Chaska, Minn., he was a candidate for the 2013 Senior CLASS Award and served as the NDSU Student-Athlete Advisory Council president. A three-time All-Summit League pitcher, Straka finished his career by setting school records with 312.2 innings pitched and eight shutouts. He also finished second in school history with 22 victories and 253 strikeouts.

A senior accounting and finance major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Basen led Charlotte to a 37-23 record and a share of the Atlantic 10 Conference regular season title. He also helped the 49ers finish as runner-up at the A-10 tournament. A native of Waxhaw, N.C., he is a finalist for the 2013 Senior CLASS Award. One of two 49ers to start all 60 games, Basen batted .307 with four home runs and 49 runs batted in. He was 16-for-18 in stolen base attempts and scored 45 runs. He also added nine doubles and a pair of triples.

Packard, a graduate student in biological sciences (chemistry) with a 3.97 G.P.A., was an inspirational leader for Northern Colorado. He led Northern Colorado to a 33-24 record and the Great West Conference regular season title. Packard overcame three back surgeries and two elbow surgeries during his career. He graduated summa cum laude in May, 2012 and will attend Creighton University Medical School. A native of Niwot, Col., he batted .306 with one home run and 12 RBI's. He had an 0-1 record on the mound with a 3.60 E.R.A. and one save. An All-Great West first team pick in 2011, he was a Capital One Academic All-America® third team selection in 2011.

A senior with a double major of physics and mathematics and a 4.00 G.P.A., Burg was one of six finalists for the 2013 Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship. He was also was Hofstra's second finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship in 2012. The Lindenhurst, Ill., native was the recipient of Hofstra's James M. Shuart Award as the Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was also a candidate for the Senior CLASS Award. Burg posted a 3-4 record with a 5.49 E.R.A. He struck out 37 and walked 26 in 62.1 innings pitched. The Pride had a 26-27 overall record.

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Slaybaugh, a junior movement studies major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., was a Pac-12 All-Academic first team selection for Washington State last year. As a junior catcher, he helped the Cougars finish the season with a 23-32 record. A native of Puyallup, Wash., Slaybaugh batted .304 with six doubles and 14 runs batted in. He scored 31 runs and stole 11 bases in 14 attempts. Defensively, he had a .988 fielding percentage with three errors in 239 chances. Slaybaugh threw out 39.2 percent of base runners attempting to steal and also picked off two runners.

A junior economics major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Keller has already been named as Dartmouth's co-captain again for the 2014 season. A first team All-Ivy pick, he led Dartmouth to a 32-9 record and a berth in the Ivy League's championship series after winning the Red Rolfe Division title. A native of Atherton, Cal., Keller hit .369 with six home runs and 41 RBI's in 2013. He broke a 25-year old school record with 21 doubles and led the nation in doubles per game. Combined with the four triples, he finished with 31 extra-base hits and 99 total bases for a .702 slugging percentage that ranked fifth nationally.

The 11 members of the 2013 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I baseball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.94. Burg, Slaybaugh, Colwell and Workman all have perfect 4.00 G.P.A.s.

Pitchers **Kolt Browder** of Baylor University and **Pat Christensen** of La Salle University are the pitchers on the second team while catcher **Scott Sarratt** of Georgia State University has also been honored. The second team infielders include Michael **Bass** and **Ryan LaGrange** of UNC-Wilmington, **Kevin Brown** of Bryant University and **Drew Dosch** of Youngstown State University. Outfielders **Ben Hammer** of the University of Toledo, **Brooks Klein** of the University of Nevada and **Troy Larson** of the University of Minnesota join designated hitter **David Olson** of Campbell University to round out the second team.

Pitchers **Gavin Guarrera** of North Carolina Central and **Haden Hinkle** of the University of San Francisco are the third team pitchers while catcher **Alex Mortensen** of the University of Nebraska-Omaha is the third team catcher. Infielders, **Justin Creel** of Coastal Carolina University, **Carlos Lopez** of Cal State Fullerton, **Kevin Swick** of the University of Southern California and **Brad Zebedis** of Presbyterian were also honored. Outfielders of **Alex Mendez** of the University of South Florida, **Brandon Thomas** of Georgia Tech and **Paul Ritzheimer** of Murray State join designated hitter **Ryan Prinzing** of the University of Alabama at Birmingham to complete the third team.

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Academic All-American of the Year: LB Dantzler, South Carolina

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A.	Major
P	Joe Burg	Hofstra	Sr.	Lindenhurst, Ill.	4.00	Physics, Mathematics
P	John Straka	North Dakota State	Sr.	Chaska, Minn.	3.89	Exercise Science
C	Collin Slaybaugh	Washington State	Jr.	Puyallup, Wash.	4.00	Movement Studies
INF	Shane Basen (2)	Charlotte	Sr.	Waxhaw, N.C.	3.97	Accounting, Finance
INF	LB Dantzler	South Carolina	Sr.	Winter Haven, Fla.	3.64	Sport & Entertainment Mgmt.
INF	Zach Fisher (3)	Towson	Gr.	Baltimore, Md.	3.94	Economics (UG) / MBA (G)
INF	Tyler Vaughn	Troy	Jr.	Murphy, N.C.	3.91	Chemistry
OF	Tim Colwell (1)	North Dakota State	Jr.	Shoreview, Minn.	4.00	University Studies
OF	Jeff Keller	Dartmouth	Jr.	Atherton, Calif.	3.97	Economics
OF	Derrick Workman	Mercer	Jr.	Acworth, Ga.	4.00	Communications
DH	Benjamin Packard #	Northern Colorado	Sr.	Niwot, Colo.	3.97	Biological Sciences

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A.	Major
P	Kolt Browder (3)	Baylor	Sr.	Coldspring, Texas	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
P	Pat Christensen	LaSalle	Sr.	La Jolla, Calif.	3.61	Accounting
C	Scott Sarratt	Georgia State	Sr.	Statesboro, Ga.	3.54	Chemistry
INF	Michael Bass	UNC Wilmington	Sr.	Fairmont, N.C.	3.47	Business (Accounting)
INF	Kevin Brown	Bryant	Sr.	Northborough, Mass.	3.49	Politics & Law
INF	Drew Dosch (2)	Youngstown State	Jr.	Canal Winchester, Ohio	3.96	Integrated Social Studies Edu.
INF	Ryan LaGrange	UNC Wilmington	Jr.	Wilmington, N.C.	3.89	Chemistry
OF	Ben Hammer	Toledo	Sr.	Wayne, Ohio	3.89	Exercise Science
OF	Brooks Klein	Nevada	Sr.	Blue Diamond, Nev.	3.90	Community Health Sciences
OF	Troy Larson (2)	Minnesota	Sr.	Oakdale, Minn.	3.95	Genetics, Cell Biology & Bio Science
DH	David Olson	Campbell	Sr.	Auburn, Wash.	3.40	Business Administration

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A.	Major
P	Gavin Guarrera	North Carolina Central	Sr.	Webster, N.Y.	3.93	Criminal Justice
P	Haden Hinkle	San Francisco	Sr.	Madera, Calif.	3.68	Physics
C	Alex Mortensen	Nebraska Omaha	So.	Omaha, Neb.	3.93	Business Management
INF	Justin Creel	Coastal Carolina	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La.	4.00	Biology / Pre-Med
INF	Carlos Lopez	Cal State Fullerton	Sr.	Northridge, Cal.	3.41	Communications
INF	Kevin Swick	Southern California	Jr.	La Canada, Cal.	3.77	Business Administration
INF	Brad Zebedis	Presbyterian	Jr.	Rock Hill, S.C.	3.87	Political Science
OF	Alex Mendez	South Florida	Sr.	Longwood, Fla.	3.82	Biomedical Science, Bus. Mgmt.
OF	Brandon Thomas (2)	Georgia Tech	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	3.50	Business Administration
OF	Paul Ritzheimer (1)	Murray State	Sr.	Trenton, Ill.	4.00	Geoscience
DH	Ryan Prinzing	UAB	Jr.	Oswego, Ill.	3.62	Management

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