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## **Fifteen Student-Athletes Earn Repeat Verizon Academic All-America® Football Team Honors**

*Led By Dayton, Six Schools Tout Multiple Honorees*

STAMFORD, Conn. — Headlined by Montana State running back Ryan Johnson, the 2001 Verizon Academic All-America of the Year, a total of 15 student-athletes have earned repeat honors on this year's Verizon Academic All-America® University Division football first and second teams. Also named to the first team was Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington, one of four finalists for this year's Heisman Memorial Trophy Award. The team was selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his career. No athlete is eligible until he has reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his institution.

Johnson, a first-team selection a year ago, finished seventh in Division I-AA rushing with a 139.7 yards per game average. He scored 15 touchdowns, 14 rushing and one receiving. Johnson carries a perfect 4.00 grade point average in pre-physical therapy.

Besides Johnson, Thomas Hammock (Northern Illinois), Ryan Schmid (Oregon), Jon Stinchcomb (Georgia), Kyle Young (Clemson), Todd France (Toledo), Aaron Kampman (Iowa), Chad Carson (Clemson), Adam Waugh (Illinois State), Chris Hope (Florida State), Vince Huntsberger (Montana), Jon McGraw (Kansas State), Dan Dyke (Georgia Tech), Eric Damko (Northern Arizona) and Josh Thornhill (Michigan State) are repeat Verizon Academic All-America® honorees. All but Stinchcomb, France, Kampman, Damko and Thornhill are repeat first-team selections.

Six institutions placed multiple student-athletes on this year's teams: Clemson University, University of Dayton, Kansas State University, University of Montana, University of Oregon and University of Toledo. Dayton led all schools with three Academic All-America selections while the other five institutions had two recipients each.

The Academic All-America program, celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, was created in 1952 by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Verizon, in cooperation with CoSIDA, has been the exclusive sponsor of the Verizon Academic All-America® Teams program since 1985. No other award acknowledges as many scholar-athletes for the hard work, success and balance they achieve in sports and academics.

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## VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM (University Division)

### First-Team Offense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Joey Harrington	Oregon	Quarterback	Sr.	Portland, Ore.	3.23	Business Administration
Andre Davis	Virginia Tech	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Nisikayuna, N.Y.	3.28	Residential Property Management/ Marketing
Rob Turner	Central Michigan	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	3.91	Business
Tracey Wistrom	Nebraska	Tight End	Sr.	Webb City, Mo.	3.30	Mathematics
Thomas Hammock	Northern Illinois	Running Back	Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	3.26	Marketing
Ryan Johnson ••	Montana State	Running Back	Jr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	4.00	Pre-Physical Therapy
Brian Hallett	Kent State	Offensive Line	Sr.	Norton, Ohio	3.76	Industrial Technology
Seth McKinney	Texas A&M	Offensive Line	Gr.	Austin, Texas	3.73	Management Information Systems
Ryan Schmid	Oregon	Offensive Line	Sr.	Lake Oswego, Ore.	3.95	Business Administration
Jon Stinchcomb	Georgia	Offensive Line	Jr.	Lilburn, Ga.	3.72	Microbiology
Kyle Young	Clemson	Offensive Line	Gr.	Clemson, S.C.	3.97	Secondary Education
Todd France	Toledo	Place-kicker	Sr.	Maumee, Ohio	3.96	Mechanical Engineering

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### First-Team Defense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Ryan Denney	Brigham Young	Defensive Line	Sr.	Thornton, Colo.	3.61	Finance
Aaron Kampman	Iowa	Defensive Line	Sr.	Kelsey, Iowa	3.50	Elementary Education
Drew McLaughlin	Tulsa	Defensive Line	Sr.	Midwest City, Okla.	3.60	Accounting
Brandon Perdue	Army	Defensive Line	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.	3.66	Mechanical Engineering
Chad Carson	Clemson	Linebacker	Sr.	Newnan, Ga.	3.93	Biological Sciences
Mark Kasmer	Dayton	Linebacker	Jr.	Brecksville, Ohio	3.91	Computer Engineering
Adam Waugh	Illinois State	Linebacker	Sr.	Libertyville, Ill.	4.00	Political Science
Chris Hope	Florida State	Defensive Back	Sr.	Rock Hill, S.C.	3.71	Communication/Sociology
Vince Huntsberger	Montana	Defensive Back	Sr.	Libby, Mont.	3.87	Biology/Pre-Medicine
Jon McGraw	Kansas State	Defensive Back	Sr.	Manhattan, Kan.	3.69	Finance
Marty McNamara	Dayton	Defensive Back	Sr.	Bay Village, Ohio	3.70	Finance/Accounting
Dan Dyke	Georgia Tech	Punter	Jr.	Winter Springs, Fla.	3.88	Electrical Engineering

### Second-Team Offense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Eli Manning	Mississippi	Quarterback	So.	New Orleans, La.	3.54	Business and Marketing
Billy Brown	Yale	Wide Receiver	Sr.	East Cleveland, Ohio	3.40	Economics
Bryce Lee	William & Mary	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	3.66	Business Administration
Stewart Kupfer	Lafayette	Tight End	Sr.	Plymouth Meeting, Pa.	3.36	Business & Economics
Cameron Atkinson	Princeton	Running Back	Jr.	Mantua, N.J.	3.30	Chemistry
Josh Staph	Harvard	Running Back	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio	3.26	Economics
Cory Annett	Eastern Michigan	Offensive Line	Sr.	Fort Erie, Canada	3.81	Sports Medicine
Eric Damko	Northern Arizona	Offensive Line	Sr.	Temecula, Calif.	3.79	Marketing
Andy Eby	Kansas State	Offensive Line	Sr.	Olathe, Kan.	3.43	Construction Science
Rodney Reed	Louisiana State	Offensive Line	So.	West Monroe, La.	3.90	Accounting
Chris Tuminello	Toledo	Offensive Line	Jr.	Boardman, Ohio	3.89	Civil Engineering
Travis Dorsch	Purdue	Place-kicker	Sr.	Bozeman, Mont.	3.81	Psychology

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Andy Bentley	Dayton	Defensive Line	Jr.	Marion, Ohio	3.51	Secondary Education/Mathematics
Jordan Carstens	Iowa State	Defensive Line	So.	Bagley, Iowa	3.52	Agricultural Business
William Overstreet	Tennessee	Defensive Line	Sr.	Jackson, Miss.	3.46	Finance
Ciche Pitcher	Montana	Defensive Line	So.	Anaconda, Mont.	3.64	Business Administration
Eric Pauly	Colorado State	Linebacker	So.	Conway Springs, Kan.	3.87	Information Systems
Travis Stephens	The Citadel	Linebacker	Sr.	Greer, S.C.	3.47	Business Administration
Josh Thornhill	Michigan State	Linebacker	Sr.	Lansing, Mich.	3.53	Kinesiology
Nick Bamber	Valparaiso	Defensive Back	Sr.	South Bend, Ind.	3.81	Sports Management
Brian Davis	Morehead State	Defensive Back	Sr.	Lavalette, Ohio	3.60	Physics/Pre-Engineering
Ricot Joseph	Central Florida	Defensive Back	Sr.	Lake Worth, Fla.	3.52	Physical Education/Criminal Justice
Hadley Prince	McNeese State	Defensive Back	Jr.	Sulphur, La.	3.53	Agriculture Science
Brian Simnjanovski	San Diego State	Punter	Jr.	Escondito, Calif.	3.53	Liberal Studies