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11th Annual Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team Named

Cleveland, Ohio -- The 43 winners of the 11th annual Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team were announced by the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA), today. There were 79 total nominees.

The winners were announced at the Football Championship Subdivision football championship in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"The Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association looks forward to this annual academic all-star team announcement," said **Tim Van Alstine**, chair of the Football Championship Subdivision Academic All-Star Team Selection Committee and athletics director at Western Illinois University. "Each year we honor outstanding players that represent the true meaning of the word student-athlete and this year is no different. We are proud of their accomplishments both in the classroom and on the field."

Football players from all Football Championship Subdivision institutions are eligible for these prestigious awards. Each of the nominees were required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in undergraduate study and have been a starter or key player with legitimate athletics credentials. He must have reached his second year of athletics and academic standing at the nominated institution and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominated institution. He must also have participated in 50 percent of the games played at his designated position.

Additionally, from the Academic All-Star team, six finalists were selected for the Eighth Annual FCS ADA's \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship. Two student-athletes will receive postgraduate scholarships during the Association's annual membership meeting held in conjunction with the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Convention, being held at the Orlando World Center Marriott Resort, June 18-21, 2009.

The finalists are **Pierre Banks**, Appalachian State, linebacker, 3.91; **Andrew Berry**, Harvard, defensive back, 3.78; **Ryan Berry**, South Dakota State, quarterback, 3.89; **Andrew Dete**, Dartmouth, linebacker, 3.74; **Jim Verlanic**, Montana State, offensive lineman, 3.71; and **Justin Witzmann**, Charleston Southern, defensive lineman, 3.80.

A special Review Committee of Football Championship Subdivision athletics directors was responsible for selecting the all-star team and scholarship finalists. Completing this task were **Greg Burke**, Northwestern State; **Peter Fields**, Montana State; **Marilyn McNeil**, Monmouth; **Ron Strollo**, Youngstown State; **Tim Van Alstine**, Western Illinois (chair); and **Donny White**, Virginia Military Institute.

The 43 members of the Football Championship Subdivision Academic All-Star Team are listed on the second page.

About the FCS ADA: Now in its 16th year, the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association's mission is to enhance Football Championship Subdivision football. The Association is administered by NACDA, which is now in its 44th year. NACDA is the professional and educational association for more than 6,500 college athletics administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. More than 2,300 athletics administrators annually attend the NACDA Convention. For more information on the FCS ADA, please visit <http://www.fcsada.com>.

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First Name	Last Name	Institution	Position	GPA
Pierre	Banks	Appalachian State University	Linebacker	3.91
Andrew	Berry	Harvard University	Defensive Back	3.78
Jim	Verlanic	Montana State University	Offensive Lineman	3.71
Ryan	Berry	South Dakota State University	Quarterback	3.89
Josh	Mahoney	University of Northern Iowa	Linebacker	4.00
Andrew	Dete	Dartmouth University	Linebacker	3.74
Justin	Witzmann	Charleston Southern University	Defensive Lineman	3.80
Mitch	Braegelmann	University of North Dakota	Offensive Lineman	3.86
Beau	Hadley	Weber State University	Defensive Back	4.00
Kole	Heckendorf	North Dakota State University	Wide Receiver	3.82
Ryan	Patton	Southern Illinois University	Linebacker	4.00
Jacob	Rochester	Virginia Military Institute	Linebacker	3.94
Kevin	Robling	South Dakota State University	Offensive Lineman	3.83
Cory	Long	Stephen F. Austin State University	Placekicker	3.90
Ben	Quick	Wofford College	Offensive Lineman	3.61
Chris	Simpson	Universtiy at Albany	Linebacker	3.96
Danny	Freund	University of North Dakota	Quarterback	3.86
Patrick	O'Neill	University of San Diego	Defensive Back	3.82
Anthony	Orio	Northeastern University	Quarterback	3.85
Travis	Houston	Texas State University	Defensive Lineman	3.77
Andrew	Musick	Monmouth University	Offensive Lineman	3.69
Brendan	Van Ackeren	Lehigh Universtiy	Defensive Back	3.48
Nick	Altomare	Hofstra University	Defensive Back	3.61
Bradley	Thompson	Tennessee Tech University	Defensive Lineman	3.97
Jacob	Dembow	Marist College	Offensive Lineman	3.66
Ryan	Kozey	Valparaiso University	Offensive Lineman	3.75
Tom	Krupko	Youngstown State University	Defensive Back	3.92
Sam	Reid	Eastern Kentucky University	Tight End	3.67
Kendall	Rodrigue	Northwestern State University	Defensive Lineman	3.69
Cristian	Sarmento	University of Northern Colorado	Linebacker	3.46
Bart	Bergfeld	University of Dayton	Tight End	3.95
Travis	Cherry	Western Illinois University	Linebacker	3.56
Ryan	Koepke	Valparaiso University	Linebacker	3.64
Brant	Linde	McNeese State University	Defensive Back	3.62
Cole	Bergquist	University of Montana	Quarterback	3.35
Kyle	Glazier	Western Illinois University	Linebacker	3.57
Dudley	Guice	Northwestern State University	Wide Receiver	3.60
Wes	McDermott	Morehead State University	Linebacker	3.46
Myles	Potter	Davidson College	Wide Receiver	3.61
Kevin	Walsh	Monmouth University	Defensive Lineman	3.31
Lou	Miller	Columbia University	Defensive Lineman	3.28
Tyler	Roehl	North Dakota State University	Running Back	3.38
Bradley	Samsa	Youngstown State University	Offensive Lineman	3.25

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