



17th Annual FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team

The 50 winners of the 17th annual Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association (FCS ADA) Academic All-Star Team were announced by the FCS ADA. There were 103 total nominees. The Missouri Valley Football Conference led all leagues with nine student-athletes named to the All-Star Team, and the Big Sky Conference followed with eight award winners from its member institutions.

“The FCS ADA is proud to recognize its Academic All-Star Team for the 17th-straight season,” said FCS ADA President Ken Beazer, director of athletics, Southern Utah University. “This year, the team was selected from the highest number of nominees since 2002. It is extremely admirable what our football student-athletes are able to accomplish in the classroom and on the field.”

Football players from all Football Championship Subdivision institutions are eligible for the award. 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, 10 finalists were selected for the 14th Annual FCS ADA \$5,000 Postgraduate Scholarships. Two student-athletes will receive postgraduate scholarships during the Association’s annual membership meeting held in conjunction with the 2015 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Convention, being held at the World Center Marriott Resort in Orlando, Florida, June 11-18.

The finalists are Corey Boemer, Southern Illinois University, C, 3.89 GPA; James Cowser, Southern Utah University, DL, 3.99 GPA; Kyle Emanuel, North Dakota State University, DE, 3.66 GPA; Jake Farley, University of Northern Iowa, LB, 3.69 GPA; Max Holcombe, Jacksonville State University, C, 3.72 GPA; Troy McClelland, University of San Diego, LB/S, 3.89 GPA; Caleb Schaffitzel, Missouri State University, S, 3.93 GPA; Jason Schneider, South Dakota State University, WR, 3.98 GPA; Esley Thorton, North Dakota State University, LB, 3.92 GPA; and Zach Zenner, South Dakota State University, RB, 3.86 GPA.

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 Ken Beazer, Southern Utah (chair); Thorr Bjorn, Rhode Island; Brian Hutchinson, Morehead State; Jeff Tingey, Idaho State; and Mark Wilson, Tennessee Tech.

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Name	Institution	Conference	Pos.	GPA
Dan Giovacchini	Brown University	Ivy League	LB	3.58
Derek Maurer	Bucknell University	Patriot League	K/P	3.91
Matt DelMauro	Bucknell University	Patriot League	RB	3.72
Stephen Sippel	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	Big Sky Conference	C	3.84
Lucas Smith	Campbell University	Pioneer Football League	DL	3.74
Mo Ashley	Coastal Carolina University	Big South Conference	OL	3.33
Brett Johnson	Coastal Carolina University	Big South Conference	LB	3.71
Sam Jones	College of the Holy Cross	Patriot League	S	3.69
John Carpenter	College of William and Mary	Colonial Athletic Association	PK	3.50
Ryan McManus	Dartmouth College	Ivy League	WR	3.37
Sam Martello	Duquesne University	Northeast Conference	LB	3.81
Brandon Stanley	Eastern Kentucky University	Ohio Valley Conference	DB	3.23
Ronnie Hamlin	Eastern Washington University	Big Sky Conference	LB	3.56
Lucas Beatty	Gardner-Webb University	Big South Conference	QB	3.72
Alec May	Georgetown University	Patriot League	DE	3.56
Michael Mancinelli	Harvard University	Ivy League	OL	3.65
Scott Peters	Harvard University	Ivy League	DB	3.96
Austin Graves	Idaho State University	Big Sky Conference	LB	3.95
Cody Sorensen	Idaho State University	Big Sky Conference	S	3.83
Kendall Walker	Indiana State University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	LB	3.51
Max Holcombe	Jacksonville State University	Ohio Valley Conference	C	3.72
Caleb Berry	Lamar University	Southland Conference	QB	3.50
Josh Parris	Lehigh University	Patriot League	WR/PR	3.23
Caleb Schaffitzel	Missouri State University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	S	3.93
Cole Moore	Montana State University	Big Sky Conference	LB	3.77
Kyle Emanuel	North Dakota State University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	DE	3.66
Esley Thorton	North Dakota State University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	LB	3.92
Austin Hasquet	Northern Arizona University	Big Sky Conference	LB	3.97
Nick Faraci	Robert Morris University	Northeast Conference	OL	3.92
Jason Schneider	South Dakota State University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	WR	3.98
Zach Zenner	South Dakota State University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	RB	3.86
Joe Graves	Southeastern Louisiana University	Southland Conference	OL	3.83
Corey Boemer	Southern Illinois University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	C	3.89
Tyler Williamson	Southern Illinois University	Missouri Valley Football Conference	OL	3.74
James Cowser	Southern Utah University	Big Sky Conference	DL	3.99
Donald Payne	Stetson University	Pioneer Football League	DB	3.41
Christian Ricard	Stony Brook University	Colonial Athletic Association	S/LB	3.30
Cody Matthews	Tennessee Tech University	Ohio Valley Conference	WR	3.82
Patrick Prewitt	Tennessee Tech University	Ohio Valley Conference	S	4.00
Jake Meek	University at Albany	Colonial Athletic Association	WR	3.78
Will Bardo	University of Dayton	Pioneer Football League	QB	3.46
Derek Crittenden	University of Montana	Big Sky Conference	DE	4.00
Jake Farley	University of Northern Iowa	Missouri Valley Football Conference	LB	3.69
Troy McClelland	University of San Diego	Pioneer Football League	LB/S	3.89
Davis Tull	University of Tennessee Chattanooga	Southern Conference	DL	3.52
Nick Pollard	University of Tennessee Chattanooga	Southern Conference	P	3.69
Stuart Barkley	Valparaiso University	Pioneer Football League	LT	3.73
Phil Faccione	Wagner College	Northeast Conference	LS	3.76
Tyler Varga	Yale University	Ivy League	TB	3.58
William Chism	Yale University	Ivy League	OL	3.56