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Wyoming's John Wendling Named Second Team Academic All-American

Laramie, Wyo. (Dec. 1, 2006) — University of Wyoming senior strong safety **John Wendling** has been named Second Team ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

It is Wendling's first Academic All-America honor of his career. He has achieved a 3.43 cumulative grade-point-average in business administration while an undergraduate at the University of Wyoming.

Wendling was one of only two Mountain West Conference football student-athletes to earn the honor this year. The other was Second Team selection Cody Kase, a linebacker from New Mexico who achieved a 4.01 cumulative gpa in general management.

Wendling became eligible for the Academic All-America ballot after earning First Team All-District VII honors in mid-November. CoSIDA District VII includes the states of Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming; and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

To be considered for the honor, an individual must have achieved a minimum 3.20 cumulative grade-point average, must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing and must have completed at least one full academic year at their institution. Nominees must have also participated in at least 50 percent of their team's games.

(For the complete listing of this year's ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Football team please see the attached PDF file accompanying this press release.)

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*ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM
SELECTED BY COSIDA*

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***Penn State's Posluszny and Pittsburgh State's Meredith Head
2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Football Teams***

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Two defensive players, linebacker Paul Posluszny of Penn State and lineman Ryan Meredith of Pittsburgh State head the 2006 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Volleyball Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Posluszny heads the list of University Division Academic All-America honorees, earning his second straight first-team Academic All-America honor and garnering the Academic All-America of the Year award. The Aliquippa, Pa. native, who won the 2005 Butkus and Bednarik Awards, is a finalist for the Butkus, Bednarik and Lott Trophy awards this year. He is finance major with a 3.56 grade point average.

Meredith copped the Academic All-America of the Year honor for the College Division. The owner of a 3.93 grade point average as a management major, he hails from Bartlesville, Okla.

A starter in the last 36 games, Posluszny is Penn State's career tackle leader (364) and the first Nittany Lion to earn three 100-tackle seasons. He has 108 hits (65 solo), with 7.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, two forced fumbles and four pass breakups this year.

Posluszny is one of 11 Big Ten players to earn first- or second-team Academic All-America honors. The Big Ten had eight players overall earn first-team recognition. Top-ranked Ohio State had three selections as did Penn State.

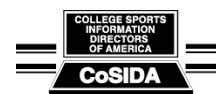
Louisville quarterback Brian Brohm led the first-team Academic All-America offense. Place-kicker Josh Hoke (Coastal Carolina) and offensive lineman Mike Elgin (Iowa) were repeat first-team honorees, while defensive back Will Meyers (Indiana), linebacker Jay Henry (West Virginia), lineman Kyle Kinsell (Davidson) and punter Daniel Sepulveda (Baylor) joined Posluszny as repeat first-teamers on defense.

Meredith, a three-time member of the Academic All-America Football Team, has been named to the first team two straight years. A two-time Division II All-America, he is an '06 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete award recipient and a finalist for the Draddy Award, the "Academic Heisman." A starter in all 11 games this season for the 9-2 Gorillas, Meredith made 51 tackles, including 22 solo stops, six tackles for losses and 2.5 sacks. He has 229 career tackles, 54 tackles for losses and 29.5 sacks in 52 career games played.

The University of North Dakota placed two athletes on the Academic All-America first team, and North Dakota was one of seven institutions with a least two athletes on either the first or second national team. The University of Rochester and Carnegie Mellon University led the way with a total of three athletes honored on one of the two teams.

Meredith was one of six repeat selections at the College Division level. Joining him as repeat selections were first-team honorees Nicholas Zappia (University of Rochester), Aaron Lewis (Carnegie Mellon) and Shawn Herrmann (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), a second-team selection in '05, and second-team choices Bryan Florenda (Colorado School of Mines) and Creed James (Mesa State University).

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.



ESPN The Magazine – winner of the 2006 and 2003 National Magazine Award for General Excellence – is a provocative and innovative sports publication. Full of insight, analysis, impact and wit, the oversized bi-weekly with a circulation of 1.9 million looks ahead to give fans a unique perspective on the world of sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or e-mail rlipe@bentley.edu.



**2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Football Team (University Division)
as selected by CoSIDA**

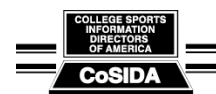
First Team - Offense						
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Brian Brohm	University of Louisville	QB	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.	3.53	Finance
Anthony Gonzalez	Ohio State University	WR	Jr.	Cleveland, Ohio	3.54	Philosophy
James Lindgren Management	Univ. of Northern Iowa	WR	Sr.	Odebolt, Iowa	3.81	Construction
John Carlson	University of Notre Dame	TE	Sr.	Litchfield, Minn.	3.59	History
Stan White	Ohio State University	RB	Gr.	Baltimore, Md.	3.80	Finance / MBA
Cory Koenig	South Dakota State Univ.	RB	Jr.	Underwood, Iowa	3.77	Biology
Luke Siwula	Cornell University	RB	Jr.	Cortland, N.Y.	3.60	Industrial & Labor Relations
Mike Elgin	University of Iowa	OL	Sr.	Bankston, Iowa	3.88	Mechanical Engineering
Hayden Lane	University of Kentucky	OL	Gr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	3.95	Anthropology / Classics
Adnan Filipovic	Furman University	OL	Gr.	Martinez, Ga.	3.92	Math / Economics
Chris Joseph	University of California	OL	Jr.	Solvang, Calif.	3.96	Geography
William Lee	North Carolina State Univ.	OL	Gr.	Fuquay-Varina, N.C.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Josh Hoke	Coastal Carolina Univ.	PK	Sr.	Statesville, N.C.	3.99	Communications

NOTE: Three student-athletes received first-team honors at running due to a tie. Thus, only one player earned second-team recognition.

First Team-Defense						
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Brandon Cramer	University of Dayton	DB	Jr.	Toledo, Ohio	4.00	Biochemistry / Pre-Medicine
Will Meyers	Indiana University	DB	Sr.	Chesterfield, Mo.	3.64	Accounting
Adam Shada	University of Iowa	DB	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	4.00	Finance
Craig Dahl	North Dakota State Univ.	DB	Sr.	Mankato, Minn.	3.58	Mechanical Engineering
Jay Henry	West Virginia University	LB	Sr.	Jenks, Okla.	4.00	Finance / Accounting
Paul Posluszny	Penn State University	LB	Sr.	Aliquippa, Pa.	3.56	Finance
Mike Klinkenborg	University of Iowa	LB	Jr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa	3.99	Elementary Education
Kyle Kinsell	Davidson College	DL	Sr.	Chapel Hill, N.C.	3.83	Biology
Ray Gensler	Robert Morris University	DL	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.91	Manufacturing Engineering
Tim Shaw	Penn State University	DL	Sr.	Livonia, Mich.	3.38	Management/Telecomm.
Daniel Bazuin	Central Michigan Univ.	DL	Sr.	McBain, Mich.	3.39	Marketing
Daniel Sepulveda	Baylor University	P	Sr.	Dallas, Texas	3.48	Business

Second Team-Offense						
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Paul Smith	University of Tulsa	QB	Jr.	Owasso, Okla.	3.78	Communication
Wes Doyle	University of San Diego	WR	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.62	Business Administration
Lou Russo	LaSalle University	WR	Sr.	Marlton, N.J.	3.62	Finance Marketing
Zach Miller	Arizona State University	TE	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.84	Marketing
Dane Todd	University of Nebraska	RB	Gr.	Lincoln, Neb.	4.00	Biological Sciences
Damien Gresko	University of Rhode Island	OL	Jr.	Huntington, Pa.	4.00	Accounting / Finance
Ed McCarthy	Yale University	OL	Sr.	Fairfield, Conn.	3.69	History
Dan Mozes	West Virginia University	OL	Sr.	Washington, Pa.	3.58	Communications
Joe Thomas	Wisconsin	OL	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis.	3.49	Business (Real Estate and Urban Land Economics)
Ryne Nutt	Central Connecticut St. Univ.	OL	Jr.	Warren, Ohio	3.97	Accounting
Parker Douglass	South Dakota State Univ.	PK	Jr.	Columbus, Neb.	4.00	Biology
James Wilhoit	University of Tennessee	PK	Gr.	Hendersonville, Tenn.	3.60	Sports Psychology

Second Team-Defense						
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR (Undergraduate)
Nolan McCready	Penn State University	DB	Sr.	Wyomissing, Pa.	3.61	Political Science
John Wendling	University of Wyoming	DB	Sr.	Rock Springs, Wyo.	3.43	Business Administration
David Frisbey	Bucknell University	DB	Sr.	Newark, Del.	3.54	Management (Finance)
Patrick O'Neill	University of San Diego	DB	So.	Mission Viejo, Calif.	3.80	Business Administration
James Laurinaitis	Ohio State University	LB	So.	Hamel, Minn.	3.44	Real Estate & Urban Analysis



Jordan Senn	Portland State University	LB	Jr.	Beaverton, Ore.	3.84	Physical Activity & Exercise
Cody Kase	University of New Mexico	LB	Jr.	Valencia, Calif.	4.01	General Management
Eli Nichols	Duke University	DL	Gr.	Crawfordville, Fla.	3.57	Mechanical Engineering
Andrew Browning	Boise State University	DL	Sr.	Lake Oswego, Ore.	3.31	Communication
Darnell Smith	Oklahoma State Univ.	DL	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas	3.58	Economics & Intl. Business
Darren Schmidt	Columbia University	DL	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio	3.75	Political Science
Kody Bliss	Auburn University	P	Sr.	Brentwood, Tenn.	3.45	Bus. Marketing /Adult Educ.

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Paul Posluszny, Penn State

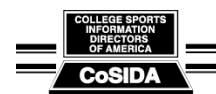


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		First Team-Offense				
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Jeff Highfill	Bridgewater College	Quarterback	Jr.	Roanoke, VA	3.94	Mathematics
Weston Dressler	University of North Dakota	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Bismarck, ND	3.79	Banking/Financial Economics
Evan Earnest	Johns Hopkins University	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Lancaster, PA	3.74	Mechanical Engineering
Christopher Ruggiero	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	Tight End	Sr.	Manalapan, NJ	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Dante Daniels	Monmouth College	Running Back	Sr.	Waukegan, IL	3.69	Physical Education
Danny Woodhead	Chadron State College	Running Back	Jr.	North Platte, NE	3.64	Math Education and Coaching
Mike Butterworth	Slippery Rock University	Offensive Line	Jr.	Northern Cambria, PA	4.00	Secondary Education/ Mathematics
Rick Drushal	The College of Wooster	Offensive Line	Sr.	Lakeville, OH	3.71	Mathematics/Computer Science
Shawn Herrmann	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Offensive Line	Sr.	Baldwinsville, NY	3.72	Aerospace Engineering/ Mechanical Engineering
Steve Leppert	Capital University	Offensive Line	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH	3.90	Management/Marketing
Nicholas Zappia	University of Rochester	Offensive Line	Sr.	Canandaigua, NY	3.96	Economics/Statistics
Frank Leibfarth	University of South Dakota	Kicker	Sr.	Yankton, SD	3.93	Chemistry/Biology

		First Team-Defense				
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Ben Bollard	Central College	Defensive Back	Sr.	Pella, IA	3.77	Computer Science
Michael Greenwood	University of North Dakota	Defensive Back	Sr.	Jamestown, ND	3.94	Biology
Aaron Lewis	Carnegie Mellon University	Defensive Back	Sr.	Englewood, OH	3.93	Business Administration
William Weller	Illinois College	Defensive Back	Jr.	Jacksonville, IL	4.00	Biology/Chemistry
Kyle Elsasser	Nebraska Wesleyan University	Linebacker	Jr.	Bancroft, NE	3.92	Physics
Michael Klobucher	Ferris State University	Linebacker	Sr.	Grand Haven, MI	4.00	Applied Biology
Jamie Steffensmeier	Saint John's University (MN)	Linebacker	Sr.	Mankato, MN	3.84	Accounting
Bryan Vivaldo	Wilkes University	Linebacker	Sr.	Matamoras, PA	3.91	Accounting
Leon Douglas	Missouri Western State University	Defensive Line	Sr.	Kansas City, MO	3.89	Physical Education
Todd Eagle	Humboldt State University	Defensive Line	Sr.	Albany, CA	3.91	Liberal Studies/ Elementary Education
Frank Marino	Wingate University	Defensive Line	Sr.	Matthews, NC	3.96	Finance
Ryan Meredith	Pittsburg State University	Defensive Line	Sr.	Bartlesville, OK	3.93	Management
Jovin Kroll	University of Wisconsin-River Falls	Punter	Sr.	Poplar, WI	3.91	English Education (Athletic Coaching)

		Second Team-Offense				
NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Josh Brehm	Alma College	Quarterback	Sr.	Ithaca, MI	3.78	Business/Psychology
Kyle Duchman	Wartburg College	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Cedar Falls, IA	4.00	Biology
Ryan Robinson	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Technology	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Danville, IN	3.81	Civil Engineering
Andrew Neumann	Augsburg College	Tight End	Sr.	Somerset, WI	3.51	Elementary Education
Bryan Florendo	Colorado School of Mines	Running Back	Sr.	Crete, NE	3.87	Chemical Engineering
Mark Robinson	St. John Fisher College	Running Back	Sr.	Bath, NY	3.60	Communication/ Journalism
Brian Freeman	Carnegie Mellon University	Offensive Line	So.	Independence, OH	4.00	Chemical/Biomedical Engineering
Matt Hoelscher	Albright College	Offensive Line	Sr.	Reading, PA	3.95	Elementary Education/ Child & Family Studies
Steve Honeyman	Whitworth College	Offensive Line	Sr.	Kennewick, WA	3.95	International Business Economics
Derek Katris	California University (PA)	Offensive Line	Sr.	Columbus, OH	3.77	Secondary Education/ Social Studies
Matthew Merrow	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Offensive Line	Sr.	Keene, NH	3.75	Aerospace Engineer/ Mechanical Engineer
Glen Black	Tusculum College	Kicker	Sr.	Bristol, TN	3.82	Accounting Business Management & Mathematics



Second Team-Defense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Shawn Cunningham	Winona State University	Defensive Back	Jr.	Waukon, IA	3.76	Accounting
Nick Dellasega	Pittsburg State University	Defensive Back	Jr.	Pittsburg, KS	4.00	Accounting
Nick Noble	Wartburg College	Defensive Back	Sr.	Riceville, IA	3.76	Political Science
Andy Rape	University of Rochester	Defensive Back	Jr.	Zelienople, PA	3.86	Biomedical Engineering
Matt Alves	Texas Lutheran University	Linebacker	Jr.	Austin, TX	4.00	Business Administration
Jason Goeller	University of Rochester	Linebacker	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA	3.62	Mechanical Engineering
Brad Scherer	Concordia University (MN)	Linebacker	Sr.	St. Joseph, MN	3.94	Business
Trent Sisson	Carnegie Mellon University	Linebacker	Sr.	Novi, MI	3.90	Business Administration/ Finance
Spencer Dickinson	Minnesota State Univ.-Mankato	Defensive Line	Jr.	New Ulm, MN	4.00	Pre-Med
Creed James	Mesa State College	Defensive Line	Sr.	Burlington, CO	3.96	Finance/Marketing
Matt Lemke	John Carroll University	Defensive Line	Sr.	Strongsville, OH	3.88	Biology and Chemistry
Matthew Murphy	University of South Dakota	Defensive Line	Sr.	Rapid City, SD	3.94	Business
Kevin Soflkiancs	Baldwin-Wallace College	Punter	Jr.	Middleburg Heights, OH	3.6	Business Administration/ Accounting

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Ryan Meredith, Pittsburg State University

