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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR INCLUDES PAIR OF REPEAT SELECTIONS AND TWO FIRST-TIME WINNERS

AUSTIN, Texas – The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced Wednesday the 2021-22 Academic All-America® women's basketball teams for NCAA Division I-II-III and NAIA, headlined by University of South Carolina's **Aliyah Boston, Audrey Tingle** from West Liberty University, Simpson College's **Jenna Taylor,** and **Grace Beyer** of the University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis.

Boston (Division I), Tingle (Division II), Taylor (Division III) and Beyer (NAIA) have each been named the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year award winner for their respective divisions.

Division I

Boston has been named the 2021-22 Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I for the second consecutive season. The junior forward from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, carries a 3.74 GPA while majoring in mass communications. She is the fifth player earn back-to-back Academic All-America® of the Year honors for Division I women's basketball (previously called the university division). For the year, she is averaging 16.8 points, 12.0 rebounds, and 2.8 blocks per game for top-seeded South Carolina. She was recently named the National Player of the Year by "The Athletic". Boston was selected as the SEC Player of the Year, is a three-time SEC Defensive Player of the Year, and a two-time Lisa Leslie Award winner. She is also a three-time SEC First Team selection. Her current streak of 24 consecutive 'double-doubles' is the longest active streak in the nation and the longest streak in SEC history.

Five of the 16 members of the Academic All-America® Division I women's basketball teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.87, with the entire Division I team also holding a collective average GPA of 3.87.

Seven other student-athletes join Boston as a repeat selection on the Academic All-America® Division I team. **Vivian Gray** of Texas Tech University earns her third Academic All-America® honor after being a first team selection last season and a third team pick the year before. Other repeat selections from 2020-21 include - **Conley Chinn** (Belmont University), **Lexie Hull** (Stanford University), **Ayoka Lee** (Kansas State University), **Dariauna Lewis** (Alabama A&M University), **Myah Selland** (South Dakota State University), and **Sam Thomas** (University of Arizona).

Division II

A guard from West Lafayette, Ohio, Tingle has been named the Academic All-America® of the Year for Division II. She carried a 4.0 GPA while pursuing an MBA after earning her bachelor's degree with a 4.0 GPA in speech pathology and audiology. She is the second women's basketball player from West Liberty to be named Academic All-America® of the Year, joining Tori Hansen who earned the honor in 2010-11. Tingle set an NCAA Division II season record this season with six triple-doubles. Her 19 'double-doubles' ranked third in the nation. For the year, she averaged 14.1 points, 10.5 rebounds, and 7.1 assists per game. She is second in Division II in assists and assists per games, and 12th in total rebounds. She is the active career leader in Division II with 856 assists. She was named to the All-Atlantic Region Team First Team by the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association. She was also named to the All-Mountain East Conference First Team.

The Division II Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division II national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2021-22 Division II Academic All-America® program.

Eight of the 16 members of the Academic All-America® Division II women's basketball teams sustain an unblemished 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.98, with the entire Division II team maintaining a collective average GPA of 3.93.

Five student-athletes were repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division II team. **Sierra Kotchman** of Fairmont State University and **Denali Pinto** of the Colorado School of Mines each earned their third Academic All-America® honor. Pinto has been named to the first team all three years, while Kotchman earned first team honors a season ago and third team honors in 2019-20. Other repeat selections from last year include - **Maighan Hedge** (Cameron University), **Whitney Randall** (Fort Hays State University), and **Nikki Tucker** (Embry-Riddle University (Fla.)).

Division III

Taylor earns the Academic All-America® of the Year for Division III for the second year in a row. The forward from Creston, Iowa holds a 3.76 GPA while pursuing a master's degree in data analytics, after having a perfect 4.0 while earning her undergraduate degree in accounting and economics: finance. She becomes the first player in Division III to earn the honor twice since CoSIDA split the divisions in 2011-12. Previously known as the college division, Taylor becomes just the third player to earn the Academic All-America® of the Year multiple times. Taylor was also a second team selection in 2018-19. She is the reigning two-time American Rivers Conference Most Valuable Player. For the season, Taylor averaged 16.6 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game. Her 44.9 three-point shooting percentage ranks third in the nation, while her 57.1 field goal percentage ranks 10th. Last season, she was a top-30 finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year award.

The Division III Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2021-22 Division III Academic All-America® program.

Four of the 15 members of the Academic All-America® Division III women's basketball teams claim a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The six members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.86, with the entire Division III team retaining a collective average GPA of 3.83.

Joining Taylor as repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division III team are **Nicole Heffington** (John Carroll University), **Averi Jordan** (DeSales University), **Christina Kiser** (Bard College), and **Leah Springer** (Messiah University).

NAIA

Beyer becomes the first Academic All-America® honoree in school history, enroute to being named the Academic All-America® of the Year for the NAIA. The junior is a native of Eagle, Wisconsin, who maintains a 3.94 GPA as a pharmacy major. Beyer leads the NAIA, averaging 32.9 points per game and scoring 1,019 total points for the year. She also averaged 6.0 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game. Her 358 free throws made and 402 free throws attempted also lead the NAIA. She was named the American Midwest Conference (AMC) Player of the Year. During the regular season, she was twice named the NAIA National Player of the Week and was named the AMC Player of the Week 10 times. On the year, she scored 20 or more points in 30 of 31 games, scored 40 or more points six times, and scored a season-high 57 points in a game.

The NAIA Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NAIA national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2021-22 NAIA Academic All-America® program.

Four of the 11 members of the Academic All-America® NAIA women's basketball teams maintain an impeccable 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.97, with the entire NAIA team carrying a collective average GPA of 3.92.
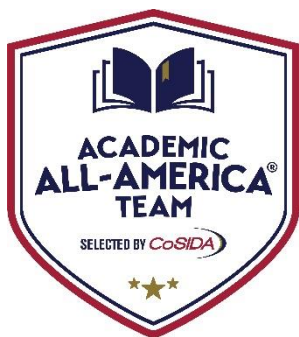
The lone repeat selection on the Academic All-America® NAIA team is **Jessi Giles** (Dakota State (S.D.)). Giles earns her second consecutive first team honor.

For more information regarding the Academic All-America® program, visit https://academicallamerica.com/.

2021-22 Academic All-America ®
Women's Basketball Team
NCAA Division I

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Aliyah Boston (1)	University of South Carolina	Jr.	3.74	Mass Communications
Caitlin Clark	University of Iowa	So.	3.53	Pre-Business
Lexie Hull (1)	Stanford University	Sr.	3.90	Mgmt. Science & Engineering (UG) / Mgmt. Science & Engineering (G)
Ayoka Lee (2)	Kansas State University	Gr.	3.89/4.00	Couple & Family Therapy (G)
Sam Thomas (1)	University of Arizona	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Educational Leadership

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Conley Chinn (3)	Belmont University	Sr.	4.00	Psychology
Vivian Gray (1)(6)	Texas Tech University	Gr.	3.77/3.75	MBA (G)
Caitlyn Harper	California Baptist University	Sr.	4.00	Accounting
Lacie Hull	Stanford University	Sr.	3.89	Product Design (UG) / Mgmt. Science & Engineering (G)
Dariauna Lewis (3)	Alabama A&M University	Sr.	3.84	Biology
Myah Selland (2)	South Dakota State University	Jr.	3.97	Exercise Science / Community & Public Health

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Sam Breen	University of Massachusetts	Gr.	3.74/3.90	Learning, Media, & Technology (G)
Veronica Burton	Northwestern University	Sr.	3.78	Learning & Organizational Change
Mary Crompton	Illinois State University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Biology (UG) / Biology (G)
Makenna Marisa	Pennsylvania State University	Jr.	3.75	Education
Erin Whalen	University of Dayton	Gr.	3.87/3.88	Communication (G)

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Aliyah Boston, University of South Carolina

(1) = 1st team Academic All-America® in 2020-21
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(6) = 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2019-20

2021-22 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NCAA Division II

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Bryanna Brown	Lincoln University	Sr.	3.95	Finance
Maighan Hedge (3)	Cameron University	Sr.	3.97	Sports and Exercise Science
Sierra Kotchman (1)(6)	Fairmont State University	Sr.	3.98	Business Administration
Denali Pinto (1)(4)	Colorado School of Mines	Sr.	3.99	Chemical Engineering
Audrey Tingle	West Liberty University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Speech Pathology/Audiology (UG) / MBA (G)

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Makaila Cangé	Lander University	Jr.	3.65	Biology
Kelsey Johnson	University of Central Oklahoma	Gr.	3.66/4.00	Family & Child Studies
Whitney Randall (3)	Fort Hays State University	Gr.	4.00	Health & Human Performance
Katie Titus	Daemen College	Sr.	3.90	Childhood / Special Education
Nikki Tucker (1)	Embry-Riddle University (Fla.)	Sr.	4.00	Aerospace Physiology

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Kylie Hammer	Wayne State College	Sr.	3.92	Elementary Education
Kassidy Malcolm	Central Washington University	Gr.	3.83/4.00	Art Studies & Public Relations (UG) /Admin. Mgmt. (G)
Annie Roshak	Ashland University	Jr.	3.85	Accounting
Kelsey Siemons	Colorado Mesa University	Sr.	4.00	Biology
Amber Stevahn	Minot State University	Sr.	4.00	Biology
Tennae Voliva	University of Alaska Anchorage	Gr.	3.89/4.00	Clinical Psychology

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Audrey Tingle, West Liberty University

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2021-22 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NCAA Division III

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Lexi Dellinger	Anderson University	Sr.	3.92	Elementary Education
Hanna Geistfeld	Bethany Lutheran	Sr.	3.56	Elementary Education
Nicole Heffington (2)	John Carroll University	Gr.	3.76/3.75	Advanced Studies in Education (G)
Olivia Parisi	William Smith College	Sr.	4.00	Economics
Leah Springer (1)	Messiah University	Gr.	3.97/4.00	Economics (UG) / Intercollegiate Athletic Leadership (G)
Jenna Taylor (1)(8)	Simpson College	Gr.	4.00/3.76	Accounting & Economic / Finance (UG) / Data Analytics (G)

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Claire Brock	Emory University	Jr.	4.00	Neuroscience & Behavioral Biology
Grace Cannon	Ithaca College	Gr.	3.96/3.96	Entertainment & Media Management
Averi Jordan (3)	DeSales University	Sr.	3.72	Nursing
Olivia Nagy	John Carroll University	Sr.	3.72	Accountancy

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Christina Antonakakis	MIT	Sr.	3.52	Business Analytics / Comp. Science, Economics, & Data Science
Lizzie Davis	University of Lynchburg	Sr.	3.96	Biomedical Science
Madison Kellione	Transylvania University	Jr.	3.95	Physics / Mathematics
Christina Kiser (3)	Bard College	Sr.	3.74	Biology
Gabby Timmer	Calvin University	Sr.	3.55	Elementary Education

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Jenna Taylor, Simpson College

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(8) = 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2018-19

2021-22 Academic All-America ® Women's Basketball Team NAIA

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Bailey Albright	Sterling College	Sr.	3.93	Health Science/Pre Occupational Therapy
Grace Beyer	University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis	Jr.	3.94	Pharmacy
Jessi Giles (1)	Dakota State (S.D.)	Sr.	4.00	English for News Media
Matti Morgan	Avila University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Nursing
Abby Selzer	Oklahoma City University	Sr.	3.96	Criminal Justice

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Peyton Banks	Siena Heights University	Sr.	3.58	Education
Kaylee Edgemon	Wayland Baptist University	Sr.	3.61	Elementary Education
Jaycie Jenkins	Milligan University	So.	3.98	Child & Youth Development
Taylor Stricklin	Eastern Oregon University	Gr.	3.99/4.00	Health & Human Performance (UG) / Teaching (G)
Emma Tuominen	Indiana Institute of Technology	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Business Administration & Marketing (UG) / MBA (G)
Ashtyn Veerbeek	Dordt University	Jr.	3.91	Business Administration / Management

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Grace Beyer, University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis

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