



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY CoSIDA

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MASON NISSLEY OF MESSIAH, MIKAYLA BISIGNANI OF JOHNS HOPKINS LEAD 2021 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III AT-LARGE TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Messiah University sophomore volleyball student-athlete **Mason Nissley** and Johns Hopkins University senior swimmer **Mikayla Bisignani** headline the 2020-21 Academic All-America® Division III At-Large Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A finance major with a 4.0 grade-point average from Manheim, Pennsylvania, Nissley was named the Academic All-America® Men's Team Member of the Year. The Academic All-America® Women's Team Member of the Year, Bisignani is a molecular and cellular biology and psychology double-major with a 3.99 G.P.A. from Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

Nissley was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) National Player of the Year and an AVCA first-team All-American in 2021. He helped lead the Falcons to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) championship, a 17-3 record and an appearance in the NCAA Division III quarterfinals. Nissley set a Division III record for kills per set with 5.69 and finished the season with 370.

A three-time Academic All-America® first-team selection, Bisignani was a two-time All-American and a three-time national qualifier in swimming, and was named the 2019 NCAA Elite 90 Award winner. She was also a member of the Johns Hopkins outdoor track and field team, where she was a two-time Centennial Conference Champion in the discus and placed 13th in the event at the 2019 NCAA Championships.

Among the 92 student-athletes selected to the Academic All-America® Division III At-Large teams, 14 men and eight women carry a 4.0 grade-point average. The 15 members of the men's at-large first team carry an average G.P.A. of 3.92, while the 15 members of the women's at-large team carry a 3.90 average G.P.A.

Nine men and seven women are repeat Academic All-America® selections, including three, three-time honorees. On the men's side, tennis student-athlete **Walker Anderson** of Hobart College repeated his Academic All-America® first-team selection from 2020 and received second-team distinction as a sophomore in 2019. Gymnast **Emma Schulz** of SUNY Cortland joined Bisignani as a three-time, Academic All-America® first-team honoree.

Other men's student-athletes to repeat as CoSIDA Academic All-America® honorees: first-teamers **Boris Sorkin** (Tufts, tennis) and **Rob Wuethrich** (Illinois Wesleyan, golf) were second-team selections in 2020, while **Gabriel Chicoine** (Norwich, ice hockey) and **Vishnu Joshi** (Johns Hopkins, tennis) were earned third-team distinction a year ago; second-teamer **Paul Rechberger** (Castleton, skiing) repeated his honor from 2020, and **Matthew Chen** (Case Western Reserve, tennis) and **Dylan Rice** (Christopher Newport, lacrosse) were third-team honorees last year; and **Cameron Marous** (Ohio Northern, lacrosse) collected his second third-team award after earning his first in 2018-19.

Other women's student-athletes to repeat as Academic All-America® honorees include: first-teamer **Erin Nicholas** (Middlebury, lacrosse and field hockey) repeated her first-team distinction from 2020, and fellow first-teamers **Ellen Gilbert** (Illinois Wesleyan, swimming) and **Ally Persky** (Washington-St. Louis, tennis) were third-team honorees a year ago; second-teamer **Kyra Bednarski** (Stevens, lacrosse) collected her second consecutive second-team honor and second-teamer **Ellen Druebbisch** (Lynchburg, tennis) was a third-team selection in 2020.

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 2020-21 Division III Academic All-America® teams program.

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

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2020-21 Academic All-America®

Men's At-Large Team

Division III

FIRST TEAM

Sport	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Golf	Andrew Abel	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sr.	3.78	Finance
Tennis	Walker Anderson (#)	Hobart College	Sr.	4.00	History & Psychological Science
Tennis	Nick Aney	Gustavus Adolphus College	Jr.	3.99	Biochemistry
Ice Hockey	Gabriel Chicoine (2)	Norwich University	Sr.	3.96	Mechanical Engineering
Swimming	Kevin Fang	MIT	Sr.	4.00	Computer Science
Lacrosse	Ryan Gebhardt	Stevens Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.93	Finance
Tennis	Vishnu Joshi (2)	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.90	Computer Engineering/Computer Science
Volleyball	Peter Klembczyk	Wentworth Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.96	Computer Engineering
Ice Hockey	Conor Landrigan	Utica College	Sr.	3.98	Economics
Golf	Jason Li	Carnegie Mellon University	Sr.	3.57	Business Administration
Swimming	Justin Liu	MIT	Sr.	4.00	Biological Engineering
Volleyball	Mason Nissley	Messiah University	So.	4.00	Finance
Tennis	Boris Sorkin (1)	Tufts University	Sr.	3.93	Biochemistry
Swimming	Jeff Vitek	Johns Hopkins University	Jr.	3.91	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
Golf	Rob Wuethrich (1)	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sr.	3.86	Accounting

SECOND TEAM

Sport	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Volleyball	Jarrett Anderson	Springfield College	So.	3.94	Applied Exercise Science
Wrestling	Bradán Birt	Millikin University	Sr.	3.58	Sports Management
Wrestling	Benjamin Bogart	Concordia-Moorhead	Sr.	4.00	Physics & Mathematics
Swimming	Forrest Campbell	John Carroll University	Jr.	3.73	Education
Tennis	Matthew Chen (2)	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	3.92	Nutritional Biochemistry & Metabolism
Lacrosse	Ian Evans	St. John Fisher College	Jr.	3.98	Psychology
Lacrosse	Tyler Gallagher	University of Lynchburg	Gr.	3.88/3.90	Biomedical Science (UG)/Public Health (G)
Tennis	Isaac Gorelik	Tufts University	Jr.	3.98	Data Science and Applied Math
Swimming	Henry Hu	MIT	Sr.	4.00	Computer Science & Engineering
Wrestling	Brett Kaliner	Stevens Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.92	Quantitative Finance
Swimming	Brendan King	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Jr.	4.00	Electrical Engineering / Mathematics
Wrestling	Shane Liegel	Loras College	So.	3.93	Business Administration & Accounting
Swimming	Liam Picozzi	Denison University	Jr.	3.83	Health, Exercise & Sport Studies
Skiing	Paul Rechberger (1)	Castleton University	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration
Lacrosse	Dylan Rice (2)	Christopher Newport University	Sr.	3.91	Finance
Lacrosse	Tyler Sceviour	RIT	Sr.	3.98	Biomedical Sciences

THIRD TEAM

Sport	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Tennis	Theo Bourghelle	New Jersey City University	Jr.	4.00	Global Business
Wrestling	Kyle Briggs	Wartburg College	Sr.	3.32	Business Administration
Ice Hockey	Lucas Carroll	University of Wisconsin-Stout	Sr.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Tennis	Jeffrey Chen	Brandeis University	Jr.	3.60	Economics/Business
Ice Hockey	Daniil Gerasimov	Augsburg University	Sr.	4.00	Accounting/Finance
Swimming	Victor Kontopanos	Randolph-Macon College	Sr.	4.00	Chemistry & Engineering Physics
Water Polo	Jayden Kunwar	Johns Hopkins University	Jr.	3.92	Computer Science
Lacrosse	Cameron Marous (3)	Ohio Northern University	Sr.	3.97	Marketing/Finance
Tennis	Tarquin McGurrian	The University of Scranton	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Accounting (UG)/MBA (G)
Lacrosse	Jack Mulvihill	St. John Fisher College	Sr.	3.86	Biology
Golf	Benjamin Peticca	Washington & Jefferson College	Sr.	4.00	Biochemistry
Wrestling	Zeke Smith	Loras College	Jr.	3.98	Engineering/Spanish
Tennis	Benjamin van der Sman	Washington University in St. Louis	Sr.	3.86	Systems Science & Engineering
Swimming	Kameron Wilcox	Hope College	Jr.	3.97	Mathematics & Physics

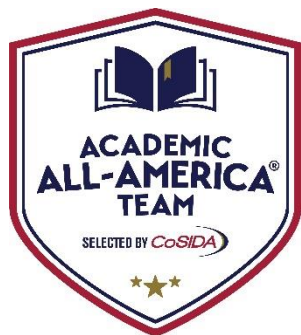
Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Mason Nissley, Messiah University

(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second-team selection in 2020

(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third-team selection in 2020

(3) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third-team selection in 2019

(#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first-team selection in 2020 & second-team selection in 2019



2020-21 Academic All-America® Women's At-Large Team Division III

FIRST TEAM

Sport	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Ice Hockey	Samantha Benoit	Norwich University	Sr.	3.79	Health Science
Swimming	Mikayla Bisignani (#)	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.99	Molecular & Cellular Biology/Psychology
Crew	Liza Caldicott	Ithaca College	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Physical Therapy
Lacrosse	Jenna Cholowinski	York College (Pa.)	Jr.	3.96	Intelligence Analysis/History
Golf	Jillian Drinkard	Methodist University	Jr.	3.86	Business Administration
Swimming	Ellen Gilbert (3)	Illinois Wesleyan University	Jr.	4.00	Psychology
Tennis	Kathy Joseph	University of Texas at Dallas	Sr.	3.96	Biomedical Engineering
Swimming	Gwyn Ledrick	John Carroll University	Sr.	3.84	Integrated Marketing Communications
Lacrosse	Mekayla Montgomery	William Smith College	Sr.	3.91	Psychological Science/Educational Studies
Lacrosse/FH	Erin Nicholas (1)	Middlebury College	Jr.	3.81	Molecular Biology/Chemistry
Tennis	Madeleine Paolucci	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	3.90	Nursing
Tennis	Ally Persky (3)	Washington University in St. Louis	Sr.	4.00	Chemical Engineering
Gymnastics	Emma Schulz (#)	SUNY Cortland	Sr.	3.98	Biology
Lacrosse	Alexis Strobel	Salisbury University	Sr.	3.57	Exercise Science
Golf	Megan Wong	Denison University	Sr.	3.97	Biochemistry

SECOND TEAM

Sport	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Lacrosse	Kyra Bednarski (2)	Stevens Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.62	Mechanical Engineering
Tennis	Maggie Bonomo	William Smith College	Jr.	4.00	Media & Society
Swimming	Lauren Byrne	The University of Scranton	Gr.	3.90/3.90	Exercise Science (UG)/Physical Therapy (G)
Swimming	Hannah Chao	Calvin University	Sr.	3.76	Biology/Pre-Medicine
Swimming	Edenna Chen	MIT	So.	4.00	Electrical Engineering/Computer Science
Gymnastics	Courtney Christoforo	Ithaca College	Sr.	3.91	Biochemistry
Lacrosse	Rachel Delate	Messiah University	So.	3.74	Finance
Tennis	Ellen Druebbisch (3)	University of Lynchburg	Sr.	4.00	Biomedical Science
Golf	Sarah Hsu	Oglethorpe University	So.	4.00	Biology
Tennis	Zoe Kaffen	Trinity University	Sr.	3.83	Communication
Tennis	Anjali Kashyap	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.75	Environmental Sciences
Lacrosse	Catherine Lawliss	Tufts University	Sr.	3.65	Psychology
Swimming	Hannabeth Magnussen	Calvin University	Sr.	3.89	Biochemistry
Lacrosse	Kerry McKeever	Gettysburg College	Sr.	3.74	Economics
Swimming	Sara Nicholas	MIT	Sr.	3.92	Computer Science/Engineering/Physics
Swimming	Laura Rosado	MIT	Jr.	3.92	Mechanical Engineering
Lacrosse	Landon Shelley	Washington and Lee University	Sr.	3.89	Accounting
Gymnastics	Blaise Wilson	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Sr.	3.49	Psychology

THIRD TEAM

Sport	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Golf	Madison Bowers	University of Dubuque	Jr.	3.99	Biology
Golf	Lauren Conley	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Gr.	3.96/4.00	Civil Engineering
Tennis	Lindy Cornwall	Carnegie Mellon University	Jr.	3.93	Mechanical Engineering
Lacrosse	Hope Flack	Messiah University	Jr.	3.96	Education Certification (Grades 4-8)
Lacrosse	Janaye Godfrey	Illinois Wesleyan University	Sr.	3.92	Pre-Law
Lacrosse	Emma Kennedy	DePauw University	Jr.	4.00	Biochemistry
Field Hockey	Jackie Lerro	University of Lynchburg	Sr.	3.90	Economics/Philosophy
Lacrosse	Casey McTague	Denison University	Jr.	3.86	Education
Gymnastics	Brooke Merila	Gustavus Adolphus College	Jr.	3.96	Nursing
Field Hockey	Laurel Nicks	University of Lynchburg	Sr.	3.97	Chemistry
Lacrosse	Courtney Pierre	Hamilton College	Sr.	3.71	Economics
Gymnastics	Emily Speciale	SUNY Cortland	Sr.	3.92	Exercise Science
Ice Hockey	Courtney Sullivan	Endicott College	Jr.	3.97	Marketing & Finance
Swimming	Sydney Vian	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	Sr.	3.97	Psychology

Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Mikayla Bisignani, Johns Hopkins University

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(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second-team selection in 2020

(3) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third-team selection in 2020

(#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first-team selection in 2020 and first-team selection in 2019