



# ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY CoSIDA

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## ERIN FINN OF MICHIGAN AND DREW WISEMAN OF NEBRASKA HEADLINE CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I TRACK & FIELD / CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS

**AUSTIN, Texas** – University of Michigan senior **Erin Finn** and University of Nebraska senior **Drew Wiseman** headline the 2017 Academic All-America® Division I Track & Field/Cross Country Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A two-time first team CoSIDA Academic All-American®, Finn is a biochemistry major who carries a 3.98 grade-point average. Finn was selected as the CoSIDA Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I women's track & field/cross country.

Hailing from West Bloomfield, Mich., Finn competed for the Wolverines during both the cross country and indoor track and field seasons in 2016-17, amassing a near-peerless competitive resume that included national runner-up finishes in both sports, a Big Ten title and a regional title. In cross country, she finished second in the country at the NCAA Championships to lead Michigan to a narrow runner-up national team finish. Along the way, she won individual Big Ten and Great Lakes Regional titles with team trophies to match. Indoors, she became the first woman in collegiate history to run 15:30 or faster over 5,000 meters at two consecutive NCAA Indoor Championship meets as she finished as the national runner-up at that distance. She was third at the Big Ten Indoor Championships both at 3,000 and 5,000 meters. Though her 2017 track and field season came to a premature conclusion, Finn will return for one final year in both indoor and outdoor track in 2018 as she pursues a master's of public health degree in epidemiology.

Wiseman, also a two-time first team CoSIDA Academic All-American®, is an electrical engineering major who carries a 3.97 G.P.A. He was selected as the CoSIDA Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I men's track & field/cross country.

From Bismarck, N.D., Wiseman was recently named the recipient of the Elite 90 award for the 2017 NCAA Division I Men's Track and Field Outdoor Championships. It was the second NCAA Elite 90 Award Wiseman received for having the top G.P.A. of any student-athlete competing at the championships. Wiseman has earned three first-team All-America honors with the 4x400-meter relay, as well as one second-team All-America honor in the 400-meter hurdles.

Eight members of the 2017 Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country first team previously earned national honors, including one who was a first team honoree last year. South Alabama senior **Jan-Louw Kotze**, an exercise science and psychology major who carries a 4.0 G.P.A., was a first team selection in 2016 and a third team honoree in 2015, while Southern Illinois senior **Kyle Landon** earned second team honors in 2016 and third team recognition in 2015.

**Joseph Beery**, a senior at Stetson who carries a 3.99 G.P.A. in philosophy and Russian studies, and Arizona senior **Aaron Castle**, a biology major with a 3.78 G.P.A., were both third-team selections in 2015. Bucknell senior **Luke Gugliano** was a third team Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country in 2016, while Dayton senior **Hunter Johnston** and Cincinnati junior **Adrian Valles** were both second team honorees last year.

Seven athletes were selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-American® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country first team for the first time: senior **Clayton Albertson** of Arizona State; Ole Miss graduate student **Craig Engels**; Colorado State junior **Jerrell Mock**; North Dakota State senior **Matti Mortimore**; Tulsa senior **Kirk Smith**; U.S. Naval Academy senior **Ryan Speir**; and New Mexico graduate student **Samuel Trigg**.

Four athletes selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country second team earned consecutive nominations. Minnesota senior **Luca Wieland**, an entrepreneurial management major with a 3.47 G.P.A., and Southeastern Louisiana graduate student **Alexander Young**, a kinesiology major with a 3.83 G.P.A., were both first team honorees in 2016. Wieland also received second team honors in 2015. Syracuse graduate student **Colin Bennie**, a public administration major who carries a 3.78 G.P.A., is a repeat selection on the second team, while Utah State senior **Devin Wright**, a biology major with a 3.94 G.P.A., earned a third team nod last year.

Eleven additional athletes were selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country second team for the first time: **Jefferson Abbey** of Colorado State, **Brian Barraza** of Houston, **Tyler Day** of Northern Arizona, **Reed Fischer** of Drake, **Mostafa Hassan** of Colorado State, **Andrew Kaler** of Idaho State, **David Kendziera** of Illinois, **Morgan McDonald** of Wisconsin, **Jesse Orach** of Maine, **Adam Palamar** of Syracuse and **Luke Phillips** from VMI.

There was one repeat honoree on the 2017 Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country third team, Eastern Michigan graduate student **Willy Fink**, a chemistry major who carries a 3.82 G.P.A.

Fourteen other athletes received 2016 Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country third team honors: **Hussain Al Hizam** of Kansas, **RJ Alowonle** of North Carolina, **Kyle Decker** of DePaul, **Matti Groll** of Boston University, **Brett Henderson** of Harvard, **Stefan Hoeller** of Manhattan, **Johnathan Jackson** of Rider, **Ben Kendell** of Detroit Mercy, **Michael Lederhouse** of Georgetown, **Olushola Olojo** of Memphis, **John Seals** of George Mason, **Kyle Trinch** of Duquesne, **Derek Wiebke** of Minnesota and **Rudy Winkler** of Cornell.

In addition to Finn, five other first-team athletes repeated as Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country Team members:

University of New Mexico graduate student **Sophie Connor**, a business administration major with a 4.0 G.P.A., was a first team selection last year, along with Alabama senior **Alex Gholston**, an English major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Georgia junior **Keturah Orji**, who carries a 3.96 G.P.A. in finance planning, and New Mexico's **Alice Wright**, a physical education major with a 4.03 G.P.A. Gonzaga College senior **Jessica Mildes**, who earned her undergraduate degree in accounting and is pursuing a master of taxation while carrying a 4.0 G.P.A., was a third team honoree in 2016 and earned first team kudos this year.

Nine other athletes were selected to the Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country first team: **Simone Charley** of Vanderbilt, **Kaela Edwards** of Oklahoma State, **Emily Grove** of South Dakota, **Sarah Howard** of North Carolina, **Juliana Madzia** of Cincinnati, **Annemarie Schwanz** of Fresno State, **Kiah Seymour** of Kentucky, **Charlotte Taylor** of San Francisco and **Daniel Thomas** of Kent State.

There were two athletes on the Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country second team who were repeat honorees: Stanford junior **Elise Cranny**, a human biology major who carries a 3.81 G.P.A. and was a third team honoree in 2016, and West Virginia junior **Jillian Forsey**, an exercise physiology major with a 3.75 G.P.A., who was a third team selection in 2015.

Fourteen other athletes received 2016 Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country second team honors: **Kat Bouton** of Liberty, **Allie Buchalski** of Furman, **Bella Burda** of Villanova, **Amy Cashin** of West Virginia, **Lisanne Hagens** of Arizona, **Parkes Kendrick** of Portland, **Jordann McDermitt** of Eastern Michigan, **Eden Meyer** of North Florida, **Morgan Milbrath** of North Dakota State, **Elinor Purrier** of New Hampshire, **Kelsey Rea** of Campbell, **Sage Watson** of Arizona, **Lexi Weeks** of Arkansas and **Tori Weeks** of Arkansas.

New Hampshire graduate student **Laura Rose Donegan**, a political science major with a 4.0 G.P.A., is the lone repeat selection on the Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country third team. She earned first team honors in 2016.

The other 14 members of the Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country third team are: **Amy Andrushko** of North Dakota State, **Niamh Ashe** of Quinnipiac, **Nashia Baker** of Kansas, **Grace Barnett** of Clemson, **Izzy Connell** of Pepperdine, **Amber Eichkorn** of South Dakota, **Stephanie Ferrante** of Oklahoma State, **Cassandra Gill** of Iona, **Jessica Harris** of Notre Dame, **Alex Hess** of Colorado State, **Maddison Melchionna** of Chattanooga, **Nikki Okwelogu** of Harvard, **Brenna Peloquin** of Boise State and **Hope Schmelzie** of Northern Illinois.

Of the 45 Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field/Cross Country Team members, 26 have grade-point averages of 3.9 or higher, including nine who have a perfect 4.0 G.P.A.

Of the 46 Academic All-America® Division I Women's Track & Field/Cross Country Team members, 34 have grade-point averages of 3.9 or higher including 14 who have a perfect 4.0 G.P.A.

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# 2016-17 Academic All-America® Division I Men's Track & Field / Cross Country Team

## FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Clayton Albertson	Arizona State	Sr.	Clovis, Calif.	4.00,3.86 (G)	Physical edu.(G) / ex. & wellness (UG)
Joseph Beery (#)	Stetson	Sr.	Hillsboro, Ohio	3.99	Philosophy / Russian studies
Aaron Castle (#)	Arizona	Sr.	Newport, Wash.	3.78	Biology
Craig Engels	Ole Miss	Gr.	Pfafftown, N.C.	3.63	MBA (G) / general studies (UG)
Luke Giugliano (3)	Bucknell	Sr.	Sparta, N.J.	3.96	Mechanical engineering
Hunter Johnston (2)	Dayton	Sr.	Saegertown, Pa.	3.97	Mechanical engineering
Jan-Louw Kotze (1) (#)	South Alabama	Sr.	Paarl, South Africa	4.00	Exercise science & psychology
Kyle Landon (2) (#)	Southern Illinois	Sr.	Chester, Ill.	3.75	Accounting
Jerrell Mock	Colorado State	Jr.	Logan, Utah	3.84	Biological science
Matti Mortimore	North Dakota State	Sr.	Ipswich, England	3.92	Philosophy / humanities
Kirk Smith	Tulsa	Sr.	St.Louis, Mo.	4.00	Mechanical engineering
Ryan Speir	U.S. Naval Academy	Sr.	Burr Ridge, Ill.	4.00	Aerospace engineering
Samuel Trigg	New Mexico	Gr.	Plymouth, England	4.00,4.07 (G)	Physical education
Adrian Valles (2)	Cincinnati	Jr.	Pamplona, Spain	3.97	Industrial management
Drew Wiseman (\$)	Nebraska	Sr.	Bismarck, N.D.	3.97	Electrical engineering

## SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Jefferson Abbey	Colorado State	Sr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	3.67	History
Brian Barraza	Houston	Sr.	El Paso, Texas	3.77	Kinesiology
Colin Bennie (2)	Syracuse	Gr.	Princeton, Mass.	3.78,3.89 (G)	Public administration
Tyler Day	Northern Arizona	So.	Gilbert, Ariz.	3.87	Journalism
Reed Fischer	Drake	Sr.	Minnetonka, Minn.	3.81	English / public relations
Mostafa Hassan	Colorado State	Jr.	Cairo, Egypt	3.36	Mechanical engineering
Andrew Kaler	Idaho State	Sr.	Camus, Wash.	4.00	Electrical engineering
David Kendziera	Illinois	Jr.	Mt. Prospect, Ill.	3.75	Anthropology
Morgan McDonald	Wisconsin	Jr.	Sydney, Australia	3.68	Int'l business / finance
Jesse Orach	Maine	Gr.	Gorham, Maine	3.95,4.00 (G)	MBA (G) / chemical engineering (UG)
Adam Palamar	Syracuse	Sr.	Ottawa, Ontario	3.90	Biology
Luke Phillips	VMI	Sr.	Blacksburg, Va.	3.98	Biology / chemistry
Luca Wieland (1) (@)	Minnesota	Sr.	Saarbrücken, Germany	3.47	Entrepreneurial management
Devin Wright (3)	Utah State	Sr.	Monticello, Utah	3.94	Biology (human biology emphasis)
Alexander Young (1)	Southeastern Louisiana	Gr.	Nashville, Tenn.	3.83,4.00 (G)	Kinesiology

## THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Hussain Al Hizam	Kansas	So.	Jubail, Saudi Arabia	4.00	Finance
RJ Alowonle	North Carolina	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Minn.	3.53	Business administration
Kyle Decker	DePaul	So.	Saint Charles, Ill.	3.98	Biological sciences
Willy Fink (1)	Eastern Michigan	Gr.	Maumee, Ohio	3.82,3.82 (G)	Chemistry
Matti Groll	Boston University	Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz.	3.91	Biomedical engineering
Brett Henderson	Harvard	Sr.	Valley Center, Calif.	3.95	Engineering sci.: electrical & computer
Stefan Hoeller	Manhattan	Sr.	Bergisch, Germany	3.98	Finance
Johnathan Jackson	Rider	Sr.	Roselle, N.J.	3.93	Human resource & health care mgmt.
Ben Kendell	Detroit Mercy	Jr.	Huntington Woods, Mich.	3.99	Electrical engineering
Michael Lederhouse	Georgetown	Gr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.	3.76,4.00 (G)	Integrated marketing communication
Olushola Olojo	Memphis	Jr.	London, England	3.99	Business economics
John Seals	George Mason	Jr.	Springfield, Va.	3.66	Civil engineering
Kyle Trinch	Duquesne	Sr.	Grove City, Pa.	3.89	Accounting
Derek Wiebke	Minnesota	Sr.	Kasson, Minn.	3.76	German, Scandinavian & Dutch
Rudy Winkler	Cornell	Sr.	Sand Lake, N.Y.	3.47	Information science

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Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Simone Charley	Vanderbilt	Sr.	Hoover, Ala.	3.63	Psychology / sociology
Sophie Connor (1)	New Mexico	Gr.	Hertfordshire, England	4.00,4.00 (G)	Business administration
Kaela Edwards	Oklahoma State	Sr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	3.47	Marketing
Erin Finn (1)	Michigan	Sr.	West Bloomfield, Mich.	3.98	Biochemistry
Alex Gholston (1)	Alabama	Sr.	Town Creek, Ala.	3.97	English
Emily Grove	South Dakota	Gr.	Peoria, Ill.	3.76,3.56 (G)	Kinesiology & sport science
Sarah Howard	North Carolina	Sr.	Dublin, Ga.	3.81	Biology / religion
Juliana Madzia	Cincinnati	Sr.	St. Clairsville, Ohio	4.00	Neuroscience (university honors)
Jessica Mildes (3)	Gonzaga	Sr.	Spokane, Wash.	4.00,4.00 (G)	Accounting / master of taxation
Keturah Orji (1)	Georgia	Jr.	Mount Olive, N.J.	3.96	Financial planning
Annemarie Schwanz	Fresno State	Gr.	Neuruppin, Germany	3.66,4.00 (G)	Civil engineering
Kiah Seymour	Kentucky	Gr.	Washington, D.C.	3.88	Sport leadership
Charlotte Taylor	San Francisco	Gr.	Spalding, England	4.00,4.00 (G)	Int'l & development economics
Daniel Thomas	Kent State	Gr.	Westmoreland, Jamaica	3.35,3.67 (G)	Sport & recreation management
Alice Wright (1)	New Mexico	Sr.	Worcester, England	4.03	Physical education

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Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Kat Bouton	Liberty	Sr.	Flower Mound, Texas	3.97	English as a second language
Allie Buchalski	Furman	Sr.	Johns Creek, Ga.	3.63	Business administration
Bella Burda	Villanova	So.	Pleasant Valley, N.Y.	3.97	Biology
Amy Cashin	West Virginia	Sr.	Werribee, Australia	3.91	Sports exercise psychology
Elise Cranny (3)	Stanford	Jr.	Niwot, Colo.	3.91	Human biology
Jillian Forsey (#)	West Virginia	Jr.	Stephenville, Newfoundland	3.75	Exercise physiology
Lisanne Hagens	Arizona	Jr.	Zoetermeer, The Netherlands	3.93	Mechanical engineering
Parkes Kendrick	Portland	Sr.	Portland, Ore.	4.00	Mathematics
Jordann McDermitt	Eastern Michigan	Jr.	Davison, Mich.	3.97	Exercise science
Eden Meyer	North Florida	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	4.00	Biology
Morgan Milbrath	North Dakota State	Sr.	Minot, N.D.	3.97	Physical education
Elinor Purrier	New Hampshire	Jr.	Montgomery, Vt.	3.70	Nutrition: nutrition & wellness
Kelsey Rea	Campbell	Sr.	Pinehurst, N.C.	4.00	Biology (physician's asst. studies)
Sage Watson	Arizona	Sr.	Medicine Hat, Alberta	3.90	Marketing
Lexi Weeks	Arkansas	So.	Cabot, Ark.	4.00	Chemistry
Tori Weeks	Arkansas	So.	Cabot, Ark.	4.00	Chemistry

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Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Amy Andrushko	North Dakota State	Sr.	Dugald, Manitoba	3.95	Nursing
Niamh Ashe	Quinnipiac	Sr.	East Islip, N.Y.	3.66	Nursing
Nashia Baker	Kansas	Sr.	Lansing, Kan.	4.00	News & information
Grace Barnett	Clemson	Sr.	Pawleys Island, S.C.	3.94	Elementary education
Izzy Connell	Pepperdine	Sr.	Campbell, Calif.	3.96	Psychology
Laura Rose Donegan (1)	New Hampshire	Gr.	Melbourne, Australia	4.00,4.00 (G)	Political science
Amber Eichkorn	South Dakota	Gr.	Wichita, Kan.	3.81,4.00 (G)	Kinesiology & sports science
Stephanie Ferrante	Oklahoma State	Jr.	Chardon, Ohio	4.00	Biochemistry & molecular biology
Cassandra Gill	Iona	Sr.	Wyoming, Pa.	4.00	Information systems
Jessica Harris	Notre Dame	Jr.	Cockeysville, Maryland	3.84	Theology
Alex Hess	Colorado State	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D.	4.00,4.00 (G)	Doctor of veterinary medicine
Maddison Melchionna	Chattanooga	Sr.	Afton, Tenn.	4.00	Biology (pre-professional)
Nikki Okwelogu	Harvard	Sr.	Fresno, Calif.	3.63	Human evolutionary biology
Brenna Peloquin	Boise State	So.	Gig Harbor, Wash.	4.00	Health science studies
Hope Schmelzle	Northern Illinois	Sr.	Wheaton, Ill.	4.00	Psychology

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