

VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

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Thirteen Student-Athletes Earn Repeat Verizon Academic All-America® Football Team Honors

Eight Schools Tout Multiple Honorees; Kliff Kingsbury Named Verizon Academic All-America® of the Year

STAMFORD, Conn. — Headlined by three-time first-team selections Ryan Johnson (Montana State) and Dan Dyke (Georgia Tech), a total of 13 student-athletes have earned repeat honors on this year's Verizon Academic All-America® University Division football first and second teams. Also voted to the team was Texas Tech quarterback Kliff Kingsbury, who was named this year's Academic All-America® of the Year. The teams were selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his career. No athlete is eligible until he has reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his institution.

Kingsbury, who earned his first Academic All-America® honor, holds several NCAA records, including: career completions (1,199), career attempts (1,840), career plays (2,107), career plays per game (50.1) and single-game completion percentage (83.1%, 49-of-59 vs. Texas A&M). This year, he led the Red Raiders to an 8-5 regular-season record while completing 447-of-669 passes (66.8%) for 4,642 yards and 42 touchdowns. Kingsbury, who has thrown for 12,054 career yards, holds 39 school records, 13 Big 12 marks and seven NCAA records. He is a candidate for numerous postseason awards, including the Heisman Trophy.

Besides Johnson and Dyke, Mark Kasmer (Dayton), Jon Stinchcomb (Georgia), Rodney Reed (LSU), Eric Pauly (Colorado State), Jordan Carstens (Iowa State), Hadley Prince (McNeese State), Rob Turner (Central Michigan), Chris Tuminello (Toledo), Andy Bentley (Dayton), Gene Mruczkowski (Purdue) and Kyle Eaton (Oklahoma State) are repeat Verizon Academic All-America® honorees. Eaton and Mruczkowski earned Academic All-America® honors in 2000.

Eight institutions placed multiple student-athletes on this year's teams: Colorado State University, University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Iowa State University, University of Miami, Montana State University, Ohio State University and Purdue University. For the second straight year, Dayton led all schools with three Academic All-America selections while the other seven institutions had two recipients each.

The Academic All-America program was created in 1952 by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Verizon, in cooperation with CoSIDA, has been the exclusive sponsor of the Verizon Academic All-America® Teams program since 1985. No other award acknowledges as many scholar-athletes for the hard work, success and balance they achieve in sports and academics.

(First and second teams follow on the second page.)

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VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM (University Division)

First-Team Offense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Kliff Kingsbury **	Texas Tech	Quarterback	Gr.	New Braunfels, Texas	3.78•	Management
Kyler Randall	Eastern Washington	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Ferndale, Wash.	3.89	Education
John Standeford	Purdue	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Monrovia, Ind.	3.51	Elementary Education
Erick Streeleman	Nevada	Tight End	Sr.	Bellflower, Calif.	3.97	Secondary Education
Ryan Johnson	Montana State	Running Back	Sr.	Fort Collins, Colo.	3.99	Pre-Physical Therapy
Jason Wright	Northwestern	Running Back	Jr.	Diamond Bar, Calif.	3.25	Psychology/Pre-Medicine
Travis Barclay	Ball State	Offensive Line	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa	3.98	Physics
Kyle Eaton	Oklahoma State	Offensive Line	Gr.	Rogers, Texas	4.00•	Management Information Systems
Joe Iorio	Penn State	Offensive Line	Sr.	Sylvania, Ohio	3.70	Info & Science Technology
Rodney Reed	LSU	Offensive Line	Jr.	West Monroe, La.	3.93	Accounting
Jon Stinchcomb	Georgia	Offensive Line	Sr.	Lilburn, Ga.	3.73	Microbiology
Nick Browne	TCU	Place-kicker	Jr.	Garland, Texas	4.00	Finance-Real Estate

First-Team Defense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Jordan Carstens	Iowa State	Defensive Line	Jr.	Bagley, Iowa	3.60	Agricultural Business
Vince Crochunis	Pittsburgh	Defensive Line	So.	Schuylkill Haven, Pa.	3.78	Political Science
Jon Montoya	Montana State	Defensive Line	Jr.	Brandon, S.D.	3.60	Elementary Education
Matt Walters	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Line	Sr.	Melbourne, Fla.	3.45	Mechanical Engineering
Hunter Hillenmeyer	Vanderbilt	Linebacker	Sr.	Nashville, Tenn.	3.70	Economics/Human & Organizational Development
Eric Pauly	Colorado State	Linebacker	Jr.	Conway Springs, Kan.	3.78	Bus. Admin./Computer Info. Systems
Jonathan Vilma	Miami (Fla.)	Linebacker	Jr.	Coral Gables, Fla.	3.34	Finance
Mark Kasmer	Dayton	Defensive Back	Sr.	Brecksville, Ohio	3.94	Computer Engineering
Brian Lowder	Western Kentucky	Defensive Back	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	4.00	Government/Sociology
Hadley Prince	McNeese State	Defensive Back	Sr.	Sulphur, La.	3.61	Agricultural Science
Justin Rosato	Monmouth	Defensive Back	Sr.	Old Bridge, N.J.	3.88	Business Finance
Dan Dyke	Georgia Tech	Punter	Sr.	Winter Springs, Fla.	3.84	Electrical Engineering

Second-Team Offense

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Craig Krenzle	Ohio State	Quarterback	Jr.	Utica, Mich.	3.56	Molecular Genetics
Rob Turner	Central Michigan	Wide Receiver	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	3.96	Business/Mgt. Info. Systems
Jack Whitver	Iowa State	Wide Receiver	Jr.	Grinnell, Iowa	3.69	Exercise & Sport Science
Ben Hartsock	Ohio State	Tight End	Jr.	Chillicothe, Ohio	3.73	Biology
Jay Bailey	Austin Peay	Running Back	Sr.	Clarksville, Tenn.	3.22	Health & Human Performance
Mike Hilliard	Duquesne	Running Back	Jr.	Homer Center, Pa.	3.59	Finance
John Crowther	Notre Dame	Offensive Line	Sr.	Edina, Minn.	3.70	Finance & Computer Applications
Nathan Frowsing	Saint Mary's	Offensive Line	Sr.	Madera, Calif.	3.96	Politics
Grant Moody	U.S. Naval Academy	Offensive Line	Sr.	Eureka, Kan.	3.93	Quantitative Economics
Gene Mruczkowski	Purdue	Offensive Line	Sr.	Cleveland, Ohio	3.75	Movement and Sport Sciences
Chris Tuminello	Toledo	Offensive Line	Sr.	Boardman, Ohio	3.93	Civil Engineering
Nate Kaeding	Iowa	Place-kicker	Jr.	Coralville, Iowa	3.54	History & Secondary Education

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NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA	MAJOR
Andy Bentley	Dayton	Defensive Line	Sr.	Marion, Ohio	3.56	Secondary Education/Math
Shawn Johnson	Duke	Defensive Line	Jr.	Fairport, N.Y.	3.40	Biological Anthropology & Anatomy
Trent Karn	Dayton	Defensive Line	Sr.	Piqua, Ohio	3.50	Secondary Education/Social Studies
Kenny King	Alabama	Defensive Line	Sr.	Daphne, Ala.	3.24	Business Marketing
Brooks Bahr	Utah	Linebacker	Sr.	Bountiful, Utah	3.95•	Biology/MBA
Michael Dulaney	Tulsa	Linebacker	Sr.	Turpin, Okla.	3.86	Sociology
Drew Wood	Colorado State	Linebacker	Jr.	Buena Vista, Colo.	3.63	Psychology
Rodney Johnson	Furman	Defensive Back	Sr.	Marion, N.C.	3.54	Health and Exercise Science
Nathan Jones	Rutgers	Defensive Back	Jr.	Scotch Plains, N.J.	3.73	Finance
Ryan MacLean	Albany	Defensive Back	Sr.	Golden, N.Y.	3.72	Management Information Systems
Joe Pavlick	Duquesne	Defensive Back	Jr.	Canton, Ohio	3.97	Information Technology
Mark Gould	Northern Arizona	Punter	Jr.	Boise, Idaho	3.51	Marketing

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• undergraduate GPA only