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MARLON WALLS OF STEPHEN F. AUSTIN HEADLINES
CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I FOOTBALL TEAM

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior defensive back **Marlon Walls** of Stephen F. Austin State University headlines the 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Walls has been selected as the recipient of the Academic All-America® of the Year award for Division I football.

An engineering physics major with a perfect 4.0 GPA, Walls is on pace to graduate December 16 after only three and a half years of study at Stephen F. Austin. He played in all 11 games, starting 10 times, for the Lumberjacks this season, recording 60 tackles, including 31 solo stops and two tackles for loss. He also registered a career-high 11 tackles against nationally-ranked Nicholls on Nov. 11.

A two-time CoSIDA first-team Academic All-America® selection (the first Lumberjack football player to earn that honor), Walls is the reigning Southland Conference Football Student-Athlete of the Year and was a finalist for the 2017 William V. Campbell Trophy, as well as a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete selection. A native of Pearland, Texas, Walls is a two-time nominee for both the Allstate/American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team and the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Doris Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award. He also earned a spot on the 2016 FCS Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star Team, and is a two-time selection to the Southland Conference All-Academic Team.

Following his graduation, Walls will continue work at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, having completed an internship at the facility last summer. He will then begin work on his graduate degree in mechanical engineering next fall.

No less than 33 of the 50 members of the 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Football Team have at least a 3.90 G.P.A., with 14 student-athletes maintaining a perfect 4.00 GPA as either undergraduate or graduate students. The 25 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.94.

Along with Walls, the Academic All-America® Division I Football Team has eight repeat performers – **Tucker Yinger** (University of Dayton), **Mason Hampton** (Boise State University), **Jacob Judd** (Western Illinois University), **Brad Lundblade** (Oklahoma State University), **Seth Hope** (Cornell University), **David Leisring** (University of Dayton), **Max Michaels** (University of San Diego) and **Joseph Davidson** (Bowling Green State University) - from last year's CoSIDA Academic All-America® teams.

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2017 Academic All-America®
Football Team
Division I

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
QB	Justin Herbert	Oregon	So.	4.08	Biology
RB	Justice Hill	Oklahoma State	So.	3.86	Finance
RB	Tucker Yinger (2)	Dayton	Sr.	3.81	Mechanical Engineering
WR	Braxton Berrios	Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	3.96	Finance / Entrepreneurship
WR	Jacob Sannon	Idaho	Gr.	3.91/4.00	Accounting (UG) / Accounting (G)
TE	John David Moore	LSU	Sr.	4.00	Architecture
OL	Cole Chewins	Michigan State	Jr.	3.91	Finance
OL	Mason Hampton (1)	Boise State	Sr.	3.97	Accountancy
OL	Will Hopkins	SMU	Gr.	3.93	MS Management
OL	Jacob Judd (2)	Western Illinois	Gr.	4.00	Law Enforcement & Justice Administration
OL	Brad Lundblade (1)	Oklahoma State	Sr.	3.89	Marketing / Management (double degree)
K	Josh Williams	SMU	Jr.	3.96	Finance
ST	Tyler Stovall	Auburn	Gr.	3.94/4.00	Business Marketing (UG) / MBA (G)
DL	Nathan Clayberg	Drake	Sr.	3.82	Finance / Accounting
DL	Seth Hope (2)	Cornell	Sr.	3.84	Applied Economics & Management
DL	Anthony Nelson	Iowa	So.	3.89	Accounting
DL	Kyle Reisert	New Hampshire	Sr.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
LB	Kenneth Brinson	U.S. Military Academy (Army West Point)	Jr.	4.06	Chemical Engineering
LB	Chris Weber	Nebraska	Sr.	3.96	Nutrition Science
LB	Alex White	Harvard	Sr.	3.89	Biomedical Engineering
DB	David Leisring (2)	Dayton	Jr.	3.94	Finance
DB	Max Michaels (2)	San Diego	Sr.	3.95	Accountancy
DB	Chandon Sullivan	Georgia State	Sr.	3.84	Journalism
DB	**Marlon Walls (1)**	**Stephen F. Austin**	**Sr.**	**4.00**	**Engineering Physics**
P	Ryan Anderson	Rutgers	Gr.	4.00	Business Administration (UG)

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
QB	Kurt Benkert	Virginia	Gr.	3.69/3.78	Finance (UG) / Higher Education (G)
RB	Chris Schroer	Columbia	Sr.	3.94	Sociology
RB	Marcus Weymiller	Northern Iowa	Jr.	3.96	Political Science
WR	Marcus Cummins	UC Davis	So.	3.91	Psychology
WR	Mitchell Herbert	Montana State	Sr.	3.84	Cell Biology & Neuroscience
TE	Britton Abbott	Oklahoma State	Jr.	3.95	Management & Marketing
OL	Jesse Burkett	Stanford	Sr.	3.50	Japanese / Symbolic Systems
OL	Wes Genant	South Dakota State	So.	3.97	Biochemistry
OL	Adam Holtorf	Kansas State	Jr.	3.94	Agribusiness
OL	Justin Outslay	Portland State	Sr.	3.91	Business Finance
OL	Max Scharping	Northern Illinois	Gr.	3.99/3.67	Exercise Physiology / Fitness Leadership
K	Ben Rosenblatt	Brown	Sr.	3.88	Economics
ST	Parker Henry	Tennessee	Sr.	4.00	Finance
ST	Hunter Winstead	Liberty	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Government and Int. Business (UG) / MBA (G)
DL	Tanner Evans	Drake	Sr.	3.79	Finance & Politics
DL	Parker Hesse	Iowa	Jr.	3.72	Interdepartmental Studies
DL	Harrison Phillips	Stanford	Sr.	3.35	Science, Technology & Society / Sociology
DL	Isaac Sexton	Dayton	Jr.	3.96	Chemical Engineering
LB	Dalton Cox	South Dakota State	Jr.	4.00	Economics / Entrepreneurial Studies
LB	Brett Taylor	Western Illinois	Gr.	3.90	Sports Management
LB	Adam Wollet	Robert Morris (Pa.)	Jr.	4.00	Finance & Management
DB	Jordan Fuller	Ohio State	So.	3.82	Sport Industry
DB	Tanner Lee	Harvard	Sr.	3.77	Applied Mathematics
DB	Nick Marino	New Hampshire	Gr.	3.86/4.00	Mechanical Engineering
DB	Zach Shipley	Murray State	Gr.	3.97	Health & Physical Education
P	Joseph Davidson (1) (#)	Bowling Green	Sr.	3.96	Mathematics / Finance

CoSIDA Academic All-America® of the Year: Marlon Walls, Stephen F. Austin

(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first team selection in 2016
(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second team selection in 2016