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**ASHLEY LUKE OF WESTERN ILLINOIS, MATT TOWNSEND OF YALE HEADLINE
CAPITAL ONE
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I BASKETBALL TEAMS**

AUSTIN, Texas – Graduate student **Ashley Luke** of Western Illinois University and senior **Matt Townsend** of Yale University headline the 2014-15 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I basketball teams as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Luke has been selected as the 2014-15 Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I Women's Basketball while Townsend has been named the 2014-15 Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I Men's Basketball.

A junior athletically, Luke has earned degrees in journalism and political science with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. and was a third team Capital One Academic All-America® last year. The Oak Creek, Wis., native was named Western Illinois' recipient of the Lincoln Laureate this year. The award, presented annually to an outstanding senior of each of Illinois' four-year degree-granting institutions, honors a student's overall academic excellence and extracurricular activities. She was the Summit League Newcomer of the Year in 2012-13 and was all-league in her first two seasons.

Luke averaged 20.8 points and 10.5 rebounds as a sophomore and has led the team to a 17-10 record this year while averaging 19.5 points and 11.4 rebounds per game. She set a school record with 623 points as a sophomore and was the Summit League Player of the Week four times. She has also been the league's player of the week five times in 2014-15. In less than three seasons, Luke has accumulated 1,467 points, 840 rebounds, 183 assists and 135 steals.

Townsend, who is a molecular, cellular and developmental biology major with a 3.98 G.P.A., earned third team Capital One Academic All-America® honors last year. The Chappaqua, N.Y., native is a recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, and is one of 30 candidates for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award®. He has led the Bulldogs to a 19-8 record this year and an 8-2 mark in the Ivy League. Townsend has started 24 of 25 games for Yale, averaging 8.3 points and 3.6 rebounds per game. He is leading the Ivy League in field goal shooting at 54.7 percent. He has played in 105 games in his Bulldogs' career and started 63 games.

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Off the court, Townsend serves as the co-coordinator of Yale's Bringing Relief Every Day (BRED) program, which is part of the Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project. He collects leftover bread and baked goods from Yale's dining halls once a week and delivers them to two New Haven halfway houses. In the summer of 2013, Townsend volunteered as a camp counselor at Camp Oasis, a week-long summer sleep-away camp for kids with inflammatory bowel disease and volunteered for 10 weeks in the Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital Pediatric Emergency Department, assisting the anesthesiology team. In the summer of 2012, Townsend volunteered in Yale-New Haven Hospital's emergency department, playing games with young patients and their families.

Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Women's Basketball Team

Twelve of the 15 members of the 2014-15 Capital One Academic All-America® NCAA Division I women's basketball teams have at least a 3.85 G.P.A., with four student-athletes sporting a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. The five members of the first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.986.

The Capital One Academic All-America® first team includes three student-athletes with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. in Northern Illinois University senior **Amanda Corral**, Liberty University graduate student **Ashley Rininger** and Luke. Corral is a pre-physical therapy major, and Rininger has a degree in criminal justice and is studying human services. American University graduate student **Jen Dumiak** and University of Utah graduate student **Taryn Wicijowski** round out the first team.

The five-member Capital One Academic All-America® second team features three seniors -- **Cierra Burdick** of the University of Tennessee, **Averee Fields** of West Virginia University and **Megan Waytashek** of South Dakota State University are the three seniors on the second team. Oregon State University's **Ruth Hamblin** and University of Connecticut's **Breanna Stewart** are the two juniors on the second team.

University of Michigan senior **Nicole Elmlad** was a second team Capital One Academic All-America® choice last year and was voted to the third team this year. The St. Ignace, Mich., native is a bio-psychology, cognition and neuroscience major with a 3.92 G.P.A. Joining Elmlad on the third team are a pair of Big Ten Conference opponents from the University of Iowa, senior **Samantha Logic** and sophomore **Ally Disterhoft**, who owns a 4.04 G.P.A. in business. Senior **Elizabeth Williams** of Duke University and junior **Michelle Miller** of Princeton University are the final two members of the third team.

Capital One Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Division I Team

The Capital One Academic All-America® Division I men's basketball first team is comprised of two juniors, two seniors and a graduate student. In addition to Townsend, graduate student **Thomas van der Mars** of the University of Portland, senior **Chasson Randle** of Stanford University, junior **Tyler Harvey** of Eastern Washington University and junior **Shavon Shields** of University of Nebraska comprise the first team.

Townsend and van der Mars were each Capital One Academic All-America® third team selections a season ago. Van der Mars earned an operations and technology management degree with a 3.95 G.P.A and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. The native of Gouda, The Netherlands is one of 30 national candidates for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award® and was on the Division I-AAA Athletic Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Team last year.

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The five members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I men's basketball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.72.

The Capital One Academic All-America® Division I men's basketball second team is led by College of Charleston sophomore **Canyon Barry**, who is a physics major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. Barry's mother, Lynn (Norenberg) Barry was also a basketball Academic All-America standout during her William & Mary playing days and was inducted into CoSIDA's Academic All-America Hall of Fame in 2001.

Joining Barry on the second team is University of North Carolina junior **Marcus Paige**, who is a two-time Capital One Academic All-America® second team selection. The Marion, Iowa native is a journalism and history major with a 3.39 G.P.A. Paige was a Bob Cousy Award finalist and a Sporting News second team All-American in 2013-14. Seniors **Alex Barlow** of Butler University and **Wayne Blackshear** of the University of Louisville, along with graduate student **Levi Randolph** of the University of Alabama round out the second team.

The Capital One Academic All-America® Division I men's basketball third team is comprised of three seniors, two juniors and a sophomore. The trio of seniors include **Johnny Dee** of the University of San Diego, **Jordan Gregory** of University of Montana and **John Kopriva** of George Washington University. Belmont University's **Craig Bradshaw** and the University of Iowa's **Mike Gesell** are the two juniors on the third team. Sophomore **Nigel Williams-Goss** of the University of Washington rounds out the squad

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Capital One 2014-15 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Division I

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Amanda Corral	Northern Illinois	Sr.	Hobart, Ind.	4.00	Pre-Physical Therapy
Jen Dumiak	American	Gr.	Carlsbad, Calif.	3.95	Mathematics
Ashley Luke (3)	Western Illinois	Gr.	Oak Creek, Wis.	4.00	Journalism / Political Science
Ashley Rininger	Liberty	Gr.	Canton, Ohio	4.00	Criminal justice (UG) / Human Serv. (G)
Taryn Wicijowski	Utah	Gr.	Regina, Saskatchewan	3.98	Biology / Psychology

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Cierra Burdick	Tennessee	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C.	3.86	Communication Studies
Averee Fields	West Virginia	Sr.	Murray, Ky.	3.95	Social Work
Ruth Hamblin	Oregon State	Jr.	Houston, B.C.	3.86	Mechanical Engineering
Breanna Stewart	Connecticut	Jr.	Syracuse, N.Y.	3.33	Individualized Major (Sports in Society)
Megan Waytashek	South Dakota State	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.	3.97	Mechanical Engineering

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Ally Disterhoft	Iowa	So.	Iowa City, Iowa	4.04	Business
Nicole Elmblad (2)	Michigan	Sr.	St. Ignace, Mich.	3.92	Bio-psychology, Cognition & Neuroscience
Samantha Logic	Iowa	Sr.	Racine, Wis.	3.77	Health / Human Physio. / Sports Studies
Michelle Miller	Princeton	Jr.	Pasadena, Calif.	3.89	Chemistry
Elizabeth Williams	Duke	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	3.43	Psychology

Academic All-America® of the Year: Ashley Luke, Western Illinois

(2) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Second Team selection in 2013-14

(3) - Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Third Team selection in 2013-14



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NCAA DIVISION I

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Tyler Harvey	Eastern Washington	Jr.	Torrance, Calif.	3.60	Communication Studies
Chasson Randle	Stanford	Sr.	Rock Island, Ill.	3.35	African & African-American Studies
Shavon Shields	Nebraska	Jr.	Olathe, Kan.	3.73	Biological Sciences
Matt Townsend (3)	Yale	Sr.	Chappaqua, N.Y.	3.98	Molecular, Cellular & Develop. Biology
Thomas van der Mars (3)	Portland	Gr.	Gouda, The Netherlands	3.95	Operations & Technology Mgmt. / MBA

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Alex Barlow	Butler	Sr.	Springboro, Ohio	3.75	Finance
Canyon Barry	Charleston	So.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	4.00	Physics
Wayne Blackshear	Louisville	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	3.40	Communication
Marcus Paige (2)	North Carolina	Jr.	Marion, Iowa	3.39	Journalism / History
Levi Randolph	Alabama	Gr.	Madison, Ala.	3.45	Masters of Marketing

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Craig Bradshaw	Belmont	Jr.	Ridgetop, Tenn.	3.51	Public Relations
Johnny Dee	San Diego	Sr.	Vista, Calif.	3.49	Business Administration
Mike Gesell	Iowa	Jr.	South Sioux City, Neb.	3.93	Finance
Jordan Gregory	Montana	Sr.	Pueblo, Colo.	3.69	Psychology
John Kopriva	George Washington	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis.	3.93	Chemistry
Nigel Williams-Goss	Washington	So.	Happy Valley, Ore.	3.74	Pre-social Science

Academic All-America® of the Year: Matt Townsend, Yale

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