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**MURRAY STATE'S AMBER GUFFEY AND EMILY BRISTER OF
WEST TEXAS A&M HEADLINE ESPN THE MAGAZINE'S
ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS**

TOWSON, Md. — Graduate student **Amber Guffey** of Murray State University and senior guard **Emily Brister** of West Texas A&M headline the 2008-09 *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Teams*, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Guffey and Brister have been named as the winners of the Academic All-America® of the Year award in the University and College Divisions, respectively.

A graduate student working on her Master's degree in Human Development and Leadership, Guffey owns a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. in grad school. She graduated from Murray State with a degree in Health and Physical Education and a 3.97 G.P.A. A native of Albany, Kentucky, she is a three-year starter at guard for the Racers. She is the fifth-leading scorer in school history with 1,671 points and stands second on the Racers' all-time list of assist leaders. A two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection, she led Murray State to the OVC championship in 2008 and was named as the OVC Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

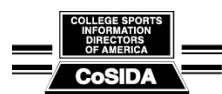
As a senior, she is the second-leading scorer in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 20.3 average and ranks 15th nationally. She is also ranked 18th in the nation in free throw percentage (.876) and averages 5.1 assists per game, 37th in the nation. Guffey already holds the Murray State career record with 192 three-point baskets made and her .871 career free throw percentage is also the best mark in school history. As a senior, she has led Murray State to a 17-6 record and league-leading 12-1 record in the OVC.

One of two repeat selections on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball College Division first team, Brister is an Education major with a 3.91 G.P.A. A four-year starter at point guard, she has scored 2,645 points in her career, a school record. A three-time honorable mention All-American selection, she has been named as the Lone Star Conference Player of the Year three times. The fourth-leading scorer in the nation, she is averaging 23.4 points per game. Brister is also averaging 5.5 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game.

During her career, the Amarillo, Texas native has led the Lady Buffs to a four-year record of 104-18 and a pair of Lone Star Conference championships. As a senior, she has helped West Texas A&M compile a 22-4 record and has been honored as the Lone Star Conference Player of the Week five times. Honored as the Lone Star Conference Academic Player of the Year as a junior, she has been honored as the LSC Female Athlete of the Year three times.

Guffey is joined on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball University Division first team by her twin sister, **Paige Guffey** of Murray State, who is also a graduate student. Senior **Megan Frazee** of Liberty, a second team selection last year, is also a member of the first team. Junior guard **Theresa Lisch** of Saint Louis University and sophomore forward **Maya Moore** of top-ranked Connecticut round out the first team.

The five student-athletes selected to the first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.91.



Like her twin sister, Paige Guffey is pursuing a Master's degree in Human Development and Leadership after graduating with her degree in Health and Physical Education. She has a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. in graduate school after earning her Bachelor's degree with a 3.97 G.P.A. A starting guard in all 23 games for the Racers this season, she is enjoying the best year of her college career. A native of Albany, Kentucky, she is Murray State's third-leading scorer with a 14.4 average and she leads the Racers with an .895 free throw percentage. A reserve guard for the last three years, she helped Murray State win its first Ohio Valley Conference championship as a junior. Her improved play has helped the Racers compile a 17-6 record and lead the OVC with a 12-1 mark.

A Kinesiology major with a 3.91 G.P.A., Frazee has led Liberty to a 16-7 record and a perfect 10-0 record in the Big South Conference. The leading scorer and rebounder in the Big South, she is averaging 20.0 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. In her career, she has been named as the Big South Conference Player of the Week a record 16 times. Honored as the Big South Player of the Year as a junior, she was named first team All-Big South as a sophomore and junior. She has also been named as the Big South's Pre-Season Player of the Year three times. A native of Xenia, Ohio, she is one of three triplets on the Lady Flames' basketball team. Last year, she was honored as the Big South Conference Scholar-Athlete for all sports.

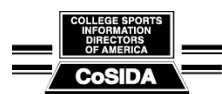
The leading scorer in the Atlantic-10 Conference, Lisch is averaging 20.0 points per game, 12th in the nation. A Communication Sciences & Disorders major with a 3.95 G.P.A., she is a two-year starter at guard. A third team all-conference selection as a sophomore, she has led SLU to an 11-15 record. Already ranked among the all-time leading scorers in school history, she is on the verge of breaking the school record for points scored in a season. A native of Belleville, Illinois, she is ranked among the national leaders in free throw percentage (.855) and three-point field goal percentage.

The only sophomore on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® University Division first team, Moore is a Pre-Individualized Major with a 3.74 G.P.A. The leading scorer for the University of Connecticut's undefeated and number one-ranked team, she is averaging 19.8 points per game. She is also the top rebounder for UConn, now 26-0 on the season. A consensus first team All-American last season, she became the first freshman to be named as the BIG EAST Conference Player of the Year in 2007-08. A strong candidate for National Player of the Year honors, she reached the 1,000-point career scoring mark in her 55th career game to become the fastest player in school history to reach 1,000 points. A native of Lawrenceville, Ga., she has scored in double figures in 62 of 64 career games.

Seniors **Kaetlyn Murray** of St. Bonaventure, **Jessica Pike** of Oakland, **Marcy Sudbeck** of Wichita State and **Jennifer Warkenthien** of South Dakota State joined junior **Kelsey Luna** of Indiana State to form the University Division second team. Graduate students **Laura Haskins** of Virginia Tech and **Marie Warner** of Canisius highlight the University Division third team. Seniors **Kelsey Kahle** of Portland State, **Shalee Lehning** of Kansas State and **Christina Wirth** of Vanderbilt round out the third team.

Senior **Anna Atkinson** of Wingate, senior **Megan Scheele** of Edgewood, junior **Julia Hirssig** of Wisconsin-Stout and senior **Laura Marquardt** of Newberry join Brister on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® College Division first team.

Named to the Academic All-America® first team for the second year in a row, Atkinson is a Biology major with a Pre-Dental specialization and a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. A four-year starter at point guard, she is averaging 16.0 points per game, third in the conference. Ranked second in the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio, she is averaging 6.7 assists and 3.4 steals per contest. As a junior, she was named as the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year as she guided Wingate to a 26-8 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II Elite Eight. The Marion, N.C. native was named as the Most Valuable Player at the 2008 SAC Tournament and the NCAA Division II regionals.



An Elementary Education major with a 3.92 G.P.A., Scheele is the third-leading scorer in NCAA Division II with a 21.6 average. She also ranks among the national leaders with a .586 field goal percentage and a 9.3 rebounding mark. The Eagles' career leader in points and rebounds, she is only the eighth player in NCAA Division III history with 2,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds. The New Glarus, Wis. native has 2,063 points and 1,026 rebounds in her career. Honored as an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® second team pick as a junior, she has helped the Eagles post an 18-6 record this season. Named fourth team All-American in 2008, she was the Northern Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

A Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management major with a 3.95 G.P.A., Hirssig was the NCAA Division III leader with a .648 field goal percentage in 2008. A first team All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection last year, she is the leading scorer in the WIAC, averaging 19.8 points per game. She also leads the WIAC with a .549 field goal percentage and ranks second in the league with a 10.8 rebounding mark. The Rochester, Minn. native has been honored as the WIAC Player of the Week twice this season while leading the Blue Devils to a 15-10 record.

A three-year starter at guard, Marquardt is a Business Administration major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A. The leading scorer at Newberry College, she is averaging 16.0 points per game. A native of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., she is also averaging 5.5 rebounds and 2.4 assists per game. An outstanding long-range shooter, she broke the school record for three-point baskets in a season. Marquardt helped Newberry win back-to-back South Atlantic Conference championships as a freshman and sophomore.

The five members of the Academic All-America® College Division first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.96.

Junior **Haylee Allen** of Hardin-Simmons, senior **Jaclyn Armstrong** of Lake Superior State, senior **Melanie Augusta** of Colorado College, senior **LeighAnn Burke** of DeSales, senior **Jessica Keller** of Quincy College and senior **Krista Prato Matthews** of Trinity (Texas) were named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® second team. Senior **Alira Carpenter** of Montana State-Billings, senior **Nicole Hayman** of Chapman and senior **Bridget Yoerger** of South Dakota joined junior **Jessica Romano** of Philadelphia on the ESPN The Magazine® College Division third team.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

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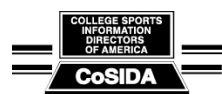
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Women's Basketball Team (University Division) as selected by CoSIDA

First Team					
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Megan Frazee (2)	Liberty	III	Sr.	Xenia, Ohio	3.91/ Kinesiology
Amber Guffey	Murray State	IV	Gr.	Albany, Ky.	3.97/ Human Development Leadership
Paige Guffey	Murray State	IV	Gr.	Albany, Ky.	3.97/ Human Development Leadership
Theresa Lisch	Saint Louis	VII	Jr.	Belleville, Ill.	3.95/ Communication Studies, Disorders
Maya Moore	Connecticut	I	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	3.74/ Pre-individualized major

Second Team					
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Kelsey Luna	Indiana State	V	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	4.00/ Psychology
Katelyn Murray (3)	St. Bonaventure	I	Sr.	Harrisburg, Pa.	4.00/ Biology
Jessica Pike	Oakland	IV	Sr.	Clawson, Mich.	3.93/ Wellness, Health Promotion, Injury Prev.
Marcy Sudbeck	Wichita State	VII	Sr.	Seneca, Kan.	3.96/ Exercise Science, Pre-Physician Asst.
Jennifer Warkenthien	South Dakota St.	VII	Sr.	Willow Lake, S.D.	3.89/ Early Childhood Education

Third Team					
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Laura Haskins	Virginia Tech	III	Gr.	Alexandria, Va.	3.99/ Business Administration (MBA)
Kelsey Kahle	Portland State	VIII	Sr.	Aurora, Ore.	3.73/ English
Shalee Lehning	Kansas State	VII	Sr.	Sublette, Kan.	3.73/ Electronic Journalism
Marie Warner	Canisius	I	Gr.	Hamilton, Ontario	3.80/ Business Administration
Christina Wirth	Vanderbilt	IV	Sr.	Mesa, Ariz.	3.60/ Human & Organizational Dev./Nursing

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA OF THE YEAR: Amber Guffey, Murray State

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First Team					
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Anna Atkinson (1)	Wingate	III	Sr.	Marion, N.C.	4.00/ Biology
Emily Brister (1)	West Texas A&M	VI	Sr.	Amarillo, Texas	3.91/ Education
Megan Scheele (2)	Edgewood	V	Sr.	New Glarus, Wis.	3.92/ Elementary Education
Julia Hirssig	Wisconsin-Stout	V	Jr.	Rochester, Minn.	3.95/ Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Mgmt.
Laura Marquardt	Newberry	III	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, S.C.	4.00/ Business Administration

Second Team					
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Haylee Allen	Hardin-Simmons	VI	Jr.	Buffalo Gap, Tex.	4.00/ Education
Jaclyn Armstrong	Lake Superior St.	IV	Sr.	Haslett, Mich.	3.94/ Exercise Science
Melanie Auguste	Colorado College	VII	Sr.	Cameron Park, Cal.	3.74/ Economics
LeighAnn Burke	DeSales	II	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	3.88/ Mathematics, Secondary Education
Jessica Keller	Quincy	V	Sr.	Belle, Mo.	3.94/ Accounting
Krista Prato Matthews	Trinity (Tex.)	VI	Sr.	Davis, Cal.	3.82/ Biology

Third Team					
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Alira Carpenter	Montana St.-Bill.	VII	Sr.	Lewistown, Mont.	3.57/ Molecular Biology
Nicole Hayman	Chapman	VIII	Sr.	Anaheim Hills, Cal.	3.99/ Legal Studies
Jessica Romano	Philadelphia	II	Jr.	Horsham, Pa.	3.94/ Finance
Bridget Yoerger	South Dakota	VII	Sr.	Hinton, Iowa	3.82/ Recreation Mgmt., Health Promotion

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA OF THE YEAR: Emily Brister, West Texas A&M

- (1) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® 1st team in 2007-08
- (2) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® 2nd team in 2007-08
- (3) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® 3rd team in 2007-08

