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**UCONN'S MAYA MOORE, JULIA HIRSSIG OF
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ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS**

TOWSON, Md. — Junior forward **Maya Moore** of number one-ranked University of Connecticut and senior forward **Julia Hirssig** of Wisconsin-Stout headline the 2009-10 *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Teams*, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

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

A first team Academic All-America® selection for the second year in a row, Moore is an Individualized major with a 3.70 G.P.A. The winner of the National Player of the Year award as a sophomore, she averaged a team high 19.3 points per game and led the Huskies to a perfect 39-0 record and the NCAA Division I national championship. Only the second sophomore to win the Wade Trophy as the top player in the nation, the Lawrenceville, Ga. native scored a UConn record 754 points last season while earning first team All-American notice from Associated Press.

The second-leading scorer in the BIG EAST Conference with an 18.1 average this season, she has led the Huskies to a 27-0 record and the top ranking in the nation. Moore has helped the Huskies compile a 66-game winning streak. She also ranks eighth in the BIG EAST in rebounding (7.7) and assists (3.9) per game. The Huskies' 66-game winning streak is just four wins shy of the NCAA record of 70 consecutive victories.

Moore is the third UConn women's basketball player to be named first team Academic All-America® more than once, joining **Leigh Curl** and **Rebecca Lobo**. She scored her 1,000th career point faster than any other player in school history.

The only repeat selection on the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball College Division first team*, Hirssig is a Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management major with a 3.96 G.P.A. A three-year starter, she owns the school scoring record with 1,686 points. A two-time All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) selection, the Rochester, Minn. native has started 79 games in a row.

As a senior, she is averaging a league-leading 21.1 points and 10.5 rebounds per game. She ranks second in NCAA Division III with a .679 field goal percentage while leading the Blue Devils to a 15-10 record and a berth in the WIAC Tournament. A pre-season All-American selection, she was the second-leading scorer in the WIAC as a junior, averaging 18.5 points per game. She was also the second-leading rebounder in the league with a 10.8 average and earned honorable mention All-American honors from the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Moore is joined on the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball University Division first team* by senior **Kelsey Luna** of Indiana State, junior **Erin Anthony** of West Point, junior **Angie Bjorklund** of Tennessee and junior **Liz Repella** of West Virginia.

The five student-athletes selected to the first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.85.



An *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® University Division* second team selection last year, Luna is a Psychology major with minors in Creative Writing and Spanish. She has a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. The leading scorer for the Sycamores, she is averaging 14.5 points per game with a 4.4 rebounding mark. A three-year starter at guard, she is also averaging 3.2 assists per game and leads NCAA Division I with a .918 free throw percentage. A first team All-Missouri Valley Conference selection as a junior, the St. Louis native was named as the MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2009. A member of the Psi Chi honor society, she owns the school record for three-point baskets made in a career. Honored as the MVC Player of the Week twice, she has led Indiana State to a 14-11 record.

A Civil Engineering major with a 3.78 G.P.A., Anthony is the leading rebounder in the Patriot League with a 10.3 average. While averaging 16.1 points per game, she is the second-leading scorer in the league and was honored as a pre-season All-Patriot League selection. A second team All-Patriot League pick as a sophomore, she was also named as the league's Scholar-Athlete for women's basketball. A native of Allentown, Pa., Anthony has led Army to a 10-14 record while posting ten "double doubles." Ranked 42nd in her class of 1,047 cadets, she broke a school record with six blocked shots in a win over Lehigh last week.

The top three-point shooter in the Southeastern Conference, Bjorklund has led fifth-ranked Tennessee to a 24-2 record and first place in the SEC standings. The seventh-leading scorer in the SEC with a 14.8 average, she is shooting 46 per cent from three-point range. A Psychology major with a 3.80 G.P.A., Bjorklund was named to the pre-season All-SEC team. Named as the SEC Player of the Week in mid-February, the Spokane Valley, Wash. native earned Academic All-SEC notice as a sophomore. With 212 career three-pointers, she is already third on the Lady Vols' career list.

An Exercise Physiology major with a 3.95 G.P.A., Repella has led #8 West Virginia to a 24-3 record and its highest national ranking ever. A second team All-BIG EAST selection as a sophomore, she is the Mountaineers' leading scorer with a 14.2 average. Named to the pre-season All-BIG EAST team, she was also selected to the all-tournament team at the Pre-Season Women's National Invitational Tournament. A native of Steubenville, Ohio, Repella is one of the Mountaineers' co-captains as a junior. She is also averaging 5.9 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game.

Graduate students **Lori Bjork** of Maryland and **Brandi Brown** of Middle Tennessee State lead the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® University Division* second team. Seniors **May Kotsopoulos** of Vermont and **Lauren Sims** of Long Beach State join sophomore **Amanda Johnson** of Oregon to complete the second team.

Seniors **Alysha Clark** of Middle Tennessee State, **Rachele Fitz** of Marist, **Amanda Stull** of Coastal Carolina and **Ashley Sweat** of Kansas comprise the third team, along with junior **Jasmine Thomas** of Duke.

Seniors **Simona Bartkova** of Dowling, **Janelle Biamonte** of Felician, **Anita Bulcher** of Newberry (S.C.) and **Katie Wysocky** of Michigan Tech join Hirssig on the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® College Division* first team.

A two-year starter at guard, Bartkova is a Biology major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. The Golden Lions' top rebounder with a 5.8 average, she has averaged 10.1 points per game. A native of Greve, Denmark, Bartkova ranks fourth in the East Coast Conference with a team-leading .459 field goal percentage. She also ranks among the team leaders with a .786 free throw percentage while leading Dowling to an 18-7 record.

A senior forward with a double major in Elementary Education and English, Biamonte has compiled a 3.99 G.P.A. While leading Felician College to a 15-10 record, she has averaged a team high 14.9 points and 7.0 rebounds per game. Honored as the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Player of the Week in

January, she was also selected as the Most Valuable Player at the Pace University Holiday Classic. A member of the CACC's All-Academic team, the Secaucus, N.J. native is an outstanding three-point shooter who owns all of the school records for long-range shooting. As a senior, she owns a league-leading .390 percentage from three-point range for the Golden Falcons.

A two-year starter at forward for Newberry College, Bulcher is a Chemistry major with a 3.96 G.P.A. A 6-3 forward who was named to the South Atlantic Conference's pre-season All-SAC team, she leads the team in scoring with a 15.5 average. The top rebounder in the SAC with an 11.9 average, the Russia, Ohio native has helped Newberry post a 17-7 record. Honored as the SAC Player of the Week twice this season, she is second in the conference with a .558 field goal percentage. As a junior, she averaged 13.3 points and 8.7 rebounds per game while leading Newberry to an 18-11 record.

Honored as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Pre-Season Player of the Year, Wysocky has led fourth-ranked Michigan Tech to a 23-2 record and the GLIAC regular season title. A Business Administration major with a 3.89 G.P.A., she has earned All-GLIAC honors three times in her career. Honored as the GLIAC Player of the Year five times this season, she is averaging 17.2 points and 11.8 rebounds per game with a .588 field goal percentage. As a junior, she averaged 15.0 points and 10.5 rebounds per contest while earning third team All-American honors. A native of Whitefish Bay, Wis., she helped the Huskies reach the Elite Eight last season.

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

Graduate student **Shelby Bradford** of Husson headlines the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America® College Division second team. Seniors **K.C. Blahnik** of Lakeland, **Johannah Leedham** of Franklin Pierce and **Margo Muhlbauer** of Buena Vista join sophomore **Erin Hollinger** of Case Western Reserve to complete the second team. Seniors **Ariel Brough** of Baldwin-Wallace, **Jessica Canary** of Indianapolis, **Claire Ely** of Puget Sound, **Sarah Stream** of Michigan Tech and junior **Kathryn Stockbower** of Swarthmore were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America® 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.

Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 15,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

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

First Team						
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Erin Anthony	U.S. Military Academy	I	Jr.	Allentown, Pa.	3.78	Civil Engineering
Angie Bjorklund	Tennessee	IV	Jr.	Spokane Valley, Wash.	3.80	Psychology
Kelsey Luna (2)	Indiana State	V	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	4.00	Psychology
Maya Moore (1)	Connecticut	I	Jr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	3.70	Individualized Major
Liz Repella	West Virginia	II	Jr.	Steubenville, Ohio	3.95	Exercise Physiology

Second Team						
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Lori Bjork	Maryland	II	Gr.	Johnston, Iowa	3.93	Political Science
Brandi Brown	Middle Tennessee St.	IV	Gr.	Jamestown, Tenn.	3.90	Accounting
Amanda Johnson	Oregon	VIII	So.	Santa Rosa, Cal.	4.00	Psychology
May Kotsopoulos	Vermont	I	Sr.	Waterloo, Ontario, Can	3.66	Business Administration
Lauren Sims	Long Beach State	VIII	Sr.	Fullerton, Cal.	4.00	Biology & Physiology

Third Team						
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Alysha Clark	Middle Tennessee St.	IV	Sr.	Mt. Juliet, Tenn.	3.30	Electronic Media Journalism
Rachele Fitz	Marist	I	Sr.	Seven Hills, Ohio	3.35	Fashion Design
Amanda Stull	Coastal Carolina	III	Sr.	Rushville, Ind.	3.94	Biology
Ashley Sweat	Kansas State	VII	Sr.	McPherson, Kan.	3.51	Kinesiology
Jasmine Thomas	Duke	III	Jr.	Fairfax, Va.	3.37	Sociology

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA OF THE YEAR: Maya Moore, Connecticut

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Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Simona Bartkova	Dowling	I	Sr.	Greve, Denmark	4.00	Biology
Janelle Biamonte	Felician	II	Sr.	Secaucus, N.J.	3.99	Elementary Education & English
Anita Bulcher	Newberry (S.C.)	III	Sr.	Russia, Ohio	3.96	Chemistry
Julia Hirssig (1)	Wisconsin-Stout	V	Sr.	Rochester, Minn.	3.96	Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Mgmt.
Katie Wysocky	Michigan Tech	IV	Sr.	Whitefish Bay, Wis.	3.89	Business Administration

Second Team						
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA	Major
K.C. Blahnik	Lakeland	V	Sr.	Gladstone, Mich.	3.93	Psychology
Shelby Bradford	Husson	I	Gr.	Lee, Maine	3.83	Psychology (BA); Occ. Therapy (MS)
Erin Hollinger	Case Western	IV	So.	Chardon, Ohio	4.00	Macromolecular & Polymer Science
Johannah Leedham	Franklin Pierce	I	Sr.	Ellesmere Port, Eng.	3.38	Sports & Recreation management
Margo Muhlbauer	Buena Vista	VII	Sr.	Manilla, Iowa	3.75	Accounting

Third Team						
Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Ariel Brough	Baldwin-Wallace	IV	Sr.	Powell, Ohio	3.97	Political Science and Pre-Law
Jessica Canary	Indianapolis	V	Sr.	Coatesville, Ind.	3.91	Elementary Education
Claire Ely	Puget Sound	VIII	Sr.	Walnut Creek, Cal.	3.80	Exercise Science
Kathryn Stockbower	Swarthmore	II	Jr.	Ft. Washington, Pa.	3.76	Biology/German Studies
Sarah Stream	Michigan Tech	IV	Sr.	Ishpeming, Mich.	4.00	Exercise Science Biological Sciences

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA OF THE YEAR: Julia Hirssig, Wisconsin-Stout

(1) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® 1st team in 2008-09

(2) ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® 2nd team in 2008-09

