

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM

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2003 Academic All-America® Women's Volleyball Team Announced

American's Karla Kucerkova Repeats Academic All-America of the Year Honors

STAMFORD, Conn., December 4, 2003 – CoSIDA released today the 2003 Academic All-America Women's Volleyball Team. Karla Kucerkova (Olomouc, Czech Republic) of American University has been selected as the Academic All-America® of the Year in the University Division for the second straight year.

A senior with a 3.98 grade point average as a Business Administration major, Kucerkova leads the Eagles and the Patriot League in kills (5.11 average per game). Additional scholar-athlete accomplishments include Patriot League Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year (2002) and All-Region honoree.

Setter Jill Arganbright (Iowa City, IA) of Northern Iowa is a two-time Academic All-America Team member. She is UNI's career leader in assists with 5,311 and ranks second all-time in MVC history in assists. Arganbright holds a 3.97 G.P.A. in a double major of Biology and Chemistry. A total of eight volleyball team members for the University Division are repeat Academic All-America's including Minnesota's Cassie Busse, Cari Jensen of Kansas State and outside hitter Julie DuPont of Cincinnati.

On the College Division team, eight of the 18 student-athlete's have 4.00 G.P.A.'s in Accounting, Biology, Kinesiology, and Elementary Education. The overall average G.P.A. for the entire team is 3.93. Middle hitter Melissa Braaksma (Randolph, WI) of Lakeland College is one of three two-time Academic All-America selections for the College Division this year. She is the school's record holder for career blocks and is the President of Future Corporate Leaders. Academic All-America of the Year for the College Division is outside hitter Nici Workman of Capital University. She is the Crusader's all-time record holder for career service aces (195), ranks second in school history in matches played (90) and holds a 3.93 G.P.A. as an Economics major.

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The only junior to make the team is Nazareth's Tricia Jones (Corning, NY). Jones', also a double major in Biology and Chemistry, leads the Golden Flyers in kills (354), digs (219), aces (68) and blocks (128) and ranks among the nation's leaders in hitting percentage with .411.

"The Academic All-America program provides us with a unique opportunity to recognize and highlight the remarkable academic and athletic excellence of today's students. CoSIDA pays tribute to the phenomenal individuals that strive to be the best they can be on and off the playing field," said Dick Lipe, Academic All-America Chairperson.

The complete list of student-athletes named to the Academic All-America Women's Volleyball Team is attached (See Attachment A).

The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America; a 2,000-member organization consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing 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 14,000 student-athletes in Division I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or email academicallamerica@millsport.com.

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Attachment A

2003 Academic All-America Women's Volleyball Team (University Division)

First Team

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Jill Arganbright	Northern Iowa	Setter	Sr.	Iowa City, IA	3.97/Biology/Chemistry
Stephanie Ballard	College of Charleston	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Muncie, IN	3.97/Corporate Communications
Cassie Busse	Minnesota	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Prior Lake, MN	3.81/Family Social Sciences
Cari Jensen	Kansas State	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Fowler, CO	3.94/Kinesiology/Pre-Health
Karla Kucerkova*	American	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Olomouc, Czech Republic	3.98/Business Mgmt
Elisabeth Kwak-Hefferan	Pennsylvania	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Wheaton, IL	3.95/Communications

Second Team

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Emily Adams	USC	Middle Blocker	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ	3.67/International Relations
Delavane Diaz	Air Force	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Tampa, FL	3.80/Aeronautical Engineering
Julie DuPont	Cincinnati	Outside Hitter	Jr.	Muskego, WI	3.96/Communication Disorders
Lily Kahumoku	Hawaii	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Lubbock, TX	3.74/Biology
Molly O'Brien	Northern Iowa	Middle Blocker	Sr.	Parnell, IA	3.86/Physical Ed – Teaching
Anna Schrad	Nebraska	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Lincoln, NE	3.91/Exercise Science

Third Team

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Isabell Anderer	Marshall	Outside Hitter	Jr.	Sinsheim, Germany	4.00/Business
Catherine DuPont	Rice	Outside Hitter	Jr.	St. Petersburg, FL	4.00/Sports Medicine/Spanish
Kele Eveland	Georgia Tech	Setter	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI	3.76/Management
Erica Gerth	Eastern Illinois	Outside Hitter	Jr.	El Paso, IL	4.00/Health Studies
Leslie Kuhn	Wisconsin-Green Bay	Setter	Sr.	Juneau, WI	3.97/Communication Processes
Ogonna Nnamani	Stanford	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Normal, IL	3.40/Biology
Janelle Tomlinson	Wisconsin-Green Bay	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Stratford, WI	3.87/Human Biology
Heather Watts	Memphis	Setter	Jr.	Salt Lake City, UT	3.98/Exercise Science
Rebecca Wynalda	Texas A&M	Def. Specialist	Sr.	Kennedale, TX	4.00/Finance/Accounting

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Melissa Braaksma	Lakeland (WI)	Middle Hitter	Sr.	Randolph, WI	4.00/Accounting
Trudy Carter	Central Missouri	Rightside Hitter	Sr.	Overbrook, KS	4.00/Elementary Education
Lindsay Hinson	Wingate (NC)	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL	4.00/Biology
Tricia Jones	Nazareth (NY)	Middle Hitter	Jr.	Corning, NY	3.97/Biology
Michele Newman	Lynn (FL)	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Orlando, FL	4.00/Biology
Nici Workman**	Capital (OH)	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Chillicothe, OH	3.94/Economics

Second Team

NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Andrea Beauvais	American Intl (MA)	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Dearborn Heights, MI	3.95/Psychology
Liz Bishop	Western Washington	Setter	Sr.	Seattle, WA	3.88/Secondary Education
Kristi Krom	Northern Colorado	Libero	Sr.	Stratsburg, CO	4.00/Kinesiology
Stacey Meek	Central Oklahoma	Setter	Sr.	Tulsa, OK	3.96/Biology
Jessica Oolman	Minnesota State, Mankato	Libero	Sr.	Marshall, MN	4.00/Biology
Nicola Parker	Western Washington	Libero	Sr.	Auburn, WA	3.82/Mathematics

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NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YR.	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Kelly Cusack	Elmhurst (IL)	Middle Hitter	Sr.	Bridgeview, IL	4.00/Accounting
Stephanie Hartman	Greensboro (NC)	Setter	Sr.	Morganton, NC	3.97/Mathematics Education
Tracy Heathcock	Texas Lutheran	Middle Blocker	Sr.	San Antonio, TX	3.52/Molecular Biology
Jessica Lakenan	Westminster (MO)	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Perryville, MO	4.00/Biology
Katie Smith	Pittsburg State (KS)	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Leawood, KS	4.00/Accounting
Melissa Tvrdik	Wisconsin, River Falls	Outside Hitter	Sr.	Farwell, MN	3.79/Psychology

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