

*ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM
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***Nebraska's Pavan and Wingate's Brezovec Head
2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Volleyball Teams***

NOTRE DAME, Ind. — Junior outside hitter Sarah Pavan of Nebraska and senior middle blocker Rebecca Brezovec of Wingate University head the 2006 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Volleyball Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Pavan, a native of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, was voted as the Academic All-America of the Year in the University Division. She was chosen to the Academic All-America squad as a first-team selection for the second straight year. Pavan, who has a 4.00 grade point average in biochemistry, was recently named the 2006 Big 12 Conference Player of the Year.

Pavan, a junior outside hitter, led the nation's top-ranked team to a 27-1 record and a Big 12 championship. The Cornhuskers are the No. 1 overall seed for the upcoming NCAA Tournament. A three-time first-team all-conference performer, Pavan averaged 5.22 kills per game. She led the Big 12 in both kills and points.

Joining Pavan on the University Division Academic All-America first team were Kate Bean (Toledo), Jackie Cho (New Mexico State), Christi Hahn (Texas A&M), Sarah Kirkwood (Virginia), and Heidi Krug (East Carolina).

Choi, a senior from Corpus Christi, Texas, makes her third consecutive appearance on the Academic All-America squad. She posted a 4.00 GPA in dual major of economics and accounting. Choi, a two-time All-Western Athletic Conference setter, averages 12.03 assists.

Brezovec, the South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year, helped lead her team to a 25-8 record, the SAC championship and an NCAA Division II tournament bid. She led her team in kills (409) and was second on the team in hitting percentage (.328) and blocks (105). She also was named the 2006 SAC Scholar-Athlete for volleyball.

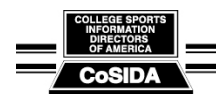
A first-team Academic All-America® selection in 2005 as well, Brezovec has maintained a perfect 4.00 grade point average at Wingate, where she is majoring in sociology. She is one of four Academic All-America® selections with 4.00 GPAs on the six-member first team.

Virginia Aguilar of Hardin-Simmons, another first-team selection from 2005, led her 19-15 team in hitting percentage (.331) and blocks (121), while posting a 4.00 GPA in computer science. A senior middle blocker, she was the American Southwest Conference West Division Player of the Year.

Senior middle blocker Dee Ayres of North Alabama was a key member of the Lions' NCAA Division II runner-up team that finished 35-6 and won the Gulf South Conference. She was second on the team in blocks, while earning a 4.00 GPA in professional biology.

Katie Westmoreland, a senior middle blocker from Harding, helped lead her team to a 24-9 record and the Gulf South Conference West Division title. She led the team in hitting percentage (.320) and is majoring in accounting with a 4.00 GPA.

Concordia's Jessica Lucia, a senior right-side hitter, set the school record for single-season kills (639), was second on the team in digs (420) and third in hitting percentage (.336). Concordia was 36-3, won the Northern Sun Conference title and finished the season ranked fourth in NCAA Division II. She carries a 3.85 GPA, is majoring in math education and was a second-team Academic All-America® selection in 2005.

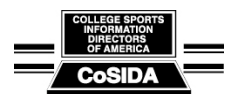


Senior outside hitter Sarah Shearman led her Truman team to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association crown, while earning the league's MVP award. Truman was ranked #1 in NCAA Division II for part of the season and finished 36-2, ranked sixth in the final poll. Shearman topped her team in kills (409) and digs (490). She is majoring in psychology with a 3.77 GPA.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 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 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

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First Team

Name	School	District	Position	Class	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
*Kate Bean	University of Toledo	IV	Outside Hitter	Senior	Louisville, Ky.	3.98, Community Health
*^Jackie Choi	New Mexico State Univ.	VI	Setter	Senior	Corpus Christi, Texas	4.00, Economics & Accounting
+Christi Hahn	Texas A&M Univ.	VI	Middle Blocker	Senior	Leander, Texas	4.00, Kinesiology & Exercise Science
#Sarah Kirkwood	Univ. of Virginia	III	Outside Hitter	Junior	Tampa, Fla.	3.92, Cognitive Science/Pre-Medicine
+Heidi Krug	East Carolina Univ.	III	Setter	Senior	Kildeer, Ill.	4.00, Biology
*Sarah Pavan	Univ. of Nebraska	VII	Outside Hitter	Junior	Kitchener, Ontario	4.00, Biochemistry

Second Team

Name	School	District	Position	Class	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
Tiffany Baker	McNeese State Univ.	VI	Middle Blocker	Senior	League City, Texas	4.00, Health & Human Performance
Abbey Breit	Jacksonville Univ.	IV	OH/Middle Blocker	Junior	Louisville, Ky.	3.90, Chemistry
Claire Jackson	IPFW	VII	OH/Libero	Senior	Fort Wayne, Ind.	4.00, Biology
Danielle Meyer	Ohio State Univ.	IV	Middle Hitter	Junior	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.98, Textile & Clothing
+^Courtney Thompson	Washington Univ.	VIII	Setter	Senior	Kent, Wash.	3.52, Business Administration
Jessica Vander Kooi	Univ. of Missouri	VII	Outside Hitter	Senior	Hinton, Iowa	3.84, International Business

Third Team

Name	School	District	Position	Class	Hometown	GPA, Major(s)
Kristen Bitter	University of Oregon	VIII	Middle Blocker	Senior	Roseburg, Ore.	4.07, Business Administration
Kelsey Fautsch	Univ. of Tennessee	IV	Outside Hitter/RS	Senior	Chisago Lakes, Minn.	3.91, Accounting
Emily Greisch	Creighton Univ.	VII	Def. Specialist	Senior	Omaha, Neb.	4.00, Nursing
Lindsay Hartsock	Brigham Young Univ.	VIII	Middle Blocker	Senior	Inkom, Idaho	3.60, Community Health & Family Living
Ali Hausfeld	Duke Univ.	III	Setter	Junior	Springboro, Ohio	3.38, Biology
Cheryl Hegemann	Univ. of Wis.-Milwaukee	V	Middle Blocker	Senior	Waterford, Wis.	3.76, Education
Sheila Parrish	North Dakota State Univ.	VII	Outside Hitter	Senior	Fargo, N.D.	3.92, Human Performance/Pre-Medicine
Rachel Shanks	Auburn Univ.	IV	Outside Hitter	Junior	Madison, Ala.	4.00, Biomedical Sciences

*2005 Academic All-America First Team
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Virginia Aguilar*	Hardin-Simmons University	VI	Senior	Kalaheo, Hawaii	4.00, Computer Science
Dee Ayres	University of North Alabama	IV	Sr.	Rainbow City, Ala.	4.00, Prof. Biology
Rebecca Brezovec*	Wingate University	III	Sr.	Durham, N.C.	4.00, Sociology
Jessica Lucia+	Concordia (Minn.) University	V	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn.	3.85, Math Education
Sarah Shearman	Truman State University	VII	Sr.	Manchester, Mo.	3.77, Psychology
Katie Westmoreland	Harding University	VI	Sr.	Cordova, Tenn.	4.00, Accounting

*First-team selection in 2005

+Second-team selection in 2005

Second Team

Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major
Shanna Berger	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	V	Sr.	Baldwin, Wis.	3.96, Chemistry
Kelly Downs	Elizabethtown College	II	Jr.	Airville, Pa	4.00, Occupational Therapy
Nicole Hahn	Wilkes University	II	Sr.	Catasauqua, Pa.	4.00, Pharmacy
Susan Johnson	Univeristy of Rochester	I	Sr.	Salamanca, N.Y.	3.45, Mechanical Engineering
Ashley Olson	Concordia (Minn.) University	V	Sr.	Circle Pines, Minn.	4.00, Math
Kathryn Phillips	Lenoir-Rhyne University	III	Sr.	Lexington, N.C.	4.00, Psychology

Third Team

Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
Meryn Grant	Colorado College	VII	Jr.	Calgary, Alberta	4.00, Economics
Traci Knuth	Armstrong Atlantic State Univ.	III	Sr.	Columbus, Neb.	3.86, Health Science
Kelsey Kyro	Concordia (Minn.) University	V	Sr.	Minneapolis, Minn.	3.72, Comm. Studies
Darryl Manzer	Skidmore College	I	Sr.	Camden, N.Y.	3.60, Molecular Biology
Jorl Simmons	Carthage College`	V	Jr.	Frankfort, Ill.	3.93 Bus. Admin.
Stacey Vogel	Mesa State (Colo.)	VII	Sr.	Grand Junction, Colo.	3.93 Nursing

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