

# **ESPN THE MAGAZINE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM**

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### ***Oklahoma State's Robinson & Missouri-Rolla's Gaul® Head 2005-06 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Men's At-Large Teams***

WALTHAM, Mass. – Senior golfer Zack Robinson of Oklahoma State University and junior swimmer Bill Gaul of the University of Missouri-Rolla head the 2005-2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Men's At-Large Teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The Men's At-Large program for the Academic All-America program includes the sports of fencing, golf, gymnastics, hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, tennis, volleyball, water polo and wrestling.

Robinson, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, was selected as the Academic All-America of the Year in the University Division. A two-time Academic All-America selection after earning a spot on last year's first team, the 2006 Byron Nelson Award recipient already has earned his undergraduate degree at Oklahoma State with a 4.0 GPA in political science and is currently pursuing his master's degree in business administration. He helped the Cowboys capture the 2006 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship for their 10th national title and first since 2000.

"It is a great honor to be the Academic All-America of the Year," said Robinson. "It is great to see so many student-athletes excelling in the classroom. They have all worked hard to be successful and I'm proud to be in that group. I've had wonderful support at Oklahoma State and they should be commended for their dedication to their student-athletes."

Gaul, a native of West Des Moines, Iowa, was selected as the Academic All-America of the Year in the College Division. A two-time Academic All-America selection after earning second team honors in 2005, he is a 10-time All-America swimmer for the Miners, including three honors at the 2006 NCAA Division II Championships. In the classroom, Gaul has posted a perfect 4.00 cumulative grade point average in six semesters at Missouri-Rolla as a Chemical Engineering major and is a two-time MIAA All-Academic selection.

"I would like to thank CoSIDA and ESPN The Magazine for this great honor," said Gaul. "I was a teammate with Jack Pennuto (the 2003-04 AAA of the Year for men's at large) and to follow in his footsteps to win this award is tremendous not only for myself, but also for the university and the swimming program here at UMR. As a team, we take a lot of pride in our performance in the classroom and it's great that this organization recognizes student-athletes for their academic performance as well as for what they do in competition."

Robinson was one of four repeat first-team selections in the university division, a list that also includes golfer Alejandro Canizares of Arizona State, fencer Jason Rogers of Ohio State and wrestler Alex Tirapelle of Illinois. The only repeat first-teamer in the college division was tennis player Jesse Ferlianto of Emory.

Also named to the University Division Academic All-America first-team squad were Minnesota State-Mankato's David Backes (Ice Hockey), Minnesota's Travis Beckerle (Swimming), Auburn's Curt Cady (Swimming), Georgia Tech's Roberto Castro (Golf), Hofstra's Nikola Djordjevic (Tennis), Oklahoma's Tommy Garrison (Tennis), Montana State's Marek Gebicki (Tennis), Seton Hall's Matt Miklius (Swimming), North Carolina's Steven Piantadosi (Fencing), Mississippi State's Jose-Carlos Pinto (Tennis), Alabama's Joseph Sykora (Golf), and Stanford's Ben Wildman-Tobriner (Swimming).

The second-team University squad was led by Robinson's OSU teammate and Jack Nicklaus Award winner in Pablo Martin along with 2006 Hobey Baker finalist Brett Sterling of Colorado College. Also earning spots on the second team were Alabama's Guido Arroyo (Swimming), Army's Patrick Beverly (Golf), Central Michigan's Mark DiSalvo (Wrestling), Alabama-Birmingham's Sebastian Falk (Tennis), Denver's Brian Flaherty (Swimming), Alaska-Anchorage's Brian Gregg (Skiing), Tennessee's Tyler Gustafson (Swimming), Saint Louis' Christopher Johansen (Swimming), UNC-

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Wilmington's Michael Kray (Swimming), Wyoming's Bryce Leonhardt (Wrestling), The Citadel's Nicholas Medina (Tennis), New Mexico's Lars Loeseth (Skiing) and Michigan's Eric Tannenbaum (Wrestling).

The third-team University squad was comprised of Colgate's Levi Benson (Swimming), Southeastern Louisiana's Brett Bergeron (Golf), Air Force's Shannon Buck (Tennis), Navy's Sean Blackman (Gymnastics), Nebraska-Omaha's Mike Eickman (Ice Hockey), Virginia Tech's Mike Faust (Virginia Tech), Southern Methodist's Philip Griffin (Swimming), Boston College's Peter Harrold (Ice Hockey), Ohio State's Kellen Harkness (Swimming), Missouri's Tyler McCormick (Wrestling), Alabama's Vlad Polyakov (Swimming), Purdue's Giordan Poglioli (Swimming), IUPUI's Justin Wenger (Golf) and Brown's Andy Wiener (Water Polo).

Joining Gaul and Ferlianto on the College Division Academic All-America first team are Cortland State's Brian Atkins (Lacrosse), St. Cloud State's Tony Larson (Tennis), Case Western Reserve's John Erickson (Swimming), Saint John's (Minn.) Adam Hanna (Ice Hockey), Gustavus Adolphus's Roy Bryan (Tennis), Augsburg's Ryan Valek (Wrestling), Lycoming's Steven Hawley (Swimming), Delta State's Tripp Davis (Swimming), Ohio Northern's Nick Frankle (Swimming), Presbyterian's Hector Rincon (Tennis), Hobart's Matt Garman (Ice Hockey), Gettysburg's Chase Stewart (Lacrosse) and Virginia Wesleyan's Eric Caudill (Tennis).

The second team was led by a pair of Kenyon swimming teammates in Travis Brennon and Jimmy Berger, while Wisconsin-Stevens Point placed a pair of the squad in Garth Newport (Swimming) and Mike Hayes (Wrestling). Other second team members included Otterbein's Andrew Miller (Golf), Rensselaer's Greg Derevianko (Swimming), Farmingdale State's Patric Santiago (Golf), Hamilton's Mike Salmon (Swimming), Colorado School of Mines's Mark Vallee (Golf), Redlands's Nick Obie (Golf), Clarke's Joe Collier (Volleyball), Johns Hopkins's Tyler Harris (Swimming), Milwaukee School of Engineering's Brian Soik (Ice Hockey), Shippensburg's Corey Jacoby (Wrestling) and Gannon's Dave Patronik (Golf).

The third team was comprised of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's Aaron Burg (Swimming), Lynchburg's A.J. Tinklepaugh (Lacrosse), Case Western Reserve's Patrick Rodjom (Swimming), Embry-Riddle's Mislav Hizak (Tennis), Truman State's Gregg Nurrenbern (Wrestling), Southwestern Oklahoma State's Greg Koch (Golf), Barry's Thomas Hipp (Tennis), St. Norbert's Aaron Sunday (Tennis), Washington's (Mo.) Zack Fayne (Tennis), Central's Nick Cochrane (Tennis), New York University's Gabriel Sinkin (Fencing), Missouri Western State's Brice Garnett (Golf), California-San Diego's Chris Finegold (Water Polo), Eckerd's Sebastian Niedermayer (Tennis), Lycoming's Derek Crane (Wrestling), Hardin-Simmons's Roy Lehman (Tennis), Olivet's Dustin Meisner (Swimming) and Northwest Missouri State's Zach Keith (Tennis).

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 consisting of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athletes 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**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>SPORT</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>
David Backes	Minnesota St-Mankato	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Blaine, Minn.	4.00	Electrical engineering
Travis Beckerle	Minnesota	Swimming	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.90	Physics
Kurt Cady	Auburn	Swimming	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	3.62	Civil Engineering
Alejandro Canizares	Arizona State	Golf	Sr.	Manilva, Spain	3.87	Interdisciplinary studies
Roberto Castro	Georgia Tech	Golf	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga.	3.82	Industrial engineering
Nikola Djordjevic	Hofstra	Tennis	Sr.	Belgrade, Serbia	3.94	Finance
Tommy Garrison	Oklahoma	Tennis	Sr.	Enid, Okla.	3.93	Math, pre-medicine
Marek Gebicki	Montana State-Bozeman	Tennis	Sr.	Lodz, Poland	3.99	Industrial engineering
Matt Miklius	Seton Hall	Swimming	Sr.	Palatine, Ill.	4.0	Physics
Steven Piantadosi	North Carolina	FencingI	Sr.	Reisterstown, Md.	3.94	Mathematics, linguistics
Jose-Carlos Pinto	Mississippi State	Tennis	Sr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil	3.99	Banking & finance
Zack Robinson	Oklahoma State	Golf	Gr	Fort Worth, Texas	4.0	Political science, MBA
Jason Rogers	Ohio State	Fencing	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif.	3.96	Psychology
Joseph Sykora	Alabama	Golf	Jr.	Daphne, Ala.	4.00	Business
Alex Tirapelle	Illinois	Wrestling	Sr.	Clovis, Calif.	3.73	Accountancy
Ben Wildman-Tobriner	Stanford	Swimming	Jr.	San Francisco, Calif.	3.59	Biomechanical engineering

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Guido Arroyo	Alabama	Swimming	Sr.	Quito, Ecuador	4.0	Management info. services
Patrick Beverly	U.S. Military Academy	Golf	So.	Humble, Texas	3.99	Management
Mark DiSalvo	Central Michigan	Wrestling	Gr.	Dayton, Ohio	3.78	Sport management
Sebastian Falk	Alabama-Birmingham	Tennis	Sr.	March, Germany	3.91	Finance
Brian Flaherty	Denver	Swimming	Sr.	Granite Bay, Calif.	4.0	Biochemistry, molecular bio.
Brian Gregg	Alaska-Anchorage	Skiing	Sr.	Winthrop, Wash.	3.70	Management
Tyler Gustafson	Tennessee	Swimming	Sr.	Harrisonburg, Va.	3.81	Logistics & transportation
Christopher Johansen	Saint Louis	Swimming	Sr.	Bloomington, Ind.	3.97	Electrical engineering
Michael Krayner	N. Carolina-Wilmington	Swimming	Sr.	Hattersheim, Germany	3.95	Chemistry, marine biology
Bryce Leonhardt	Wyoming	Wrestling	Sr.	Casper, Wyo.	3.94	Secondary education, math
Lars Loeseth	New Mexico	Skiing	Jr.	Oslo, Norway	3.91	Finance
Pablo Martin	Oklahoma State	Golf	So.	Malaga, Spain	3.79	Economics
Nicholas Medica	The Citadel	Tennis	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	4.0	Accounting
Brett Sterling	Colorado College	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Pasadena, Calif.	3.51	Economics
Eric Tannenbaum	Michigan	Wrestling	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.	3.81	Brain, behavior and cognitive science

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Levi Benson	Colgate	Swimming	Sr.	Allegany, N.Y.	3.73	Molecular biology
Brett Bergeron	Southeastern Louisiana	Golf	Jr.	LaPlace, La.	4.00	Finance
Sean Blackman	U.S. Naval Academy	Gymnastics	Jr.	Fayetteville, Ga.	3.87	Aerospace engineering
Shannon Buck	Air Force	Tennis	Sr.	Spokane, Wash.	3.42	Biology
Mike Eickman	Nebraska-Omaha	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Grand Forks, N.D.	3.97	Psychology
Mike Faust	Virginia Tech	Wrestling	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	3.42	Management
Philip Griffin	Southern Methodist	Swimming	Sr.	Carrollton, Texas.	3.86	Finance
Kellen Harkness	Ohio State	Swimming	Jr.	Puyallup, Wash.	3.88	Operations Management
Peter Harrold	Boston College	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Kirtland Hills, Ohio	3.51	History
Tyler McCormick	Missouri	Wrestling	So.	Leawood, Kan.	3.95	Business
Giordan Poglioli	Purdue	Swimming	Sr.	Peoria, Ill.	3.60	Computer graphics technology
Vlad Polyakov	Alabama	Swimming	Jr.	Petropavl, Kazakhstan	3.74	Marketing
Justin Wenger	Ind.-Purdue-Indianapolis	OGolf	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.91	Mechanical engineering
Andy Wiener	Brown	Water Polo	Sr.	Los Altos, Calif.	3.95	History, political science

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Brian Atkins	Cortland State	Lacrosse	Sr.	Adams, N.Y.	3.98	Athletic training
Roy Bryan	Gustavus Adolphus	Tennis	Sr.	Edina, Minn.	3.90	Biology
Eric Caudill	Virginia Wesleyan	Tennis	So	Virginia Beach, Va.	4.00	Liberal arts management
Tripp Davis	Delta State	Swimming	Sr.	Madison, Miss.	3.94	Accounting
John Erickson	Case Western Reserve	Swimming	Jr.	Massillon, Ohio	4.0	Biology
Jesse Ferlianto	Emory	Tennis	Sr.	Canyon Country, Calif.	4.00	Business
Nick Frankle	Ohio Northern	Swimming	Jr.	Canfield, Ohio	4.00	Accounting
Matt Garman	Hobart	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Wexford, Pa.	3.98	Chemistry, biology
Bill Gaul	Missouri-Rolla	Swimming	Jr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	4.00	Chemical engineering
Adam Hanna	Saint John's (Mn)	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Owatonna, Minn.	3.69	Economics
Steven Hawley	Lycoming	Swimming	Sr.	New Cumberland, Pa.	3.99	Biology (pre-med)
Tony Larson	St. Cloud State	Tennis	Sr.	Long Prairie, Minn.	3.86	Physical education
Hector Rincon	Presbyterian	Tennis	Sr.	London, England	3.86	Business administration
Chase Stewart	Gettysburg	Lacrosse	Sr.	Downingtown, Pa.	3.9	Economics
Ryan Valek	Augsburg	Wrestling	Sr.	Belle Plaine, Minn.	3.74	Accounting

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Jimmy Berger	Kenyon	Swimming	Sr.	Mansfield, Ohio	3.50	Honors economics, political science
Travis Brennon	Kenyon	Swimming	Sr.	Chino Valley, Ariz.	3.63	Honors economics
Joe Collier	Clarke	Volleyball	Sr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	3.98	History
Greg Derevianko	Rensselaer Poly	Swimming	Jr.	Wilmington, Del.	3.89	Applied physics
Tyler Harris	Johns Hopkins	Swimming	Sr.	Lancaster, Ohio	3.81	Biology
Mike Hayes	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Wrestling	Sr.	Beaver Dam, Wis.	3.69	Biology (pre-med)
Corey Jacoby	Shippensburg	Wrestling	Sr.	Hanover, Pa.	3.31	Criminal justice
Andrew Miller	Otterbein	Golf	Jr.	Xenia, Ohio	3.93	Business administration
Garth Newport	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Swimming	Sr.	Berlin, Wis.	3.94	Economics, business administration
Nick Obie	Redlands	Golf	Sr.	Havre, Mont.	3.86	Financial economics
Dave Patronik	Gannon	Golf	Sr.	Orchard Park, N.Y.	3.92	Business administration
Mike Salmon	Hamilton	Swimming	Sr.	Lowville, N.Y.	3.60	Economics
Patric Santiago	Farmingdale State	Golf	Sr.	Baldwin, N.Y.	3.96	Management technology
Brian Soik	Milwaukee Engineering	Ice Hockey	Jr.	Stevens Point, Wis.	3.90	Mechanical engineering
Mark Vallee	Colorado School Of Mines	Golf	Jr.	Louisville, Colo.	4.00	Mechanical engineering

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Aaron Burg	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	Swimming	Sr.	New London, Wis.	4.00	Secondary education
Nick Cochrane	Central	Tennis	Sr.	Fort Dodge, Iowa	3.92	English
Derek Crane	Lycoming	Wrestling	Sr.	Elizabethtown, Pa.	3.83	Biology, criminal justice
Zack Fayne	Washington (Mo)	Tennis	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio	3.97	Economics, psychology
Chris Finegold	UC-San Diego	Water Polo	Sr.	Palo Alto, Calif.	3.65	Management science
Brice Garnett	Missouri Western State	Golf	Sr.	Gallatin, Mo.	3.62	Finance
Thomas Hipp	Barry	Tennis	Jr.	Kreenheinstetten, Germany	3.96	Sports management
Mislav Hizak	Embry-Riddle	Tennis	So.	Varazdin, Croatia	3.89	Business administration
Zach Keith	NW Missouri State	Tennis	Gr.	Chillicothe, Mo.	3.94	History, social science ed.
Greg Koch	SW Oklahoma State	Golf	Sr.	Burkburnett, Texas	4.00	Chemistry
Roy Lehman	Hardin-Simmons	Tennis	Jr.	Vernon, Texas	4.0	Biology, pre-med
Dustin Meisner	Olivet	Swimming	So.	Temperance, Mich.	4.0	Visual arts, biology
Sebastian Niedermayer	Eckerd	Tennis	Sr.	Munich, Germany	3.84	Economics
Gregg Nurrenbern	Truman State	Wrestling	Sr.	Fulton, Mo.	3.64	Business administration
Patrick Rodjom	Case Western Reserve	Swimming	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.62	Computer eng. & engineering mgt.
Gabriel Sinkin	New York Univ.	Fencing	Sr.	Rochester, N.Y.	3.75	Computer science
Aaron Sunday	St. Norbert	Tennis	Jr.	Petoskey, Mich.	3.91	Mathematics
A.J. Tinklepaugh	Lynchburg	Lacrosse	Sr.	Annandale, Va.	3.78	Biomedical science

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