

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

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### ***M.I.T.'s Orji, Florida State's Johnson Top 2005-06*** ***ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Men's Track/Cross Country Teams***

WALTHAM, Mass.-- Senior Uzoma Orji of M.I.T. and graduate student Garrett Johnson of Florida State University walked away with top honors on the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®* men's track & field and cross country teams announced Tuesday.

Orji, who carries a 3.81 grade point average as an electrical science and engineering major, out-paced runner-up Ryan Koch of St. Cloud State as college division Academic All-American of the Year. Johnson, who helped Florida State to the NCAA Division I national championship outdoors, also carried a 3.81 GPA as a graduate student in public administration. He held off Nathan Brown of Wisconsin and Jaanus Uudmae of Arkansas for the university division title.

Both Orji, who earned first team honors in 2005, and Johnson, a second team selection last season, were repeat members of the *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®* men's track & field and cross country teams. Each recently captured NCAA individual championships in the shot put. Orji's stellar career has included four Division III individual titles and 12 All-America awards. Johnson, a Rhodes Scholar from Tampa, Fla., also was the Division I indoor national champion in the shot.

Orji, whose hometown is Matawan, N.J., was one of nine repeat winners at the college division level. Topping that list was first team member Nick Johnson of Augustana (Ill.) College who earned his third Academic All-America® award and second first team trophy.

Other repeat winners at the college division level included Gordon Coffin of Nebraska Wesleyan, Ryan Koch of St. Cloud State, John Mercuri of the University of Scranton and Jesus Solis of Adams State. All were first team picks.

Coffin tied Orji as the top vote-getter in the main voting. First team members Coffin and Jed Droge were two of three Nebraska Wesleyan student-athletes on the college division teams, the most of any school. Solis and James Hajek represented Adams State on the first team.

Other college division first team selections were Jason Finkelstein (Muhlenberg College), Nathan Fleming (Westmont College), Michael Herb (Rochester Inst. Of Technology), Stephen Hrdina (Case Western Reserve), Harrison Jorritsma (Calvin College), Grant Scott Haverford College), Eric Svestka (UW-La Crosse) and P.J. Theisen (Univ. of St. Thomas)

In a twist from the Academic All-American of the Year voting, Brown was the top vote-getter in the main voting at the university division level, which is composed of NCAA Division I institutions only. John Tumbleston of Elon finished second and Johnson was third.

In addition to Johnson, Tumbleston, Brown and Uudmae, the University division first team included Brian Babcock (Morehead State), Chris Brandriff (Virginia Military Institute), Michael Breshears (Missouri State), Jarrod Davis (Youngstown State), Javier Garcia-Tunon (Florida State), Jimmy Grabow (Long Beach State), Donovan Kilmartin (Texas), Tom Lancashire (Florida State), Ian Mayne (Tennessee-Chattanooga), Galen Rupp (Oregon) and Andrew Young (Oregon).

Brown, Tumbleston and Uudmae were all first team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans in 2005 while Breshears, Johnson, Lancashire and Young were on the second team and Mayne was a third team pick.

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.

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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.

ESPN The Magazine – winner of the 2006 and 2003 National Magazine Award for General Excellence – is a provocative and innovative sports publication. Full of insight, analysis, impact and wit, the oversized bi-weekly with a circulation of 1.9 million looks ahead to give fans a unique perspective on the world of sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit [www.cosida.com](http://www.cosida.com) or email [rlife@bentley.edu](mailto:rlife@bentley.edu).

**2005-06 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Men's Track & Field/Cross Country Teams  
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**FIRST TEAM**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>DIS</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>MAJOR</b>
Brian Babcock	Morehead State	IV	Sr.	Sand Point, Id.	4.00	University Studies
Chris Brandriff	VMI	III	Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.	3.91	Civi; Engineering
Michael Breshears	Missouri State	VII	Jr.	Excelsior Springs, M.	4.00	Administrative Management
Nathan Brown	Wisconsin	V	Sr.	Madison, Wis.	3.95	Biochemistry
Jarrold Davis	Youngstown St.	IV	Gr.	E. Canton, Ohio	3.70	Computer Info. Systems
Javier Garcia-Tunon	Florida State	III	Sr.	Tallahassee, Fla.	4.00	Business Management
Jimmy Grabow	Long Beach State	VIII	Sr.	Running Springs, Ca.	4.00	History
Garrett Johnson	Florida State	III	Gr.	Tampa, Fla.	3.81	Public Administration
Donovan Kilmartin	Texas	VI	Jr.	Eagle, Id.	3.48	Petroleum Engineering
Tom Lancashire	Florida State	III	Jr.	Bolton, England	3.93	Exercise Science
Ian Mayne	UT-Chattanooga	IV	Sr.	Pickering, Ont.	3.86	Pre-Med
Galen Rupp	Oregon	VIII	So.	Portland, Ore.	4.05	Pre-Business
John Tumbleston	Elon	III	Sr.	Boone, N.C.	4.00	Physics/Science Education
Jaanus Uudmae	Arkansas	VI	Gr.	Tallin, Estonia	4.00	Computer Science Eng.
Andrew Young	Oregon	VIII	Sr.	Newberg, Ore.	3.83	Human Physiology

**SECOND TEAM**

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Danny Alge	Clemson	III	Sr.	Summerville, S.C.	3.82	Biosystems Engineering
Andy Allstadt	Albany	I	Gr.	Endicott, N.Y.	3.67	Ecology
Joe Detmer	Wisconsin	V	Jr.	Lodi, Wisc.	3.52	Computer Engineering
Robert Healy	Duquesne	II	Gr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.45	Communication Studies
Chris Helwick	Tennessee	IV	Jr.	Greeley, Colo.	3.60	Business/Economics
Frank Hemingway	New Mexico	VI	Sr.	Las Cruces, N.M.	4.04	Electrical Engineering
Aaron Hill	Northeastern	I	Sr.	Ben Wheeler, Texas	3.94	Electrical Engineering
Greg Liebl	North Dakota St.	VII	So.	Montevideo, Minn.	4.00	Business Administration
Travis Mack	Missouri State	VII	Gr.	Liberty, Mo.	4.00	Master of Bus. Admin.
Sean O'Donnell	Notre Dame	V	Gr.	Kansas City, Mo.	3.48	M.B.A./Mechanical Eng.
Aaron Plas	Nebraska	VII	Sr.	McCook, Nebr.	3.60	Business Education
Nate Probasco	Nebraska	VII	Jr.	Scriber, Nebr.	3.76	History
Zach Sabatino	Tennessee	IV	Sr.	Charleston, W.V.	3.79	Sport Management
Matt Scherer	Oregon	VIII	Sr.	Sumner, Ill.	3.57	Business
Heath Smith	North Texas	VI	Jr.	Lake Dallas, Texas	4.00	Criminal Justice

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John Albert	Minnesota	V	Sr.	Bloomington, Minn.	3.78	Business
Jesson Baumgartner	Southern Utah	VIII	Jr.	Cedar City, Utah	3.89	Chemistry
Keith Bechtol	William & Mary	III	Jr.	Alexandria, Va.	3.95	Physics
Martin Bingisser	Washington	VIII	Gr.	Bellevue, Wash.	3.87	Philosophy
Brett Carter	Portland	VIII	Sr.	Naches, Wash.	3.95	Biology
Thomas Chamney	Notre Dame	V	Jr.	Tipperary, Ireland	3.52	History/Film
John Crews	North Carolina St.	III	So.	Glasgow, Va.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Kevin Dick	Western Kentucky	IV	Sr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	3.91	Electrical Engineering
Nathan Egger	Michigan State	IV	Sr.	Mason, Mich.	3.97	Physiology
Bret Ferrier	Weber State	VIII	So.	Winnemucca, Nev.	3.97	Computer Engineering
Adam Grossman	UMBC	II	Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	3.68	Environmental Science
Andrew Heath	Auburn	IV	Sr.	Marietta, Ga.	3.84	Civil Engineering
Jon Korhonen	Massachusetts	I	Sr.	Gardner, Ma.	3.95	Communication
Tim Moore	Notre Dame	V	Sr.	Novi, Mich.	3.38	Finance/Mathematics
Adam Perkins	Arkansas	VI	Jr.	Liberty, Mo.	3.40	Finance
Caleb Wells	U.S. Military Acad.	I	Sr.	Spearfish,, S.D.	3.65	Systems Engineering
Nicholas Wilson	U.S. Air Force Acad.	VII	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	3.45	Mechanical Engineering
Bryan Wolfe	UT-San Antonio	VI	Sr.	Raymondville, Texas	3.66	Acturial Science

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Gordon Coffin	Nebraska Wesleyan	VII	Jr.	Osceola, Neb.	3.94	Communication Studies
Jed Droge	Nebraska Wesleyan	VII	Jr.	Pawnee City, Neb.	3.75	Athletic Training
Jason Finkelstein	Muhlenberg	II	Sr.	Wayne, N.J.	3.96	Political Science
Nathan Fleming	Westmont	VIII	Sr.	Chico, Calif.	3.94	Biology and English
James Hajek	Adams State	VII	Jr.	Tucson, Ariz.	4.00	Sociology
Michael Herb	Rochester Inst. Of Technology	I	Jr.	Saugerties, N.Y.	4.00	Criminal Justice
Stephen Hrinda	Case Western Reserve	IV	Jr.	Fairview, Pa.	4.0	Biology
Nick Johnson	Augustana (Ill.)	V	Sr.	New Lenox, Ill.	3.98	Math
Harrison Jorritsma	Calvin	IV	Sr.	Beamsville, Ont.	4.0	Accounting
Ryan Koch	St. Cloud State	V	Sr.	Madison, Wis.	4.00	Computer Science
John Mercuri	Scranton	II	Jr.	Moscow, Pa.	3.98	Biology & Philosophy
Uzoma Orji	M.I.T.	I	Sr.	Matawan, N.J.	3.84	Electrical Sci. & Engineering
Grant Scott	Haverford	II	Sr.	Yellow Springs, Ohio	3.91	Chemistry
Jesus Solis	Adams State	VII	Jr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	3.91	History/Gov't and English
Eric Svestka	UW-La Crosse	V	Jr.	Decorah, Iowa	4.00	Biology
P.J. Theisen	St. Thomas (Minn.)	V	Jr.	Elko, Minn.	3.90	Accounting

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Nathan Bates	Wabash	V	Jr.	Ossian, Ind.	3.91	Psychology
Sean Capkin	Susquehanna	II	Sr.	Wynnewood, Pa.	3.98	Elementary Ed., Spanish
Cameron Dayne	Morehouse	III	Sr.	Richmond, Va.	3.73	Business Administration
Joel Duffield	Chadron State	VII	Sr.	Morrill, Neb.	3.60	Industrial Technology
Garrett Duncanson	UW-River Falls	V	Sr.	Mantorville, Minn.	3.99	Biology
Nathan Johnson	Washington & Lee	III	Sr.	Lexington, VA	3.79	Mathematics and Economics
Evan Knight	Nebraska Wesleyan	VII	So.	Keystone, Neb.	3.98	History and Spanish
Phil McCollam	Bemidji State	V	Sr.	Idaho Falls, Idaho	3.98	Design Technology and Art
Nate Mealy	Wheaton (Ill.)	V	Sr.	Hudson, Ohio	3.94	Political Science
Fritz Nugent	Redlands	VIII	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	3.66	Studio Art: Sculpture & Ceramics
Nate Olson	UW-La Crosse	V	Sr.	Stevens Point, Wis.	3.53	Broadfield Science
Frank Prince III	Puget Sound	VIII	Sr.	Port Angeles, Wash.	3.98	Business Administration
Eric Sornson	Pittsburg State	VII	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.	4.00	Commerical Graphics/ Computer Science
Jarod Wall	Central Missouri State	VII	Sr.	Marshalltown, Iowa	3.97	Accounting

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Ryan Agnew	Bentley	I	Sr.	Spencer, Mass.	3.55	Public Policy & Social Change
Kevin Balster	Wartburg	VII	Jr.	Monticello, Iowa	3.92	Mathematics/Math Ed.
Shaun Blake	Kean	II	Sr.	Cape May Court House, N.J.	3.92	Finance
Kenneth Bowling	Oklahoma Christian	VI	Jr.	Brookline, Mo.	3.57	Mathematics Education
Alex Drollinger	Case Western Reserve	IV	Jr.	Lodi, Ohio	3.96	Chemistry
Jason Foster	Colby	I	Sr.	Waterbury, Vt.	3.46	Geosciences and History
Dan Gale	East Stroudsburg	II	Sr.	Heilserville, N.J.	3.91	Health and Phys. Ed.
Bryan George	Central	VII	Sr.	Pella, Iowa	3.57	General studies
Jack Henkemeyer	Gustavus Adolphus	V	Sr.	Plymouth, Minn.	3.82	Pol. Sci. and Psychology
Geoff Kaiser	Loras	VII	Jr.	Horicon, Wis.	3.84	Sports Management
Owen Kiely	Wesleyan	I	Sr.	Athol, Mass.	3.55	Neuroscience & Behavior
Andrew Leuenberger	Grove City	II	Jr.	West Middlesex, Pa.	3.99	Molecular Biology
Nate Meckes	Calvin	IV	Sr.	Bay City, Mich.	3.43	Psychology/Phys. Ed.
Trevor Palmer	Southern Oregon	VIII	Jr.	Central Point, Ore.	3.78	Psychology
Josh Svenson	Baldwin-Wallace	IV	Sr.	Wadsworth, Ohio	3.98	Mathematics
Mike Vella	Juniata	II	Sr.	Hollidaysburg, Pa.	3.99	Biology

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