

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

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### ***Xavier's Duchek and Linfield's Harksen Head 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Volleyball Team***

WALTHAM, Mass. – Senior outside hitter Kate Duchek of Xavier University and senior right-side hitter Lindsay Harksen of Linfield College head the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Volleyball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Duchek, a native of St. Louis, Mo., was voted as the Academic All-America of the Year in the University Division. She makes her second consecutive appearance on the Academic All-America squad and was a third-team selection in 2004. Duchek, who has a 4.00 grade point average in education, received the Atlantic 10 Conference Student-Athlete of the Year award in volleyball for the second straight year.

Duchek, a senior outside hitter, led the Musketeers to a 19-11 record and a trip to the semifinal round of the Atlantic 10 Tournament. A two-time first-team all-conference performer, she averaged 4.04 kills and 1.15 digs with a .249 hitting percentage.

Harksen, who helped lead her team to a 21-5 record and an NCAA Division III tournament bid, was an All-West Region selection by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. In addition, she earned a third straight first-team All-Northwest Conference award. She led her team in kills (354) and hitting percentage (.294) and set the Linfield career record for blocks.

Maintaining a perfect 4.00 grade point average at Linfield, where she is majoring in finance, Harksen is one of four first-team Academic All-America® selections with 4.00 GPAs on the seven-member first team.

The others with 4.00 GPAs are American Southwest Conference Player of the Year Virginia Aguilar of Hardin-Simmons, junior outside hitter Rebecca Brezovec of Wingate, senior outside hitter Marian Broderick of Missouri Western.

Rounding out the first team in the college division are Elmhurst College senior outside hitter Nicole Carlson (3.96), senior setter Katya Khmel'nitskaya of New York University, and Emily Roth of the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, the Central Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year. Khmel'nitskaya was a second-team Academic All-America selection in 2004.

Joining Duchek on the University Division Academic All-America first team were Paula Caten (Kansas), Christina Houghtelling (Nebraska), Jackie Choi (New Mexico State), Kate Bean (Toledo) and Sarah Pavan (Nebraska). With the exception of Houghtelling (3.90), all have perfect 4.0 grade point averages for their collegiate career.

Choi, a junior setter from Corpus Christi, Texas, also made the Academic All-America third team one year ago. She posted a 4.00 GPA in dual major of accounting and economics. Choi, an All-Sun Belt Conference standout, averages 12.05 assists from her setter position.

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.

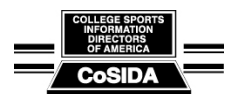
To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's 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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For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit [www.cosida.com](http://www.cosida.com) or e-mail [rlipe@bentley.edu](mailto:rlipe@bentley.edu).



**2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Volleyball Team (University Division)  
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**First Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA, Major</b>
Kate Bean	Toledo	IV	Jr	OH	Louisville, Ky.	4.00, Community Health
Paula Caten	Kansas	VII	Sr	OH	Canarana, Brazil	4.00, Communication Studies
+Jackie Choi	New Mexico State	VI	Jr	S	Corpus Christi, Texas	4.00, Accounting & Economics
+Kate Duchek	Xavier	IV	Sr	OH	St. Louis, Mo.	4.00, Education
Christina Houghtelling	Nebraska	VII	Jr	OH	Cambridge, Neb.	3.90, Elementary Education/ Coaching
Sarah Pavan	Nebraska	VII	So	OH	Kitchener, Ont.	4.00, Biochemistry

**Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA, Major</b>
Lauren Brewster	Notre Dame	V	Sr	MB	Brentwood, Tenn.	3.37, Marketing & Sociology
Abby Ettenhofer	Youngstown State	IV	Sr	MH	Hebron, Ohio	4.00, Middle Childhood Educ.
Christine Harms	Nevada	VIII	Sr	OH/L	Placerville, Calif.	4.00, Civil Engineering
Sarah Kirkwood	Virginia	III	So	OH	Tampa, Fla.	4.00, Echols Interdisciplinary Major
+Candace Lee	Washington	VIII	Sr	L	Eugene, Ore.	3.78, English
+Courtney Thompson	Washington	VIII	Jr	S	Kent, Wash.	3.52, Business Administration
Rebecca Wieters	Charleston	III	Sr	RS	Goose Creek, S.C.	3.97, History

**Third Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA, Major</b>
Christi Hahn	Texas A&M	VI	Jr	MB	Leander, Texas	4.00, Kinesiology & Exercise Science
Heidi Krug	East Carolina	III	Jr	S	Kildeer, Ill.	4.00, Biology
Jenna Maddocks	Cleveland State	IV	Sr	OH	Norwalk, Ohio	3.98, Early Childhood Educ.
Anne Morrow	Tennessee Tech	IV	Sr	OH	Springfield, Ohio	3.95, Biology
Sarah Obras	Ball State	V	Sr	OH	Pendleton, Ind.	3.86, Accounting

**Academic All-America of the Year: Kate Duchek (Xavier)**

+2004 Academic All-America Third Team



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<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA, Major</b>
Virginia Aguilar	Hardin-Simmons	VI	Jr	MB	Kalheo, Hawaii	4.00, Computer Science
Rebecca Brezovec	Wingate	III	Jr	OH	Durham, N.C.	4.00, Sociology
Marian Broderick	Missouri Western	VII	Sr	L/OH	Wichita, Kan.	4.00, Mathematics
Nicole Carlson	Elmhurst	V	Sr	OH	Forreston, Ill.	3.96, Accounting
+Lindsay Harksen	Linfield	VIII	Sr	RS	Sublimity, Ore.	4.00, Finance
*Katya Khmel'nitskaya	New York Univ.	I	Sr	S	Albany, N.Y.	3.59, Psychology
Emily Roth	Univ. of the Sciences in Philadelphia	II	Sr	OH	York, Pa.	3.93, Pharmacy

Seven on first team due to tie in voting

**Second Team**

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA, Major</b>
Jessica Bartlett	Francis Marion	III	Sr	OH	Richmond, Va.	3.96, Chemistry
Jessica Lucia	Concordia (Minn.)	V	Jr	OH/RS	Plymouth, Minn.	3.90, Elementary Educ.
Lindsey Martin	Abilene Christian	VI	Sr	S	Sugar Land, Texas	3.97, Exercise Science
+Lindsay Thiery	Mount St. Joseph	IV	Sr	L	Cincinnati, Ohio	4.00, Business
Natalja Tinina	Madonna	IV	Sr	OH	Riga, Latvia	3.93, Sports Management

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<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA, Major</b>
Michelle Bernhardt	Abilene Christian	VI	Sr	OH	Hereford, Texas	3.77, Engineering Science
Vanessa Ferretti	North Alabama	IV	Sr	OH/MB	Porto Allegre, Brazil	3.57, Political Science
+Kecia Jennings	Rockhurst	VII	Sr	S	Leavenworth, Kan.	3.92, Biology/Spanish
Frida Sigurdardottir	Savannah Col. Art & Design	III	Jr	MH	Reykjavik, Iceland	4.00, Architecture
Tina Talsma	So. Ill.-Edwardsville	V	Sr	MH	Orono, Ont.	4.00, Philosophy
Kelly Virkler	New Haven	I	Sr	MH/L	Watertown, N.Y.	4.18, Forensic Science/ Chemistry

\*Second-team selection in 2004

+Third-team selection in 2004

**Academic All-America of the Year: Lindsay Harksen, Linfield**

