

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

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### **Charleston's Coker, Central's Duerfeldt Head 2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Teams**

WALTHAM, Mass.-- Senior outfielder Phillip Coker of the College of Charleston and senior catcher Adam Duerfeldt of Central College (Iowa) head the 2006 *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Teams*, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Coker was selected as the Academic All-America® of the Year in the University Division. A product of Hanahan, S.C., Coker has been instrumental in helping the Cougars to a 43-15 record, an NCAA tournament berth and a third consecutive Southern Conference titles. He has started and played in 58 games and enters the NCAA tourney with a .333 average, with two home runs, 33 RBI, 52 runs and 16 doubles. Coker leads the SoCon with 33 steals.

Coker ranks in the top five in eight C of C career lists, including: hits (second), runs (third), stolen bases (third), games played (fifth) and at-bats (fifth).

A first team *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America* for the second straight year, Coker owns a 3.93 grade point average in Biochemistry.

"This is a great honor," said Coker. "Playing at the College of Charleston has been one of the greatest experiences of my life. This award is just another great experience and one I'm very proud of because it represents the hard work I've put in the classroom and the baseball field."

Duerfeldt was selected as the Academic All-America® of the Year in the College Division. Duerfeldt was named the NCAA Division III Central Region Position Player of the Year as the Dutch went 26-14, breaking the college's season wins mark. Central also won a share of its first Iowa Conference baseball crown since 1975.

Also the Iowa Conference and Central College MVP, Duerfeldt set 17 school records for the Dutch, including highest season batting average (.481), highest career average (.384), highest season on-base percentage (.543), highest season slugging percentage (.785), highest career slugging percentage (.594), most career hits (207), and most career RBI (207). He had 65 hits this season, with 11 doubles, six triples and six homers and his .481 average ranked fourth in Division III. He has a 3.87 grade point average in chemistry.

"This is a tremendous honor," said Duerfeldt. "The reason I came to Central was because I knew my baseball career couldn't last forever and I needed to be prepared for life outside of baseball. With the science facilities and professors Central has and the ability they have to help get funding for research, I knew it was a good choice academically. But I was also able to continue playing the game I've enjoyed playing since I was six years old."

There were six repeat members from last year on the university division team: Coker and senior infielder Mike Priest (Campbell) were selected to the first team, senior infielder Andy Hunter (Minnesota), senior infielder Steve Maiolo (Duquesne) and junior outfielder Drew Stubbs (Texas) were named to the second team and senior infielder Zach Daeges (Creighton) was selected to the third team.

Others on the University Division Academic All-America first team squad were: Edward Degerman (Rice), Ryan Bird (St. Louis), Brandon Buckman (Nebraska), Zach Dillon (Baylor), Ryan Mitchell (Lipscomb), Mike Ambrose (Charlotte), Marc Maddox (Southern Miss), Jacob Stover (Arkansas-Little Rock), Emeel Salem (Alabama) and Chris Carlson (New Mexico).

The second team was comprised of: Patrick Currin (UNC-Greensboro), Clint Crosier (Indiana), Brandon Caipen (Youngstown State), Josiah Glafenhein (East Tennessee), Aaron Ivey and Ryan Rohlinger (Oklahoma), Collin Cowgill (Kentucky) and Matt McGraw (Maine).

Rounding out the University Division Academic All-America team were third team members Darren O'Day (Florida), Matt Dobbins (Jacksonville), Mike Armstrong (Mercer), Matt Capece (Bucknell), Greg Lopez (Notre Dame), Jackson Brennan (Gonzaga), Ryan Rizzo (Quinnipiac), Steven Blackwood (Georgia Tech) and Jack Nelson (Cincinnati).

There were eight repeat members from last year on the college division team: Duerfeldt, senior infielder Justin Gordon (Emory), senior outfielder Damon Stokes (LeTourneau) and senior utility/designated hitter Andrew Handorf (Edgewood) were named the first team, senior infielder Andrew Wong (Lawrence) and senior outfielder Chuck Brehm (Wisconsin-Stevens Point) were named to the second team, and senior infielders Alex Shelton (Westminster (Mo.) and Ben Sherer (Gustavus Adolphus) were selected to the third team.

Others on the College Division Academic All-America® first-team squad were Colby Parks (Rockhurst), Randy Black (Texas-Dallas), Jared Bogan (Wabash), Jared Burek (Mesa State), Casey Jirsa (Ashland), Tim Meehan (Stevens Tech), and Brent Vuyovich (Virginia Wesleyan).

The second team was comprised of Ted Serro (Franklin & Marshall), Kevin Smith (Union (Ky.)), A.J. Jezierski (Denison), Mike Ritter (Grove City), Nick Gianou (Dakota Wesleyan), Brad Smith (Pittsburg State), Brandon Burchfield (Carson-Newman), Andy Campbell (St. John Fisher) and Randy Beilsmith (Truman State).

Rounding out the third team were Ben Jones (Apprentice), Casey Plant (St. Edward's), Brian Hendrickson (Southern Arkansas), John Hehn (Christian Brothers), Andrew Bennett (Hamline), Skyler Stromsmoe (Southern Arkansas), Jason Witzberger (MIT), Dustin Jones (Wayne State) and Joel Wells (Abilene Christian).

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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**2006 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Baseball Team (University Division)  
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**First Team**

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major</b>
P	Edward Degerman	Rice	Sr.	Granada Hills, Calif.	3.37	Economics
P	Ryan Bird	Saint Louis	Jr.	Potomac, Ill.	3.91	Finance
C	Zach Dillon	Baylor	Gr.	Urbandale, Iowa	3.86	Sport Management
INF	Brandon Buckman	Nebraska	Sr.	Monument, Colo.	3.48	Civil Engineering
INF	Mike Priest	Campbell	Sr.	Vernon Hill, Va.	3.90	Biology / Pre-Medicine
INF	Ryan Mitchell	Lipscomb	Sr.	Andalusia, Ala.	4.00	Biology
INF	Mike Ambrose	Charlotte	Sr.	St. Thomas, Ont.	3.92	Psychology
INF	Marc Maddox	Southern Mississippi	Sr.	Hattiesburg, Miss.	3.79	Business Administration
OF	Phillip Coker	Charleston	Sr.	Hanahan, S.C.	3.93	Bio-Chemistry
OF	Jacob Stover	Arkansas-Little Rock	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	4.0	Health Sciences
OF	Emeel Salem	Alabama	Jr.	Mountain Brook, Ala.	3.90	Marketing And Spanish (Double Major)
U/DH	Chris Carlson	New Mexico	Jr.	Topeka, Kan.	3.69	General Management

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<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>Major</b>
P	Patrick Currin	No. Carolina-Greensboro	Sr.	Chapel Hill, N.C.	3.72	Exercise and Sports Science
P	Clint Crosier	Indiana	Sr.	Corydon, Ind.	3.99	Sport Marketing & Managment
C	Brandon Caipen	Youngstown State	Sr.	Tallmadge, Ohio	3.71	Integrated Social Studies -- Education
INF	Josiah Glafenhein	East Tennessee State	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn.	3.89	Finance
INF	Ryan Rohlinger	Oklahoma	Sr.	West Bend, Wisc.	3.63	Economics
INF	Steve Maiolo	Duquesne	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.94	Secondary Education / Citizenship
INF	Andy Hunter	Minnesota	Gr.	West St. Paul, Minn.	3.7	Finance And Insurance
OF	Drew Stubbs	Texas	Jr.	Atlanta, Texas	3.62	Management
OF	Collin Cowgill	Kentucky	So.	Lexington, Ky.	3.92	Communications
OF	Aaron Ivey	Oklahoma	Jr.	Oklahoma City, Okla.	4.0	Finance
U/DH	Matt McGraw	Maine	Jr.	Burlington, Ont.	3.64	Business

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P	Darren O'Day	Florida	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	3.54	Animal Biology
P	Matt Dobbins	Jacksonville	So.	Longwood, Fla.	3.74	sociology
C	Mike Armstrong	Mercer	So.	Evans, Ga.	3.86	Biomedical Engineering
INF	Matt Capece	Bucknell	Sr.	Bowie, Md.	3.68	Civil and Environmental Engineering
INF	Zach Daeges	Creighton	Sr.	Harlan, Iowa	3.34	Accounting
INF	Greg Lopez	Notre Dame	Sr.	Upper Arlington, Ohio	3.39	Pre-Professional Studies And Anthropology
OF	Jackson Brennan	Gonzaga	Gr.	Castle Rock, Colo.	3.64	MBA
OF	Ryan Rizzo	Quinnipiac	Jr.	East Northport, N.Y.	3.86	Economics
OF	Steven Blackwood	Georgia Tech	Sr.	Roswell, Ga.	3.51	Biology
U/DH	Jack Nelson	Cincinnati	Sr.	Wheaton, Ill.	3.61	Finance

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P	Colby Parks	Rockhurst	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo.	3.99	Chemistry/Pre-Med
P	Randy Black	Texas-Dallas	Sr.	Greenville, Texas	4.0	Business Administration/Economics & Finance
C	Adam Duerfeldt	Central	Sr.	Urbandale, Iowa	3.87	Chemistry
INF	Jared Bogan	Wabash	Sr.	Struthers, Ohio	3.82	History/Education
INF	Jared Burek	Mesa State	Sr.	Grand Junction, Colo.	3.95	Exercise Science
INF	Casey Jirsa	Ashland	Jr.	Tallmadge, Ohio	3.87	Accounting
INF	Justin Gordon	Emory	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.91	Chemistry
OF	Tim Meehan	Stevens Tech	Sr.	Hawthorne, N.J.	3.77	Biomedical Engineering - Bachelor; Management (Technology) - Masters
OF	Brent Vuyovich	Virginia Wesleyan	Sr.	Kitty Hawk, N.C.	3.96	Liberal Arts Management Program
OF	Damon Stokes	Letourneau	Sr.	Anchorage, Alaska	4.00	Electrical Engineering
U/DH	Andrew Handorf	Edgewood	Sr.	DeForest, Wis.	3.99	Biochemistry

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P	Ted Serro	Franklin & Marshall	Sr.	Brooklyn, N.Y.	3.71	Business, Organizations & Society
P	Kevin Smith	Union (Ky)	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn.	3.95	Business Administration and Accounting
C	A.J. Jezierski	Denison	Sr.	El Cajon, Calif.	3.50	English
INF	Andrew Wong	Lawrence	Sr.	Wauwatosa, Wis.	3.90	History
INF	Mike Ritter	Grove City	Sr.	Moon Township, Pa.	3.84	Molecular Biology
INF	Nick Gianou	Dakota Wesleyan	Sr.	Toronto, Ont.	4.0	Business Administration/Accounting
INF	Brad Smith	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Wichita, Kan.	3.83	Mathematics
OF	Chuck Brehm	Wisconsin-Stevens Point	Sr.	Spencer, Wis.	3.88	Physical Education
OF	Brandon Burchfield	Carson-Newman	Jr.	Maryville, Tenn.	4.0	Business Administration
OF	Andy Campbell	St. John Fisher	Sr.	Manlius, N.Y.	3.60	Communications/Journalism
U/DH	Randy Beilsmith	Truman State	Sr.	St. Charles, Mo.	4.00	Business Administration-Finance

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P	Ben Jones	Apprentice School	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Va.	3.70	Outside Machinist
P	Casey Plant	St. Edward's	Jr.	Cypress, Texas	4.00	Accounting & Finance
C	Scooter Hendrickson	Southern Arkansas	So.	Blue Springs, Mo.	4.00	Biological Science
INF	Alex Shelton	Westminster (Mo)	Sr.	Crocker, Mo.	4.0	Secondary Educ./Physical Educ., K-12
INF	Ben Sherer	Gustavus Adolphus	Sr.	Bismarck, No. Dak.	3.96	Biology
INF	John Raymond Hehn	Christian Brothers	Sr.	Springville, Tenn.	3.43	Business Administration
INF	Andrew Bennett	Hamline	So.	St. Paul, Minn.	3.96	Physics
OF	Skyler Stromsmoe	Southern Arkansas	Jr.	Etzikom, Alb.	4.00	Health, Kinesiology & Recreation
OF	Jason Witzberger	MIT	Jr.	Wheeling, W.Va	3.70	Management Science
OF	Dustin Jones	Wayne State	Jr.	Dakota Dunes, S.D.	3.85	Business Management And Marketing
U/DH	Joel Wells	Abilene Christian	Sr.	Abilene, Texas	3.88	Biology

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