

## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL OF FAME®

### FACT SHEET

#### About Event

Created in 1988, the Academic All-America Hall of Fame® recognizes Academic All-Americans who have achieved lifetime success in their professional careers and are committed to philanthropic causes in the communities where they reside. Four to five deserving candidates are inducted at an annual awards ceremony and dinner.

78 Academic All-Americans have been inducted into the Hall of Fame since its inception. The Class of 2004 will be inducted in July 2004.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

To be eligible, an Academic All-America must have:

- Received a nomination by his/her alma mater's sports information director.
- Earned Academic All-America® Team honors during his/her collegiate career or must meet the criteria for an Honorary Inductee.
- Graduated with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.00 scale.
- Received college diploma for at least 10 years ago.
- Proven career success and philanthropic service.

### HONORARY INDUCTION

An Honorary Inductee is a person who, or an organization which, has made a significant contribution to the Academic All-America Committee, Teams or Hall of Fame. The honorary designation may be awarded to a former scholar-athlete whose collegiate career pre-dated the Academic All-America program in his/her particular sport. The eligible candidates' academic and athletic achievements must meet minimum criteria for selection to the Hall of Fame.

### SELECTION PROCEDURE

Sports Information Directors nominate former Academic All-Americans annually. A national ballot consisting of all eligible candidates (more than 200 each year) is distributed to a 125 member voting committee to determine the "Top 25" finalists. The "Top 25" finalists ballot is prepared for a 12 member Hall of Fame selection committee, which is made up of the program spokesperson, CoSIDA representatives, current Hall of Fame members and a sponsor dignitary. The Hall of Fame selection committee selects a maximum of four inductees and, when warranted, an Honorary Inductee for each induction ceremony.

### HALL OF FAME MEMBERS OVERVIEW

Since its inception, the Academic All-America Hall of Fame has recognized U.S. Senators and Representatives, military heroes, attorneys, physicians, college presidents, Nobel Prize recipients and leading figures of corporate America. There has also been a fair share of sports legends including Bill Walton, Pat Haden, Lynette Woodard, Steve Young, Brock Strom, Joe Theisman, Lynn Barry, Cris Collinsworth, Bill Bradley, Bernie Kosar, Tracey Caulkins-Stockwell, Merlin Olsen and Danny Ainge.

### Master of Ceremonies

Dick Enberg, CBS Sports Emmy award-winning commentator, has served as the official spokesperson for the Academic All-America Teams Program and is the Academic All-America Hall of Fame master of ceremonies since 1985 to present. A complete bio is available upon request.

### Dick Enberg Award

Established in 1997, the Dick Enberg Award is given annually to a person whose actions and commitment have furthered the meaning and reach of the Academic All-America® Teams Program and/or the student-athlete while promoting the values of education and academics. The award was created in part to recognize Dick Enberg's passion and support of the Academic All-America program for the past 20 years and more importantly, his dedication to education for more than four decades.

#### Past Recipients:

2003	Congressman Tom Osborne
2002	Dr. Donna Shalala
2001	Justice Alan Page
2000	Mr. Bill Russell
1999	Coach Dean Smith
1998	Mr. John Humenik
1997	Mr. Dick Enberg