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HAWAIIAN SENSATION SELECTED AS VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA[®]**MEN'S AT-LARGE TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR*****Two Georgia Tech athletes selected to Men's First Team.***

STAMFORD, Conn., June 10, 2003 – Costas Theocharidis from the University of Hawaii was selected as the Verizon Academic All-America[®] Men's At-Large Team Member of the Year for the University Division as released today by Verizon and the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Theocharidis, an outside hitter for the Warriors volleyball team, is the school's all-time leader in kills and was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Player of the Year this year for the second time in his career. He is the university's first-ever Verizon Academic All-America[®] Team Member of the Year and is the nation's first-ever four-time first team All-American.

The First Team also included a pair of Georgia Tech athletes, swimmer Shilo Ayalon and golfer Troy Matteson. Shilo Ayalon was named "Most Valuable Swimmer" at the 2003 ACC Championships when he broke the ACC record in winning the 1650 freestyle. Troy Matteson was the reigning NCAA Golf Champion after winning medalist honors at the 2002 NCAA Championships and leading Georgia Tech to a second-place finish in the team standings. Matteson was the nation's number one ranked individual last year and a finalist for the 2003 Ben Hogan National Player of the Year Award.

Daniel Kiepfer of Kenyon College was named the Verizon Academic All-America[®] Men's At-Large Team Member of the Year for the College Division. Kiepfer is a member of Kenyon's national championship swim team and individually won the Division III National Championship in the 200-yard breaststroke. He owns 10 career All-American awards along with one individual and one relay national title.

Nine first team members from the university and college divisions posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average while both first teams averaged a 3.89 GPA.

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

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The complete list of student-athletes named to the Verizon Academic All-America Men's At-Large Team is attached (see Attachment A).

The Verizon Academic All-America Teams program recognizes student-athletes who have succeeded on the field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected by votes from CoSIDA, the 1,800-member College Sports Information Directors of America. To be eligible, an athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve and maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.20 on a scale of 4.00. Since the program's inception in 1952, over 12,000 student-athletes have been honored with the award.

Under an agreement with CoSIDA, Verizon has been the exclusive sponsor of the Academic All-America program since 1985. A Fortune 10 company, Verizon Communications (NYSE:VZ) is one of the world's leading providers of communications services. Verizon companies are the largest providers of wireline and wireless communications in the United States, with 136.6 million access line equivalents and 33.3 million Verizon Wireless customers. Verizon is the third-largest long-distance carrier for U.S. consumers, with 13.2 million long-distance lines, and the company is also the largest directory publisher in the world, as measured by directory titles and circulation. With approximately \$67 billion in annual revenues and 227,000 employees, Verizon's global presence extends to the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Pacific.

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ATTACHMENT A

2002-2003 VERIZON ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® MEN'S AT-LARGE TEAM (UNIVERSITY DIVISION)

FIRST TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Shilo Ayalon	Georgia Tech	Swimming	Sr.	Kfar Hanassi, Isreal	3.81/Electrical Engineering
Emil Bove	University at Albany	Lacrosse	Sr.	Seneca Falls, NY	4.00/Public Policy, Economics
Michael Burton	Tennessee	Swimming	Sr.	McMinnville, OR	4.00/Chemistry
James Cameron	Furman	Tennis	Sr.	Harrare, Zimbabwe	3.95/Health & Exercise Science
Cesar Garcia	Auburn	Swimming	Jr.	Baton Rouge, LA	3.97/Mechanical Engineering
Martin Kariya	Maine	Ice Hockey	Sr.	North Vancouver, BC	3.78/Mathematics
Art Kulans	George Mason	Volleyball	Sr.	Crystal Lake, IL	3.99/Finance, Accounting
Troy Matteson	Georgia Tech	Golf	Sr.	Austin, TX	3.28/Civil Engineering
Stephen Mohr	North Carolina	Swimming	Sr.	Mequon, WI	3.96/Econ., Business Admin.
Vincent Ng	Ohio State	Tennis	Sr.	Broadview Heights, OH	3.93/Biology
Curtis Owen	Arizona State	Wrestling	Sr.	Polson, MT	4.00/Psychology
Victor Sapezhnikov	Marist	Tennis	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY	4.00/Business, Finance
Jake Sinclair	Southern Illinois	Swimming	Sr.	Gillette, WY	4.00/Psychology, Social Work
Costas Theocharidis*	Hawaii	Volleyball	Sr.	Orestiada, Greece	3.73/Business
Zach Wilcox	Florida	Swimming/ Diving	So.	Yarrow Point, WA	3.93/Aerospace Engineering

SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Seth Bell	American	Swimming	Sr.	Jenkintown, PA	3.99/Chemistry
Ulrich Epensperger	Georgia Southern	Tennis	Sr.	Altdorf, Germany	4.00/International Business
Matt Ferrarelli	Missouri	Swimming	Sr.	Nottingham, England	3.83/Chemistry
Jacob Jentzer	Maine	Swimming	Sr.	Bangor, ME	4.00/Biochemistry, Psychology
Dustin Kingston	Wayne State	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Spencerville, Ontario	3.89/Chemistry
Zeljko Koljesar	Penn State	Volleyball	Sr.	Kitchener, Ontario	3.65/Computer Science
David LeNeveu	Cornell	Ice Hockey	So.	Fernie, B.C.	3.87/Applied Economics, Mgmt
Chris Martin	Illinois	Tennis	So.	Tulsa, OK	3.88/Commerce, Bus. Admin.
David Martin	Stanford	Tennis	Sr.	Tulsa, OK	3.72/American Studies
Mark McRae	Cornell	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Toronto, Canada	3.87/College Scholar (Pre-Med)
Tom Preissing	Colorado College	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Rosemount, MN	3.47/Economics
Benjamin Schmid	Morehead State	Tennis	Sr.	Reutlingen, Germany	3.97/Businesss Admin, Mgmt.
Robert G. Simpson	Tennessee	Swimming	Sr.	Collierville, TN	3.92/Marketing
Ryan Sneed	Nebraska	Gymnastics	Sr.	Omaha, NE	3.95/Mechanical Engineering

THIRD TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Chad Ainsworth	Arizona	Swimming	So.	Lee Summit, MO	4.00/Accounting
Richard Barker	Rice	Tennis	Jr.	Solihull, England	3.77/Mathematical Econ Analysis, Mgmt. Studies
William Barker	Rice	Tennis	Jr.	Solihull, England	3.83/Economics, Mgmt. Studies, Kinesiology
Raj Bhavsar	Ohio State	Gymnastics	Sr.	Houston, TX	3.42/Marketing
Adam Britt	Virgina Military Inst.	Wrestling	Sr.	Mechanicsville, VA	3.52/Civil Engineering
Jernej Bukovec	Utah	Skiing	Sr.	Liubliana, Slovenia	3.64/Finance
Kaisorn Chaichana	Utah	Tennis	Sr.	Sandy, UT	3.99/Biology
Brett Covey	Oklahoma	Gymnastics	Sr.	Houston, TX	3.58/Chemical Engineering
John Dayton	Air Force	Swimming	Sr.	Hendersonville, NV	3.79/Aerospace Engineering
Patrick Diaz	James Madison	Wrestling	Sr.	Rochester Hills, MI	3.91/Internat'l Bus. & Finance
Nick Ellis	Stanford	Water Polo	Sr.	Santa Ana, CA	3.43/Science, Tech. & Society
Garry Garrett	Morehead State	Rifle	Sr.	Dayton, KY	3.93/Mathematics & Physics
Doug Manor	Oklahoma	Golf	Jr.	Garland, TX	4.00/Finance
Aaron Russell	Brigham Young	Swimming	Gr.	Orem, UT	3.52/Portuguese

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NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Nick Bayley	Colby	Ice Hockey	So.	Cambridge, Ontario	4.04/Biology, Chemistry & Admin. Science
Jason Brown	Carleton	Swimming	Sr.	Madison, WI	3.80/Computer Science
Tyler Bryant	South Dakota State	Wrestling	Sr.	Pierre, SD	3.87/Pharmacy
Matt Davie	California-Davis	Swimming	Sr.	El Dorado Hills, CA	3.62/Civil Engineering
Ryan Dunne	Florida Southern	Tennis	Sr.	Lakeland, FL	4.00/Biology & Chemistry
Benjamin Fell	Rensselaer	Swimming	Sr.	Waverly, NY	3.96/Civil Engineering
Daniel Kiepfer **	Kenyon	Swimming	Sr.	Constantia, South Africa	3.92/Math & Economics
Jeff Klug	Emory	Swimming	Sr.	Shaker Heights, OH	3.64/Economics & Psychology
Dave Linn	St. Thomas (Minn.)	Swimming	Sr.	Milwaukee, WI	4.00/Biology
David Lofthus	Johns Hopkins	Swimming	Sr.	Honeoye Falls, NY	3.98/Biology
Jose Martins	Lewis	Volleyball	Jr.	Campinas, Brazil	3.90/Marketing
Nate Moch	DePauw	Swimming	Sr.	Eau Claire, WI	3.96/Computer Sci. & Spanish
Jonathan Picarsic	Southern Colorado	Golf	Sr.	Mount Pleasant, PA	4.00/History & Sociology
John Tomasheski	Virginia Wesleyan	Tennis	Sr.	Somerdale, NJ	3.99/Biology
Jamie Weiss	Wentworth	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Chilliwack, B.C.	3.97/Mgmt. of Technology

SECOND TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Kevin Alford	Johns Hopkins	Tennis	Sr.	O'Fallon, IL	3.83/Chemistry & History
Ben Blaiszik	Elmhurst	Tennis	Sr.	La Salle, IL	3.97/Physics & Marketing
Rob Condiotty	Redlands	Tennis	Sr.	Bellevue, WA	3.61/Business
Hicham Fathi El Idrissi	Drury	Tennis	Sr.	Casablanca, Morocco	3.84/Computer Science & Math
Rick Gregory	Saint John's (Minn.)	Ice Hockey	Sr.	Flin Flon, Man.	3.76/Political Science
Christopher Huntley	Southern Oregon	Wrestling	Sr.	Coquille, OR	3.64/Business
Loren Hutchins	Northern Colorado	Wrestling	Jr.	Sheridan, WY	4.00/Computer Art
Greg Lee	California-Davis	Tennis	Sr.	Piedmont, CA	3.59/Computer Science
Tim McGarrigan	Widener	Golf	Sr.	Audubon, NJ	3.95/Hospitality Management
Cameron Parke	Muhlenberg	Tennis	Sr.	Livingston, NJ	3.95/Business Admin & Poli. Sci
Craig Pickering	Ashland	Swimming	Sr.	Alymer, Quebec	3.88/Athletic Training
Jason Pullins	Cumberland (Ky.)	Golf	Sr.	Maryville, TN	3.94/Math & Computer Science
Michael Ray	Transylvania	Golf	Sr.	Somerset, KY	3.99/Business Admin. & Acctg
Tobias Schwoerer	Alaska-Anchorage	Nordic Skiing	Sr.	Lenzkirch, Germany	3.89/Economics
Ryan Weathers	West Chester	Swimming	Sr.	Eagleville, PA	3.69/Kinesiology

THIRD TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	SPORT	YR	HOMETOWN	GPA/MAJOR
Nick Barnes	Coe	Tennis	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, IA	3.90/English & Spanish
Dylan Bird	Emory	Tennis	Sr.	Tulsa, OK	3.73/Neuroscience & Behavioral Biology
Nicolas Bousquet	Embry-Riddle	Tennis	So.	Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec	4.00/Aerospace Engineering
Peter DeWitt Gut	St. Andrews Pres.	Lacrosse	Sr.	Edmonton, Alta.	3.94/International Business
Ivan Eskildsen	Bentley	Tennis	Sr.	Panama City, Panama	3.83/Finance & Info. Tech.
Patrick Fell	Rensselaer	Swimming	So.	Waverly, NY	4.00/Info. Tech., Science Tech. & Society & Mgmt.
Borjan Gagoski	Rensselaer	Tennis	Jr.	Skopje, Macedonia	4.00/Computer Systems Eng.
Sean Kenney	Assumption	Tennis	Sr.	North Conway, NH	3.56/Economics & Marketing
Scott Kofmehl	Juniata	Volleyball	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA	3.84/Internat'l Political Econ.
Nemanja Kuzmanovic	Wash. & Jefferson	Water Polo	Sr.	Belgrade, Yugoslavia	3.87/Business
Brian Lalli	Stevens Tech	Lacrosse	Jr.	Cranbury, NJ	3.91/Business & Technology
Scott Miller	Olivet	Golf	Sr.	Barrie, Ontario	3.93/Business Administration
Brian Murphy	Redlands	Tennis	Jr.	Tualatin, OR	3.76/Financial Economics
Jack Pennuto	Missouri-Rolla	Swimming	Jr.	Louisville, KY	3.96/Mechanical Engineering
Luke Scharf	Marian (Wis.)	Golf	Sr.	Byron, WI	3.91/Sports Mgmt & Marketing

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