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Academic All-America® Team

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**GARRETT POCHOP OF SIMPSON, KENNE KESSLER OF HARDIN-SIMMONS HEADLINE CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III SOCCER TEAMS**

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior forward **Garrett Pochop** of Simpson (Iowa) College and junior forward **Kenne Kessler** of Hardin-Simmons (Texas) University headline the 2017 CoSIDA Division III Academic All-America® Men’s and Women’s soccer teams selected by the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) and announced Tuesday.

Pochop, who has a 3.92 GPA in economics (finance) and management, is also one of 17 repeat selections to the CoSIDA Division III Academic All-America® soccer teams. The men had 10 repeat honorees, while the women team had seven.

Kessler, who maintains a 4.0 GPA in biology (pre-med), has led the Cowgirls to a 23-0 season and into the national semi-finals thanks to 37 goals and nine assists for 83 points. The Highland Village, Texas native was named the American Southwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year, a first-team United Soccer Coaches All-West Region selection and currently leads the nation with 37 goals scored. She is also second in both goals and points per game.

Pochop, a Pierre, South Dakota native, is just the second player in Iowa Conference history to be a repeat Most Valuable Player selection. He had 17 goals and seven assists for 41 points this fall as Simpson finished 15-3-2 and advanced to the IIAC Tournament semi-finals.

Along with Pochop, **Mike Swiercz** (Johns Hopkins University), **Austin Read** (U.S. Coast Guard Academy), **Jason McCartney** (Emory University), **Nate Gibbons** (Lebanon Valley College), **Ryan Stuntz** (MIT), **Nick Kapetanos** (Benedictine University), **Nick Rutherford** (Plymouth State University), **Braden Andryk** (Milwaukee) and **Steven Collins** (Rensselaer Polytechnic) are the men’s repeat selections. Stuntz is a three-time pick, earning second team honors for the second straight year and was third team in 2015. Pochop, Kapetanos, Rutherford, Andryk and Collins were first team honorees in 2016-17, Swiercz was a second team selection, and Read, McCartney and Gibbons were all third team.

On the women’s side, **Katherine Campbell** and **Lauren Kogelmann** (William Smith College) as well as **Christina Dandar** (Kalamazoo College), **Kristen Parrish** (Hardin-Simmons University), **Maddie Fleet** (Franklin College), **Isabelle Leon** (Olivet College), and **Hannah Booher** (Trinity University) are repeat honorees. Campbell and Parrish both are three-time selections, first team last year and second team in 2015. Fleet and Kogelmann were second team picks in 2016-17. Dandar, Leon and Booher all were third team selections.

The 33 women on the Division III Academic All-America® team have an average GPA of 3.94 with 13 at 4.0 or above. The first team average GPA is 3.99.

The 33 men have a 3.91 GPA with eight of the Division III Academic All-America® team members at 4.0. The first team GPA is 3.94.

The Division III Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2017-18 Division II Academic All-America® teams program.

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**2017 Academic All-America**®**Men’s Soccer Team**

**Division III**

**FIRST TEAM**

**Pos. Name School Yr. GPA Major**

GK Andres Medina Rutgers-Newark So. 4.00 Finance / Accounting

D Brent Mandelkorn Trinity (Texas) Sr. 3.97 Engineering

D Jack McCambridge Carnegie Mellon Jr. 4.00 Mechanical Engineering

D Mike Swiercz (2) Johns Hopkins Sr. 3.90 Mechanical Engineering

D Austin Read (3) U.S. Coast Guard Academy Sr. 3.90 Electrical Engineering

M Nick Joslyn Simpson (Iowa) Sr. 4.00 Physics / Mathematics

M Jason McCartney (3) Emory Sr. 3.92 Biology

M Jacob Witte Calvin Jr. 3.88 Speech Pathology

F Garrett Lee Edgewood Sr. 3.91 Business Management

**F Garrett Pochop (1) Simpson (Iowa) Sr. 3.92 Economics (Finance) / Management**

F Danny Ruple Baldwin Wallace So. 3.88 Accounting / Finance

**SECOND TEAM**

**Pos. Name School Yr. GPA Major**

GK Gillen Beck Washington & Lee Sr. 3.95 Mathematics / Physics

D Nikolas Angyal Rochester Jr. 4.00 Chemical Engineering

D Brad Deckel Springfield (Mass.) Jr. 3.97 Criminala Justice

D Nate Gibbons (3) Lebanon Valley Sr. 3.96 Physics / Mathematics

D Cole Rosenberger Johns Hopkins Jr. 3.94 Environmental Engineering

D Ryan Stuntz (2) (\*) MIT Sr. 3.92 Computer Science

M Chris Garbig Ohio Northern Sr. 4.00 Accounting

M Henry Myers Kenyon Sr. 3.72 Mathematics & Economics

M Jon Stopple Wisconsin-Platteville Sr. 4.00 Electrical Engineering / Industrial Control Systems

F Nick Kapetanos (1) Benedictine (Ill.) Sr. 3.65 Finance

F Kirby Robbins Messiah Sr. 3.85 Biology

F Nick Rutherford (1) Plymouth State Sr. 3.96 Finance

**THIRD TEAM**

**Pos. Name School Yr. GPA Major**

GK Ben Woodhouse Brandeis University Sr. 3.92 Economics & Business

D Daniel Ioos SUNY Oneonta So. 4.00 Business Economics

D Tobias Muellers Williams College Sr. 3.91 Chemistry

D Christoffer Staahl Manhattanville Sr. 3.93 Finance

M Braden Andryk (1) Milwaukee Engineering Sr. 3.53 Architectural Engineering

M Steven Collins (1) Rensselaer Polytechnic Sr. 3.92 Chemical Engineering / Quantitative Finance (G)

M Ian Schomer Maryville (Tenn.) Jr. 4.00 Mathematics

F Brian Galfond Catholic University Jr. 3.90 Mechanical Engineering

F Mark Robinson Rhodes Sr. 3.94 Business

F Adam Yaghmour Dominican (Ill.) Sr. 3.84 International Business / Business Administration

**CoSIDA Academic All-America® of the Year:** Garrett Pochop, Simpson College

***(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first team selection in 2016***

***(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second team selection in 2016***

***(3) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third team selection in 2016***

***(\*) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third team selection in 2015***



**2017 Academic All-America**®**Women’s Soccer Team**

**Division III**

**FIRST TEAM**

**Pos. Name School Yr. GPA Major**

GK Lily Mueller MIT Jr. 4.00 Mechanical Engineering

D Katherine Campbell (1) (#) William Smith Sr. 4.10 Economics

D Christina Dandar (3) Kalamazoo Sr. 3.99 Psychology

D Kirsten Parrish (1) (#) Hardin-Simmons Sr. 3.96 Biology

D Sydney Wright Loras Sr. 3.99 Biological Research

M Emily Berzolla MIT So. 4.00 Mechanical Engineering

M Josey Meyer Hardin-Simmons Jr. 4.00 Biology / Pre-Physical Therapy

M Sarah Rempe Mary Hardin-Baylor Sr. 4.00 Cellular Biology

F Maddie Fleet (2) Franklin (Ind.) Jr. 3.90 Accounting

**F Kenne Kessler Hardin-Simmons Jr. 4.00 Biology (Pre-Med)**

F Isabelle Leon (3) Olivet (MIch.) Sr. 3.94 Criminal Justice

**SECOND TEAM**

**Pos. Name School Yr. GPA Major**

GK Julia Pitino Trinity (Conn.) Sr. 4.03 Biology & Neuroscience

D Lauren Bertucci Moravian Sr. 3.99 Business Management

D Emily Maxwell Lynchburg Sr. 3.91 Exercise Physiology

D Hailey Nichols MIT Jr. 3.84 Aerospace Engineering

D Camille Williams Carnegie Mellon So. 4.00 Chemistry

M Hannah Booher (3) Trinity (Texas) Sr. 3.90 Biology

M Julia Panko Stevens Institute of Technology So. 4.00 Chemical Engineering

M Elle Zadina Case Western Reserve Sr. 4.00 Computer Science

F Rachel Bender Baldwin Wallace Jr. 3.93 Communication Disorders & Psychology

F Jordan Oberlander Penn State Behrend Sr. 3.56 Mechanical Engineering

F Carson Pokorny Christopher Newport So. 4.00 Biochemistry

**THIRD TEAM**

**Pos. Name School Yr. GPA Major**

GK Trishae Winters Grove City Sr. 3.96 Biology

D Toni Abate Johns Hopkins Jr. 3.90 Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering

D Whitley Cargile University of Chicago Sr. 3.87 Economics

D Ali Hicks Rowan Jr. 3.97 Psychology & Sociology

D Allison Stubbs Coe College Jr. 4.00 Biology / Neuroscience

D Alex Wessel Shenandoah Sr. 3.97 Political Science / Global Studies

M Melanie Bell Frostburg State Sr. 4.00 Law & Society

M Lauren Kogelmann (2) William Smith Sr. 3.94 Economics

M Jenna McKinney University of Chicago Jr. 3.77 Economics

F Angelica Bertola DeSales Sr. 3.76 Psychology & Criminal Justice

F Katie Goedecke Mount Union Sr. 3.90 Mathematics

F Natalie Graves Nebraska Wesleyan Sr. 3.97 Political Science

**CoSIDA Academic All-America® of the Year**: Kenne Kessler, Hardin-Simmons

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