



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY CoSIDA

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AMY BOSWELL OF BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY HEADLINES CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I VOLLEYBALL TEAM

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior **Amy Boswell** of Brigham Young University headlines the 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Volleyball Team selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A nursing major with a 3.90 G.P.A., Boswell is the 2016 CoSIDA Division I Academic All-America® of the Year honoree for volleyball. A middle blocker from Aloha, Ore., Boswell is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® selection in volleyball, earning first team honors in 2015.

Boswell was named All-West Coast Conference (WCC) first team and helped lead the Cougars to a 29-3 overall record this season as the team advanced the NCAA Regional semifinals. She leads the team and ranks first in the WCC with 1.30 blocks per set. In addition, she carries a .392 hitting percentage, which ranks second in the league. Boswell was an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Third Team All-America selection as a junior in 2015, when she was also named the WCC Defensive Player of the Year.

Of the 18 members of the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I Volleyball teams, 12 of the honorees have a 3.90 G.P.A. or better, with five achieving a G.P.A. of 4.0 or higher. The six members of the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I volleyball first team maintain an average G.P.A of 3.89

Boswell is joined on the first team by five student-athletes that also earned CoSIDA Academic All-America® recognition in 2015. Three of the six members of this year's first team squad hold a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. First team selection **Paige Tapp** of Minnesota is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® honoree, earning second team honors in 2015. A senior from Stewartville, Minn., Tapp is a marketing major with a 3.88 G.P.A. A middle blocker, Tapp is a two-time AVCA All-American selection and was selected as a top 10 finalist for the Senior CLASS Award and was a recipient of the Big 10 Conference Sportsmanship Award. She ranks fourth on the team in kills (149) and second in blocks per set (1.22).

Teegan Van Gunst, a senior at Georgia Tech, is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® honoree. She was also a second team selection in 2015. An outside hitter from Fayetteville, Ga., Van Gunst is a mechanical engineering major who carries a 3.88 G.P.A. She was named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) first team this year after ranking second in the league in kills per set (4.19) and points per set. Her 507 total kills are the 10th-most in a single season at Georgia Tech. She was an honorable mention AVCA All-America selection as a junior in 2015.

Senior **Aubrey Edie** of Mississippi and senior **Leah Mikesky** of Rice join Boswell, Tapp and Van Gunst as repeat selections to the CoSIDA Division I Academic All-America volleyball team. Edie and Mikesky were both third team honorees in 2015.

A setter from Fayetteville, Ark., Edie is an elementary education major with a 3.97 G.P.A. Edie set the career (4.834), single-season (1,322) and single match (63) assists records at Ole Miss. A three-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection, she was named to the All-AVCA South Region team and Southeastern Conference Community Service Team.

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Mikesky, an outside hitter from Schulenberg, Texas, is a kinesiology major with a 4.01 G.P.A. She was named second team All-Conference USA this year and was also selected to the C-USA All-Academic Team. Mikesky ranked third in the league in double-doubles (13) and is second on the Owls in total kills (343), kills per set (3.27) and total points (370.5). She also ranks third on the team in total digs (280) and digs per set (2.67).

Kadie Rolfzen of Nebraska earns her first CoSIDA Academic All-America® honor and rounds out the first team. A senior outside hitter from Papillion, Neb., she is an advertising and public relations major with a 3.72 G.P.A. Rolfzen is the first Husker since to receive four AVCA All-Region honors. She was a first-team All-American last season after two years as a third-team All-American. Rolfzen leads the Huskers with 3.21 kills per set and adds 2.48 digs per set, establishing her as one of the top six-rotation players in the nation. She is hitting a career-best .299 and has served a career-high 24 aces.

The CoSIDA Academic All-America® second team includes three student-athletes who are repeat selections and three who carry a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. Junior **Ashley Evans** of Purdue is a repeat selection following third team recognition in 2015. She is a mechanical engineering major from Liberty Township, Ohio, with a 3.90 G.P.A. She dished out 10.88 assists per set, ranking 38th nationally and fifth in the Big Ten, while also adding 2.07 digs per set and a team-best 29 aces. She helped the Boilermakers to a team hitting percentage of .250 or better in 19 matches this season, including .300 or better 12 times and .500 or better once. She posted 10 double-doubles, combining assists and digs each time and also one triple-double.

Graduate student **Kayla Ostrom** of Lipscomb earns CoSIDA Academic All-America® honors for the second-straight year after earning third team honors in 2015. A native of Lafayette, Indiana, she carries a 4.00 G.P.A. and earned her undergraduate degree in food systems management and is working on a master's in business administration. She was named the ASUN Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the second-straight year this year.

Senior **Krystal Rivers** of Alabama earns her second CoSIDA Academic All-America® award after being a third team selection in 2014. A native of Birmingham, Ala., she is a Spanish major with a 3.65 G.P.A. Rivers was named to the AVCA All-South Region team and was selected as the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year. She led the league in kills (705) and points (803.5) while finishing her career as Alabama's leader in kills and points. Joining Evans, Ostrom and Rivers on the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division I volleyball second team is **Marguerite Grubb** of Texas Tech, **Lily Johnson** of Missouri State and **Jaelyn Keene** of Illinois State.

Penn State junior middle blocker **Haleigh Washington**, a 2015 CoSIDA Academic All-America® second team selection, earns a spot on the third team this year. A native of Colorado Springs, Colo., she is a philosophy/psychology major who carries a 3.83 G.P.A. Washington was an AVCA All-Northeast Region honoree this year and leads Penn State and the Big Ten, while ranking second nationally, with a .435 hitting percentage. Washington was an AVCA First Team All-American selection last year. She is joined on the team by **Laura Beach** of Wyoming, **Kelsey Bittinger** of Kent State, **Lauren Carlini** of Wisconsin, **Kyra Coundourides** of Temple and **Hannah Klemm** of Hofstra.

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2016 Academic All-America® Volleyball Team Division I

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Amy Boswell (1)	Brigham Young	Sr.	Aloha, Ore.	3.90	Nursing
Aubrey Edie (3)	Mississippi	Sr.	Fayetteville, Ark.	3.97	Elementary education
Leah Mikesky (3)	Rice	Sr.	Schulenburg, Texas	4.01	Kinesiology
Kadie Rolfzen	Nebraska	Sr.	Papillion, Neb.	3.72	Advertising & public relations
Paige Tapp (2)	Minnesota	Sr.	Stewartville, Minn.	3.88	Marketing
Teegan Van Gunst (2)	Georgia Tech	Sr.	Fayetteville, Ga.	3.88	Mechanical engineering

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Ashley Evans (3)	Purdue	Jr.	Liberty Township, Ohio	3.90	Mechanical engineering
Marguerite Grubb	Texas Tech	Gr.	Houston, Texas	4.00	Accounting
Lily Johnson	Missouri State	Jr.	Wildwood, Mo.	3.99	Cell & molecular biology
Jaelyn Keene	Illinois State	Jr.	Jacksonville, Ill.	4.00	Financial accounting
Kayla Ostrom (3)	Lipscomb	Gr.	Lafayette, Ind.	4.00	Food systems mgmt. (UG) / MBA
Krystal Rivers (*)	Alabama	Sr.	Birmingham, Ala.	3.65	Spanish

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
Laura Beach	Wyoming	Sr.	Lakewood, Colo.	3.95	Kinesiology
Kelsey Bittinger	Kent State	Jr.	Strongsville, Ohio	3.98	Applied physics
Lauren Carlini	Wisconsin	Sr.	Aurora, Ill.	3.36	Retail & consumer behavior
Kyra Coundourides	Temple	Jr.	Brunswick, Ohio	4.00	Kinesiology
Hannah Klemm	Hofstra	Sr.	Berlin, Germany	3.93	Marketing
Haleigh Washington (2)	Penn State	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.	3.83	Philosophy / psychology

CoSIDA Academic All-America® of the Year: Amy Boswell, Brigham Young

- (1)—2015 CoSIDA Academic All-America® First Team
 (2)—2015 CoSIDA Academic All-American® Second Team
 (3)—2015 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Third Team
 (*)—2014 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Third Team