



# **ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM**

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## **FOUR TALENTED STUDENT-ATHLETES HIGHLIGHT 2024-25 WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAMS**

**AUSTIN, Texas** – Four standouts in the pool and in the classroom – University of Virginia's **Gretchen Walsh**, **Luna Mertins** of Lynn University, **Abigail Wilkov** of Case Western Reserve University, and Keiser University's **Aubrey Bach** – highlight the 2024-25 Academic All-America® women's swimming & diving teams selected by the College Sports Communicators and announced today.

Walsh (Division I), Mertins (Division II), Wilkov (Division III) and Bach (NAIA) have each been named the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for their respective divisions. Each of the four honorees earned first team Academic All-America® honors for the second time in their careers with Walsh and Mertins garnering Academic All-America® honors three times.

### **Division I**

Walsh is a Commerce major with a 3.85 GPA. The senior repeated as champion in three individual races and as part of four relays at the 2025 National Championships. She won her fourth consecutive 100-yard freestyle title, breaking her own NCAA and American record in the event with a time of 44.71 seconds. Walsh also captured NCAA titles in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly in leading Virginia to its fifth consecutive NCAA championship.

Walsh ended her career going 16-for-16 in NCAA relays, swimming on victorious relays in all 16 events she competed in over four years. A win in the 400-yard freestyle relay on the final night of the 2025 NCAA Championship capped the feat. She also swam on the winning 200-yard freestyle relay and the 200- and 400-yard medley relays. She was named the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Women's Swimmer of the Year for the second consecutive time in 2024-25.

She finished her career with 25 NCAA titles, including nine in individual events, and 27 All-America honors. Walsh set 11 world records (nine individual, two relay) and won seven world titles (five individual, two relay) at the 2024 World Aquatics 25m Championships and was named the Best Female Swimmer.

Walsh represented the U.S. at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, winning gold as part of world record-setting 400-meter and mixed 400-meter relays. She earned a silver medal in the 100-yard butterfly after breaking the Olympic record in the preliminaries and as part of the 400-meter freestyle relay.

Ten of the 30 members of the Academic All-America® Division I women's swimming & diving teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 11 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.80.

In addition to Walsh, ten other student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division I women's team – **Kaitlyn Dobler** (University of Southern California), **Brooklyn Douthwright** (University of Tennessee), **Josephine Fuller** (University of Tennessee), **Ching Hwee Gan** (Indiana University), **Emily Lundgren** (Washington State University), **Abby McCulloh** (University of Georgia), **Mona McSharry** (University of Tennessee), **Chloe Stepanek** (Texas A&M University), **Emma Sticklen** (University of Texas), and **Alex Walsh** (University of Virginia). Dobler is a four-time honoree, earning first team honors each of the past two years and second team in 2021-22.

### **Division II**

Mertins, a graduate student with a 3.93 G.P.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, was named the College Swimming & Diving Coaches Association of America Women's Swimmer of the Year. She is a 28-time All-America swimmer with 23 first-team accolades. She was named to the Academic All-America® first team for the second time and she was chosen on the second team a year ago.

She won two individual national titles at the 2025 NCAA Championship, shattering NCAA records in the 100-yard butterfly in 51.78 seconds and the 100-yard freestyle in 48.07 seconds. Mertins placed second in the 100-yard backstroke and third in the 50-yard freestyle. The Sunshine State Conference Women's Swimmer of the Year holds the conference records in all four events as well as the 200-yard freestyle.

Originally from Friedberg, Germany, Mertins finished her career with four national titles, winning the 100-yard freestyle in 2022 and as part of the 200-yard medley relay in 2024.

Nine of the 30 members of the Academic All-America® Division II women's swimming & diving teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 10 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.93.

In addition to Mertins, there are thirteen repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division II women's swimming & diving teams – **Kiara Borchart** (Colorado Mesa University), **Emma Bowling** (Carson-Newman University), **Camilla Carbone** (Northern Michigan University), **Zoe DeKievit** (Northern Michigan University), **Brooklyn Dressel** (Cal State East Bay), **Bryn Greenwaldt** (Augustana University, S.D.), **Farida Maher** (Concordia University, St. Paul), **Emily Mears-Bentley** (University of Findlay), **Ada Qunell** (Colorado Mesa University), **Celina Schmidt** (University of Indianapolis), **Jordan Tierney** (Colorado School of Mines), **Montana White** (Azusa Pacific University), and **Mellie Wijk** (Drury University). Brooklyn Dressel and Montana White joined Mertins as three-time selections.

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### **Division III**

A Neuroscience major with a 4.00 GPA, Wilkov capped the most successful women's diving career in Case Western Reserve University history with a pair of runner-up finishes at the 2025 NCAA Championships. The second-place finishes marked the best in school history.

She finished her career with seven All-America honors, beginning with All-America recognition in the three-meter dive in 2022. The following year, she became the first diver in school history to earn All-America honors on the one-meter board in 2023 before adding All-America honors on both boards in 2024 and 2025.

Wilkov became the first diver in program history to earn All-University Athletic Association honors on the three-meter board in 2024 and became the first conference diving champion at the school in the one-meter event in 2025. She was the 2025 Elite 90 Award recipient.

Nine of the 31 members of the Academic All-America® Division III women's swimming & diving teams boast a perfect 4.0 GPA in their undergraduate work or graduate school. The 11 members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.92.

Including Wilkov, eleven student-athletes are repeat selections on the Academic All-America® Division III women's swimming & diving teams – **Emmie Appl** (Pomona-Pitzer Colleges), **Kate Augustyn** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), **Hannah Fathman** (Albion College), **Sydney Geboy** (Kenyon College), **Claire Kozma** (Case Western Reserve University), **Kaley McIntyre** (New York University), **Annika Naveen** (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), **Taylor Rohovoit** (Johns Hopkins University), **Sophia Verkleeren** (Williams College) and **Karen Zhao** (University of Chicago). Augustyn is a three-time honoree.

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### **NAIA**

Bach is a graduate student in Financial Technology at Keiser, where she maintained a 4.0 GPA as both an undergraduate and graduate student. She competed at Minnesota State University Moorhead in 2020-21 before transferring to Keiser.

She earned 11 All-America honors, including four in the 2025 NAIA Championships as she helped lead Keiser to its fourth consecutive NAIA title. Bach swam on the winning 400- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams, while also achieving All-America recognition in the 100- and 200-yard freestyle events.

Bach won the 200-yard freestyle and totaled six all-conference awards at the 2025 Sun Conference Championships as the Seahawks won their third conference title in a row. She earned six All-America honors at the 2024 NAIA Championships with individual accolades in the 50-, 100-, and 200-yard freestyle events. Bach also earned All-America awards as part of the 200-, 400-, and 800-yard freestyle relays. She garnered her first All-America honor in 2022 as part of the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Seven of the ten members of the Academic All-America® NAIA women's swimming & diving teams boast a perfect 4.00 GPA. The ten members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.92. **Leyre Antonanzas** (St. Ambrose University) was named to the Academic All-America® first team for the third consecutive year.

The NAIA Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NAIA national governance structure to assist the College Sports Communicators with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2024-25 NAIA Academic All-America® program.

For more information regarding the Academic All-America® program, visit <https://academicallamerica.com/>.

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# 2024-25 Academic All-America® Women's Swimming & Diving Team NCAA Division I

## NCAA DIVISION I

**CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:  
Gretchen Walsh, University of Virginia**

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Phoebe Bacon	University of Wisconsin -Madison	Gr.	3.50/3.50	Health Promotion & Health Equity
Claire Curzan	University of Virginia	So.	3.75	Undeclared
Kaitlyn Dobler (1) (4) (7)	University of Southern California	Gr.	3.62/3.60	Astronautical Engineering (G)
Torri Huske	Stanford University	Sr.	3.72	Design
Emily Lundgren (3)	Washington State University	Jr.	4.00	Digital Technology & Culture
Mona McSharry (1) (4)	University of Tennessee	Gr.	3.57	Kinesiology (U) / Ag. Leadership, Ed., & Comm. (G)
Aurora Roghair	Stanford University	Sr.	4.00	Human Biology
Emma Sticklen (2) (6)	University of Texas	Sr.	3.70/4.00	Sports Communication (G)
Alex Walsh (1)	University of Virginia	Gr.	3.54/4.00	Computer Science
Gretchen Walsh (1) (5)	University of Virginia	Sr.	3.85	Commerce

### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Lucy Bell	Stanford University	Jr.	3.80	Design
Caroline Bricker	Stanford University	So.	3.76	Undeclared
Josephine Fuller (1) (6)	University of Tennessee	Sr.	3.86	Psychology
Ching Hwee Gan (1) (6)	Indiana University	Sr.	4.00	Nutrition Science
Skyler Liu	Indiana University	Sr.	3.71	Sociology
Abby McCulloh (1)	University of Georgia	Sr.	4.00	Journalism
Anna Peplowski	Indiana University	Sr.	3.58	Sport Marketing and Management
Leah Polonsky	University of California	Sr.	3.71	Computer Science
Camille Spink	University of Tennessee	So.	3.81	Sport Management
Chloe Stepanek (1)	Texas A&M	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Biomedical Sciences

### THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Brooklyn Douthwright (1) (6)	University of Tennessee	Sr.	3.82	Biomedical Engineering
Cavan Gormsen	University of Virginia	So.	3.63	Undeclared
Hedda Grez	University of Houston	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Mechanical Engineering (G)
Emily Jones	University of Alabama	Jr.	3.93	Sports Management
Gena Jorgenson	University of Nebraska	Jr.	3.93	Biological Sciences
Malia Rausch	University of Arizona	Jr.	4.00	Neuroscience & Cognitive Science
Arianna Sakellaris	University of Hawai'i at Manoa	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Clinical Research
Rachel Stege	University of Georgia	Sr.	3.79	Finance
Annica Valmassei	Davidson College	Sr.	3.98	Chemistry
Sophie Yendell	University of Pittsburgh	Sr.	3.81	Urban Studies, Urban Plan & Geographic Analysis

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(3) = 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2023-24

(4) = 1st team Academic All-America® in 2022-23

(5) = 2nd team Academic All-America® in 2022-23

(6) = 3rd team Academic All-America® in 2022-23

(7) = 2nd team Academic All-America® At-Large in 2021-22

(NOTE: Swimming & Diving was part of the At-Large program until 2022-23)



# 2024-25 Academic All-America® Women's Swimming & Diving Team NCAA Division II

## NCAA DIVISION II

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:

**Luna Mertins, Lynn University**

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Sophia Bains	Colorado Mesa University	Sr.	3.94	Political Science
Claire Conover	Drury University	Sr.	3.93	Biology
Brooklyn Dressel (2) (6)	Cal State East Bay	Sr.	3.97	Computer Science
Bryn Greenwaldt (1)	Augustana (S.D.)	Jr.	3.88	Accounting
Luna Mertins (2) (4)	Lynn University	Gr.	3.93/3.93	Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Marit Reckmann	Catawba College	Jr.	4.00	Biology
Isabella Revstedt	University of Indianapolis	Gr.	3.96/4.00	Business Administration (G)
Celina Schmidt (2)	University of Indianapolis	Gr.	3.82/3.83	Business Administration (G)
Montana White (1) (5)	Azusa Pacific University	Sr.	4.00	Mathematics
Mellie Wijk (1)	Drury University	Sr.	3.82	Communications - Organizational Leadership

### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Elly Belmore	Wayne State University	Jr.	3.91	Exercise & Sport Science
Kiara Borchardt (1)	Colorado Mesa University	Jr.	3.84	Exercise Science
Emma Bowling (3)	Carson-Newman	Jr.	4.00	Interior Design
Fiona Byrne	Catawba College	So.	4.00	Biology & Psychology
Camilla Carbone (2)	Northern Michigan University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Business Administration (G)
Sydney Lewis	University of West Florida	So.	3.98	Nursing
Farida Maher (3)	Concordia-St. Paul	Sr.	3.75	Marketing
Emily Mears-Bentley (3)	University of Findlay	Jr.	3.95	Psychology
Adriana Mieses-Sanchez	University of West Florida	Jr.	4.00	Biology
Ada Qunell (2)	Colorado Mesa University	Jr.	3.88	Exercise Science
Jordan Tierney (3)	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	3.76	Computational & Applied Mathematics
Aspen Warnygora	Minnesota State	Sr.	3.97	Communication Sciences & Disorders

### THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Zoe DeKievit (3)	Northern Michigan University	Sr.	4.00	Health & Fitness Education
Abby Gronholz	Minnesota State	Sr.	3.58	Political Science
Riley Hunt	Ashland University	So.	3.96	Primary Grades Intervention Specialist
Joslyn Jurski	Pennsylvania Western University, Clarion	Jr.	4.00	Computing & Engineering Technology
Tehani Kong	Cal State East Bay	So.	3.65	Public Health
Kirabo Namutebi	University of Indianapolis	So.	3.90	Sport Management
Kenya Meyer	Colorado Mesa University	Jr.	3.87	Exercise Science
Olivia Miles	Florida Southern College	Sr.	3.96	Marine Biology

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# 2024-25 Academic All-America® Women's Swimming & Diving Team NCAA Division III

## NCAA DIVISION III

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:  
**Abigail Wilkov, Case Western Reserve University**

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Emmie Appl (3)	Pomona-Pitzer	Sr.	4.00	Molecular Biology
Kate Augustyn (2) (6)	MIT	Sr.	3.68	Biological Engineering
Fiora Beratahani	MIT	So.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Sydney Geboy (1)	Kenyon College	Sr.	3.85	Psychology & Sociology
Michelle Liu	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.93	Neuroscience
Kaley McIntyre (1)	New York University	Jr.	3.80	History
Kailee Payne	Ithaca College	Sr.	3.92	Environmental Science
Sophia Verkleeren (1)	Williams College	Sr.	3.94	Chemistry
Gabrielle Wei	Kenyon College	Sr.	3.62	Sociology
Abigail Wilkov (1)	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	4.00	Neuroscience
Karen Zhao (6)	University of Chicago	Sr.	3.83	Business Economics & Psychology

### SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Tess Boyer	Wheaton College (IL)	So.	3.97	Comp. Science, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
Hannah Fathman (3)	Albion College	Sr.	3.97	Political Science, Spanish & Theatre Minor
Elisabella Forest	University of Chicago	Sr.	3.91	Economics
Emily Harris	Denison University	Jr.	3.88	Financial Economics
Claire Kozma (3)	Case Western Reserve University	Jr.	4.00	Human Nutrition
Annika Naveen (2)	MIT	Jr.	3.92	Bioengineering
Isabel Oldham	New York University	Sr.	3.80	Urban Design & Architecture
Nicole Ranile	New York University	Jr.	3.80	Media, Culture, & Communications
Taylor Rohovit (2)	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.86	Computer Science

### THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Amy Benson	Trinity University	So.	3.92	Biochemistry
Natalie Boorjian	Emory University	So.	4.00	Biology
Francesca Coppo	Pomona-Pitzer	So.	3.97	Psychology
Phoebe Ferguson	Denison University	Jr.	3.79	Health, Exercise, & Sports Studies
Molly Haag	Kenyon College	Jr.	3.77	Mathematics
Angeli Paull	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	3.86	Nutritional Biochemistry & Metabolism
Ella Pennington	Rowan University	Jr.	3.89	Biomedical Engineering
Sydney Smith	MIT	So.	3.92	Mechanical Engineering
Drue Thielking	Denison University	Jr.	3.89	Biology
Laurel Wasiniak	Hope College	Jr.	3.86	Chemical Engineering

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# 2024-25 Academic All-America® Women's Swimming & Diving Team NAIA

## NAIA

CSC Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:  
**Aubrey Bach, Keiser University**

### FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Leyre Antonanzas (1) (2)	St. Ambrose University	Sr.	3.88	Behavioral Neuropsychology
Aubrey Bach	Keiser University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Financial Technology
Nikoline Biltoft-Jensen	Keiser University	Sr.	4.00	Psychology
Maaïke Broersma	Lindsey Wilson College	Gr.	3.77/3.82	Master of Business Administration
Nikki Hahn	Savannah College of Art and Design	Jr.	4.00	User Experience Design
Ines Laurent	Keiser University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Sports Management
Marine Lecomte	Keiser University	Gr.	4.00/4.00	Financial Technology
Riley Renaud	Milligan University	Jr.	3.52	Nursing
Michelle Weiss	University of the Cumberlands	So.	4.00	Mathematics & Middle School Education
Sarah Zoellner	University of the Cumberlands	So.	4.00	Biology

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