

ACADEMIC HONORS

National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes

In 1959, The National Football Foundation unveiled its National Scholar-Athlete program. The Foundation's National Scholar-Athlete Awards program consists of graduate fellowships that are awarded on an annual basis to a select group of college football players in their senior year of eligibility who have demonstrated outstanding academic success, exemplary community leadership and superior football performance. Every fall, The National Football Foundation's Awards Committee selects approximately 15 scholar-athletes from across the country for these prestigious fellowships that can be used for postgraduate studies.

- 1962 – Gary Cuozzo
- 1993 – Tom Burns
- 1996 – Tiki Barber
- 1997 – Stephen Phelan
- 2017 – Micah Kiser
- 2019 – Jordan Mack

The William V. Campbell Trophy

Named in the honor of William V. Campbell, a business executive and former player, captain and head coach at Columbia University, the trophy has become the most prestigious and desirable “academic” award in college football. The trophy, often referred to as the “Academic Heisman,” recognizes an individual as the absolute best in the country for his academic success, football performance and exemplary community leadership. UVA is one of five schools with multiple Campbell Trophy winners, joining Florida (3), Ohio State (2), Tennessee (2) and Texas (2).

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AFCA Academic Achievement Award

The Academic Achievement Award has been presented annually since 1981. The award recognizes a Football Bowl Subdivision school with the highest graduation rate among members of its football team. Virginia has earned the award three times (1985, 1986 and 2017). Schools with a 75 percent graduation rate are accorded an honorable mention listing. Virginia has earned that distinction 27 times.



A three-year starter at linebacker, Micah Kiser majored in foreign affairs and earned first-team All-America honors in 2017, second-team All-America honors in 2016 and was a second-team Academic All-American in 2016. He was the Campbell Trophy recipient—the “Academic Heisman”—in 2017. Kiser is just the second player in ACC history to lead the league in tackles three years in a row, joining Boston College’s Luke Kuechly (2009-11).