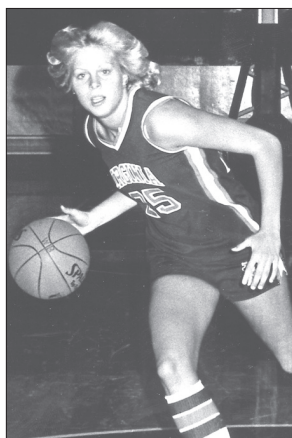




ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS



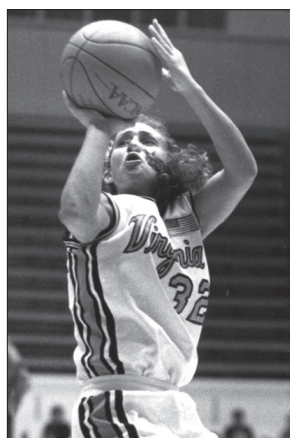
VAL ACKERMAN

1980, 1981
Political Social Thought



CATHY GRIMES

1983, 1985
English & Spanish



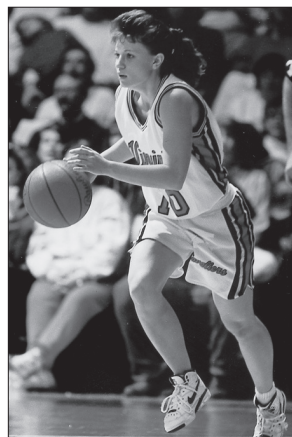
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1992
Sports Management



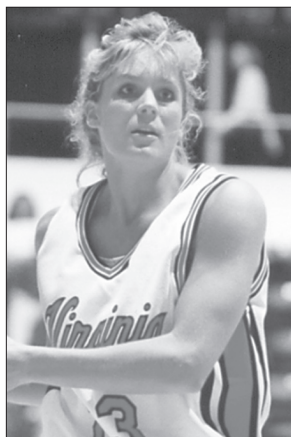
HEATHER BURGE

1992, 1993
Spanish & Drama



DENA EVANS

1993
Economics



JENNY BOUCEK

1995, 1996
Sports Medicine



JOCELYN WILLOUGHBY

2020
Batten School of Public Policy

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

1980.....	Valerie Ackerman (2nd)
1981.....	Valerie Ackerman (1st)
1983.....	Cathy Grimes (2nd)
1985.....	Cathy Grimes (1st)
1992.....	Heather Burge (2nd)
	Tammi Reiss (3rd)
1993.....	Dena Evans (1st)
	Heather Burge (2nd)
1995.....	Jenny Boucek (3rd)
1996.....	Jenny Boucek (2nd)
2020.....	Jocelyn Willoughby (2nd)

ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

1992.....	Heather Burge
	Dena Evans
	Tammi Reiss
1993.....	Heather Burge
	Dena Evans
1995.....	Jenny Boucek
1996.....	Jenny Boucek
2019.....	Jocelyn Willoughby
2020.....	Jocelyn Willoughby

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL OF FAME

1999	Val Ackerman
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ALL-TIME ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

1997	Tammi Reiss
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NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

1985.....	Cathy Grimes
2020	Jocelyn Willoughby

ACC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

1985.....	Cathy Grimes
2001.....	Katie Tracy
2013.....	Simone Egwu
2017.....	Breyana Mason

VAL ACKERMAN



In June of 1999, Val Ackerman was inducted into the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame. Ackerman is a 1981 graduate of the University of Virginia where she was a four-year starter for the women's basketball team and a two-time Academic All-American selection. She graduated with high distinction and received the Jettie Hill Award for the highest grade-point average among UVA women athletes. Ackerman played basketball professionally for one year in France before attending law school at UCLA where she earned her degree in 1985. Following two years of work at the New York City law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Ackerman was hired by the National Basketball Association (NBA) as a staff attorney in 1988. From 1990-92, she served as special assistant to NBA Commissioner David Stern before being named vice president of business affairs in 1994.

In August 1996, Ackerman was appointed president of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). A member of the Board of Directors of USA Basketball, she was a driving force behind the creation of the 1995-96 USA Basketball Women's National Team that compiled a 60-0 record during a year-long tour against college and international opponents, and won the gold medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. In March 2005, Ackerman became president of USA Basketball. She also serves on the board of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Ackerman received the University of Virginia Distinguished Alumna Award in October of 1997. The UVA Women's Center established the annual award to honor a female UVA graduate who has demonstrated excellence, leadership, and extraordinary commitment to her field, and who used her talents as a positive force for change.

