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### GSC ANNOUNCES 2009 SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.**—The Gulf South Conference proudly announces its 2009 Spring Sports All-Academic Team.

Eighty five student-athletes, including six three-time selections and 24 other repeat All-Academic members, were selected: **baseball** (21), **men's golf** (10), **women's golf** (4), **softball** (25), **men's tennis** (10) and **women's tennis** (15).

The Spring All-Academic Team is selected by the Gulf South Conference Sports Information Directors (SIDs) and Faculty Athletic Representatives (FARs) in a joint vote. Nominated student-athletes must have an overall grade point average (G.P.A.) of 3.20 or better on a 4.00 scale for their entire academic career and may not be freshmen or first-semester or quarter transfers. The student-athlete must be a significant contributor to the squad. Other factors include leadership, community service and extra-curricular activities. SIDs and FARs are not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes. The number of student-athletes selected in each sport is determined by the number of positions normally involved in the playing of that sport. Ties are not broken.

#### BASEBALL

The West Division All-Academic Baseball Team is led by three-time performer **Ryan Moody** of **Harding**. A senior catcher, Moody finished his Bisons career with a 3.73 GPA in Management. HU teammate **Wisley Correa** is one of four other 2008 All-Academic athletes on the West squad. Joining the senior third baseman is a trio from **Ouachita Baptist**: **Senior pitcher Jarod Hershberger**, **junior centerfielder Blake Lockwood** and **senior second baseman Drew Wurzelbacher**. **Delta State relief pitcher Levi Bishop** and **Southern Arkansas third baseman** and **pitcher James Schroeder** were the only unanimous selections in the West.

Six unanimous choices, four returning members and two players with 4.00 GPA's highlight the East Division All-GSC Academic Baseball Team. **North Alabama shortstop Cole Mitchell** and **Valdosta State shortstop Jon Koenigsfeld** return from last year's squad as unanimous selections. **UNA pitcher Matt Vandenheuvel**, **VSU pitcher Steve Turner**, **West Alabama left fielder** and **West Georgia first baseman Jud Jones** were also unanimous picks. **Montevallo catcher Ryan Norman** and **UNA outfielder Trey Pollard** return from the 2007 All-Academic team. Koenigsfeld and Vandenheuvel topped the squad with 4.00 grade-point averages.

#### MEN'S GOLF

Three-time selection **Wes Smith** of **North Alabama** leads the Men's Golf All-Academic team. Smith graduated with a 3.59 GPA in Business. **Arkansas Tech's Jonathon Spikes** and **Ouachita Baptist's Robert Greer** join Smith as repeat choices from the 2008 squad.

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

**Henderson State's Jenna Chadwick**, the **2008 GSC Co-Player of the Year**, heads the Women's Golf All-Academic team as a three-time performer and unanimous selection. **Danielle Lewis** of **Arkansas Tech** joins Chadwick as a returning member of the 2008 squad.

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## SOFTBALL

**Valdosta State seniors Rebecca Aszman** and **Brianna Collis** spearhead the East Division All-Academic Softball team as unanimous and returning selections. Aszman, a senior catcher, was a 2008 member while Collis, the 2007 GSC East Division Co-Pitcher of the Year, returns from the 2007 squad. Other unanimous choices were fellow Lady Blazer **Kristie Cornell** and **West Georgia junior Lindsay Kragt**. **Alabama-Huntsville outfielder Kristina Prater** and **West Alabama's Laura Bagwell** and **Aubree Hudson** repeat as 2008 All-Academic honorees.

The West Division All-Academic Softball club was led by returning member and unanimous choice **Brittany Eikner** of **Delta State**. The junior shortstop along with **Ouachita Baptist sophomore Kristin Rigsbee** was the only two players with a 4.00 GPA. Other unanimous selections included **Arkansas-Monticello outfielder Becca Tipton** and **Arkansas Tech's Taylor Gates** and **Shanda Jameson**. **Christian Brothers senior catcher Michelle Paul** was the only other returning member from the 2008 team.

## MEN'S TENNIS

2007 GSC East Division Freshman of the Year **Joerg Ekkenga** of **Valdosta State** tops the East Division Men's Tennis All-Academic Team as the lone three-time selection but is joined by three returning members. Teammate **Florian Halb** and **Alabama-Huntsville junior Andres Buse** were 2008 selections while Charger **senior Michael Garcia** made the 2007 squad. Garcia recorded a 4.00 GPA while Buse and Blazer **senior Leos Jelinek** were the lone unanimous choices. **Harding's Marco Ruiz** and **Olzhas Tanlyev** return to the West Division Men's Tennis All-Academic Team from last season.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

**West Florida senior Suzanna Cavalcante**, a *three-time GSC East Division Player of the Year* and 2006 East Freshman of the Year, tops the East Division Women's Tennis All-Academic squad as a three-time member and unanimous selection. **Valdosta State's Natali Gumbrecht** and **Tina Trautmann** were also unanimous choices. Gumbrecht, the 2009 East Player of the Year, returns from last year's team while the 2008 East Division Co-Freshman of the Year Trautmann makes her first appearance on the All-Academic club.

Three-time All-Academic honoree **Alicia Williams** of **Harding** headlines the West Division Women's Tennis Academic All-GSC Team. Williams followed up her 2006 West Freshman of the Year award with the 2009 West Division Player of the Year honor and a unanimous selection. The 2008 GSC West Player of the Year, **Cecile Benzaki** of **Delta State**, was a unanimous choice while **Southern Arkansas junior Caitlin Korensek** returns from the 2008 squad.

## GSC HONOR ROLL

**Henderson State** leads all schools with 42 Spring Academic Honor Roll student-athletes, followed by **West Florida** with 41 and **Southern Arkansas** and **Ouachita Baptist** with 40 each. **Harding** added 36, followed by **Delta State** with 35 and **Valdosta State** and **Christian Brothers** tabbing 31 a piece. Rounding out the Honor Roll contingent were **Montevallo** (29), **West Georgia** (28), **Arkansas-Monticello** and **Arkansas Tech** (26), **West Alabama** (25), **North Alabama** (24) and **Alabama-Huntsville** (18). A minimum grade point average of 3.00 is required. Qualification for this particular honor is automatic based on G.P.A. and nomination (there is no vote).

**GSC All-Academic Teams listed on next three pages**

## 2009 SPRING ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

### BASEBALL EAST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POS</u>
David Reiniger	Alabama-Huntsville	SO	Aerospace Engineering	3.66	IF/OF
#@—Ryan Norman	Montevallo	SR	Biology	3.25	C
Mitch Handley	North Alabama	JR	Business	3.30	P
<b>\$@—Cole Mitchell</b>	<b>North Alabama</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>SS</b>
#—Trey Pollard	North Alabama	SR	Professional Finance	3.27	OF
<b>Matt Vandenheuvel</b>	<b>North Alabama</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Finance</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>\$—Jon Koenigsfeld</b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Middle Grades Education</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>SS</b>
Steve Turner	Valdosta State	SR	Business Administration	3.41	P
Douglas Frazier	West Alabama	JR	History	3.32	LF
Cody Jackson	West Georgia	SR	Management	3.26	3B
Jud Jones	West Georgia	SR	Physical Education	3.38	1B

### WEST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POS</u>
@—Levi Bishop	Delta State	SR	Criminal Justice	3.53	RP
\$\$—Wisley Correa	Harding	SR	Biology	3.33	3B
\$\$—Ryan Moody	Harding	SR	Management	3.73	C
\$\$—Jarod Hershberger	Ouachita Baptist	SR	Physics	3.85	P
\$\$—Blake Lockwood	Ouachita Baptist	JR	Biology	3.84	CF
\$\$—Drew Wurzelbacher	Ouachita Baptist	SR	Kinesiology	3.74	2B
Timothy Dellwo	Southern Arkansas	SR	Exercise Science	3.78	1B
@—Brandon Graves	Southern Arkansas	SR	Physical Ed., Wellness & Leisure	3.30	C
%—Adam Lucas	Southern Arkansas	SR	Biological Science	3.45	DH/1B
@%—James Schroeder	Southern Arkansas	SR	Physical Ed., Wellness & Leisure	3.55	3B/P

### MEN'S GOLF

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
\$\$—Jonathon Spikes	Arkansas Tech	JR	Accounting	3.61
Taylor Wallner	Arkansas Tech	SR	History	3.39
Alan Killen	Christian Brothers	SO	History	3.94
Mike Sitler	Harding	JR	Accounting/Finance	3.68
Tripp Cash	Montevallo	JR	Accounting	3.85
\$\$@—Wes Smith	North Alabama	SR	Business	3.59
Dax DeMaree	Ouachita Baptist	JR	Biology and Chemistry	3.93
\$\$—Robert Greer	Ouachita Baptist	JR	Business Administration	3.94
John Crowley	Southern Arkansas	SR	Business Administration/Finance	3.82
Wade Holland	Valdosta State	JR	Economics	3.30

\$\$—2008 Academic All-GSC  
@—2009 First Team All-GSC

#—2007 Academic All-GSC  
%—2009 Second Team All-GSC

Unanimous Selections in **BOLD**

**Women's Golf and Softball Teams listed on next page**

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## WOMEN'S GOLF

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
\$@—Danielle Lewis	Arkansas Tech	SR	Management & Marketing	3.56
@—Brandi Watkins	Harding	SR	Sports Management	3.59
<b>\$#@—Jenna Chadwick<sup>0</sup></b>	<b>Henderson State</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>General Studies</b>	<b>3.59</b>
@—Emily Gibson	Montevallo	SO	Social Sciences	3.42

## SOFTBALL EAST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POS</u>
Alex Lewis <sup>1</sup>	Alabama-Huntsville	SO	Biology	3.25	P
@—Kristina Prater	Alabama-Huntsville	JR	Political Science	3.20	C/OF
Anna Ard	North Alabama	SO	Exercise Science	3.60	P
<b>\$@—Rebecca Aszman</b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>#—Brianna Collis<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Psychology</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Kristie Cornell</b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Sign Language</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>UT</b>
\$%—Laura Bagwell	West Alabama	SR	Exercise Science	3.73	3B
\$—Aubree Hudson	West Alabama	SR	Pre-Law	3.85	P
Franny Bell	West Florida	JR	Exercise Science	3.74	OF
%—Emily Burge	West Florida	SR	Exercise Science	3.29	P
@—Jillian Lafrance <sup>3</sup>	West Florida	JR	Physical Education	3.50	P
Paige Henson	West Georgia	JR	Biology	3.78	OF
<b>Lindsay Kragt</b>	<b>West Georgia</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Biology</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>C/DP</b>

## WEST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>POS</u>
@—Amy Mardis	Arkansas-Monticello	SR	Health/Physical Education	3.34	C
@—Lindsey Randall <sup>11</sup>	Arkansas-Monticello	SR	Exercise Science	3.69	SS
Becca Sustaie	Arkansas-Monticello	SR	Psychology	3.49	P
<b>@—Becca Tipton<sup>22</sup></b>	<b>Arkansas-Monticello</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Health/Physical Education</b>	<b>3.49</b>	<b>OF</b>
<b>Taylor Gates</b>	<b>Arkansas Tech</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Music Education</b>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>3B</b>
<b>%—Shanda Jameson</b>	<b>Arkansas Tech</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>Hospitality Administration</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>2B</b>
%—Casey King	Christian Brothers	SO	Engineering Management	3.53	1B
\$—Michelle Paul	Christian Brothers	SR	Biomedical Science	3.88	C
<b>\$@—Brittany Eikner</b>	<b>Delta State</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>SS</b>
Emily Matthews	Ouachita Baptist	SR	Art/Secondary Education	3.75	1B/OF
@—Kristin Rigsbee <sup>33</sup>	Ouachita Baptist	SO	Accounting	4.00	UT
Alexandra Doyle	Southern Arkansas	SO	Physical Ed., Wellness & Leisure	3.60	P

\$—2008 Academic All-GSC

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<sup>0</sup>Chadwick was the 2008 Co-Player of the Year.

<sup>1</sup>Lewis was the 2008 East Freshman and Pitcher of the Year.

<sup>2</sup>Collis was the 2007 East Co-Pitcher of the Year.

<sup>3</sup>Lafrance is the 2009 East Pitcher of the Year.

<sup>11</sup>Randall is the 2009 West Player of the Year.

<sup>22</sup>Tipton was the 2007 West Freshman of the Year.

<sup>33</sup>Rigsbee was the 2008 West Freshman of the Year.

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## MEN'S TENNIS EAST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
<b>\$@—Andres Buse</b>	<b>Alabama-Huntsville</b>	JR	1	<b>Ind. &amp; Systems Engineering</b>	<b>3.76</b>
#—Michael Garcia	Alabama-Huntsville	SR	3	Computer Engineering	4.00
@—Daniel Dueren <sup>0</sup>	Valdosta State	SO	1/2	Marketing	3.60
<b>\$#@—Joerg Ekkenga<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	JR	3/1	Finance	3.91
<b>\$@—Florian Halb</b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	SR	2/3	Finance	3.70
<b>@—Leos Jelinek</b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>4/1</b>	<b>Business Administration</b>	<b>3.50</b>
Jose Ycaza	West Florida	SR	5/--	Finance	3.33

## WEST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
Antony Eddy	Christian Brothers	SR	2/1	Chemistry	3.25
<b>\$@—Marco Ruiz</b>	<b>Harding</b>	SR	3/1	International Business	3.44
<b>\$@—Olzhas Taniyev</b>	<b>Harding</b>	SR	1/2	International Business	3.21

## WOMEN'S TENNIS EAST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
@—Raphaelle Durante	Valdosta State	JR	3/1	Finance	3.51
<b>\$@—Natali Gumbrecht<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	JR	<b>2/3</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>3.71</b>
<b>@—Tina Trautmann<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Valdosta State</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>Psychology</b>	<b>3.93</b>
%—Mariana Freitas	West Alabama	SO	3/1	Biology	3.71
%—Taylor Brewster	West Florida	SO	3/3	Psychology	3.75
<b>\$#@—Suzanna Cavalcante<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>West Florida</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>Athletic Training</b>	<b>3.59</b>

## WEST DIVISION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POS</u>	<u>MAJOR</u>	<u>GPA</u>
Jessica James	Arkansas Tech	SO	6/3	Journalism	3.82
<b>@—Cecile Benzaki<sup>22</sup></b>	<b>Delta State</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>Business</b>	<b>3.50</b>
Katherine Golik	Harding	JR	1/4	Athletic Training	3.42
<b>\$#@—Alicia Williams<sup>33</sup></b>	<b>Harding</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>Exercise Science</b>	<b>3.86</b>
%—Stephanie Schnobel	Henderson State	JR	4/3	History	3.71
@—Rebecca Staton	Henderson State	SR	2/3	Chemistry	3.94
Thokozile Zulu	Ouachita Baptist	JR	4/2	Accounting	3.82
<b>\$—Caitlin Korensek</b>	<b>Southern Arkansas</b>	JR	3/1	<b>Early Childhood Education</b>	<b>3.86</b>
Megan Phinny	Southern Arkansas	JR	4/2	Exercise Science	3.48

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<sup>0</sup>Dueren is the 2009 East Player of the Year.

<sup>1</sup>Ekkenga was the 2007 East Freshman of the Year.

<sup>2</sup>Gumbrecht is the 2009 East Player of the Year.

<sup>3</sup>Trautman was the 2008 East Co-Freshman of the Year.

<sup>11</sup>Cavalcante was the 2006, '07 and '08 East Player and 2006 East Freshman of the Year.

<sup>22</sup>Benzaki was the 2008 West Player of the Year.

<sup>33</sup>Williams is the 2009 West Player of the Year and was the 2006 West Freshman of the Year.

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