



CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY CoSIDA

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ASHLEY BRIGNAC OF LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE LEADS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION I SOFTBALL TEAM

TOWSON, Md. – Pitcher **Ashley Brignac**, a graduate student at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, leads the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Softball Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

An exercise science major with a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average, Brignac is a repeat winner of the Academic All-America® of the Year award for Division I softball. A native of River Ridge, La., she is only the second student-athlete to be named as the American Academic All-America® of the Year for Division I softball. **Lindsay Schutzler** of Tennessee was named as the Academic All-America® of the Year in 2006 and 2007.

Brignac, a native of River Ridge, La., has maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. throughout her career and was ULL's Most Outstanding Graduate last fall. She has led the Ragin' Cajuns to a 52-4 record, a No. 7 national ranking and a NCAA regional championship. ULL faces Arizona State in the NCAA Super Regionals this weekend.

Brignac has compiled a 23-3 record this year and twice during her career has posted 30 wins in the circle (2008, 2011). She ranks second on the ULL career charts with strikeouts (853). She has compiled a 94-20 career record, ranking third in school history in victories. During her career, she has pitched 35 shutouts and seven no-hitters.

A three-time winner of the Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Year award (2012, 2011, 2008), she has been named second team all-region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) three times (2012, 2011, 2008).

Brignac is one of nine players on the Capital One Academic All-America® first team that played in the NCAA Regionals last weekend. Seven of those players have helped their teams to advance to play in the NCAA Super Regionals this weekend.

In addition to Brignac, pitcher **Hillary Bach**, infielder **Katelyn Boyd** and designated player **Bailey Wigness** of Arizona State University, catcher **Jenna Marston** of the University of Missouri, infielder **Raven Chavanne** of the University of Tennessee, infielder **Jennifer Colquhoun** of Lehigh University, outfielder **Kayla Braud** of the University of Alabama, and outfielder **Leah Taylor** of the University of Tennessee Martin participated in the 64-team championship.

Bach, Braud and Chavanne are repeat first team selections on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I softball team.

A graduate student in business management with a 3.71 G.P.A., Bach is one of three Arizona State student-athletes on the first team. Bach, Boyd and Wigness have led the third-ranked Sun Devils to a 49-8 record and a berth in the Super Regionals.

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A first team NFCA All-West region selection, Bach is a second team All-Pacific-12 Conference selection and earned Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week honors three times. Bach pitched the seventh perfect game in school history. She has posted a 20-1 record with a 1.62 E.R.A. that ranks third in Pac-12. The President of the ASU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, she has 10 shutouts.

A senior family and human development major with a 3.72 G.P.A., Boyd was a third team Capital One Academic All-America® selection last season. The Phoenix, Ariz., native is a two-time first team All-American and currently ranks in the top 20 nationally in eight statistical categories. Boyd is one of three finalists for both the USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year and the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award. She enters the Super Regional with a .444 batting average, 72 runs scored, 15 doubles, 19 home runs and 61 runs batted in. She also has a .571 on-base percentage and has 21 stolen bases in 22 attempts.

Chavanne, a junior political science major with a 3.89 G.P.A., is a Capital One Academic All-America® first team selection as an infielder this season. She earned first team notice as an outfielder last year. A native of Thousand Oaks, Cal., she is a finalist for the USA Softball National Collegiate Player of the Year for the second year in a row. A two-time NFCA All-American (2010, 2011), she is Tennessee's all-time leading hitter (.450). She also ranks third in career steals (102), seventh in runs scored (173) and eighth in base hits (260). The Vols' third baseman and leadoff hitter has led No. 5 Tennessee to a 50-11 record and a berth in the NCAA Super Regionals. Currently batting .439, she has 84 career multi-hit games at Tennessee.

A junior public relations major with a 3.92 G.P.A., Braud is batting .351 for No. 2 Alabama, now 53-7 on the season. She helped the Crimson Tide reach the NCAA Super Regional for the fifth year in a row. Braud, is the third-leading hitter for the Crimson Tide and has scored 55 runs. She leads Alabama with 39 stolen bases in 44 attempts. She has earned All-American honors from the NFCA twice and was the Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year in 2010.

A junior catcher for Missouri, Marston is an industrial engineering major with a 3.98 G.P.A. A native of St. Louis, Mo., Marston has led the ninth-ranked Tigers to a 46-12 record and their fifth-straight NCAA Regional title. A three-time All-Big 12 Conference selection, she is hitting .301 with six doubles, two triples and 15 RBI's. She has walked 45 times, setting a single-season record at Missouri. In her first season as a catcher, she has a .992 fielding percentage.

The 2012 Patriot League Player of the Year, Colquhoun led Lehigh to a 40-19 record and its fifth league championship in seven years. A senior biochemistry major with a 3.77 G.P.A., she is a three-time All-Patriot League selection. Honored as the Patriot League Scholar-Athlete for softball three times, she batted .440 as a senior and led league in runs scored (50), triples (6), home runs (13) and RBI's (48).

Taylor, a junior marketing major with a 3.96 G.P.A., was the 2012 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year. The Brownsville, Tenn. native led Tennessee-Martin to the OVC championship and a 39-22 record. She led the Skyhawks with a .385 batting average, 61 runs scored, 77 hits, 10 triples and 37 stolen bases. With 64 stolen bases, she ranks third in school history.

A speech and hearing science major with a 3.75 G.P.A., **Alicia Herron** of Ohio State University completes the infield on the Capital One Academic All-America® first team. A four-time All-Big Ten selection, she has been named all-region three times, including two first team selections. Herron led the Big Ten in slugging percentage (.800), on-base percentage (.569), runs (48), home runs (14) and walks (52).

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Senior outfielder **Mallory Duran-Sellers** of Southern Illinois University, a second team selection last year, completes the Capital One Academic All-America Division I softball first team. An English education major with a perfect 4.00 G.P.A., she was the 2012 Player of the Year in the Missouri Valley Conference. A two-time NFCA All-Mideast Region pick, she set the MVC season record with 61 runs scored. A three-time All-MVC selection, she was named as the MVC's 2012 Elite 18 award winner for softball.

The 11 members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I softball first team have an average G.P.A. of 3.88.

The second team consists of pitchers **Ellen Renfro** of Tennessee and **Chelsea Thomas** of Missouri; catcher **Kelsey Horton** and outfielder Michelle Moultrie of Florida; infielders **Jackey Branham** and **Cassie Reilly-Boccia** of Alabama, **Chelsea Garcia** of Oklahoma State University, and **Stacie Toney** of Brigham Young University; outfielders **Ashley Fleming** of Missouri, **Annie Lockwood** of Arizona State and designated player **Jill Jelnick** of East Carolina University.

Pitchers **Jen Mineau** of Fordham University and **Stephanie Ricketts** of the University of Hawai'i top the third team. Catchers **Holley Gentsch** of Texas Tech University and **Vicky Rumph** of Youngstown State University join infielders **Jane Alexander** of Harvard University, **Lexy Bennett** of the University of Texas, **Kaelene Curry** of the University of Missouri-Kansas City and **Coryn Schmit** of the University of Illinois at Chicago on the third team. Outfielders **Allie Cashion** of Appalachian State University, **Alex Helfrich** of the University of Akron, and **Maggie Hull** of the University of Kansas round out the third team, along with designated player **Colleen Schneider** of Wright State University.

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Academic All-American of the Year: Ashley Brignac, University of Louisiana

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Hillary Bach	Arizona State	Gr.	Tulsa, Okla.	3.71	MBA
P	Ashley Brignac (1)	Louisiana	Gr.	River Ridge, La.	4.00	Exercise science
C	Jenna Marston	Missouri	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.98	Industrial engineering
IF	Katelyn Boyd (3)	Arizona State	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.72	Family & human development
IF	Raven Chavanne (1)	Tennessee	Jr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	3.89	Political science
IF	Jennifer Colquhoun	Lehigh	Sr.	Oak Park, Calif.	3.77	Biochemistry
IF	Alicia Herron	Ohio State	Sr.	Cypress, Calif.	3.75	Speech & hearing science
OF	Kayla Braud (1)	Alabama	Jr.	Eugene, Ore.	3.92	Public relations
OF	Mallory Duran-Sellers (2)	Southern Illinois	Sr.	Windsor, Colo.	4.00	English education
OF	Leah Taylor	Tennessee Martin	Jr.	Brownsville, Tenn.	3.96	Marketing
DP	Bailey Wigness	Arizona State	So.	Casa Grande, Ariz.	4.00	Political science/communication

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Ellen Renfro	Tennessee	So.	Jackson, Tenn.	3.75	Psychology
P	Chelsea Thomas	Missouri	Jr.	Pleasantville, Iowa	3.48	Biology
C	Kelsey Horton	Florida	Jr.	Valrico, Fla.	3.70	Nutritional sciences
IF	Jackey Branham	Alabama	Jr.	Troy, Mo.	4.00	Secondary education (science)
IF	Chelsea Garcia (1)	Oklahoma State	Sr.	Moore, Okla.	3.97	Secondary education (math)
IF	Cassie Reilly-Boccia	Alabama	Sr.	Yorktown Heights, N.Y.	3.75	Human performance exercise sci.
IF	Stacie Toney	Brigham Young	Sr.	Farmington, Utah	3.77	Elementary education
OF	Ashley Fleming	Missouri	Sr.	Silex, Mo.	3.78	Journalism
OF	Annie Lockwood	Arizona State	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	3.76	Special education / sociology
OF	Michelle Moultrie	Florida	Sr.	Jacksonville, Fla.	3.35	Business administration
DP	Jill Jelnick	East Carolina	So.	Aliso Viejo, Calif.	4.00	English education

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
P	Jen Mineau (3)	Fordham	Sr.	Schaghticoke, N.Y.	3.70	Visual Arts
P	Stephanie Ricketts	Hawai'i	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.	3.35	Psychology
C	Holley Gentsch (2)	Texas Tech	Sr.	Hewitt, Texas	3.96	Sociology
C	Vicky Rumph	Youngstown State	Jr.	Mount Forest, Ontario	3.85	Chemistry
IF	Jane Alexander	Harvard	Sr.	Palo Alto, Calif.	3.49	Psychology
IF	Lexy Bennett	Texas	Sr.	Kingwood, Texas	3.35	Physical culture & sports
IF	Kaelene Curry (2)	UMKC	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill.	3.93	Psychology
IF	Coryn Schmit	Illinois Chicago	Jr.	Hawthorn Woods, Ill.	4.00	Kinesiology / movement sciences
OF	Allie Cashion	Appalachian State	Jr.	Waxhaw, N.C.	3.74	Actuarial science
OF	Alex Helfrich	Akron	Sr.	Grafton, Ohio	3.96	Education
OF	Maggie Hull	Kansas	Jr.	Lawrence, Kan.	3.74	Journalism / Spanish
DP	Colleen Schneider	Wright State	Jr.	Centerville, Ohio	3.93	Mechanical engineering

- (1) Capital One Academic All-America 1st team selection in 2011
- (2) Capital One Academic All-America 2nd team selection in 2011
- (3) Capital One Academic All-America 3rd team selection in 2011

