

CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY COSIDA

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## RECORD-SETTER MICHAEL ZWEIFEL OF DUBUQUE LEADS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III FOOTBALL TEAM

**TOWSON, Md.** – Senior wide receiver **Michael Zweifel** of the University of Dubuque headlines the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division III Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A Health, Wellness and Recreation major with a 3.90 G.P.A., Zweifel has been chosen as the winner of the Division III Academic All-America® of the Year award for the football team.

The Capital One Division III Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2011-12 D-III Academic All-America® teams program.

Zweifel led all three NCAA divisions with 12.7 receptions and 174.1 yards per game while scoring 25 touchdowns. A native of Whitewater, Wis., he is the only Division III finalist among the 16 William V. Campbell Trophy candidates. Formerly known as the Vincent DePaul Draddy Trophy, it is awarded by the National Football Foundation to the American college football player with the best combination of academics, community service, and on-field performance. He is also a finalist for the 2011 Gagliardi Trophy, presented to the most outstanding football player in Division III by Jostens and the J-Club of Saint John's University of Minnesota.

An All-American selection, Zweifel set an NCAA Division III record with 140 catches as a senior. He finished the year with 140 receptions for 1,915 yards and 25 touchdowns. He finished his career with 463 catches for 5,979 yards. Named as the 2011 Most Valuable Player of the Iowa Conference, he led the Spartans to a 9-2 record and their first conference championship in 31 years. He currently holds 13 school, conference, and NCAA records.

A pair of Zweifel's teammates at Dubuque, junior tight end **Miles Hookstead** and senior running back **Justin Spaulding**, were also named to the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team.

A Health, Wellness and Recreation major with a 3.70 G.P.A., Hookstead earned second team all-conference honors. A native of Whitewater, Wis., he caught 33 passes for 349 yards and six touchdowns for Spartans.

A Business and Accounting major with a 3.66 G.P.A., Spaulding carried the ball 216 times for a school record 1,340 yards, an average of 121.8 yards per game. A first team all-conference selection, he scored 13 touchdowns.

Graduate student **Dan Pitcher** of Cortland State University is the quarterback on the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® first team. A graduate student in sports management, he maintained a 4.08 G.P.A. as a Psychology undergraduate student and entered the fall with a 4.03 GPA in his graduate studies. A finalist for the Gagliardi Trophy, Pitcher led Cortland State to a 9-2 record while throwing for 2,712 yards. Named as the New Jersey Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Pitcher completed 62.1% of his passes and averaged 246.5 yards per game. A native of Cortland, N.Y., he threw 31 touchdown passes.

A Physical Education major with a 3.88 G.P.A., **T.J. Denehy** of Kean University is the second wide receiver on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team. A native of Monroe Township, N.J., Denehy helped Kean post a 10-2 record and reach the second round of the NCAA Division III playoffs. He led the team with 60 receptions for 793 yards and five touchdowns.

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A Marketing major with a 3.46 G.P.A., junior **Scottie Williams** of Elmhurst College joins Spaulding as the running backs on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team. A first-team All-College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin selection in 2011, Williams ranks 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation with 1,374 yards on 224 and ten touchdowns. A native of Woodridge, Ill., Williams was named as the CCIW Offensive Player of the Week this season.

Five seniors have been named to the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III first team offensive line.

An Education major with a 3.91 G.P.A., **Derrick Arbogast** led Heidelberg College to an 8-2 record. An honorable mention all-conference selection, the Tiffin, Ohio native contributed to a Heidelberg offense that averaged 35.4 points per game as the Student Princes posted the best mark since 1993.

One of two repeat selections from the 2010 Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team is **Dan Chapman** of St. Thomas of Minnesota. He has helped St. Thomas post a 13-0 and earn a berth in the national semi-finals. A Political Science and Economics major with a 3.88 G.P.A., Chapman is a three-year starter who earned first team all-conference honors. In his career, he has started 36 games and the Tommies have won 33 of them.

A two-time All-Ohio Conference selection, **Brett Ekkens** of Mount Union College is also a member of the first team offensive line. An Education major with a 3.66 G.P.A., he has helped the Purple Raiders to a 13-0 record and a 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive berth in the national semi-finals. A native of Kentwood, Mich., Ekkens has helped the Purple Raiders average 39.7 points per game.

An Economics major with a 3.93 G.P.A., **James Lambert** of Pomona-Pitzer is also part of the offensive line. A two-time Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, he helped the Sagehens average 21.2 points per game.

A Mathematics major with a 3.69 G.P.A., **Roland Massimino** of Johns Hopkins University helped the Blue Jays post a 10-1 record in 2011 and earn an NCAA playoff berth. A first team All-Centennial Conference selection, he helped the Blue Jays win the Centennial Conference title while averaging 39.8 points per game

Senior **Tommy Wilczynski** of Rowan and junior **Allen Cain** of Texas Lutheran tied for the place kicker spot on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team. A Biological Sciences major with a 3.98 G.P.A., Wilczynski was Rowan's second-leading scorer with 45 points. He connected on six-of-nine field goal attempts and had a season long 41-yard kick. A native of Pine Hill, N.J., he made 27-of-30 conversions. A Mathematics major with a 3.59 G.P.A., Cain scored 83 points for Texas Lutheran. He connected on 17-of-21 field goal attempts, including a season-long 53-yard kick. A finalist for the 2011 Fred Mitchell Outstanding Placekicker Award, he also made 32 straight conversion kicks.

On defense, seniors **Shane Eachus** of Ursinus, **Jared Kiesow** of Wisconsin-Whitewater, **Brad Kruckeberg** of Gustavus Adolphus and **Dan Sjoquist** of St. Norbert are the four defensive backs on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III first team.

Eachus, who has a double major of Media and Communication Studies and Psychology, has a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. at Ursinus. An All-Centennial All-Academic selection, he helped Ursinus post a 6-4 record by making 22 tackles and forcing a fumble. A native of Aston, Pa., Eachus is the sports editor of the campus newspaper and belongs to Theta Chi and Psi Chi honor societies. A member of two national championship teams at Wisconsin-Whitewater, Kiesow is an Elementary Education major with a 3.89 G.P.A. A starter in 12 games, he has led the Warhawks to a 13-0 record and a berth in the NCAA Division III semi-finals. The winner of the NCAA Elite 88 Award last year, the Horicon, Wis. native has made 37 tackles this season.

A second team All-MIAC selection, Kruckeberg was a three-year starter and team captain at Gustavus Adolphus. A two-time All-MIAC pick, he intercepted two passes and was second on the team with 48 tackles. A Biology major with a 3.88 G.P.A., the Ellendale, Minn. native ranks among the program's all-time leaders with 11 interceptions. A Biology major with a minor in Chemistry and a 3.89 G.P.A., Sjoquist made 43 tackles to tackles to finish fifth on the team at St. Norbert's. A first team all-conference selection last year, the Kingsford, Mich. native led the Green Knights with three interceptions.

Seniors **Herman Brito** of Trinity (Conn.), **Richard Doolin** of Case Western Reserve, **Brett Hutter** of Redlands and **Steve Mauk** of Adrian College comprise the first team defensive line.

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A starter in all eight games at defensive end, Brito is a Public Policy and Law major with a 3.59 G.P.A. A first team All-NESCAC selection as a junior and senior, the Wayland, Mass. native led Trinity to a 7-1 record by making 37 tackles with 4.5 quarterback sacks.

The other repeat selection from the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division III football first team, Doolin helped Case Western Reserve post a 9-1 record and win the University Athletic Association championship. An Accounting major with a 3.97 G.P.A., he made 43 tackles with 3.5 quarterback sacks.

A Communicative Disorders major with a 3.89 G.P.A., Hutter was named first team All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference as a senior. While leading Redlands to an 8-2 record, he made 47 tackles and 4.5 sacks. A native of Ontario, Cal., he led the team with 13 tackles for lost yardage.

An Exercise Science major with a 3.95 G.P.A., Mauk came back from major surgery to have an outstanding senior season. While leading Adrian to an 8-2 record, he earned first team All-MIAA notice by making 33 tackles, including seven sacks. A native of China, Mich., he also made 12.5 tackles for lost yardage.

Senior **A.J. Albert** of Salve Regina heads the linebacking corps. A Business major with a 3.85 G.P.A., he started all 11 games for the Seahawks, who were 8-3 on the season and won the ECAC North-West Bowl. An All-NEFC selection, he made 104 tackles with 8.5 sacks and 26 tackles for lost yardage.

A Biology and Chemistry major with a 3.88 G.P.A., **Craig Sykes** helped Heidelberg to an 8-2 record. An All-Ohio Athletic Conference selection, Sykes ranked among the OAC leaders with 88 tackles. He also intercepted four passes and forced two fumbles.

A starter in all 12 games, senior **Mike Valentine** led Western New England to a 10-2 record and the NEFC championship. A Mechanical Engineering major with a 3.94 G.P.A., earned All-NEFC honors with 44 tackles. A native of Newington, Conn., Valentine also had one sack and recovered a fumble.

Senior punter **Kris Rosholt** of unbeaten Wisconsin-Whitewater rounds out the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III first team. A Physical Education major with a 3.77 G.P.A., he is a two-time all-league pick who averaged 37.6 yards per punt. A native of Reedsburg, Wis., he put 19 punts inside the 20-yard line.

The 25 members of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III first team have an average of 3.83.

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Pos. QB WR TE RB OL OL OL K K DB DB DB	Name Dan Pitcher T.J. Denehy Michael Zweifel Miles Hookstead Justin Spaulding Scottie Williams Derrick Arbogast Dan Chapman Brett Ekkens James Lambert Roland Massimino Allen Cain Tommy Wilczynski Shane Eachus Jared Kiesow Brad Kruckeberg	Ursinus Wisconsin-Whitewater	Yr.	Mercer Island, Wash. Lake Barrington, III. San Antonio, Texas Pine Hill, N.J. Aston, Pa. Horicon, Wis.	$\begin{array}{c} 4.08\\ 3.88\\ 3.90\\ 3.70\\ 3.66\\ 3.46\\ 3.91\\ 3.88\\ 3.66\\ 3.93\\ 3.69\\ 3.59\\ 3.59\\ 3.59\\ 3.98\\ 4.00\\ 3.89\end{array}$	Education Political Science, Economics Education Economics Mathematics Biological Sciences Media & Comm. Studies, Psych. Elementary Education
DB DB LB LB DL DL DL DL P	Brad Kruckeberg Dan Sjoquist A.J. Albert Craig Sykes Mike Valentine Herman Brito Richard Doolin Brett Hutter Steve Mauk Kris Rosholt	Gustavus Adolphus St. Norbert Salve Regina Heidelberg Western New England Trinity (Conn.) Case Western Reserve Redlands Adrian Wisconsin-Whitewater	Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Sr.	Kingsford, Mich. Franklin Park, N.J. Centerburg, Ohio Newington, Conn. Wayland, Mass. Bethel Park, Pa.	3.59 3.97 3.89	Biology Business
Pos. QB WR TE RB OL OL OL OL K	Name Wyatt Hanus Kyle Feldman Fritz Waldvogel J.J. Clark Mike Lane Brett Murray Doug Drummond Nick Oglesby Ethan Peterson Emilio Sulpizio Mike Zupkosky Scott Roche	School Dubuque Shenandoah St. Thomas (Minn.) Wheaton (III.) Endicott Washington & Lee Johns Hopkins Pacific Lutheran Massachusetts Inst. Tech. Whitworth Endicott Wheaton (III.)	Yr. Jr. Sr. Sr. Sr. Jr. Sr. Sr.	Hometown Traer, Iowa Woodstock, Md. Mendota Heights, Minn. Sammamish, Wash. Medfield, Mass. Lookout Mountain, Tenn. White Plains, N.Y. Snohomish, Wash. Rutland, Vt. Spokane, Wash.	3.83 3.94 3.60 3.74 3.31 3.71 3.56 3.80 3.84 3.90 3.70	History Criminal Justice
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### CAPITAL ONE DIVISION III ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF YEAR – Michael Zweifel, Dubuque