ABBY BERTICS OF MIT HEADLINES THE GOOGLE CLOUD ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior outside hitter **Abby Bertics** of MIT headlines the 2018 Google Cloud All-America® Division III volleyball teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Bertics , an electrical engineering and computer science major with a minor in linguistics, has been selected as the recipient of the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year award for Division III volleyball. The La Jolla, California native holds a 4.0 cumulative GPA at MIT. A first team selection this year to the Division III Academic All-America Team, Bertics is now a two-time honoree. She was a member of the first team in 2017.

Bertics is a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III All-America selection, earning third team recognition in 2017 and again this year. She was named the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC) Athlete of the Year in volleyball in both 2017 and 2018. Bertics led Division III in kills per set this season with an average of 4.97 kills per set, a mark that was fifth across all NCAA Divisions. She was second in Division III with an average of 5.69 points per set. She led the NEWMAC in kills (437) and hitting percentage (.304) this season.

Eleven of the 21 members of the 2018 Google Cloud All-America® Division III Academic All-America® Division III volleyball teams have a perfect 4.00 cumulative GPA. The seven members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.94 and the 21 student-athletes that make up all three teams have an average cumulative GPA of 3.93.

Eight of this year's 21 student-athletes on the three teams are repeat selections from 2017. Bertics is one of four members of this year's first team that are repeat selections from 2017. Bertics and Cornell College's **Jillian Schulte** are on the first team this year, following first team honors in 2017. **Azita Bakhtyari** of WPI and **Taylor Bauman** of McDaniel pick up first team recognition in 2018, after earning second team accolades last year. **Nora Holtan** of Gustavus Adolphus and **Sarah Paolini** from Mary Hardin-Baylor are second team honorees in 2018 and 2017. Rose-Hulman's **Bailey MacInnis** is a third team selection this year, following first team honors in 2017. **Kate Walker** of Johnson & Wales (R.I.) is on the third team in 2018 after earning second team recognition in 2017.

The 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 2018-19 Division III Academic All-America® teams program.

For more information on the Google Cloud Academic All-America® program, go to https://academicallamerica.com/

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2018 Academic All-America® Volleyball Team Division III

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Azita Bakhtyari (2)	WPI	Sr.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering
Taylor Bauman (2)	McDaniel College	Sr.	4.00	Biology
Abby Bertics (1)	MIT	Sr.	4.00	Electrical Engineering / Computer Science
Sarah DeVries	Calvin College	Jr.	3.85	Nursing
Anna Kamp	Calvin College	Sr.	3.76	Business Administration / Human Resources
Jillian Schulte (1)	Cornell College	Sr.	4.00	Medical Anthropology / Ethnic Studies
Karen Wildemann	Wittenberg University	Sr.	4.00	Biology / Finance

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Maria Coniglio	Johnson & Wales University (R.I.)	Jr.	3.98	Culinary Nutrition
Nora Holtan (2)	Gustavus Adolphus College	Sr.	3.87	Exercise Physiology / Psychological Science
Chelsea Huppert	Ohio Northern University	Jr.	4.00	Pharmacy
Kate Isaksen	Clarkson University	Jr.	3.75	Computer Science / Mathematics
Karley King	Case Western Reserve University	Jr.	4.00	Biomedical Engineering
Katie Leidhold	Johnson & Wales University (R.I.)	Sr.	4.00	Biology
Sarah Paolini (2)	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	Jr.	4.00	Nursing

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Eryn Brady	York College (Pa.)	Sr.	4.00	Secondary Education / Social Studies
Louisa Kishton	Johns Hopkins University	Jr.	3.97	Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering
Bailey MacInnis (1)	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	Sr.	3.96	Biomedical Engineering
Julianne Malek	Washington University in St. Louis	Sr.	3.68	Accounting / Org. & Strategic Management
Suzanne Peters	DePauw University	Sr.	3.81	Kinesiology
Peyton Robinson	SUNY Canton	Sr.	4.00	Criminal Investigation
Kate Walker (2)	Johnson & Wales University (R.I.)	Jr.	3.97	Counseling Psychology

Google Cloud Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Abby Bertics, MIT

(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first team selection in 2017
(2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second team selection in 2017