



2021 Academic All-America® Men's and Women's Soccer Team NCAA Division III

Jesper Yang and Maya Nielan Headline CoSIDA Academic All-America® Men's and Women's Soccer Teams

AUSTIN, Texas – Seniors **Jesper Yang** of Grinnell College and **Maya Nielan** from MIT headline the 2021 CoSIDA Academic All-America® men's and women's soccer teams selected by the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) and announced Wednesday.

Yang, a biology major from Stow, Massachusetts, and Nielan, a mechanical engineering/computer science major from Danville, California, are both three-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® honorees. Nielan has earned first team honors in each of the last three seasons while Yang was a first team selection in 2020-21 and a third team pick in 2019.

Nielan, a back, helped the Engineers to a 22-2-1, Elite 8 showing this season with three goals and one assist for seven points in 16 games. In addition to her academic accolades, Nielan was named second team All-America in 2019 by both the United Soccer Coaches and D3Soccer.com and earned second team All-NEWMAC honors this fall.

Yang led Grinnell in scoring this season with 24 goals and six assists for 54 points. Eight of his goals were game-winners and he was a first team All-Midwest Conference honoree for the third time in his career. Yang also has been named to the United Soccer Coaches Scholar All-Region team twice.

Thirteen men and 10 women are repeat CoSIDA Academic All-America® selections with **Justin Howe** (Cornell College) and **Charlie Widing** (Hobart) joining Yang and Nielan as three-time honorees. Howe was a first team honoree in 2020-21 after earning third team honors in 2019. Widing joined Howe on that 2019 third team before moving up to second team last year.

The 35-member men's team has an average GPA of 3.87 with the first team posting a 3.89. Seven members: Widing, **Eli Szymanski** (St. Mary's of Minnesota), **Ethan Kalis** (Carnegie Mellon), **Aiden Becken** (Saint John's), **Logan Falzarano** (Johns Hopkins), **Aiden Westerberg** (North Central), and **Yusef Muqtadir** (Wilmington) had perfect 4.0 GPAs.

The 33-member women's team has a 3.94 average GPA with the first team boasting a 3.97. Eleven women, led by Nielan, have a 4.0 GPA. **Julia Meehan** (Wesleyan), **Elizabeth White** (Case Western Reserve), **Niya Wilson** (Wisconsin-Superior), **Rose Evans** (Middlebury), **Jocelyn Mayer** (Carnegie Mellon), **Alexa Brown** (Moravian), **Kily Egan** (North Central), **Rachel Strader** (RIT), **Juliette Carreiro** (Brandeis), and **Meghan Rowlett** (MIT) join Nielan in earning this honor.

Nine schools have multiple honorees with MIT's seven combined (five women, two men) leading the way. Loras and Johns Hopkins both are represented by two men and two women with Messiah, Tufts, and Westminster all putting two men on the team. Carnegie Mellon has three women while Grove City and North Central both have one man and one woman and Messiah adding one woman to their mix for a total of three combined selections.



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**CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Jasper Yang, Grinnell College**

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Zach Behe	Roanoke College	Sr.	3.96	Business Administration
D	Sam Accordino (2)	Westminster College	Sr.	3.98	Neuroscience
D	Sam Hosmer-Quint (2)	Kenyon College	Sr.	3.89	History / Spanish
D	Justin Howe (1,4)	Cornell College	Sr.	3.98	Engineering
D	Aaron Makikalli (3)	MIT	Gr.	3.84	Aeronautics & Astronautics
M	Trevor Goodling (1)	Messiah University	Sr.	3.96	Finance
M	Luke Groothoff	Messiah University	Sr.	3.96	Biomedical Art & Design
M	Travis Van Brewer (2)	Tufts University	Gr.	3.80	Civil Engineering (UG) / Structural Engineering (G)
F	Max Busch (2)	Bethany Lutheran	Jr.	3.81	Business Administration
F	Cameron Earls (3)	Piedmont University	Gr.	3.69/4.00	Business Administration (UG) / MBA (G)
F	Jasper Yang (1,4)	Grinnell College	Sr.	3.95	Biology

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Shane Keenan	Montclair State University	Sr.	3.60	Business Administration
D	Tristan Battistoni	SUNY Oneonta	Sr.	3.84	Business Economics
D	Rami Bikdash	MIT	Jr.	3.92	Biological Engineering
D	Ian Dean (3)	Simpson College	Sr.	3.98	Mathematics and Physics
D	Kyler Donovan	Loras College	Sr.	3.86	Business Administration & Sport Management
D	Charlie Widing (2,4)	Hobart College	Sr.	4.00	Biochemistry & Education
M	Ndubueze Henry	Maryville College	Jr.	3.61	Biology
M	Eli Szymanski	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	Sr.	4.00	Biology
M	Rylan Wilke	University of Mount Union	Sr.	3.87	Biology
F	Sam Belitz	Grove City College	Jr.	3.76	Exercise Science
F	Nick Iregui (2)	Westminster College	Gr.	3.59/4.00	MBA
F	Cole Schwartz (1)	Gustavus Adolphus College	Sr.	3.96	Education

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Ethan Kalis	Carnegie Mellon University	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration
D	Aidan Becken	Saint John's University (Minn.)	Jr.	4.00	Biology (Pre-Medicine)
D	Logan Falzarano	Johns Hopkins University	So.	4.00	Applied Mathematics & Statistics
D	Will Orser	Macalester College	Sr.	3.95	Applied Math & Statistics
M	Juan Jose Arias Mondragon	Loras College	Sr.	3.81	Business Administration, Business Analytics & Finance
M	Nate Charendoff	Johns Hopkins University	Gr.	3.64	Chemical & Biomolecular Eng. / Econ. (UG) / Eng. Mgmt. (G)
M	Mitchell Hughes	Capital University	Sr.	3.96	Biology (Pre-Med)
M	Aidan Westerberg	North Central College	So.	4.00	BioChem
F	Mati Cano	Tufts University	Sr.	3.61	Political Science
F	Jacob Hall	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	3.99	Chemistry
F	Yusef Muqtadir	Wilmington College	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration & Accounting
F	Jack Palen	Wartburg College	Sr.	3.83	Actuarial Science

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4 = 2019 3rd team Academic All-America®



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**CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year:
Maya Nielan, MIT**

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Caitlin Hendricks	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.86	Public Health & Natural Sciences
D	Julia Meehan (1)	Wesleyan University	Sr.	4.00	Economics
D	Maya Nielan (1,3)	MIT	Sr.	4.00	Mechanical Engineering & Computer Science
D	Esther Seeland (2)	Messiah University	Sr.	3.99	Biomedical Engineering
D	Elizabeth White	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	4.00	Civil Engineering
M	Anna Boyd (1)	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	Sr.	3.96	Elementary Education
M	Jenn Rennich	Westfield State University	Sr.	3.99	Movement Science
M	Anika Washburn (1)	Case Western Reserve University	Sr.	3.96	Computer Science
F	Alex Adams (2)	Carnegie Mellon University	Jr.	3.95	Mechanical Engineering
F	Karenna Groff (2)	MIT	Sr.	3.92	Biological Engineering
F	Niya Wilson	University of Wisconsin-Superior	So.	4.00	Business Administration

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Ava Gillikin (2)	MIT	Jr.	3.84	Environmental Engineering
D	Rose Evans	Middlebury College	Jr.	4.00	English & American Lit. / Gender Sexuality / Feminist Stud.
D	Jenna Hirshfeld	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Gr.	3.98	Chemical Engineering (UG) / Management (G)
D	Tirzah Lloyd	Grove City College	Sr.	3.98	Computer Science
D	Bonnie Shea	Johns Hopkins University	Gr.	3.87/4.00	Public Health
M	Eva Anderson	MIT	Sr.	3.84	Mechanical Engineering
M	Kaleigh Dale	Springfield College	Sr.	3.80	Business Management
M	Jocelyn Mayer	Carnegie Mellon University	Sr.	4.00	Business Administration
F	Maggie Day	Hanover College	Sr.	3.97	Kinesiology & Integrative Physiology
F	Delaney Earl (2)	Otterbein University	Sr.	3.76	Business Administration & Marketing
F	Brynn Jacobi (1)	Loras College	Sr.	3.97	Mathematics & Secondary Education

THIRD TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
GK	Chaylea Tome	Puget Sound	Jr.	3.94	Exercise Science
D	Alexa Bencic	The College of Wooster	Sr.	3.98	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
D	Alexa Brown	Moravian University	Sr.	4.00	Health Sciences – Pre-Physical Therapy
D	Sarah Campbell	Wartburg College	Sr.	3.78	Elementary Education
D	Maddy Lui	Carnegie Mellon University	Sr.	3.97	Mechanical Engineering
M	Kily Egan	North Central College	Jr.	4.00	Marketing
M	Payton McDonnell	Loras College	Jr.	3.72	Biology / Spanish
M	Rachel Strader	RIT	Gr.	4.00	Biomedical Engineering
F	Juliette Carreiro	Brandeis University	Sr.	4.00	Biology / Psychology
F	Meagan Rowlett	MIT	So.	4.00	Biological Engineering
F	Kaitlyn Ward	Trinity University	Sr.	3.87	Marketing

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