



ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM SELECTED BY CoSIDA

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NATALIE ASTON OF JOHNS HOPKINS HEADLINES THE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION III VOLLEYBALL TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Senior **Natalie Aston** of Johns Hopkins University headlines the 2021 Academic All-America® Division III volleyball teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Aston, pursuing a double major in behavioral biology and psychology, has been selected as the recipient of the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year award for Division III volleyball. A native of Woodland Hills, California, Aston holds a 3.81 cumulative GPA. A first team selection this year to the Division III Academic All-America® Team, Aston is now a two-time Academic All-America® honoree. She was also a member of the first team in 2020-21.

A setter for the Blue Jays, Aston earned her second career American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) first team All-America award in 2021. She was also a first team All-American in 2019 and an honorable mention selection in 2018. Additionally, Aston repeated this fall as the AVCA Region 5 Player of the Year and as the Centennial Conference Player of the Year.

Aston recorded 1,030 assists, 215 digs, 85 blocks and 84 kills during the 2021 season as she helped lead Johns Hopkins to the Regional Final of the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship. She concluded her career ranked fourth in school history in assists with 2,841. She is third in career attack percentage (.325) and ranks seventh with 255 career blocks.

The seven members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.91 and the 22 student-athletes that make up all three teams have an average cumulative GPA of 3.88. Six of the 22 members of the 2021 Academic All-America® Division III volleyball teams have a perfect 4.00 cumulative GPA. The six team members with a 4.00 GPA are: **Vivian Beaudoin** (Carnegie Mellon University), **Jessica Beil** (Piedmont University), **Syd Case** (The College of Wooster), **Elizabeth Chu** (Stevens Institute of Technology), **Emily Fagundo** (Regis College), and **Katie Hobler** (RIT).

Seven of this year's student-athletes on the three teams are repeat selections from 2020-21. Chu is a three-time selection to the Academic All-America® Division III volleyball teams. Her first team honor this year joins her first team award in 2020-21 and a third team honor in 2019. Aston and Chu are the two members of this year's first team that were also on the 2020-21 first team.

Wartburg College teammates **Kylie Bildstein** and **Katie Foster** are first team selections this year, following third team recognition in 2020-21. **Sydney Portale** of Johns Hopkins is a repeat selection, earning second team honors in 2021 after first team honors in 2020-21. **Kate Holtan** of Gustavus Adolphus College and **McKenna Otto** from Hope College are on the second team this year after also earning second team accolades in 2020-21.

The Division III Academic All-America® program is financially supported by the NCAA Division III national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2021-22 Division III Academic All-America® teams.

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

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2021 Academic All-America® Volleyball Team Division III

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Natalie Aston (1)	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.81	Behavioral Biology & Psychology
Kylie Bildstein (3)	Wartburg College	Sr.	3.95	Business Administration
Syd Case	The College of Wooster	Sr.	4.00	Environmental Geoscience
Elizabeth Chu (1, #)	Stevens Institute of Technology	Sr.	4.00	Chemical Biology
Katie Foster (3)	Wartburg College	Sr.	3.80	Public Health
Katie Hobler	RIT	Sr.	4.00	New Media Design
Tracy Westra	Hope College	Sr.	3.78	Environmental Engineering

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Vivian Beaudoin	Carnegie Mellon University	Sr.	4.00	Electrical & Computer Engineering
Annie Bryan	MIT	Sr.	3.92	Computer Science & Mathematical Economics
Cate Desler	Tufts University	Sr.	3.75	Economics
Kate Holtan (2)	Gustavus Adolphus College	Sr.	3.78	Management
McKenna Otto (2)	Hope College	Sr.	3.68	Biomedical & Biomechanical Engineering
Eleni Panagopoulos	Johns Hopkins University	Sr.	3.84	Biology & Psychology
Sydney Portale (1)	Johns Hopkins University	Gr.	3.81	Strategic Communications (UG) / Communications (G)

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Jessica Beil	Piedmont University	Sr.	4.00	Cardiovascular Technology
Katie Billetdeaux	The College of Wooster	Sr.	3.94	Neuroscience
Emily Fagundo	Regis College	Sr.	4.00	Nuclear Medicine
Sara Labadorf	Springfield College	Sr.	3.96	Physical Therapy
Tara Martin	Emory University	Sr.	3.77	Applied Mathematics & Economics
Anna Schriemer	Calvin University	Sr.	3.84	Psychology / Pre-Physician's Assistant School
Morgan Wardall	UW-Whitewater	Sr.	3.90	Communication
Amanda Wetmore	WPI	Gr.	3.88	Chemical Engineering (UG) / Management (G)

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Natalie Aston, Johns Hopkins University

- (1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® first team selection in 2020-21
 (2) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® second team selection in 2020-21
 (3) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third team selection in 2020-21
 (#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® third team selection in 2019