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Whitman Named CoSIDA Academic All-American

AUSTIN, Texas – Ashton Whitman of the Taylor University softball team was recognized recently with CoSIDA NAIA Softball Second-Team Academic All-American honors, as voted on and announced by College Sports Information Directors of America.

The highly competitive list of First and Second-Team Academic All-Americans included just two catchers from around the NAIA, with Whitman and Georgia Gwinnett's Sydney Pelaez being the only backstops in the nation to make the cut.

Whitman was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American for the first time, following a pair of CoSIDA Academic All-District nods. The senior graduated from TU with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.96 in sport management and will also collect the second Academic All-Crossroads League and NAIA Scholar-Athlete awards of her career later this summer.

On the diamond, Whitman was a force for Taylor this season, topping the lineup with a .379 average and .557 slugging percentage, as well as with 13 doubles and 43 runs batted in. Whitman also added 26 runs scored, six dingers, and reached base at a robust .423 clip.

Whitman is the 12th Taylor student-athlete to be named a CoSIDA Academic All-American during the 2021-2022 year. The honor is the 110th such award for Taylor in school history, with 108 of those coming since 2010.

Whitman's honor is the seventh CoSIDA Academic All-American nod for TU softball in program history, with five of those coming since 2015.

The CoSIDA Academic All-District and All-America awards are designed to showcase student-athletes for outstanding achievements in the classroom, as well as on the court or field of play. In order to be eligible for the honors, an athlete must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.30, must have reached sophomore status academically with at least one full year at their current institution and must have participated in over half of the team's competitions as a key contributor during the current season.

Student-athletes are nominated for the awards by their institution's Sports Information Department and are selected via a vote by CoSIDA members from around the nation. To be eligible for All-American honors, a student-athlete must be selected as a First-Team Academic All-District performer.

Former North Knox standout Mallory Rogers to join VUVB Trailblazers

VINCENNES, Ind. – The 2021 Region 24 Champion Vincennes University Trailblazer volleyball program added local North Knox defensive specialist/libero Mallory Rogers to the 2022 recruiting class.

Mallory helped guide the Warriors to a 20-9 record this past season, ending the season with 360 digs, 60 aces and 42 set assists in 84 sets, averaging 4.29 digs per set last year. Mallory also helped North Knox win the 2021 Robinson Invitational Tournament.

Rogers is a four-year letter winner at North Knox, was twice named to the Vincennes Sun-Commercial All-Area team and was named All-Blue Chip Conference this past year.

"Mallory was a phenomenal back court player for us," North Knox Head Coach Tammy Meurer said. "When our opponent served or attacked in her vicinity, it was very difficult for them to score on us. Mallory embraced her position as libero and played with passion on the court. She approached practices with intent and it carried over to her stellar performances in our matches."

"Not only was she an amazing defender, but she was also a very effective server," Meurer added. "She could put the ball wherever I directed her to do so. I am confident that Mallory will be an asset to the Vincennes University volleyball team."

"We've had a hard time this offseason finding back row defensive specialists who can serve receive on a really consistent basis and Mallory is someone who can do that," VUVB Head Coach Gary Sien said. "One of the other things that led us to Mallory was that she started out as a setter before becoming a libero, so now we have five different players that can do a little bit of setting this year, which is never a bad thing."

"My philosophy that I have had since I began coaching at this level is that we try to look at the best local players first and then expand our recruiting out from that," Sien added. "I always feel it's best to do that so you can try to build as big of a local fan base as possible. We've done a pretty good job over the years of bringing in players from Knox, Greene, Gibson and Daviess counties, so we are always looking to add good local players."

"Coach Tammy Meurer, whose daughter Madison played for us in 2016, reached out to us with a few players that might be looking to play in college," Sien said. "Knowing that we were going to need some defensive specialists/liberos, we began looking at Mallory and she has got some really exceptional skills that we really like and that can be developed. We see quite a bit of potential, as a player and as a leader, in Mallory, which helped her stand out."

Mallory is the daughter of Doug and Yvonne Rogers and her major at Vincennes University is still undecided.

The Vincennes University Athletic Department is excited to welcome Mallory Rogers to the 2022 recruiting class.

Taylor's Ross Named CoSIDA Academic All-American

AUSTIN, Texas – Taylor's Noah Ross represented the Crossroads League on the 2021-2022 CoSIDA NAIA Men's At-Large Academic All-American Teams recently, earning his first Academic All-American nod with the Trojans.

The honor for Ross gives the Crossroads League a total of nine CoSIDA Academic All-Americans during the 2021-2022 year from the sports of soccer, volleyball, basketball and golf. Taylor has accounted for six of those awards, with Spring Arbor tallying three.

IWU, Marian Pace Crossroads League in Final Directors' Cup Standings

CLEVELAND, Ohio – The final standings for the 2021-2022 NAIA Learfield Directors' Cup were announced recently, with Indiana Wesleyan securing the top spot for the first time in school history and Marian following in sixth.

In addition to joining The Sun Conference as the only leagues in the NAIA to place multiple institutions inside the top-six, the Crossroads League also saw Taylor finish in 25th, with Grace (44th) and Huntington (45th) giving the CL a total of five teams inside the top-50.

The Learfield Directors' Cup was developed as a joint effort between the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA) and USA Today. Institutions are awarded points based on finishes from their respective teams at NAIA National Championship events and tournaments.

Heiniger Repeats as CoSIDA Academic All-American

AUSTIN, Texas – One year after becoming the first Taylor University lacrosse student-athlete to be named a CoSIDA Academic All-American, Teegan Heiniger repeated the honor, this time earning the program's first-ever First-Team Academic All-American nod.

The College of Sports Information Directors of America unveiled its list of 10 First-Team and 10 Second-Team At-Large Academic All-Americans recently, recognizing the top men's student-athletes from around the NAIA from the sports of lacrosse, rifle, skiing, fencing, swimming, tennis, golf, volleyball, gymnastics, water polo, hockey, wrestling and competitive cheer.

Heiniger earned a spot as a CoSIDA First-Team Academic All-American, as just one-of-three lacrosse athletes in the NAIA to do so. The senior concluded his career at Taylor with a 3.96 grade-point average in engineering.

The two-time Academic All-American and three-time Academic All-District performer played in every single game in the history of the Taylor men's lacrosse program during his four seasons in Upland. During that time, Heiniger became the program's all-time leader in games played, ground balls and faceoff win percentage.

Heiniger capped his decorated record-setting career with the Purple and Gold in 2022 with 15 games, 13 starts, nine goals, six assists, 59 ground balls and 101 faceoff victories for the Trojans.

In addition to his work on the field, Heiniger earned a pair of Academic All-Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference awards and will collect a second-straight NAIA Scholar-Athlete honor later this summer.

Heiniger is the only CoSIDA Academic All-American in the short four-year history of the TU men's lacrosse program.

Taylor now boasts 11 CoSIDA Academic All-American honors during the 2021-2022 year and 109 in school history, with 107 of those coming since 2010. Of those 109 CoSIDA Academic All-American honors, 57 have been First-Team selections.

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Taylor Finishes No. 25 in Final 2021-2022 NAIA Directors' Cup Standings

CLEVELAND – The final 2021-2022 NAIA Learfield Directors' Cup point totals were recently announced, with Taylor finishing 25th out of the 200 institutions in the NAIA to have at least one team compete in a national championship event. Taylor collected 469.55 points in the standings, soaring up the charts with a haul of 239.3 points during the spring seasons. The Trojans collected points from six teams during the spring, led by top-15 showings at NAIA Nationals from the TU women's golf (14th) and men's track and field programs (15th). On the year, Taylor's best team finish came from the women's cross country team ending fourth at NAIA Nationals, with women's indoor track coming in 10th and men's cross country finishing 11th.

In all, TU saw 10 teams compete at an NAIA National Championship event during the 2021-2022 year, marking Taylor's fourth-straight finish inside the top-25. Points for the Directors' Cup are based on finishes at national championship events for up to 13 sports per institution. Each school's point total value must include results from men's and women's basketball, men's soccer and volleyball, with additional points coming from the school's next highest nine sports.

Taylor Team Finishes at 2021-2022 NAIA National Championship Event

- Women's Cross Country, 4th
- Women's Indoor Track and Field, 10th
- Men's Cross Country, 11th
- Women's Golf, 14th
- Men's Outdoor Track and Field, 15th
- Baseball, 23rd
- Men's Golf, 24th
- Women's Outdoor Track and Field, 26th
- Softball, 31st
- Men's Indoor Track and Field, 53rd

FORT WAYNE, Ind. - Purdue Fort Wayne women's volleyball head coach Steve Florio has announced the schedule for the 2022 season.

The Mastodons' season has 12 home matches, 12 true road matches and five neutral site matches. There are 18 Horizon League contests, with a home-and-home for all nine league opponents.

The Horizon League Championship will be on November 19-21. The top six teams in the regular season will qualify for the Championship.

The season opens with an exhibition against Ball State on August 20. This precludes the Purdue Fort Wayne Invitational, which includes Canisius, Western Illinois and new Division I member Lindenwood. The Mastodons will play in three other tournaments hosted by Xavier (Sept. 2-3), Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 9-10) and Toledo (Sept. 16-17). Toledo played in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship a year ago.

Horizon League play opens on September 20 with defending regular season champion Milwaukee visiting the Gates Sports Center. The 'Dons head to IUPUI (Sept. 24) before welcome Green Bay (Sept. 27) three days later. The 'Dons head to Robert Morris (Sept. 30) and Youngstown State (Oct. 1) before Wright State (Oct. 7) and Northern Kentucky (Oct. 8) visit Fort Wayne. The first half of league play wraps up with a three-match road trip to Cleveland State (Oct. 14), Oakland (Oct. 15) and Green Bay (Oct. 18).

The Mastodons return home for three matches against IUPUI (Oct. 22), Youngstown State (Oct. 28) and Robert Morris (Oct. 29). Three more road matches at Milwaukee (Nov. 1), Northern Kentucky (Nov. 4), and Wright State (Nov. 5) round out the road schedule, then Oakland (Nov. 11) and Cleveland State (Nov. 12) will come to the Summit City to close the regular season.

A majority of home matches will be streamed on ESPN+ this season.

South Bend Cubs announce promotion schedule

SOUTH BEND, Indiana (June 16, 2022) – The South Bend Cubs have announced their next homestand of the 2022 season. Included in this next stretch of home games is Pride Night on Wednesday, June 22, a night dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ community and promoting acceptance and inclusion for all. In addition, the first 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a South Bend Cubs pride scarf.

Also in this homestand is PBS Kids Day, scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, featuring beloved kids' character, Molly of Denali. Another kid-friendly theme day, Dino Day, will take place Sunday, June 26, where dinosaurs will roam the concourse, and fossils will be displayed for families to enjoy.

Plus, the first 1,000 fans through the gates on the 26th will receive a South Bend Cubs trucker hat!

All homestand games take place at Four Winds Field, 501 W. South Street, South Bend. Tickets can be purchased online at SouthBendCubs.com or by calling the Box Office at 574-235-9988.

Tuesday, June 21, vs Peoria Chiefs, 7:05 p.m.

Gates open at 6 p.m.

Triple Play Tuesday: Purchase a game ticket, jumbo hot dog, and 24 oz. fountain soda for just \$13 in advance. Ticket packages purchased on game day are \$14.

Tail Wagging Tuesday: Bring your dog to the ballpark and enjoy the game. Owners must sign a waiver prior to entry.
PBS Kids Day featuring kids show character Molly of Denali.

Wednesday, June 22, vs Peoria Chiefs, 7:05 p.m.

Gates open at 6 p.m.

Pride Night: A night dedicated to celebrating the LGBTQ community and promoting acceptance and inclusion for all.

First 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a South Bend Cubs pride scarf.

Thursday, June 23, vs Peoria Chiefs, 7:05 p.m.

Gates open at 6 p.m.

Thirsty Thursday: Enjoy \$2 domestic 16-ounce draft beer and regular 24-ounce fountain sodas all game long.

Friday, June 24, vs Peoria Chiefs, 7:05 p.m.

Gates open at 5 p.m.

Fantastic Friday Fireworks will begin immediately following the game.

Saturday, June 25, vs Peoria Chiefs, 7:05 p.m.

Gates open at 5 p.m.

Spin to Win Saturday: Nine lucky fans will have the opportunity to spin a prize wheel that will land on one of six amazing prizes, including a PS5, Xbox One, 50" TV, or iPad. Fans ages 18 and older are eligible to register and must be present at the game to win.

Los Cabritos Maldichos (COPA) Day: The South Bend Cubs will transform into Los Cabritos Maldichos, "The Cursed Goats," as they honor and celebrate the tenacity and persistence of Latino players and the Latinx community.

Sunday, June 26, vs Peoria Chiefs, 2:05 p.m.

Gates open at noon.

Dino Day: *Ed's Dinosaurs Live* returns to Four Winds Field. Dinosaurs Dakota and Montana will roam the concourse, and fans can enjoy unique fossil displays on the concourse.

Sunday FUNday: Fans can meet South Bend Cubs players during a pre-game autograph session from 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. and play catch on the field from 12:45 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.

First 1,000 fans through the gates will receive a South Bend Cubs trucker hat.