

= Academic All @-@ America =

Capital One Academic All @-@ America ( sometimes CoSIDA Academic All @-@ America , Capital One Academic All @-@ America ( 2011 ? present ) , ESPN The Magazine Academic All @-@ America ( 2004 ? 2010 ) , Verizon Academic All @-@ America ( 2000 ? 04 ) or GTE Academic All @-@ America ( 1985 ? 2000 ) ) program is a student @-@ athlete recognition program . It is presented as the Capital One Academic All @-@ America Award ( formerly sponsored by ESPN The Magazine , Verizon and GTE ) and administered by College Sports Information Directors of America or CoSIDA . The program selects an honorary sports team composed of the most outstanding student athletes of a specific season for positions in various sports ? who in turn are given the honorific " Academic All @-@ American " . Since 1952 CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All @-@ American recognition on male and female athletes in Divisions I , II , and III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association ( NCAA ) as well as NAIA athletes , covering all championship sports . The phrases " Academic All @-@ America " and " Academic All @-@ American " are protected trademarks of CoSIDA .

Prior to 2011 , there were two sets of teams chosen : One for Division I and one for all other Divisions , NAIA , two @-@ year colleges and Canadian schools . In 2011 , the program was expanded to include four sets honorary teams : One for each of NCAA Divisions I , II and III as well as one for NAIA , two @-@ year colleges and Canadian schools . In each program , regional Academic All @-@ District selections are made with the first @-@ team All @-@ District selections being eligible for Academic All @-@ America team selections .

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Currently , CoSIDA is responsible for the annual selection of 816 Academic All @-@ Americans in Men 's baseball , basketball , football , soccer , and track & field / cross country and Women 's basketball , soccer , softball , volleyball , and track & field / cross country , as well as at @-@ large teams for both men and women in Division I , II and III and NAIA in all NCAA championship sports . Currently , the sports that CoSIDA recognizes as eligible for at @-@ large Academic All @-@ American recognition are Women 's bowling , Men 's and Women 's fencing , Women 's field hockey , Men 's and Women 's golf , Men 's and Women 's gymnastics , Men 's and Women 's ice hockey , Men 's and Women 's lacrosse , Men 's and Women 's rifle , Women 's rowing , Men 's and Women 's skiing , Men 's and Women 's swimming , Men 's and Women 's tennis , Men 's volleyball , Men 's and Women 's water polo , and Men 's wrestling . Athletes in each sport are selected by their respective governing bodies ( e.g. U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for track and field , American Volleyball Coaches Association for volleyball and United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association for lacrosse )

Capital One became the named sponsor of the program on January 31 , 2011 . CoSIDA has registered a trademark for the name , " Academic All @-@ America " which it uses for its student @-@ athlete recognition program . The Capital One Academic All @-@ America program administered by CoSIDA is not related to such programs administered or sponsored by coaches ' organizations . As a result , cease and desist orders have been granted to protect the trademark at times . Various sports that have similar programs have had to use names such as All @-@ Academic to recognize scholar athletes .

Prior to the relationship with Capital One , the Academic All @-@ American Award has had other named corporate sponsors such as ESPN , Verizon and Verizon 's corporate predecessor GTE who were sponsors from 1985 until the mid @-@ 2000s . In 1981 , the National Collegiate Athletic Association sponsored the program . From 1985 until the 1999 ? 2000 academic year the honorees were called GTE All @-@ Americans , but during the 2000 ? 01 academic year they became known as Verizon All @-@ Americans when Verizon acquired GTE . Verizon continued to be the named

sponsor through the 2003 ? 04 academic year when they did not renew their rights . ESPN the Magazine became the sponsor during the 2004 ? 05 academic year and remained sponsor until September 2010 . Fall 2010 teams , continued to bear the ESPN sponsorship name . Capital one took over the sponsorship in January 2011 .

= = = Process = = =

Initially , team selections were composed of both a University Division , made up of Division I participants , and a College Division , made up of Division II , Division III , NAIA , and 2 @-@ year colleges . First , second and third team selections are made for both divisions in most Academic All @-@ America programs . However , the football programs only select a first and second team . The football University Division includes both Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision . In 2011 , the program was expanded to incorporate four sets of teams : Division I , Division II , Division III and a College division that includes NAIA institutions , two @-@ year colleges and Canadian schools .

Nominations must be made on the CoSIDA website by a current dues @-@ paying member with a CoSIDA @-@ issued user name and password for the academic year at issue . Formerly , nominations were made by pen and ink and then with typewritten nominations . The CoSIDA members nominate student @-@ athletes only from the academic institution that they are affiliated with . The nominees must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3 @. @ 30 cumulative grade point average ( on a 4 @. @ 0 scale ) at his / her current institution . Nominees must have participated in at least 50 percent of the team ? s games at the position listed on the nomination form ( where applicable ) . In baseball and softball , pitchers must have at least 10 @. @ 0 innings pitched . Nominees are ineligible until the completion of one full calendar year at his / her current institution and attainment of sophomore athletic eligibility . Transfers , graduate students and two @-@ year college graduates must have completed one full calendar year at the nominating institution to be eligible . Graduate school nominees must have a cumulative GPA of 3 @. @ 30 or better both as an undergraduate and in graduate school . Except for at @-@ large program , there are no limits in the number of athletes an institution may nominate . In the at @-@ large program , nominations are limited to three per school per gender ( a total of three men 's at @-@ large candidates and three women 's at @-@ large candidates ) . If an institution participates in both the college and the university divisions , it may nominate a total of three men and three women between the two divisions .

In each program , All @-@ District selections are elected by the CoSIDA membership with the resulting first @-@ team All @-@ District selections advancing to the national ballot for Academic All @-@ America team selections . The national ballot is cast by members of the Academic All @-@ America Committee and the CoSIDA Board of Directors . Each program also recognizes a single athlete for both the University and College Divisions who are referred to as Academic All @-@ America of the Year .

In addition , there is an annual selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America and its Academic All @-@ America sponsor of the individual athlete selected as the most outstanding Academic All @-@ America of the approximately 1640 annual selections . Starting in 2012 , one winner will be chosen for each division : Division I , Division II , Division III and a College division that includes NAIA institutions , two @-@ year colleges and Canadian schools . Between 1996 and 2011 one winner each was chosen from both the College and University Divisions ' 816 annual selections . Between 1988 and 1995 one winner was chosen per year .

= = Team Member of the Year = =

See : List of Academic All @-@ America Team Members of the Year

During the 1987 ? 88 academic year , CoSIDA began selecting one student as the most outstanding team member of the year . In 1996 , CoSIDA began selecting two outstanding team members yearly , one each from the College division and the University division . In 2011 ? 12 ,

when the program was expanded to include four sets of teams ( Division I , Division II , Division III and a college division ) , four winners were chosen , one from each division .