



CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® TEAM
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**CLAY GARCIA OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
LEADS CAPITAL ONE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION II
FOOTBALL TEAM**

TOWSON, Md. – Quarterback **Clay Garcia** of Colorado School of Mines headlines the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

A Material Mechanics major with a 3.91 G.P.A., Garcia has been named as the winner of the Division II Academic All-America® of the Year award for the football team.

The Capital One Division II Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division II national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2011-12 D-II Academic All-America® teams program.

Four members of the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football first team and eight members of the second team represent teams that qualified for the NCAA Division II Football Championship, including two first team members from St. Cloud State.

Ohio Dominican led all schools with three first team selections while Indianapolis, St. Cloud State and Fairmont State each had two first team selections.

A two-year starter, Garcia led the Miners to an 8-3 record this season. A repeat selection as a member of the Capital One Academic All-America® Football first team, he completed 273-of-435 passes for 3,123 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2011. A two-time selection as All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference first team, he is ranked 10th in NCAA Division II, averaging 283.45 passing yards per game.

A finalist for the 2011 William V. Campbell Trophy, which includes a \$25,000 post-graduate scholarship, Garcia is also a finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy as the top player in NCAA Division II. Garcia, who led the Orediggers to the RMAC championship, the Alamosa, Col. native finished his career with 7,542 yards and 61 touchdowns.

Three senior wide receivers were named to the first team. **Taylor Fore** of Texas A&M-Commerce, **Ryan Fornet** of Indianapolis and **Devin Goda** of Slippery Rock earned first team honors.

A Kinesiology major with a 4.0 G.P.A., Fore was named as the Lone Star Conference's Academic Player of the Year. He tied a school record by catching 58 passes for 561 yards and two touchdowns. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, he also returned punts for the Lions, averaging 8.8 yards per return. Fornet, a graduate student working on his Master's degree in Business Administration with a 3.50 G.P.A., was one of the leading receivers in NCAA Division II. A first team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, he caught 80 passes for 1,131 yards and 11 touchdowns for the Greyhounds. A three-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference selection, Goda is a Safety Management major with a 3.62 G.P.A. The second-leading receiver in the conference, he caught 75 passes for 1,028 yards and 11 touchdowns. A native of Monongahela, Pa., Goda led Slippery Rock to an 8-3 record and a runner-up finish in the PSAC.

A senior Business major with a 3.68 G.P.A., **Zach Delo** of Seton Hill was named as the tight end on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division II first team. A native of Ambridge, Pa., Delo caught 33 passes for 379 yards and a touchdown en route to All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors for the third consecutive season.

Seniors **Mike Noffsinger** of Ohio Dominican and **Josh Renel** of Wayne State are the running backs on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division II first team. A Business Administration major with a 3.72 G.P.A., Noffsinger is one of three Ohio Dominican players who were named to the first team. A second team all-conference selection, Noffsinger ran for 1,242 yards while leading the Panthers to a 7-4 record. The 16th-

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leading rusher in the nation, the West Branch, Mich. native scored 13 touchdowns. A Marketing major with a 3.63 G.P.A., Renel is Wayne State's second-leading rusher with 1,262 rushing yards and 14 touchdowns. A native of Rochester Hills, Mich., he is averaging 148.3 all-purpose yards per game. Renel has helped Wayne State reach the NCAA Division II semi-finals with an 11-3 record. The Warriors, who eliminated defending champion Minnesota-Duluth last week, will face Winston-Salem in the semi-finals this week.

Senior **Ben Vulop** of Ohio Dominican joins **James Kee** of Harding, **Andrew Mansaray** of Indianapolis, **Sean McGowan** of Chadron State and **Matt Theis** of St. Cloud State as the offensive linemen on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division II football first team.

A three-year starter at guard, Vulop is a Biology major with a 3.79 G.P.A. A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he helped the Panthers post a 7-4 record and made 38 career starts. A Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major with a 3.87 G.P.A., Kee was a three-year starter at guard for Harding. A native of Searcy, Ark., he blocked for the top rushing offense in the nation as the Bison averaged an NCAA-leading 369 yards per game. A graduate student pursuing his Master's of Business Administration degree with a 3.87 G.P.A., Mansaray was a three-year starter at Indianapolis. An honorable mention all-conference choice, he played guard and tackle for the Greyhounds, who were 7-4 this season.

A two-time All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Association second team selection, McGowan is a three-year starter at center who postponed medical school admission to play his final year at Chadron State. A Biology major with a 3.90 G.P.A., he helped the Eagles post a 6-5 record. An Accounting major with a 3.76 G.P.A., Theis led No. 14 St. Cloud State to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title and an NCAA playoff berth. A three-year starter at tackle, he earned all-conference honors three times. An Eden Valley, Minn. native, Theis guided St. Cloud to a 9-3 record.

A graduate student working on his M.B.A., **Frank Keenan** of Fairmont State is the place kicker on the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Football Division II first team. A second team All-WVIAC pick, the Byfleet, England native scored 70 points, making 10 field goals and hitting 40-of-41 extra point attempts.

Senior linebacker **Ian Wild** of Mercyhurst leads the defensive unit of the Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football first team. A Business and Finance major with a 3.91 G.P.A., he earned first team honors for the second straight year. A three-time selection as All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Wild led Mercyhurst with 90 tackles despite missing three games with an injury. Wild recorded double-digit tackles in six games and had a team-leading seven sacks with five forced fumbles. He finished his career with 304 tackles, eighth on the Lakers' all-time list.

Seniors **Alex Whitehill** of Fort Hays State and **Lee Meisner** of Colorado State-Pueblo are the other two linebackers on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football first team.

A Nursing major with a 3.56 G.P.A., Whitehill led NCAA Division II with 164 tackles, just five short of the national record. A two-time All-MIAA selection, he was a pre-season All-American honoree who made 20 tackles in three different games this season. A Business Management major with a 3.91 G.P.A., Meisner was named as the Regional Defensive Player of the Year after leading Colorado State-Pueblo to an 11-0 regular season record and the number one seed in the Division II playoffs. The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference champion Thunderwolves lost in the opening round of the playoffs. A native of Sterling, Col., he made 98 tackles with four interceptions.

Due to a tie in the voting, there were five defensive linemen on the Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football first team. Seniors **Matthew Schwartz** of St. Cloud State and **Lincoln Smith** of Northern State were joined on the first team by juniors **Jacob Clark** of Michigan Tech and **Kenny Smith** of Missouri Southern State. Sophomore **Garrett Wilcox** of Ohio Dominican rounds out the defensive line.

A Finance major with a 3.84 G.P.A., Schwartz earned first team All-NSIC honors at defensive end. While helping St. Cloud State to a 9-3 record and the NSIC championship, he made 37 tackles, including 9.5 tackles for lost yardage. A Management major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Smith made 31 tackles for the Wolves. A native of Phillip, S.D., he had five tackles for lost yardage and three sacks.

A Civil Engineering major with a 3.96 G.P.A., Clark helped Michigan Tech lead the GLIAC in defense by making 42 tackles with 6.5 tackles for lost yardage and four sacks. The Lansing, Mich. native recovered two fumbles. A Biology major with a 3.67 G.P.A., Smith was named second team All-MIAA for Missouri Southern

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State. A native of Claremore, Okla., he made 45 tackles and led the Lions with 13 tackles for lost yardage while recording six sacks.

Senior **Shawn Sopic** of Clarion joins juniors **Trent deBraga** of Colorado Mesa, **Brett Ginn** of Central Missouri and **Dewey McDonald** of Fairmont State in the secondary.

A Chemistry major with a 3.91 G.P.A., Sopic was a four-year starter at safety at Clarion. The Golden Eagles' team captain, he missed the 2010 season with an injury. A native of Curwensville, Pa., he made 64 tackles as a senior and finished his career with 229 tackles and five interceptions. A Criminal Justice major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A., deBraga was named third team All-RMAC for the Mavericks. He was second on the team with 103 tackles and intercepted three passes, returning two for touchdowns. He also led the RMAC with a 29.1 kickoff return average.

A Finance major with a 3.98 G.P.A., Ginn was Central Missouri's third-leading tackler with 57 tackles. He also intercepted two passes. A two-time All-WVIAC pick, McDonald has a double major of Business Management and Sport Management with a 3.92 G.P.A. He was second on the team with 73 tackles with one interception.

Senior punter **Frank Atherton** of Fort Lewis rounds out the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football first team. A Kamuela, Hawaii native, Atherton averaged 37.3 yards per punt and placed 22 of his 83 punts inside the 20-yard line. Atherton has a double major of Exercise Science and Exercise Specialist with a 4.00 G.P.A.

The 26 members of the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Football first team have a 3.84 average G.P.A.

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Capital One 2011 Academic All-America® Division III Football Team

Academic All-American of the Year: Clay Garcia, Colorado School of Mines

FIRST TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Clay Garcia (1)	Colorado School of Mines	Gr.	Alamosa, Col.	3.91	Material Mechanics
WR	Taylor Fore	Texas A&M -Commerce	Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas	4.00	Kinesiology
WR	Ryan Forney	Indianapolis	Gr.	Crown Point, Ind.	3.50	M.B.A.
WR	Devin Goda	Slippery Rock	Sr.	Monongahela, Pa.	3.62	Safety Management
TE	Zach Delo	Seton Hill	Sr.	Ambridge, Pa.	3.85	Business
RB	Mike Noffsinger	Ohio Dominican	Sr.	West Branch, Mich.	3.72	Business Administration
RB	Josh Renel	Wayne State	Sr.	Rochester Hills, Mich.	3.63	Marketing
OL	James Kee	Harding	Sr.	Searcy, Ark.	3.87	Biochemistry, Molecular Biology
OL	Andrew Mansaray	Indianapolis	Gr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	3.87	M.B.A.
OL	Sean McGowan	Chadron State	Sr.	Lakewood, Colo.	3.90	Biology
OL	Matt Theis	St. Cloud State	Sr.	Eden Valley, Minn.	3.76	Accounting
OL	Ben Vulhop	Ohio Dominican	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.79	Biology
K	Frank Keenan	Fairmont State	Gr.	Byfleet, England	4.00	M.B.A.
DB	Trent deBraga	Colorado Mesa	Jr.	Fallon, Nev.	4.00	Criminal Justice
DB	Brett Ginn	Central Missouri	Jr.	Arlington, Texas	3.98	Finance
DB	Dewey McDonald	Fairmont State	Jr.	Ranson, W.Va.	3.92	Business Mgmt.,Sports Mgmt.
DB	Shawn Sopic	Clarion	Sr.	Curwensville, Pa.	3.91	Chemistry
LB	Lee Meisner	Colorado State-Pueblo	Sr.	Sterling, Colo.	3.91	Business Management
LB	Alex Whitehill	Fort Hays State	Sr.	McPherson, Kan.	3.56	Nursing
LB	Ian Wild (1)	Mercyhurst	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.91	Business and Finance
DL	Jacob Clark	Michigan Tech	Jr.	Lansing, Mich.	3.96	Civil Engineering
DL	Matthew Schwartz	St. Cloud State	Sr.	Lino Lakes, Minn.	3.84	Finance
DL	Kenny Smith	Missouri Southern State	Jr.	Claremore, Okla.	3.67	Biology
DL	Lincoln Smith	Northern State	Sr.	Phillip, S.D.	3.97	Management
DL	Garrett Wilcox	Ohio Dominican	So.	Streetsboro, Ohio	3.73	Business administration
P	Frank Atherton	Fort Lewis	Sr.	Kamuela, Hawaii	4.00	Exercise Science, Exercise Spec.

SECOND TEAM

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA	Major
QB	Trevor Adams	NW Missouri State	So.	Odessa, Texas	4.00	Biology/Psychology
WR	Josh Smith	Kutztown	Sr.	West Lawn, Pa.	3.76	Secondary Education
TE	Brian Leonhardt	Bemidji State	Jr.	Blaine, Minn.	3.68	Business Administration
RB	Mike Frenette	Shippensburg	Jr.	Carlisle, Pa.	3.38	Accounting
RB	Eric Love	Pittsburg State	Sr.	Cozad, Neb.	3.68	Construction Engineering
OL	Tyler Hodgson	Mars Hill	Sr.	Woodstock, Ga.	3.69	Business Administration
OL	A.J. Hopp	Slippery Rock	Sr.	Akron, Ohio	3.70	Criminal Justice
OL	John Irwin	New Haven	Sr.	Burlington, N.J.	3.77	Fire Science
OL	Austin Lowe	Wingate	Gr.	Salisbury, N.C.	3.69	Accounting
OL	Chet Welc	California (Pa.)	Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	3.60	Secondary Education
K	David Nadeau	Minnesota Duluth	Sr.	White Bear Lake, Minn.	3.67	Civil Engineering
DB	Pat Kane	Walsh	Sr.	Bolivar, Ohio	3.99	Chemistry/Pre-Med
DB	Tyler Maner	Midwestern State	Sr.	Fredericksburg, Tex.	3.84	Finance
DB	Brody Scheff	Bemidji State	Sr.	Waconia, Minn.	3.65	Business
DB	Branden Williams	Edinboro	Jr.	Eastlake, Ohio	3.55	Elementary/Special Education
LB	Mike Dum	Indianapolis	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.73	Finance
LB	Casey Popenfoose	Upper Iowa	Sr.	Huntley, Ill.	3.98	Physical Education
LB	Alex Wong	Missouri Southern St.	Jr.	Vallejo, Calif	3.65	Biology
DL	Andrew Bukta	Mercyhurst	Gr.	Edinburg, Pa.	3.72	Financial Planning
DL	James Cannell	Texas A&M - Kingsville	Jr.	El Campo, Texas	3.92	Accounting
DL	Scott Schultz	New Haven	Sr.	Wayne, N.J.	3.81	Political Science
P	Jake Denzer	Arkansas Tech	Sr.	Elkins, Ark.	3.59	Social Studies Education

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