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SIERRA KOTCHMAN OF FAIRMONT STATE, DALTON BOLON OF WEST LIBERTY SPOTLIGHT CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® DIVISION II BASKETBALL TEAMS

AUSTIN, Texas – Fairmont State University senior guard **Sierra Kotchman** and West Liberty University graduate student guard **Dalton Bolon** headline the Academic All-America® Division II Men's and Women's Basketball teams, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The 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 2020-21 Division II Academic All-America® teams program.

Kotchman was selected as the recipient of the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for NCAA Division II women's basketball, while Bolon was tabbed the recipient of the Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year for NCAA Division II men's basketball.

Kotchman is the all-time leading scorer in Mountain East Conference history and currently ranks third in the Fairmont State record books with 2,032 career points scored. During the 2020-21 season, Kotchman averaged 23.5 points per game, which ranked No. 3 in the country in scoring. She also ranked No. 4 in the nation in three-point field goals per game (3.35) and finished the season shooting 38.5 percent from beyond the arc (57-of-148).

The NCAA Division II active career scoring leader is a three-time All-MEC first-team honoree. Kotchman also finished the 2020-21 season averaging 3.8 rebounds per game, 2.1 assists per contest and 1.4 steals per outing. She had 11 20-point performances this season and scored 30 or more points in a pair of games. The native of Washington, Pa., is making her second appearance on the Division II Academic All-America® team after earning third-time honors on the 2019-20 team. She graduated this spring with her degree in business administration with a 3.97 GPA.

Bolon has reached All-America status each of the last three seasons at West Liberty, including the D2CCA All-America and the NABC Division II All-America teams this season after guiding the Hilltoppers to the Elite Eight round of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

The two-time Mountain East Conference Player of the Year is the NCAA Division II active career scoring leader with 2,247 career points and 349 career three-point field goals. During the 2020-21 season, he ranked No. 10 in total points scored (490) and No. 24 in points per game (21.3). Bolon has reached double figures in 102 of his 116 career games. The native of Gnadenhutten, Ohio, is making his third appearance on the Division II Academic All-America® team (second team in 2018-19 and first team in 2019-20). Bolon has already completed his undergraduate degree in biology with a 3.85 GPA and is currently working on a master's degree as a Physician's Assistant.

Ten of the 15 members of the 2020-21 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II Women's Basketball teams have at least a 3.90 G.P.A., with four student-athletes maintaining a perfect 4.00 GPA. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.98.

The 2020-21 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II Women's Basketball teams have three repeat performers – Kotchman, **Erin Norling** (Wayne State College), **Denali Pinto** (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University) and **Irisa Ye** (University of the Sciences) – from last year's CoSIDA Academic All-America® teams.

Thirteen of the 15 members of the 2020-21 CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II Men's Basketball teams have at least a 3.80 GPA, with two student-athletes maintaining a perfect 4.00 GPA. The five members of the first team have an average GPA of 3.89.

The CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II Men's Basketball teams have four repeat performers – **Dalton Bolon** (West Liberty University), **Elijah Jenkins** (Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University), **John Paul Kromka** (University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown) and **Tyler Riemersma** (Augustana University) – from last year's CoSIDA Academic All-America® teams.

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

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2020-21 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball Team Division II

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Dalton Bolon (1, #)	West Liberty University	Gr.	3.85/4.00	Physician's Assistant
Parker Fox	Northern State University	Sr.	3.81	Sport Management
Trenton Gibson	Tusculum University	Sr.	3.96	Sport Management
Chandler Jacobs	Dallas Baptist University	Sr.	3.88	Accounting
John Paul Kromka (3)	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Jr.	3.94	Mechanical Engineering

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Elijah Jenkins (3)	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Fla.)	Sr.	3.97	Mechanical Engineering
Sam Orf	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Sr.	3.82	Sports & Fitness Management
Tyler Riemersma (3)	Augustana University	Sr.	3.90	Data Science
Brendan Sullivan	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	3.83	Civil Engineering
Jared Vitztum	Fort Hays State University	Gr.	3.92 /4.00	Business Administration

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Harry Cavell	Seattle Pacific University	Gr.	3.84/3.67	Data Analytics (G)
Adam Dworsky	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Sr.	3.81	Mathematics
Conley Garrison	Drury University	Sr.	3.72	Business
Ronnie Silva	Adelphi University	Jr.	3.63	Sports Management
Owen White	Michigan Technological University	Jr.	3.82	Mechanical Engineering

CoSIDA Academic All-America® Team Member of the Year: Dalton Bolon, West Liberty University

(1) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II second team selection in 2019-20

(3) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II third team selection in 2019-20

(#) – CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division II second team selection in 2018-19



2020-21 Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Team Division II

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Sierra Kotchman (3)	Fairmont State University	Sr.	3.97	Business Administration
Maria Kuhlman	Belmont Abbey College	Sr.	3.99	Theology
Denali Pinto (1)	Colorado School of Mines	Jr.	4.00	Chemical Engineering
Nikki Tucker	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (FL)	Sr.	4.00	Aerospace Physiology
Irisa Ye (1)	University of the Sciences	Sr.	3.95	Biomedical Sciences

SECOND TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Allie Downing	Belmont Abbey College	Sr.	3.98	Accounting / Business Management
Riley Fitzwater	Concord University	Sr.	3.68	Sports Management
Cara Liggins	Point Loma	Gr.	3.97 / 4.00	Business (UG) / MBA (G)
Brynne Lytle	Christian Brothers University	Sr.	3.79	Biomedical Sciences
Paige Robinson	Drury University	Jr.	3.52	Marketing

THIRD TEAM

Name	School	Yr.	GPA	Major
Maighan Hedge	Cameron University	Jr.	3.96	Sports & Exercise Science
Lexy Hightower	West Texas A&M University	Gr.	3.75/3.70	Sports & Exercise Science
Lauren Lister	Millersville University	Sr.	3.66	Childhood Education
Erin Norling (2)	Wayne State College	Sr.	3.93	Biology / Pre-Physician Assistant
Whitney Randall	Fort Hays State University	Sr.	4.00	Health & Human Performance

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