



Great Northwest Athletic Conference

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SPU's David Downs GNAC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year (June 12, 2013)

Male Scholar Athlete	1st	2nd	3rd	Tot.
David Downs, SPU	6	1	0	20
Stephen Marshall, NNU	2	5	0	16
Chris Olsen, WOU	1	1	3	8
Liam Gibcus, UAA	0	2	3	7
Chris Mitchell, WWU	1	0	3	6
Thomas Chameraud, MSUB	0	1	1	3

Note: Points awarded on 3-2-1 basis.

PORTLAND, Ore. – Seattle Pacific University basketball player Dave Downs has been voted the *2012-13 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year*.

Downs received six of the 10 first-place votes from the conference's athletic directors outpointing Northwest Nazarene soccer player Stephen Marshall 20-16 to win the award.

He is just the second basketball player in the 12-year history of the conference to win the award, joining Tony Binetti of Seattle Pacific who was the scholar-athlete winner during the 2005-06 season.

Downs, who is an accounting major, has a 3.82 grade point average.

Earlier this winter, he was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-American team for the second year in a row.

Downs, who earned second team Academic All-American honors last year, was a third team selection this season.

He is the first men's basketball player in GNAC history to receive Academic All-American honors twice. He has also twice been named to the GNAC Academic All-Conference team.

Downs averaged 14.2 points and 5.5 assists this past season leading the Falcons to a 27-4 record and the GNAC conference tournament championship.

SPU's win total equaled its school record and its winning percentage (87.1) established a new school mark.

Downs was also named to the GNAC all-conference first team for the second year in a row and was selected the Most Valuable Player in the conference tournament as he led the Falcons to a 72-70 upset of regular-season champion Western Washington.

By virtue of winning the conference academic award, Downs is now a candidate for the *Conference Commissioners Scholar-Athlete of the Year* award, which will be selected this summer.

GNAC Scholar-Athletes-of-the-Year

Years	Winner
2001-02	Erik Totten, Western Washington (Football)
2002-03	Tobias Schwoerer, Alaska Anchorage (Cross Country)
2003-04	Rob White, Western Washington (Football)
2004-05	Nathan Carlson, Saint Martin's (Cross Country & Track)
2005-06	*Tony Binetti, Seattle Pacific (Basketball)
2006-07	*Adam Jensen, Seattle (Soccer)
2007-08	*Keith Lemay, Western Washington (Cross Country & Track and Field) Jarred Rensvold, Montana State Billings (Cross Country & Track and Field)
2008-09	Sam Charles, Montana State Billings (Soccer)
2009-10	*Sam Charles, Montana State Billings (Soccer)
2010-11	Adam Bighill, Central Washington (Football)
2011-12	Alex Harrison, Western Washington (Track and Field)
2012-13	David Downs, Seattle Pacific (Basketball)

*Conference Commissioners Regional winner.