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Pioneer Football League Announces 20th Annual Academic All-PFL Teams

SAINT LOUIS, Mo. – Fifty Pioneer Football League student-athletes have been selected to the 20th annual Academic All-PFL teams, as selected by the league's sports information directors.

There are seven repeat selections to the league's academic squads. Drake senior linebacker **Tyler Moorehead** became the 28th student-athlete to receive first-team Academic All-PFL honors three times during their career. Campbell junior running back **Kurt Odom**, San Diego offensive lineman **Matthew Peleti**, San Diego defensive back **Robbie Beathard**, Campbell linebacker **Colten Burris**, San Diego defensive lineman **Blake Oliaro** and Morehead State kicker **Rainer Duzan** earned first-team honors for the second consecutive season.

Butler junior defensive back **Jayme Szafranski** was named to the Capital One Academic All-America® Division I Football Teams, last Thursday. He was one of a group of 16 student-athletes who were named to their respective Capital One Academic All-District teams in November.

Pioneer Football League athletic directors established the Academic All-PFL squads in 1993 as a way to recognize the league's outstanding student-athletes. To be eligible for Academic All-PFL consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00 and reached sophomore standing both athletically and academically at his current institution.

2012 Academic All-PFL Team Breakdown

Team	TOTAL	1ST	2ND
Butler	9	5	4
Campbell	8	3	5
Davidson	4	1	3
Dayton	10	4	6
Drake	6	5	1
Jacksonville	2	0	2
Marist	1	1	0
Morehead State	1	1	0
San Diego	6	5	1
Valparaiso	3	0	3
TOTAL	50	25	25

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2012 Academic All-Pioneer Football League First Team

(as selected by PFL sports information directors)

Student-Athlete	School	Pos.	Class	Hometown	GPA	Major (Minor)
OFFENSE						
Zach Bosch	Drake	OL	Sr.	Tuscola, Ill.	3.39	Law Politics & Society
Trae Heeter	Butler	RB	Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.19	Science and Technology
Grant Huckestein (D)	Dayton	RB	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.76	Mechanical Engineering
Max Jacques (D)	Marist	RB	So.	Salem, N.H.	3.50	Communications
Matt Lancaster	Butler	QB	Jr.	West Lafayette, Ind.	3.33	Chemistry
Mason Mills	San Diego	QB	Jr.	Coronado, Calif.	3.18	Biology
Derek O'Connor	Butler	WR	So.	Bourbannais, Ill.	3.57	Chemistry
Kurt Odom (1,D)	Campbell	RB	Jr.	Robbinsville, N.C.	3.95	Kinesiology
Matthew Peleti (1,D)	San Diego	OL	Sr.	Laguna Niguel, Calif.	3.62	Finance
Robert Strong (D)	Dayton	WR	Sr.	Detroit, Mich.	3.63	Chemical Engineering
Matt Storey	Butler	OL	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.73	Mechanical Engineering & Math
DEFENSE						
Robbie Beathard (1,D)	San Diego	DB	Jr.	San Diego, Calif.	3.80	Accountancy
Matt Bianco (D)	Dayton	DB	So.	Strongsville, Ohio	3.60	Pre-Med
Colten Burris (1,D)	Campbell	LB	So.	Albemarle, N.C.	3.95	Information Technology and Security
Brandon Coleman (D)	Drake	DL	Sr.	Cary, Ill.	3.63	Secondary Education
Joe Janasek (D)	Dayton	DB	Sr.	Solon, Ohio	3.55	Pre-Physical Therapy
Troy McClelland (D)	San Diego	DB	So.	San Diego, Calif.	3.85	Accountancy
Travis Merritt (D)	Drake	LB	Jr.	Johnston, Iowa	3.75	Biology
Tyler Moorehead (3x, 1)	Drake	LB	Sr.	Mason City, Iowa	3.58	Pharmacy
Blake Oliaro (1,D)	San Diego	DL	Jr.	Folsom, Calif.	3.57	Mechanical Engineering
Mike Ratelle (D)	Drake	DB	Sr.	Edina, Mich.	3.52	Accounting
Jayne Szafranski (AA, D)	Butler	DB	Jr.	Barrington, Ill.	3.81	Finance
SPECIAL TEAMS						
Sam Eberwein (D)	Campbell	K	Sr.	Clayton, N.C.	4.00 (under) 3.67 (grad)	Dr. of Pharmacy & MBA joint degree program
Rainer Duzan (1)	Morehead State	K	Sr.	Dublin, Ohio	3.54	Accounting
Chazzo Habliston	Davidson	P/K	Sr.	Alexandria, Va.	3.29	Economics

Notes in parentheses: 3x – player is a three-time first-team Academic All-PFL selection; 1-was a first-team selection in 2011; AA-Capital One Academic All-America Team Selection; D-Capital One First-Team Academic All-District Selection.

2012 Academic All-Pioneer Football League Second Team

(as selected by PFL sports information directors)

Student-Athlete	School	Pos.	Class	Hometown	GPA	Major (Minor)
OFFENSE						
Will Bardo	Dayton	QB	So.	Ft. Thomas, Ky.	3.34	Mechanical Engineering
Stuart Barkley	Valparaiso	OL	So.	Overland Park, Kan.	3.54	Mechanical Engineering
Tom Corcoran	Dayton	OL	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.	3.41	Communications Management
Avery Fuhs	Drake	OL	Sr.	Chariton, Iowa	3.45	Biology
Lanny Funsten	Davidson	WR	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C.	3.03	Political Science
Matt Jenson	Butler	TE	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis.	3.73	Biology
Bill Petraiuolo	Dayton	OL	Sr.	Highland Heights, Ohio	3.45	Pre-Med
Will Sawyer	Campbell	OL	So.	Elizabeth City, N.C.	3.43	Biology
Matt Schroll	Valparaiso	OL	Sr.	Michigan City, Ind.	3.52	Marketing and Sports Management
Brendan Shannon	Butler	WR	Jr.	Lombard, Ill.	3.33	Science and Technology
Dakota Wolf	Campbell	QB	Jr.	Stanley, Va.	3.42	Business Administration
DEFENSE						
Adam Dulberger	Davidson	DB	Sr.	Myersville, Md.	3.49	Biology
Zach Dunaj	San Diego	LB	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif.	3.33	Accountancy
Alex Grask	Valparaiso	DB	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.	3.39	International Business
Taylor Marsh	Jacksonville	LB	Sr.	Jupiter, Fla.	3.53	Accounting
Colin Monnier	Dayton	LB	Sr.	Chicago, Ill.	3.48	Pre-Med
Patrick Moynahan	Davidson	LB	Sr.	Sandwich, Mass.	3.34	Classics
Matt Pflieger	Dayton	DB	Sr.	Knoxville, Tenn.	3.41	Marketing/ Pre-Med
Juan Pimienta	Jacksonville	DL	Jr.	Apopka, Fla.	3.05	Sociology
Jordan Ridley	Butler	LB	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	3.25	Science and Technology
Mike Rudisill	Campbell	LB	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	3.52	Psychology
Lucas Smith	Campbell	DL	So.	Rockwall, Texas	3.60	Physical Education
SPECIAL TEAMS						
Adam Lutz	Campbell	K	So.	Waxhaw, N.C.	3.31	Graphic Design
Kyle Pignatiello	Dayton	P	So.	Tipp City, Ohio	3.36	Sport Management
Brett Thomaston	Butler	K	Sr.	Frankfort, Ill.	3.46	Criminal Justice