



## MAC ANNOUNCES 2011 FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-MAC TEAM

*35 Student-Athletes are honored in voting by conference Faculty Athletic Representatives*

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**Cleveland, Ohio** – The Mid-American Conference announced its 2011 Football Academic All-MAC team Thursday, as voted by faculty athletic representatives at MAC institutions. A total of 35 student-athletes were named to the 2011 team.

Eastern Michigan (**Alex Gillett, Austin Karcher, Jay Karutz, Andy Mulumba, Marlon Pollard, Willie Williams**) topped the 2011 Academic All-MAC squad with six selections, followed by Northern Illinois (**Chandler Harnish, Nabal Jefferson, Ryan Neir, Keith Otis, Joe Pawlak**) with five selections.

Central Michigan (**Brian Bennyhoff, Mike Petrucci, Ryan Radcliff, Cody Wilson**) and Toledo (**Ryan Casano, Zac Kerin, Dan Molls, Mike VanDerMeulen**) each had four honorees. Ball State (**Jordan Hansel, Scott Kovanda, Briggs Orsbon**), Kent State (**Spencer Keith, Matt Rinehart, Jacquise Terry**), Western Michigan (**Ben Armer, John Potter, Mitch Zajac**) each had three selections.

Buffalo (**Alex Neutz, Colby Way**) and Miami (**Anthony Kokal, Mason Krysinski**) both placed two on the team. Akron (**Nico Caponi**), Ohio (**Matt Weller**) and Temple (**Ryan Alderman**) rounded out the selections.

Three-time selections include Briggs Orsbon (Ball State), Jacquise Terry (Kent State), Chandler Harnish (Northern Illinois), Ben Armer (Western Michigan) and John Potter (Western Michigan).

Two-time selections include Scott Kovanda (Ball State), Mike Petrucci (Central Michigan), Cody Wilson (Central Michigan), Alex Gillett (Eastern Michigan), Spencer Keith (Kent State), Nabal Jefferson (Northern Illinois), Joe Pawlak (Northern Illinois), Dan Molls (Toledo), Mike VanDerMeulen (Toledo) and Mitch Zajac (Western Michigan).

The Academic All-MAC honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport. First-year students and junior college transfers in their first year of residence are not eligible for the award.

The number of honorees on the Academic All-MAC team is equivalent to the number of first-team selections or 33% of the number of nominees, whichever is greater. The remaining student-athletes have been recognized as Academic Honorable Mention selections.

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### **2011 Academic All-MAC**

Nico Caponi, Akron, Sophomore, 3.56 GPA, Civil Engineering (Sandusky, Ohio)  
Jordan Hansel, Ball State, Sophomore, 3.26 GPA, Communication Studies (Covington, Ky.)  
& Scott Kovanda, Ball State, Junior, 3.90 GPA, Finance (Hartland, Mich.)  
& @Briggs Orsbon, Ball State, Senior, 4.00 GPA, Finance and Risk Management (Convoy, Ohio)  
Alex Neutz, Buffalo, Sophomore, 3.49 GPA, Management (Grand Island, N.Y.)  
Colby Way, Buffalo, Sophomore, 3.73 GPA, Computer Engineering (State College, Pa.)  
Brian Bennyhoff, Central Michigan, Senior, 3.97 GPA, Accounting (Saline, Mich.)  
& Mike Petrucci, Central Michigan, Senior, 3.71 GPA, Mathematics (Milford, Mich.)  
Ryan Radcliff, Central Michigan, Junior, 3.48 GPA, Accounting (Sherwood, Ohio)  
& Cody Wilson, Central Michigan, Junior, 3.75 GPA, Marketing (Rochester Hills, Mich.)  
& Alex Gillett, Eastern Michigan, Junior, 3.43 GPA, Biology (Green Springs, Ohio)  
Austin Karcher, Eastern Michigan, Senior, 3.98 GPA, Physical Education (Saline, Mich.)  
Jay Karutz, Eastern Michigan, Junior, 3.93 GPA, Individualized Studies (North Ryde, New South Wales)  
Andy Mulumba, Eastern Michigan, Junior, 3.60 GPA, Management (Montreal, Quebec, Canada)  
Marlon Pollard, Eastern Michigan, Sophomore, 3.76 GPA, Communication (Pomona, Calif.)  
Willie Williams, Eastern Michigan, Senior, 3.23 GPA, Communication & Theatre Arts (Los Angeles, Calif.)  
& Spencer Keith, Kent State, Junior, 3.82 GPA, Mathematics (Pre-Med), (Little Rock, Ark.)  
Matt Rinehart, Kent State, Senior, 3.43 GPA, Nursing (Dover, Ohio)  
& @ Jacquise Terry, Kent State, Senior, 3.55 GPA, Aeronautics (Phenix City, Ala.)  
Anthony Kokal, Miami, Senior, 3.23 GPA, Accountancy (Warren, Ohio)  
Mason Krysinski, Miami, Junior, 4.00 GPA, Chemistry (Shelby Township, Mich.)  
& @ # Chandler Harnish, Northern Illinois, Senior, 4.00 GPA, Graduate - Business Administration (Bluffton, Ind.)  
& Nabal Jefferson, Northern Illinois, Junior, 3.78 GPA, Accountancy (Chicago, Ill.)  
Ryan Neir, Northern Illinois, Junior, 3.94 GPA, Finance (Roscoe, Ill.)  
Keith Otis, Northern Illinois, Senior, 4.00 GPA, Graduate – Sports Management (Chicago, Ill.)  
& Joe Pawlak, Northern Illinois, Senior, 3.36 GPA, Sociology/Criminology (Grayslake, Ill.)  
Matt Weller, Ohio, Junior, 3.21 GPA, Engineering (Twinsburg, Ohio)  
Ryan Alderman, Temple, Sophomore, 3.54 GPA, Business (Downington, Pa.)  
Ryan Casano, Toledo, Senior, 3.89 GPA, Law (Dripping Springs, Texas)  
Zac Kerin, Toledo, Sophomore, 3.55 GPA, Civil Engineering (Delaware, Ohio)  
& Dan Molls, Toledo, Junior, 3.58 GPA, Exercise Science (North Royalton, Ohio)  
& Mike VanDerMeulen, Toledo, Senior, 3.39 GPA, Human Resource Management (Marshall, Mich.)  
& @ Ben Armer, Western Michigan, Senior, 3.56 GPA, Exercise Science (Janesville, Wisc.)  
& @ John Potter, Western Michigan, Senior, 3.98 GPA, Business Finance (Grand Haven, Mich.)  
& Mitch Zajac, Western Michigan, Senior, 3.69 GPA, Mechanical Engineering (Holt, Mich.)

&2010 Academic All-MAC selection  
@2009 Academic All-MAC selection  
#2008 Academic All-MAC selection

### **Honorable Mention**

Zac Kasperek, Akron  
Troy Gilmer, Akron  
Armand Dehaney, Ball State  
Zane Fakes, Ball State

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Ryan Hartke, Ball State  
Kreg Hunter, Ball State  
Tony Martin, Ball State  
Andrew Puthoff, Ball State  
Connor Ryan, Ball State  
Keith Wenning, Ball State  
Tyler Beck, Bowling Green  
Ben Bojicic, Bowling Green  
Dominic Flewellyn, Bowling Green  
Ronnie Goble, Bowling Green  
Cory Johnson, Bowling Green  
Gabe Martin, Bowling Green  
DeVon McKoy, Bowling Green  
Ben Brown, Central Michigan  
Brandon Fricke, Central Michigan  
Richie Hogan, Central Michigan  
Mike Kinville, Central Michigan  
Kenny McClendon, Central Michigan  
Tim Phillips, Central Michigan  
Mike Repovz, Central Michigan  
Lincoln Hansen, Eastern Michigan  
Scott MacLeod, Eastern Michigan  
Bobby McFadden, Eastern Michigan  
Javon Reese, Eastern Michigan  
Julius Shelby, Eastern Michigan  
Dominique Sherrer, Eastern Michigan  
Brad Bednar, Miami  
Pat Hinkel, Miami  
Jason Semmes, Miami  
Joseph Williams, Miami  
Alan Baxter, Northern Illinois  
Adam Kiel, Northern Illinois  
Matt Krempel, Northern Illinois  
Pat McAvoy, Northern Illinois  
JD Bales, Ohio  
Nathan Carpenter, Ohio  
Brad Fain, Ohio  
Jeff King, Ohio  
Josh Kristoff, Ohio  
Derek Roback, Ohio  
Jordan Thompson, Ohio  
A.J. Lindeman, Toledo  
Greg Mancz, Toledo  
Ben Pike, Toledo  
Jared Strait, Toledo  
Matt Wall, Toledo  
Brian Fields, Western Michigan  
Kirk Nakama, Western Michigan

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