



2018 CCA BASEBALL NCAA II ALL-AMERICA TEAM

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Gray and Shannon headline 2018 CCA NCAA II All-America baseball team

MARSHALL, Minn. - Junior pitcher Josiah Gray from Le Moyne College (N.Y.) and senior first baseman Zack Shannon from Delta State University (Miss.), headline the 2018 NCAA Division II Conference Commissioners Association All-America baseball team, earning the Ron Lenz Pitcher and Player of the Year awards respectively. A total of 48 student-athletes were named to either the first, second or third team All-America squad, while 16 were named honorable mention.

The CCA All-America and All-Region baseball teams, which are selected by CoSIDA members from schools playing Division II baseball, were first established in 2007. This is the third year in which the program is solely sponsored by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association.

Gray, a native of New Rochelle, New York, finished the season with a record of 11-0 in 13 starts, while compiling an ERA of 1.25, ranking third in Division II. Gray, who helped lead Le Moyne to the NCAA Tournament this season, finished the year recording 105 strikeouts in 93 1/3 innings with just 20 walks and held opponents to a .192 batting average. As of May 22, he ranks fifth nationally in victories, seventh in WHIP (0.89), 13th in hits per nine innings and 26th in strikeouts.

Shannon, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the first student-athlete to earn the Player of the Year award in back-to-back seasons since the program was created in 2007. Shannon helped lead DSU to the NCAA Tournament this season, while belting a school record 31 home runs and recording a school record 93 RBIs. He closed the season batting .406 with 72 runs scored, while collecting 14 doubles, two triples and 193 total bases. He earned 35 bases on balls and was hit by a pitch 11 times. As of May 22, he ranks first in the country in numerous categories, including home runs, RBIs, slugging percentage (.955) and total bases (193).

Joining Gray and Shannon on the CCA All-America first team include Mikey Gangwish (C, Colorado School of Mines), Kyle Marsh (2B, Embry-Riddle), Patrick Dorrian (SS, Lynn), Trey Jacobs (3B, UNC Pembroke), Blake Adams (OF, Tarleton State), Zander Clarke (OF, UC San Diego), Drake McNamara (OF, Southern Indiana), Nick Stokowski (DH, Illinois Springfield), Christian Hamel (UT non-pitcher, Shepherd), Andrew Bash (UT pitcher, California Baptist), Joe Ryan (SP, Stanislaus State), Gus Varland (SP, Concordia-St. Paul), Chris Vallimont (SP, Mercyhurst) and J.T. Hintzen (RP, Florida Southern).

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities.

The online nomination and voting processes are provided by Presto Sports.

2018 CCA NCAA Division II Baseball All-America Teams

Ron Lenz Pitcher of the Year: Josiah Gray, Jr., Le Moyne

Ron Lenz Player of the Year: Zack Shannon, Sr., Delta State

2018 CCA FIRST TEAM

C	Mikey Gangwish	Jr.	Colorado School of Mines
1B	Zack Shannon	Sr.	Delta State
2B	Kyle Marsh	Jr.	Embry-Riddle
3B	Trey Jacobs	Fr.	UNC Pembroke
SS	Patrick Dorrian	Sr.	Lynn
OF	Blake Adams	Sr.	Tarleton State
OF	Zander Clarke	Jr.	UC San Diego
OF	Drake McNamara	Sr.	Southern Indiana
DH	Nick Stokowski	Sr.	Illinois Springfield
UT (non-pitcher)	Christian Hamel	So.	Shepherd
UT (pitcher)	Andrew Bash	So.	California Baptist
SP	Josiah Gray	Jr.	Le Moyne
SP	Joe Ryan	Sr.	Stanislaus State
SP	Gus Varland	Jr.	Concordia-St. Paul
SP	Chris Vallimont	Sr.	Mercyhurst
RP	J.T. Hintzen	Sr.	Florida Southern

2018 CCA SECOND TEAM

C	Tyler Walters	Sr.	Slippery Rock
1B	Jared Melone	Jr.	West Chester
2B	Cody Birdsong	Jr.	Quincy
3B	Kaleo Johnson	Jr.	Montana State Billings
SS	Cole Taylor	Sr.	Illinois Springfield
OF	Matt Diesel	Sr.	Felician
OF	Austin Edgette	Sr.	Bloomsburg
OF	Brenton Doyle	So.	Shepherd
DH	Hayden Marze	Jr.	Florida Southern
UT (non-pitcher)	Nate Schmal	Sr.	Georgia College
UT (pitcher)	Logan Browning	Sr.	Florida Southern
SP	Jacob Blank	Sr.	Augustana
SP	Charlie Hecht	Sr.	Georgia College
SP	David Lebron	Sr.	Tampa
SP	James Varela	Jr.	LIU Post
RP	Zach Vennaro	Sr.	Mount Olive

2018 CCA THIRD TEAM

C	Colin Kaucher	Jr.	Ohio Dominican
1B	Justin Childers	Sr.	Ohio Dominican
2B	Ted DeSanti	Sr.	Indiana (Pa.)
3B	Jacob Richardson	Sr.	Southern Arkansas
SS	Alex Pimentel	Jr.	Southwestern Oklahoma State
OF	Logan Mattix	Sr.	Georgia College
OF	Bryce Fischer	Sr.	Emporia State
OF	Andrew Liberty	Sr.	Nova Southeastern
DH	Nate Cardy	Jr.	Gannon
UT (non-pitcher)	Hayden Duer	Sr.	Cal State Monterey Bay
UT (pitcher)	Alex Achtermann	Jr.	Nebraska-Kearney
SP	Tucker Burgess	Jr.	North Greenville
SP	Kolton Ingram	Jr.	Columbus State
SP	Tanner Lawson	Jr.	St. Edward's
SP	Dan Wirchansky	Sr.	Pace
RP	Taylor Langston	Jr.	Henderson State

2018 CCA HONORABLE MENTION

Jake Anchia (C, Nova Southeastern) ; Chance Bowden, (1B, Catawba) ; Alex DeLaCruz (2B, Eastern New Mexico) ; Kyle Hubbuch (3B, North Alabama) ; Nick Ward, (SS, West Chester) ; Darrell Langston (OF, Claflin) ; David Vinsky (OF, Northwood) ; Tyler Flores (OF, Point Loma) ; Lucas Wylie (DH, Augustana) ; Luis Olivier (Utility-Non Pitcher, Embry-Riddle) ; Justin Smith, (Utility-Pitcher, Shepherd) ; David Palmer, (SP, New Haven) ; Tyler Jandron (SP, Northwood) ; Michael Stout (SP, Fairmont State) ; Alex Pondick, (SP, Montevallo) ; Jae Wagner (RP, Chico State) ; Brandon LaMana (New Haven)

CCA Ron Lenz Player of the Year

2007: Dylan Owen, Francis Marion (S.C.)
2008: Chad Jacobson, South Carolina-Aiken
2009: Matt Adams, Slippery Rock (Pa.)
2010: Bryan Fogle, Erskine (S.C.)
2011: Chase Larsson, Cameron (Okla.)
2012: Nathan Minnich, Shepard (W.Va.)
2013: Michael Schulze, Missouri Western State
2014: Giancarlo Brugnoli, Grand Valley State (Mich.)
2015: Will Albertson, Catawba (N.C.)
2016: Alex Wojciechowski, Minnesota Duluth
2017: Zack Shannon, Delta State (Miss.)
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CCA Ron Lenz Pitcher of the Year

2007: Erik Lovett, Mount Olive (N.C.)
2008: Korey Noles, Columbus State (Ga.)
2009: Gabriel Duran, Dowling (N.Y.)
2010: Hayden Simpson, Southern Arkansas
2011: Carter Capps, Mount Olive (N.C.)
2012: Carl O'Neal, St. Mary's (Texas)
2013: Harvey Martin, Minnesota State
2014: Dan Altavilla, Mercyhurst (Pa.)
2015: Reese Gregory, St. Cloud State (Minn.)
2016: Placido Torres, Tusculum (Tenn.)
2017: Jacob Blank, Augustana (S.D.)
2018: Josiah Gray, Jr., Le Moyne