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## 2012 All-CCAA Men’s Soccer Team Announced *Cal State Dominguez Hills Leads Conference with Five Selections*

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. – Cal State Dominguez Hills placed a conference-high five players on the 2012 California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) All-Conference Teams to highlight Thursday’s release of the CCAA’s annual postseason awards. Cal State L.A. and Cal State San Bernardino had three players each named to the First Team, also a conference high.

The Most Valuable Offensive Player of the Year is Cal State L.A.’s senior forward Antti Arvola. Arvola scored eight goals on the season for the Golden Eagles and led the conference with 23 points on the season. Receiving Most Defensive Player of the Year is UC San Diego’s junior goalkeeper Josh Cohen. Chico State’s junior forward, Akwafei Ajeakwa and Cal State Dominguez Hills junior forward Aaron Salazar share this season’s Newcomer of the Year honors. Cal State San Bernardino’s Ricardo Velasco has been named the CCAA Freshman of the Year.

UC San Diego head coach Jon Pascale has been voted the 2012 CCAA Coach of the Year. In his fifth season at the helm of the Triton program, Pascale led his team to a 9-4-4 overall record and an 8-3-4 conference record, just short of clinching a spot in the upcoming CCAA Championship Tournament.

Cal State L.A. players named to the First Team include Arvola, senior forward Rosario Bras, and junior midfielder Juan Ochoa. Securing spots on the First Team from Cal State San Bernardino are Velasco, along with junior defender Lee Nishanian and senior goalkeeper Tanner Olinger.

Junior midfielder Jio Santana and junior defender Jordan Hatanaka represent Cal State Dominguez Hills on the first team. The remainder of the first team includes Sonoma State’s Taylor Varnadore and Michel Arroyo, along with UC San Diego junior Alec Arsht and Chico State senior Micah Miranda.

### 2012 CCAA MEN’S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

#### FIRST TEAM

POS	NAME	SCHOOL	YR	HOMETOWN
GK	Tanner Olinger	Cal State San Bernardino	Sr.	Vancouver, Wash.
F	Rosario Bras	Cal State L.A.	Sr.	Guadalupe, Calif.
F	Antti Arvola	Cal State L.A.	Sr.	Espoo, Finland
F	Taylor Varnadore	Sonoma State	Jr.	Sebastopol, Calif.
MF	Jio Santana	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Jr.	Bishop, Calif.
MF	Ricardo Velasco	Cal State San Bernardino	Fr.	Casa Grande, Ariz.
MF	Michel Arroyo	Sonoma State	So.	Calistoga, Calif.
MF	Juan Ochoa	Cal State L.A.	Jr.	Paramount, Calif.
MF	Micah Miranda	Chico State	Sr.	Kailua Kona, Hawaii
D	Alec Arsht	UC San Diego	Jr.	Oak Park, Calif.
D	Jordan Hatanaka	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Jr.	Taylorsville, Utah
D	Lee Nishanian	Cal State San Bernardino	Jr.	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

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## SECOND TEAM

<b>POS</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>YR</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
GK	Josh Cohen	UC San Diego	Jr.	Sunnyvale, Calif.
F	Miguez Vazquez	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Jr.	Murrieta, Calif.
F	Aaron Salazar	Cal State Dominguez Hills	Jr.	West Covina, Calif.
F	Akwafei Ajeakwa	Chico State	Jr.	Gardena, Calif.
MF	Octavio Guzman	Chico State	So.	Bay Point, Calif.
MF	Andisheh Bagheri	UC San Diego	Jr.	Davis, Calif.
MF	Abraham Gomez	Cal Poly Pomona	Sr.	Chula Vista, Calif.
D	Mike Janjigian	Chico State	Jr.	Pleasanton, Calif.
D	Tony Alfaro	Cal State Dominguez Hills	R-Fr.	Santa Barbara, Calif.
D	Gavin Lamming	UC San Diego	Jr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

**Most Valuable Offensive Player:** Antti Arvola (Cal State L.A.)

**Most Valuable Defensive Player:** Josh Cohen (UC San Diego)

**Freshman of the Year:** Ricardo Velasco (Cal State San Bernardino)

**Co-Newcomers of the Year:** Akwafei Ajeakwa (Chico State); Aaron Salazar (Cal State Dominguez Hills)

**Coach of the Year:** Jon Pascale (UC San Diego)

**Honorable Mention:** **GK** – Clint Long (Cal State Stanislaus), Evan Drake (Cal State Monterey Bay); **F** – Halil Tozar (Cal State L.A.), Evan Walker (UC San Diego), Nolan Holdridge (Cal State Stanislaus); **MF** – Luis Martinez (Chico State), Cory Taufer (Sonoma State), Rey Suarez (Cal State East Bay); **D** – Kyle Cadigan (Cal State Stanislaus), Andy Lopez (Cal State L.A.), Jake Ward (Chico State), Timo Baeuerle (Cal State East Bay).

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