# 2016 BCAM MEN'S AND WOMEN'S **COLLEGE ACADEMIC - ATHLETIC TEAMS**

Each BCAM Honor Team pays tribute to five outstanding scholar-athletes from Michigan colleges and universities at the NCAA I, NCAA II, NCAA III, and NAIA levels. To be eligible, players have to be either a starter or an important reserve, must have reached sophomore standing, have participated in at least 50% of the team's games, and have at least a 3.0 GPA. The BCAM teams are selected on the basis of academic achievement, athletic accomplishments, GPA and their coach's BCAM membership.

SrD. J. BeckmanAlma College3.81Shelby, MIDJ is Alma College's career leader in games played with 107. His 231 made 3's rank him second in school history. This past year his team won the MIAA Tournament and played in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. DJ has been named to the 2015-16 CoSIDA Academic All-District 6 Team. He has a 3.81 GPA in Physics.				
past se		<b>Calvin College</b> is year and topped the 1,000 point total for his career All-American First Team NCAA Division 3 in 2015- ors in Spanish and Kinesiology.		IAA All-Conference first team this
		<b>Central Michigan University</b> ast year and is the school's all-time assist leader. He the MAC All-Academic Team each of the past 3 seas	was named to the	
in the		<b>Oakland University</b> an of the Year this past season. He led the league by the ranks 3 <sup>rd</sup> in single-season school history. Max will Administration.		
SrJoe RemstadConcordia University3.70South Lyon, MIJoe has won the Concordia Most Valuable Defensive Player for 3 consecutive seasons. He also served as the team captain during the 2015-16season. He was the WHAC's representative for the Emil S. Liston Award, presented to the Junior men's player who has shown high athletic and scholastic achievement in the NAIA. He has a 3.70 GPA in Mathematics.				
SrKerry GardnerMichigan Technological University4.0Middleton, WIKerry Gardner helped her team earn a share of the 2015-16 GLIAC North Division Title this season. As the starting point guard and team captain for the Huskies, Kerry finished 4 <sup>th</sup> in the league for assists per game (3.8 apg). Head coach Kim Cameron refers to Kerry as "the team facilitator, our team brain; she makes us tick." She concluded her college basketball career as a graduate student studying Kinesiology. She has maintained a 3.94 GPA through her entire undergraduate career in Exercise Science, and currently holds a 4.0 GPA as a grad student. She volunteers year round				

#### 3.70 Sr Maura McAfee Hope College Midland, MI The 3-time NCAA DIII All-American and 2015-16 MIAA league MVP Maura McAfee joins the BCAM Academic team for the second year in a row. On the court, Maura has made a significant impact on the Hope history books. She became the all-time leading rebounder and the third

overall scoring leader at Hope College. The two-year captain has also been recognized on the college Dean's list for 8 consecutive semesters. A biology major, Maura has been accepted to the PhD program at Belmont University. She is active in the community with Special Olympics. 3.80 Granger, IN

### Sr Alex Morton

at the local hospital.

Western Michigan WBB team captain, Alex Morton, is a high achiever in the classroom and on the court. She earned Academic All-MAC honors in both her junior and senior seasons. Alex will leave her legacy in the WMU history books finishing 8<sup>th</sup> with 383 career assists and 8<sup>th</sup> best in 3point field goal percentage in a season. During the 2015-16 Mid-American Conference league play, Alex was third in minutes played per game (35.9), sixth in assist-turnover ratio (1.8) and seventh in assists per game (4.4). She holds a 3.80 GPA as a Pre-Physicians' Assistant major.

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### Sr Elena Popkev

**Oakland University** Warren. MI "Elena's commitment to academics, athletics and the community is outstanding", writes OU Head WBB Coach Jeff Tungate. She has volunteered at numerous community service events such as Make a Difference Day, Fleece & Thank You, Disabilities Dance for people with physical/mental disabilities, Arise Detroit Neighborhoods to fix inner city schools in Detroit, Rainbow Connection assisting children with chronic illnesses, and Horizon League SAAC Members/Special Olympics. The WBCA has recognized Elena as a two-time nominee for the Allstate Good Works Team Popkey finished her career at OU tied for the most career assists in program history (483). She also became sixth all-time in program history in 3point makes (184). Elena carries a 3.85 GPA in Counseling.

**Emily Wendling** Saginaw Valley State University 3.95 Flushing, MI Jr This year Emily Wendling dominated both in the classroom and on the basketball court. She was named the 2016 GLIAC Player of the Year, the DII Commissioner's Association Women's Basketball Midwest Region Player of the Year and earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team. Emily led the GLIAC conference in scoring (18.5 ppg) and total points (536). She was 2nd in offensive rebounds (105) and 4th in FT % (85.5). Emily helped her team to the NCAA Tournament for the 1st time since the 1992-93 season. SVSU also earned a share of the GLIAC North Division title, the first in school history. Emily has earned a 3.95 GPA in Occupational Therapy.

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