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## **15 Field Hockey Student-Athletes Earn CoSIDA Academic All-America Honors**

**CHANDLER, Ariz.** – Fifteen field hockey student-athletes received recognition for their success on the turf and in the classroom with a spot on the College Sports Information Directors Association (CoSIDA) Women’s Academic All-America At-Large Teams released for all divisions this week.

Messiah’s Lindsay Bower led the way in Division III with a selection to the first team, while Rochester’s Sayaka Abe, Tufts’ Annie Artz, Skidmore’s Becca Halter and Worcester Polytechnic’s Hope Shevchuk were on the second team

Making the list in Division I were Liberty’s Serena Barr, Kent State’s Ines Delpech, Albany’s Paula Heuser Hofstra’s Stella Schoen and Quinnpiac’s Angie King on the second team, with American’s Natalie Konerth on the third team.

Four student-athletes who recently completed their senior year made the list in Division II, with East Stroudsburg’s Emily Howell, Bloomsburg’s Samantha Peters and Millersville’s Margaret Thorwart on the second team and East Stroudsburg’s Danielle Ard on the third team.

Fourteen of the 15 student-athletes completed their senior season in 2016, while Delpech will be a senior at Kent State next season.

The Academic All-America teams recognize student-athletes for their combined performance athletically and in the classroom. The Women’s At-Large Team is comprised of student-athletes from the sports of beach volleyball, bowling, crew/rowing, fencing, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming, tennis and water polo in addition to field hockey.

Each of the 15 student-athletes previously made the Zag Field Hockey/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) National Academic Squad announced in March, while nine of the honorees also made the Zag Field Hockey/NFHCA Scholars of Distinction lists for holding a cumulative grade-point average of 3.9 or higher through the spring semester. Barr, Thorwart and Halter were the Zag Field Hockey/NFHCA National Scholar-Athlete honorees for their respective divisions for maintaining the highest GPA among student-athletes who earned All-America status in 2016.

The honorees on the Academic All-America Team made the CoSIDA Women's At-Large Academic All-District Team, which was released last month. Ten additional field hockey student-athletes also earned Academic All-District recognition.