2015 AVCA NCAA Division III All-Americans Announced

LEXINGTON, Ky. (April 20, 2015) - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce its 12th annual AVCA Men’s Division III All-America Teams.

Leading the way is Stevens Institute of Technology with a total of four athletes honored on the first and second teams. Juniata, Nazareth, Springfield and UC Santa Cruz are next in line with three All-Americans each. Dominican, Elmira and SUNY New Paltz register two award winners.

Juniata’s Joe Bortak is the only player in this year’s class to have earned AVCA All-American accolades all four years. Stevens’ Tim Ferriter, Nazareth’s Luke Lawatsch and Juniata’s Paul Kuhn have been named an AVCA All-American three times. Kean’s Bez Arslani, Stevens’ David Evans, Springfield’s Angel Perez and Keaton Pieper, SUNY New Paltz’s Christian Smith, Nazareth’s Tim Zyburt and Juniata’s Chad Albert round out the All-Americans in this year’s class who have taken home the honor multiple times.

The selections were made by the AVCA Men’s Division III Volleyball All-America Committee: chairperson Charlie Sullivan (Springfield), Cal Wickens (Nazareth), Scott Wright (Regis), Even Giglio (Wentworth IT), Richard Gary (Wells), Todd Hollenbeck (UC Santa Cruz), Ray Bello (Hunter), Dan Ames (Dominican), Hudson Bates (Marymount) and Robert Cole (NJCU).

2015 AVCA MEN'S DIVISION III FIRST-TEAM ALL-AMERICA

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2015 AVCA Division III Men's National Player of the Year: Announced April 23 at the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship banquet in Hoboken, NJ.

2015 AVCA Newcomer of the Year: Ricardo Padilla Ayala, Springfield, OH

* - 2014 AVCA Division III Men's First-Team All-America selection
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AVCA Division III Honorable Mention

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AVCA Division III First-Team All-America

**Cole Aiazzi, Lakeland, L**
**Stats:** 3.60 D/S, .955 REC %
First-Time AVCA All-American...Second AVCA All-American from Lakeland after Alec Redlich was a second-team selection a year ago.

**Bez Arslani, Kean, OH**
**Stats:** 3.82 K/S, .317 Hitting %, 1.43 D/S, 0.67 B/S
Two-time AVCA All-American after making the second team last year...One of two AVCA All-Americans in Kean history (Steve Vahalla in 2012 + 2013).

**Joe Bortak, Juniata, RS**
**Stats:** 2.79 K/S, .432 Hitting %, 0.89 B/S, 0.88 D/S
Four-time AVCA All-American and third consecutive first-team appearance...Becomes sixth player in Men's Division III history to earn AVCA All-American accolades four times and the second Juniata player (Matt Werle, 2006-2009)...Alongside Stevens' Tim Ferriter, become seventh and eighth players in Men's Division III history to earn AVCA First-Team All-American accolades three times and the second Juniata player (Matt Werle, 2007-2009).

**David Evans, Stevens, OH**
**Stats:** 3.63 K/S, .362 Hitting %, 1.53 D/S, 30 Aces
Two-time AVCA All-American (second team in 2012)...One of four AVCA All-Americans in this year's class on the Ducks...Had a season-high 23 kills on .556 hitting against now-No. 13 Rutgers-Newark.

**Tim Ferriter, Stevens, RS**
**Stats:** 2.72 K/S, .332 Hitting %, 1.68 D/S, 0.61 B/S
Three-time AVCA First-Team All-American...Alongside Juniata's Joe Bortak, become seventh and eighth players in Men's Division III history to earn AVCA First-Team All-American accolades three times...His previous first-team selections came while a member of SUNY New Paltz.

**Christopher Husmann, SUNY New Paltz, MB**
**Stats:** 2.62 K/S, .480 Hitting %, 0.76 B/S
First-time AVCA All-American...Becomes fifth different player in program history to win AVCA All-American honors and third different to make it on the first team.

**Jacob Landel, UC Santa Cruz, OH**
**Stats:** 3.14 K/S, .318 Hitting %, 1.66 D/S, 39 Aces
First-time AVCA All-American...Becomes seventh different player in Banana Slugs history to earn AVCA First-Team All-American accolades.

**Luke Lawatsch, Nazareth, MB**
**Stats:** 2.15 K/S, .441 Hitting %, 1.22 B/S
Three-time AVCA All-American (2014: second-team, 2013: first-team)...Only player in program history to be named AVCA All-American three times.

**Ricardo Padilla Ayala, Springfield, OH**
**Stats:** 2.72 K/S, .339 Hitting %, 1.28 D/S, 42 Aces
One of two freshmen in this year's class to be selected AVCA All-American (only one on first-team)...2015 AVCA Newcomer of the Year...20th different member of the Pride to be an AVCA All-American, which ties them with Juniata for most in Men's Division III.
Angel Perez, Springfield, OH
Stats: 2.77 K/S, .303 Hitting %, 1.37 D/S, 0.70 B/S
Two-time AVCA All-American after making it onto the first-team and winning Newcomer of the Year in 2012...Joins teammate Ricardo Padilla Ayala with being the only two players from Puerto Rico.

Keaton Pieper, Springfield, S
Stats: 10.29 A/S, 1.19 D/S, 0.49 B/S, .329 Team Hitting %
Consecutive AVCA First-Team All-American appearances...Alongside teammate Angel Perez become sixth and seventh players in program history to have multiple AVCA All-American honors.

Christian Smith, SUNY New Paltz, S
Stats: 5.52 A/S, 2.39 K/S, .351 Hitting %, 1.38 D/S, 0.57 B/S
Two-time AVCA All-American after making it onto the first-team last year...Just the second player in Hawks history to earn All-American honors multiple years (Tim Ferriter, 2013 + 2014).

Mason Solbrig, Dominican, MB
Stats: 2.07 K/S, .475 Hitting %, 1.16 B/S
2015 marks the first two AVCA All-Americans in program history with his teammate Alex Coyne.

Tim Zyburt, Nazareth, OH
Stats: 3.47 K/S, .355 Hitting %, 1.40 D/S, 0.71 B/S
Two-time AVCA All-American (2013: second-team)...Eighth different Golden Flyer to earn AVCA All-American honors multiple times out of ten total All-Americans.

AVCA Division III Second-Team All-America

Kevin Ackerle, Stevens, S
Stats: 7.38 A/S, 1.39 D/S, .323 Hitting %
First-time AVCA All-American...Joins teammate Ryan Seifert for being the 10th and 11th players in program history to earn AVCA All-American honors.

Chad Albert, Juniata, MB
Stats: 1.75 K/S, .418 Hitting %, 1.03 B/S
Two-time AVCA All-American after making it onto the second-team a year ago.

Cody Chidsey, Rutgers-Newark, MB
Stats: 3.14 K/S, .441 Hitting %, 0.64 B/S
First-time AVCA All-American...Third different winner in program history to earn All-American accolades, and the first since Jose Luis Estrada in 1995 when they were an NCAA Division I Institution.

Alex Coyne, Dominican, S
Stats: 10.32 A/S, 1.47 D/S, 0.47 B/S, .259 Team Hitting %
2015 marks the first two AVCA All-Americans in program history with his teammate Mason Solbrig.

Erik Griffin, Elmira, OH
Stats: 4.14 K/S, .284 Hitting %, 1.49 D/S, 0.57 B/S
Alongside teammate Rob Shade, become the second and third players in program history to earn AVCA All-American honors.
Jake Hurwitz, UC Santa Cruz, L
Stats: 2.62 D/S
First-time AVCA All-American...Alongside teammate Jacob Landel and Jorge Reyes, become 11th, 12th and 13th players in program history to earn AVCA All-American honors.

Quin Krisik, MSOE, S
Stats: 10.70 A/S, 1.86 D/S, 0.43 B/S
First AVCA All-American in program history.

Paul Kuhn, Juniata, OH
Stats: 3.19 K/S, .343 Hitting %, 1.20 D/S, 0.51 B/S
Three-time AVCA All-American (2014: first-team, 2013: second-team)...Third player in program history to earn AVCA All-American accolades at least three times.

Chris Mahan, Nazareth, MB
Stats: 1.72 K/S, .336 Hitting %, 1.01 B/S
First-time AVCA All-American...Becomes 10th different player to garner AVCA All-American honors in program history.

Jorge Reyes, UC Santa Cruz, MB
Stats: 1.95 K/S, .432 Hitting Percentage, 0.80 B/S
First-time AVCA All-American...Led team in total blocks with 74.

Ryan Seifert, Stevens, OH
Stats: 3.22 K/S, .281 Hitting %, 1.60 D/S, 0.64 B/S
First-time AVCA All-American...Selected Sports Imports/AVCA Player of the Week on April 14th.

Rob Shade, Elmira, L
Stats: 2.82 D/S, .944 REC %
Alongside teammate Erik Griffin, become the second and third players in program history to earn AVCA All-American honors.

Griffin Shields, Carthage, RS
Stats: 3.82 K/S, .319 Hitting %, 1.41 D/S, 0.96 B/S
First-time AVCA All-American...14th different player in program history to earn AVCA All-American honors.

Alex Vohland, Mount St. Joseph, OH
Stats: 4.06 K/S, .279 Hitting %, 1.95 D/S, 0.50 B/S
First AVCA All-American in program history.

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About AVCA
The AVCA, with its headquarters in Lexington, Ky., is managed by Associations International. The mission of the AVCA is to advance the sport of volleyball with AVCA coaches at the epicenter of leadership, advocacy and professional development. With a membership of over 6,400 and counting, the AVCA provides a professional network for those individuals and companies dedicated to enhancing and promoting the sport. Members include collegiate, high school, club, youth and Olympic coaches, as well as volleyball club directors. The AVCA provides education to volleyball coaches, recognition of elite players and coaches, promotion of volleyball competitions throughout the world, and networking opportunities for volleyball products and services providers. Further information is available at www.avca.org.