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**CANDACE PARKER OF TENNESSEE AND LINDSAY IPPEL OF MILLIKIN LEAD
2008 ESPN THE MAGAZINE'S ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM**

NOTRE DAME, Ind.-- Junior forward **Candace Parker** of the University of Tennessee and senior forward **Lindsay Ippel** of Millikin University head the 2007-08 *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Basketball Teams*, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Parker and Ippel have been named as the Academic All-America of the Year in the University and College Divisions, respectively.

A native of Naperville, Ill., Parker has emerged as one of the top players in the nation during her career, as she is among the finalists for the Naismith Award once again this season after leading the Lady Vols to their seventh NCAA national championship last April. Parker, who helped the United States qualify for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, is the latest member of the Tennessee women's basketball program to be honored by the Academic All-America® program, as her head coach, **Pat Summitt**, was honored last summer as the recipient of CoSIDA's prestigious Dick Enberg Award. A Sport Management major at Tennessee, Parker holds a 3.35 cumulative grade point average.

"This is such an honor," Parker said. "An athletic career could end at a moment's notice, but a solid education will last a lifetime. My parents always made sure that I understood the importance of academics and impressed upon me a work ethic that has me sustain a certain level in the classroom while managing the busy schedule of being a collegiate student-athlete."

Joining Parker as first team Academic All-America selections in the University Division are **Delaney Conway** of Portland State University, **Jackie McFarland** of the University of Colorado, **Laura Rudolphi** of Indiana State University and **Lindsay Whorton** of Drake University.

Parker's senior teammate, **Nicky Anosike**, earned second team Academic All-America honors along with **Megan Frazee** of Liberty University, **Danielle Green** of Oklahoma State University, **Lauren Kohn** of Ohio University and **Crystal Langhorne** of the University of Maryland. The third team Academic All-America squad is comprised of **Chelsea Chowning** of the University of Kentucky, **Brittany Cook** of Virginia Tech, **Sarah-Jo Lawrence** of George Washington University, **Whitney Lewis** of Wright State University, **Katelyn Murray** of St. Bonaventure University and **Allie Quigley** of DePaul University.

A native of Decatur, Ill., Ippel was the leading scorer in the nation in NCAA Division III play as a junior as part of a stellar career for the Big Blue, which she helped lead to an NCAA national title as a freshman. The holder of 17 school records, Ippel was a finalist for the Jostens Trophy last winter and was tabbed as the *D3 News* Pre-Season Player of the Year heading into the 2007-08 campaign. A Kodak Honorable Mention All-America performer as a junior, Ippel holds a 3.54 cumulative grade point average as a Nursing major at Millikin, which enters the post-season at 19-6 overall.

"I am both humbled and honored to receive this award because I know how many other deserving student-athletes there are," Ippel said. Balancing Millikin's rigorous nursing program with basketball has been tough at times, but my passion for both has made it worth the sacrifice. Being named the Academic All-America Player of the Year only reinforces that the long hours at the hospital and the late nights studying after practice have been worth it."

Joining Ippel as first team Academic All-America selections in the College Division are **Anna Atkinson** of Wingate University, **Emily Brister** of West Texas A&M University, **Rachel Folcik** of Ferris State University, **Allison Fowler** of Union (Ky.) College and **Tarra Richardson** of McMurry University.

Second team Academic All-America honorees were **Emilee Ackerman** of Westminster (Pa.) College, **Katie LaViolette** of Concordia-St. Paul University, **Megan Scheele** of Edgewood College and **Michelle Stueve** of Emporia

State University. The third team Academic All-America squad is comprised of **DeCarol Davis** of the United States Coast Guard Academy, **Melanie Hageman** of Concordia (Moorhead) University, **Sheena Kuntzsch** of Fort Hays State University, **Lindsey Maple** of Central Missouri State University and **Justine Pagenhardt** of Marietta College.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

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UNIVERSITY DIVISION

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A	Major
Delaney Conway	Portland State	VIII	Sr.	Seattle, Wash.	3.99	Science
Jackie McFarland	Colorado	VII	Sr.	Derby, Kan.	3.86	Accounting
Candace Parker	Tennessee	IV	Jr.	Naperville, Ill.	3.35	Sports Management
Laura Rudolphi	Indiana State	V	Sr.	Carlyle, Ill.	3.98	Business Insurance
Lindsay Whorton	Drake	VII	Sr.	Independence, Mo.	4.0	English Education

Academic All-American of the Year: Candace Parker, Tennessee

SECOND TEAM

Nicky Anosike	Tennessee	IV	Sr.	Staten Island, N.Y.	3.77	Sociology, Criminal Justice, Political Science, Legal Studies
Megan Frazee	Liberty	III	Jr.	Xenia, Ohio	3.91	Kinesiology
Danielle Green	Oklahoma State	VI	Sr.	Philadelphia, Pa.	3.76	Education
Lauren Kohn	Ohio University	IV	Sr.	Adrian, Mich.	3.82	Communications, Public Advocacy
Crystal Langhorne	Maryland	II	Sr.	Willingboro, N.J.	3.43	Communication

THIRD TEAM

Chelsea Chowning	Kentucky	IV	Gr.	Berea, Ky.	4.0	Pharmacy
Brittany Cook	Virginia Tech	III	Jr.	Narrows, Va.	3.75	Health, Nutrition, Foods, Exercise
Sarah-Jo Lawrence	George Washington	II	Sr.	Rhoadesville, Va.	3.85	Communications, Sociology
Whitney Lewis	Wright State	IV	Sr.	Lynchburg, Ohio	3.97	Human Factors Psychology
Katelyn Murray	St. Bonaventure	I	Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa.	4.0	Biology
Allie Quigley	DePaul	V	Sr.	Joliet, Ill.	3.72	Physical Education

COLLEGE DIVISION

FIRST TEAM

Name	School	Dist.	Yr.	Hometown	G.P.A	Major
Anna Atkinson	Wingate	III	Jr.	Marion, N.C.	4.0	Biology
Emily Brister	West Texas A&M	VI	Jr.	Amarillo, Texas	3.90	Elementary Education
Rachel Folcik	Ferris State	IV	Sr.	Powers, Mich.	3.83	Business Administration
Allison Fowler	Union (Ky.)	IV	Sr.	Morganfield, Ky.	4.0	Biology
Lindsay Ippel	Millikin	V	Sr.	Decatur, Ill.	3.54	Nursing
Tarra Richardson	McMurry	VI	Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas	3.91	Finance

Academic All-American of the Year: Lindsay Ippel, Millikin

SECOND TEAM

Emilee Ackerman	Westminster (Pa.)	II	Sr.	Greensburg, Pa.	3.53	Elementary Education
Katie LaViolette	Concordia (St. Paul)	V	Sr.	Manitowoc, Wis.	4.0	Kinesiology
Megan Scheele	Edgewood	V	Jr.	New Glarus, Wis.	3.89	Elementary Education
Michelle Stueve	Emporia State	VII	Sr.	Olpe, Kan.	3.58	Biology

THIRD TEAM

DeCarol Davis	U.S. Coast Guard Acad.	I	Sr.	Woodbridge, Va.	3.96	Electrical Engineering
Melanie Hageman	Concordia (Moorhead)	V	Sr.	Fargo, N.D.	3.79	Biology
Sheena Kuntzsch	Fort Hays State	VII	Sr.	Scott City, Kan.	4.0	Art
Lindsey Maple	Central Missouri State	VII	Sr.	Knob Noster, Mo.	3.98	Physical Education
Justine Pagenhardt	Marietta	IV	Sr.	Oakland, Md.	3.92	Biology

