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**NORTH CAROLINA'S Yael Averbuch and Katy Tafler of Grand Valley State  
Lead ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-America® Women's Soccer Team**

**TOWSON, Md.** — Senior midfielder **Yael Averbuch** of the University of North Carolina and senior forward **Katy Tafler** of undefeated Grand Valley State University headline the 2008 *ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Soccer Teams*, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Averbuch and Tafler have been named as the winners of the Academic All-America® of the Year award in the University and College Divisions, respectively.

A two-time first team All-American pick, Averbuch has been a four-year starter for the Tar Heels. A native of Upper Montclair, N.J., Averbuch was named first team All-Atlantic Coast Conference for the third year in a row. As a senior, she has scored five goals with eight assists while leading the Tar Heels to a 21-1-2 record and their fourth straight ACC championship. A member of the U.S. Under-23 National Team that won the Nordic Cup last summer, Averbuch has 31 goals and 28 assists in her career. In the last four years, Averbuch has helped the Tar Heels to a record of 86-7-4, including a national championship as a sophomore.

A Psychology major with a 3.71 grade point average, Averbuch is one of 11 scholar-athletes to be named first team University Division Academic All-America®. In 2007, she was named to the Academic All-America® second team.

Joining Averbuch on the first team is one of her North Carolina teammates, junior defender **Kristi Eveland**. A three-year starter on defense, Eveland is a Business Administration major with a 3.82 G.P.A.

Junior defender **Elizabeth Betterbed** and senior midfielder **Sarah Goss** of the United States Military Academy are the only other teammates on the Academic All-America® first team. Both were named second team All-Patriot League in 2008.

A native of Fox Island, Wash., Betterbed is a Mechanical Engineering major with a 4.23 G.P.A. She has been a key performer for Army's defense which has a 0.76 GAA. One of Army's top scorers, Goss is a Mechanical Engineering major with a 4.06 G.P.A. She was named to the Academic All-America® second team in 2007. Betterbed and Goss combined to lead Army to the 2008 Patriot League championship and an NCAA Tournament berth. Goss was selected as the Patriot League Tournament MVP.

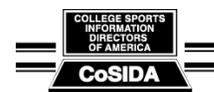
Senior goalkeeper **Lizzie Barnes** of Navy was also named to the Academic All-America® first team. A Computer Science and Information Technology major with a 3.85 G.P.A., she led the Mids to a 15-4-3 record and a runner-up spot in the Patriot League. The league leader with a 0.65 GAA and 8 shutouts, she was named first team All-Patriot League. A native of New Orleans, La., Barnes had 29 shutouts in her career, setting a school record.

Senior **Jenae Gibbens** of Cal State Fullerton and junior **Blakely Mattern** of South Carolina join Betterbed and Eveland as the defenders on the Academic All-America® first team.

Gibbens, a third team Academic All-America® selection last year, has been named as a first team All-Big West Conference selection twice. A native of San Diego, Cal., she is a Marketing major with a 3.92 G.P.A. Named to the all-region team in 2007, she scored four goals with seven assists as a senior.

A two-time All-Southeastern Conference choice, Mattern has started all 70 games in her career. A native of Simpsonville, S.C., she is a Business Administration major with a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. One of three juniors on the first team, she had four goals and led the Gamecocks to an 11-6-4 record and an NCAA Tournament berth.

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Senior **Ahna Johnson** of Fairfield University rounds out the midfield on the Academic All-America® first team, joining Averbuch and Goss. The 2008 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Johnson led Fairfield to a 15-4-3 record and the MAAC Championship. A three-time All-MAAC first team pick, she was the Most Valuable Player at the MAAC Tournament, scoring all three goals in a 3-0 championship game win over Loyola College. The Stags' top scorer with 15 goals and four assists, the Hamden, Conn. native is a Physics and Information Systems major with a 3.95 G.P.A.

A trio of senior forwards, **Brittany Bock** of Notre Dame, **Nikki Labuda Czaplicki** of Charlotte and **Theresa Ferraina** of Loyola College, round out the Academic All-America® first team.

A third team Academic All-America® pick as a junior, Bock has led Notre Dame to a 23-0-0 record, the BIG EAST Conference championship and the number one seed for the NCAA Tournament. The BIG EAST Co-Player of the Year in 2007, she is a two-time first team all-BIG EAST honoree. A first team All-American in 2007, the Naperville, Ill. native is a Marketing major with a 3.37 G.P.A. She has scored 46 goals with 29 assists in her career for the Fighting Irish.

Czaplicki helped Charlotte to a 17-3-1 record and its second consecutive Atlantic 10 Conference championship. A native of Climax, N.Y., she was one of the leading scorers for the 49ers with six goals and two assists. A Mathematical Finance major, she has a 3.95 G.P.A.

A first team All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference selection, Ferraina led Loyola in scoring with nine goals and eight assists. The MAAC leader in assists, she helped Loyola post a 10-6-4 record and a runner-up finish in the MAAC. The Long Branch, N.J. native is a Business Administration and Finance major with a 4.00 G.P.A.

The average G.P.A. for the University Division first team is an impressive 3.90.

Named as the Daktronics Division II Player of the Year in 2006 and 2007, Tafler is the top scorer for undefeated Grand Valley State, the number one-ranked team in NCAA Division II. A two-time first team All-American selection, she has scored 114 goals with 41 assists for 269 points in her career, all school records. After scoring 36 goals with 13 assists in 2007, she has 20 goals and 13 assists this year. The Mississauga, Ontario, Canada native is a Biomedical Science major with a 3.91 G.P.A. Tafler, who has led the Lakers to an 82-6-2 record in her career, has been the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Player of the Year three times.

Tafler leads a very impressive College Division Academic All-America® first team which has a 3.95 average G.P.A. Of the 12 players on the first team, six of them have perfect 4.00 G.P.A.'s

The only repeat selection on the Academic All-America® College Division first team, senior **Lisa Fahey** of Washburn University is a four-year starter on defense. A starter in 85 games, she has scored eight goals with one assist in her career. A Biology major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Fahey was named first team All-MIAA twice. Named first team all-region in 2008, she led the Lady Blues to a 14-6-2 record and an NCAA Division II Tournament berth.

Seniors **Claire Grubbs** of Seattle Pacific, **Amber Korb** of Angelo State and **Renee Summerson** of Shenandoah are the other defenders on the College Division first team.

A Psychology major with a 3.96 G.P.A., Grubbs is a three-year starter for the Falcons. A first team all-region pick, she has been a key defender for SPU, which has allowed only 8 goals in 20 matches. Named first team All-Great Northwest Athletic Conference twice, the Sterling, Va. native helped the Falcons post a 17-1-2 record and earn an NCAA Division II Tournament bid.

A Pre-Physical Therapy major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Korb was a three-year captain and four-year starter at Angelo State. A second team All-Lone Star Conference pick as a sophomore, she was honorable mention all-conference the last two years. As a senior, she led the Rambelles to a 10-7-3 record.

Summerson, a four-year starter at Shenandoah, is a Doctor of Pharmacy major with a 4.00 G.P.A. The Johnstown, Pa. native was named All-USA South Conference three times and led her team to a 9-11-1 record.

Seniors **Rachelle Barina** of St. Norbert and **Jen Lyman** of Rose-Hulman join junior **Chantal Koechli** of Wooster and **Kaitlin Sanders** of Ohio Northern on the Academic All-America® College Division midfield.

A Religious Studies major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Barina was the third-leading scorer at St. Norbert with six goals and eight assists for 20 points. A native of New Berlin, Wisconsin, she helped the Green Knights to a 12-7-1 record and the Midwest Conference regular season title. Lyman, a Civil Engineering major with a 3.72 G.P.A., finished her career with 15 goals and 20 assists, 7th on Rose-Hulman's all-time scoring list. A first team All-Heartland Conference pick twice, she was the Engineers' third-leading scorer with 9 goals and 12 assists in 2008.

Koechli, a Biochemistry & Molecular Biology major with a 3.96 G.P.A., is a three-year starter at the College of Wooster. As a junior, she scored five goals with ten assists to helping the Fighting Scots post a 14-6 record. In her career, the Greer, S.C. native has eight goals and 20 assists.

A three-time All-Ohio Athletic Conference first team selection, Sanders has been named as the OAC Midfielder of the Year the last two seasons. A Pharmacy major with a 4.00 G.P.A., she had two goals and 14 assists while leading ONU to a 14-6-1 record. In her career, the Kendallville, Ind. native has scored 14 goals with 26 assists.

Senior **Anne Van Devender** of Washington & Lee and junior **Taylor Hilinski** of Mercyhurst join Tafler as the Academic All-America® College Division first team forwards. A Computer Science major with a 3.84 G.P.A., Van Devender was named first team All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference three times. Named as the ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2008, she finished her career with 64 goals, 33 assists and 161 points. The second-leading scorer in the history of Generals' soccer, she scored 17 goals with 11 assists as a senior. The Jackson, Miss. native was named second team All-American as a junior.

A Biology Education major with a 4.00 G.P.A., Hilinski was the second-leading scorer for Mercyhurst, helping the Lakers win their first-ever Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference championship. A second-team All-PSAC selection, she scored 14 goals with five assists while leading the NCAA Tournament-bound Lakers to a 13-4-4 record. A native of Erie, Pa., she has scored 28 goals in her career with nine assists.

Senior goalkeeper **Amanda Boe** of Washington University rounds out the College Division Academic All-America® first team. A Biochemistry major with a 3.97 G.P.A., Boe led eighth-ranked Washington to a 14-3-1 record and its third straight University Athletic Association championship. The third-leading goalkeeper in the UAA with a 0.90 GAA, Boe is the UAA leader with 75 saves in 18 games.

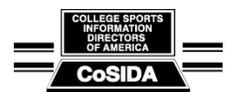
To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's 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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Women's Soccer Team (University Division) as selected by CoSIDA**

**First Team**

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
GK	Lizzie Barnes	U.S. Naval Academy	II	Sr.	New Orleans, La.	3.85/ Comp. Science, Info. Tech.
D	Elizabeth Betterbed	U.S. Military Academy	I	Jr.	Fox Island, Wash.	4.23/ Mechanical Engineering
D	Kristi Eveland	North Carolina	III	Jr.	Southlake, Texas	3.82/ Business Administration
D	Jenae Gibbens ***	Cal State Fullerton	VIII	Sr.	San Diego, Cal.	3.92/ Marketing
D	Blakely Mattern	South Carolina	III	Jr.	Simpsonville, S.C.	4.00/ Business Adm., Intl. Business
M	Yael Averbuch **	North Carolina	III	Sr.	Upper Montclair, N.J.	3.71/ Psychology
M	Sarah Goss **	U.S. Military Academy	I	Sr.	Lancaster, Pa.	4.06/ Mechanical Engineering
M	Ahna Johnson	Fairfield	I	Sr.	Hamden, Conn.	3.95/ Physics, Information Systems
F	Brittany Bock ***	Notre Dame	V	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.	3.37/ Marketing
F	Nikki Labuda Czaplicki	Charlotte	III	Sr.	Climax, N.Y.	3.95/ Mathematical Finance
F	Theresa Ferraina	Loyola (Md.)	II	Sr.	Long Branch, N.J.	4.00/ Business Admin., Finance

**Second Team**

Pos.	Name	School	Dist.	Cl.	Hometown	GPA/Major
GK	Anna Rodenbough **	North Carolina	III	Sr.	Greensboro, N.C.	3.52/ App. Science & Biomed. Eng.
D	Emily Anderson	Texas	VI	Jr.	Austin, Texas	4.00/ Accounting
D	Allison Falk	Stanford	VIII	Sr.	Danville, Cal.	3.75/ American Studies
D	Jenn Johnson **	Auburn	IV	Sr.	Loganville, Ga.	4.00/ Psychology
D	Lauren Olson	Saint Louis	VII	Sr.	Plano, Texas	3.95/ Communication
D	Elise Weber	Notre Dame	V	Sr.	Elk Grove, Ill.	3.73/ Political Science
M	Hailey Beam	Charlotte	III	Jr.	Cornelius, N.C.	3.87/ Finance
M	Amanda Gallow	Dayton	IV	Sr.	West Chester, Ohio	3.95/ Pre-Physical Therapy
M	Yolanda Odenyo	Oklahoma State	VI	Sr.	Uppsala, Sweden	3.73/ Family Relations, Child Dev.
F	Ashleigh Gunning **	Coastal Carolina	III	Sr.	Baton Rouge, La.	3.89/ Communications
F	Taryn Hemmings	Denver	VII	Sr.	Greeley, Col.	3.67/ Marketing
F	Erin Kasmarik	South Dakota State	VII	Sr.	Coon Rapids, Minn.	3.91/ Psychology, Athl. Training

**Third Team**

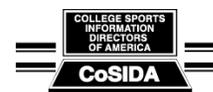
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GK	Kira Maker	Stanford	VIII	So.	Potomac, Md.	3.92/ Undeclared
D	Rachel Friedman	Western Kentucky	IV	Jr.	Swansea, Ill.	4.00/ Physical Ed., Exer. Science
D	Jessica Jarrell	Oklahoma State	VI	Sr.	Highland Village, Texas	3.78/ Nutritional Sciences
D	Abigail Lauer	William & Mary	III	Sr.	Oak Hill, Va.	3.89/ Biology
M	Zoe Bouchelle	Penn State	II	Sr.	Cockeysville, Md.	3.88/ Economics
M	Jamie Markaverich	Oklahoma State	VI	Sr.	The Woodlands, Texas	3.95/ Zoology (Pre-Medicine)
M	Emily McColl	Coastal Carolina	III	Sr.	Wellington, New Zealand	3.99/ Biology
F	Lindsay Cunningham	Brown	I	Sr.	Cumberland, R.I.	3.83/ Commerce, Org. & Entre.
F	Kayla Lambert	Evansville	V	Sr.	Las Vegas, Nev.	3.56/ Management
F	Cynthia Morote-Ariza	Loyola (Ill.)	V	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	3.45/ Psychology
F	Erin Scott	Rice	VI	Jr.	Richardson, Texas	4.00/ Psychology

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GK	Amanda Boe	Washington (Mo.)	VII	Sr.	Aurora, Ill.	3.97/ Biochemistry
D	Lisa Fahey	Washburn *	VII	Sr.	Parkville, Mo.	4.00/ Biology
D	Claire Grubbs	Seattle Pacific	VIII	Sr.	Sterling, Va.	3.96/ Psychology
D	Amber Korb	Angelo State	VI	Sr.	Sandy, Utah	4.00/ Pre-physical therapy
D	Renee Summerson	Shenandoah	III	Sr.	Johnstown, Pa.	4.00/ Doctor of pharmacy
M	Rachelle Barina	St. Norbert	V	Sr.	New Berlin, Wis.	4.00/ Religious studies
M	Jen Lyman	Rose-Hulman	V	Sr.	Irwin, Pa.	3.72/ Civil engineering
M	Chantal Koechli	Wooster	IV	Jr.	Greer, S.C.	3.96/ Biochemistry, Molecular Bio.
M	Kaitlin Sanders	Ohio Northern	IV	Jr.	Kendallville, Ind.	4.00/ Pharmacy
F	Taylor Hilinski	Mercyhurst	II	Jr.	Erie, Pa.	4.00/ Biology Education
F	Katy Tafler	Grand Valley State	IV	Sr.	Mississauga, Ont., Can.	3.91/ Biomedical Science
F	Anne Van Devender	Washington & Lee	III	Sr.	Jackson, Miss.	3.84/ Computer Science
<b>Second Team</b>						
<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>	<b>GPA/Major</b>
GK	Ann Mularz	Drew	II	Sr.	Linden, N.J.	4.00/ Chemistry
D	Kate Anderson	Centre	IV	Sr.	Louisville, Ky.	3.96/ German & Internat'l Studies
D	Alanna Darling	Amherst	I	Sr.	Charlton, Mass.	3.73/ Biology and Spanish
D	Erika Garbrecht *	Oklahoma City	VI	Sr.	Yukon, Okla.	4.00/ Pre-Med
D	Natalja Stanski	Grand Valley State	IV	Jr.	Tecumseh, Ontario, Can.	4.00/ Pre-medical Tech
M	Erin Hopkins	Florida Southern	III	Sr.	Winter Haven, Fla.	3.76/ Athletic training
M	Annmarie Stanley	Rose-Hulman	V	So.	Warrenville, Ill.	4.00/ Computer Engineering
M	Allie Wojtkun	Baldwin-Wallace	IV	Sr.	North Olmsted, Ohio	3.98/ Human Resource Mgmt.
F	Sarah Ash	Denison	IV	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	3.73/ Spanish and Psychology
F	Angelika Johansson	Franklin Pierce	I	So.	Falkenberg, Sweden	3.97/ Mathematics
F	Annick Lamb	California-Santa Cruz	VIII	Sr.	Santa Barbara, Cal.	3.80/ Biology
F	Liz Ridgway	Rose-Hulman	V	Sr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich.	3.79/ Civil engineering
<b>Third Team</b>						
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GK	Corey Gros	Montevallo	IV	Sr.	Victoria, B.C., Canada	4.00/ Chemistry
D	Kate Edstrom	Seattle	VIII	Jr.	Portland, Ore.	3.96/ Nursing
D	Nicole Ferris	Tusculum	IV	Sr.	Lebanon, Ohio	3.87/ Sports Management
D	Ashley Jones	Edinboro	II	Sr.	Fairview, Pa.	3.95/ Special Ed., Elementary Ed.
D	Caitlin Mullarkey	Swarthmore	II	Sr.	Wilmington, Del.	3.86/ Honors Biology
M	Erica Dressler	Hamilton	I	Sr.	Farmington, Conn.	3.54/ Hispanic Studies, World Pol.
M	Fiona Gornick	Puget Sound	VIII	Sr.	Portland, Ore.	3.90/ Exercise Science
M	Alex Leamy	Trinity (Texas)	VI	Jr.	Loveland, Ohio	3.98/ Engineering Science
F	Kristin Burton ***	Armstrong Atlantic State	III	Jr.	Ocala, Fla.	3.63/ Physical Therapy
F	Jenni Jacobsen **	St. Norbert	V	Sr.	Neenah, Wis.	4.00/ Mathematics, Economics

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