



# BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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## **2007 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED**

**IRVING, Texas**—The Big 12 Conference has named 22 student-athletes to the 2007 Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Team, the league office announced.

Iowa State, Oklahoma and Texas A&M each placed a league-high four student-athletes on the squad.

Nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services and the media relations offices, the academic all-league men's basketball team consisted of 10 first team members combined with 12 on the second team. First team members consist of those who have maintained a 3.20 or better GPA, and the second team are those who have a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of his team's scheduled contests. Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

The 2007 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship will take place in a new venue and state this season, as Oklahoma City hosts on March 8-11. Four different teams have won the 10 previous titles at the Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's Basketball Championship. Kansas has won the most with four crowns, followed by Oklahoma (3), Oklahoma State (2) and Iowa State (1).

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## 2007 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

### FIRST TEAM (3.20-PLUS GPA; \*INDICATES NOMINATED WITH A 4.00 GPA)

<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Jeff Bergstrom, Iowa State	Sr.	Finance	Kingwood, Texas
Ross Marsden, Iowa State	So.	Business	Ames, Iowa
Sasha Kaun, Kansas	Jr.	Computer Science	Melbourne, Fla.
Serge Afeli, Kansas State	Sr.	Physical Science	Abidjan, Ivory Coast
Paul Velander, Nebraska	So.	Natural Science Education	Blacksburg, Va.
Michael Neal, Oklahoma	Sr.	African and African-American Studies	Mesquite, Texas
Kellen Sampson, Oklahoma	Sr.	Communication	Norman, Okla.
J.D. Lewis, Texas	Jr.	Corporate Communication Studies	Amarillo, Texas
Logan Lee, Texas A&M	Sr.	Kinesiology	San Antonio, Texas
Jon Plefka, Texas Tech	Sr.	Human Development & Family Studies	New Britain, Conn.

### SECOND TEAM (3.00 TO 3.19 GPA)

<b>Name, School</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Chris Ceaser, Iowa State	Sr.	Health and Human Performance	Humble, Texas
Jiri Hubalek, Iowa State	Jr.	Liberal Studies	Prague, Czech Republic
Client Stewart, Kansas State	Jr.	Business	Tulsa, Okla.
Marcus Watkins, Missouri	Sr.	Graduate Studies	Charlotte, N.C.
Taylor Griffin, Oklahoma	So.	Zoology/Pre-Medicine	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Austin Johnson, Oklahoma	So.	Undecided	Amarillo, Texas
Connor Atchley, Texas	So.	Corporate Communication Studies	Clear Lake, Texas
Craig Winder, Texas	Sr.	Education	Hebron, Md.
Beau Muhlbach, Texas A&M	Jr.	Ag Leadership & Development	Lufkin, Texas
Dominique Kirk, Texas A&M	Jr.	Ag Leadership & Development	Dallas, Texas
Acie Law, Texas A&M	Sr.	Ag Leadership & Development	Dallas, Texas
Damir Suljagic, Texas Tech	So.	Psychology/General Business	Tucson, Ariz.