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2009 Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Team Announced

IRVING, Texas—The Big 12 Conference has named 28 student-athletes to the 2009 Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Team, the league office announced.

Texas led the league with the most honorees, placing six student-athletes on the squad -- four on the first team and two on the second.

Nominated by each institution's director of student-athlete support services and media relations offices, the men's basketball academic all-league squad consisted of 17 first team members combined with 11 on the second team. First team members have recorded a 3.20 or better GPA, while the second team are those with a 3.00 to 3.19 GPA.

To qualify student-athletes must maintain a 3.00 GPA or higher either cumulative or in the two previous semesters and 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.

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2009 ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM (3.20-PLUS GPA)

Name, School	Class	Major	Hometown
Josh Lomers, Baylor	Jr.	Human Resources Management & Finance	Boerne, Texas
Levi Knutson, Colorado	So.	Business	Littleton, Colo.
Sean Haluska, Iowa State	Sr.	Finance	Carroll, Iowa
Matt Kleinmann, Kansas	Sr.	Architecture	Overland Park, Kan.
Tyrel Reed, Kansas	So.	Exercise Science	Burlington, Kan.
Buchi Awaji, Kansas State	Jr.	Social Science	Los Angeles, Calif.
Chris Merriewether, Kansas State	Jr.	Finance	Jacksonville, Fla.
DeMarre Carroll, Missouri	Sr.	Human Development & Family Studies - Graduate	Birmingham, Ala.
Nick Krenk, Nebraska	Sr.	Psychology	Nebraska City, Neb.
Paul Velander, Nebraska	Sr.	Biological Sciences	Blacksburg, Va.
James Anderson, Oklahoma State	So.	Undeclared	Junction City, Ark.
Connor Atchley, Texas	Sr.	Graduate School of Advertising	Clear Lake, Texas
Dogus Balbay, Texas	So.	Eastern European Studies	Istanbul, Turkey
Damion James, Texas	Jr.	Education (Social Work minor)	Nacogdoches, Texas
Gary Johnson, Texas	So.	Social Work	Houston, Texas
Chinemelu Elonu, Texas A&M	Jr.	Agricultural Leadership	Houston, Texas
Esmir Rizvic, Texas Tech	Sr.	University Studies	Zenica, Bosnia

SECOND TEAM (3.00 TO 3.19 GPA)

Name, School	Class	Major	Hometown
Alex Thompson, Iowa State	Sr.	Political Science/Environmental Studies	Ames, Iowa
Cole Aldrich, Kansas	So.	Communication Studies	Bloomington, Minn.
Matt Lawrence, Missouri	Sr.	Business	St. Louis, Mo.
Taylor Griffin, Oklahoma	Sr.	Pre-Health and Exercise Science	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Omar Leary, Oklahoma	Sr.	Human Relations	Portland, Ore.
Ryan Wright, Oklahoma	Jr.	International Studies	Mississauga, Ontario
Justin Mason, Texas	Jr.	Education (Communications minor)	Amarillo, Texas
Dexter Pittman, Texas	Jr.	Education (Ethnic Studies minor)	Rosenberg, Texas
Bryson Graham, Texas A&M	Sr.	Human Resource Development	San Antonio, Texas
Nathan Walkup, Texas A&M	So.	Business	Houston, Texas
Mike Singletary, Texas Tech	So.	Business Administration	Humble, Texas