



2025 AVCA Team Academic Award Sponsored By INTENT

Volleyball programs from across the country continue to prove their dominance off the court as **1,450** collegiate and high school volleyball teams maintained a year-long grade-point average of at least 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or 4.1 on a 5.0 scale), to earn the [2025 AVCA Team Academic Award](#).

“It is very exciting to see that the record-setting, on-court successes during the 2024-25 season have extended to the classroom,” says AVCA CEO Jaime Gordon. “The fact that more programs earned the Team Academic Award than ever before is evidence of how committed our coaches are when it comes to helping their players reach their goals as both students and athletes.”

Teams that have received the award for 15 or more years are highlighted on the list of honorees for their consistent commitment to academics. Two programs hold the extraordinary record of receiving the award for 33 consecutive seasons: the girls teams at Jonesboro High School (Jonesboro, Ark.) and Ross S. Sterling High School (Baytown, Texas).

The High School Boys and High School Girls divisions again set records for total recipients, reaching 66 and 527 participants, respectively.

This season’s award was earned by several teams that also won national collegiate championships on the court and in the sand during the 2024–25 season:

- Lynn University (NCAA Women’s Division II)
- Juniata College (NCAA Women’s Division III)
- Florida Southwestern State College (NJCAA Women’s Division I)
- Cowley College (NJCAA Women’s Division II)
- Feather River College (3C2A Women)
- Texas Christian University (NCAA Women’s Beach)
- University of Mary Hardin Baylor (AVCA Small College Beach Women’s Division III)
- Stevenson University (AVCA Fall Beach – Men’s National Champions)

Stanford University (Division I), Barry University (Division II), and Emmanuel [Ga.] University (Division II) hit the trifecta, as their women’s, men’s, and beach teams are all being honored.

Here is the list of the schools with the longest current streaks by division:

- DI Women: 27 years – Indiana State
- DII Women: 23 years – Wayne State (Neb.) College
- DIII Women: 25 years – Central (Iowa) College
- NAIA Women: 27 years – Concordia (Neb.) University
- TYC Women: 15 years – Central (Neb.) Community College
- Men: 14 years – Harvard University
- Girls HS: 33 years – Jonesboro (Ark.) High School and Ross S. Sterling (Texas) High School
- Boys HS: 20 years – Cathedral (Ind.) High School
- College Beach: 12 years – Georgia State

The additional distinction of [Team Academic Honor Roll](#) celebrates programs in the top 20% of GPAs for their division.

Beginning this year, we will be naming a **Team Academic Champion** for each collegiate division. The programs named to this exclusive list achieved the highest GPAs in their respective divisions.

Here is the inaugural list of Team Academic Champions:

- NCAA Women’s Division I – St. John’s University
- NCAA Women’s Division II – Concordia University-St. Paul

- NCAA Women's Division III – Albion College
- NAIA Women's - Cornerstone University
- NCCAA Women's – Ohio Christian University
- 3C2A Women's – Feather River College
- NJCAA Women's Division I – Trinity Valley Community College
- NJCAA Women's Division II – Cowley College
- NJCAA Women's Division III – Sandhills Community College
- NWAC Women's - Centralia College
- NCAA Men's Division I – Harvard University
- NCAA Men's Division II – Lincoln Memorial University
- NCAA Men's Division III – Stevens Institute of Technology
- NAIA Men's - Cumberland University
- NCAA Women's Division I (Beach) – Grand Canyon University
- NCAA Women's Division II (Beach) – Hawai'i Pacific University
- NCAA Women's Division III (Beach) – East Texas Baptist University
- 3C2A Women's Beach – Feather River College
- NJCAA Women's Beach – Sandhills Community College

Additional resources for the Team Academic Award:

- [Download team certificates](#)
- [Order recognition plaques](#) from Rixstine, official trophy supplier of the AVCA
- [All-time Team Academic Award records](#) (1992-2025)

About the [American Volleyball Coaches Association](#)

The association's mission is to advance the sport of volleyball with AVCA coaches at the epicenter of leadership, advocacy, and professional development. The membership includes more than 10,000 collegiate, professional, high school, club, and youth volleyball coaches—primarily in the United States. The AVCA represents women's volleyball, men's volleyball, and beach volleyball coaches, and works to increase exposure and recognition for the sport of volleyball.