

## 2023 BCAM WOMEN'S COLLEGE ACADEMIC-ATHLETIC TEAM

**Sr. Sydney Cleary Calvin University Marketing 3.46 Middleville, MI**

A four-year member and 3-year starter on the Calvin University women's basketball team, Sydney Cleary is an accomplished student-athlete. She helped her team to a 21-6 overall record and a third-place finish in Michigan Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) conference play at 12-4. Sydney earned her first career All-MIAA recognition spot on the 2023 All-Conference Second-Team. She posted new career highs this season in multiple categories including points per game (11.3), three-point percentage (37.7%), three-point field goals (63) and rebounds per game (4.7). Cleary also averaged 3.7 assists per game, which was tied for best in the MIAA conference. Her 63 made three-pointers this season landed her 8th for a single season in Calvin University program history and second most makes overall among her peers in the MIAA.

**Jr. Alexis Johnson Oakland University Communications 3.70 Farmington, MI**

Oakland University junior Alexis Johnson has demonstrated a notable work ethic on the court, in the classroom and within her community. The College of Arts and Sciences Communication major has taken time from her busy collegiate student-athlete life to give back. She volunteered this winter at a non-profit organization in Pontiac to help others and spent time in elementary classrooms reading to youth. On the court, Alexis made an impact in the Horizon League as she finished in the top 20 in three different statistical categories: 17<sup>th</sup> in average points per game (11.0 ppg), 13<sup>th</sup> in average rebounds per game (5.5 rpg) and 16<sup>th</sup> in average steals per game (1.2 spg).

**Sr. Maxine Moore Wayne State University Communications 3.86 Southfield, MI**

Wayne State University fifth-year senior Maxine Moore started all 27 contests this season for the Warriors. She concluded her career in the green and gold as 23rd in WSU history in career field goal percentage (46.3%). Maxine was named to the 2022-23 GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team, and received Academic All-District honors by College Sports Communicators. Her passion and knowledge for the game was recognized when she was selected by the WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Association) for the 2023 So You Want To Be A Coach program. This program assists female collegiate basketball players who are interested in pursuing a career in coaching women's basketball by providing them with professional development. Maxine also served as a member of the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council on Wayne State's campus.

**Jr. Lauren Ross Western Michigan University Psychology 4.00 Muskegon, MI**

Lauren Ross was the 7<sup>th</sup> leading scorer in the country among DI female basketball players prior to a season ending injury during the seventeenth game of the season. Until this point, Lauren had started all 17 games and was averaging 21.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg and 2.35 apg. During the 2022-23 season she had been named Mid-American Conference (MAC) player of the week on four (4) different occasions. Academically, Lauren has been named 3<sup>rd</sup> team Academic All-American (this is only the second time in Bronco history). Lauren serves as a member of the NCAA student athlete advisory committee (SAAC) along with a select few of her Bronco student-athlete peers.

**Gr. Emily Spitzley Grand Valley State University Accounting (Masters Degree) 3.948 Westphalia, MI**

Graduate student Emily Spitzley has had impressive career at Grand Valley State University; both on and off the court. She became GVSU's all-time wins leader in the Laker's program history. At the conclusion of the 2023 season Emily's honors included being named WBCA Honorable Mention All-American, voted D2CCA All-Region, First-Team All-GLIAC, as well as GLIAC All-Defensive team and earned the GLIAC Tournament MVP award. She ended her career with 1,257 points, ranking 20th in program history. Head coach Mike Williams described Emily as a consistent example of hard work and dedication. "Emily has sacrificed her own minutes to ensure that our team has the most success possible." This is evident as she became the program's all time career leader in wins at GVSU with 133 career wins.