

2024 BCAM WOMEN'S COLLEGE ACADEMIC-ATHLETIC TEAM

Jr. Valerie Dirkse Calvin University Nursing 4.00 Vienna, VA

The Calvin Knights team captain Valerie Dirkse has demonstrated a notable work ethic on the court and in the classroom. She was honored as the 2023-24 MIAA Defensive Player of the Year. She started all 26 games this season. Her stat column included 5.2 ppg and 8.1 rpg, along with a team high 65 total blocked shots and 36 total steals. Valerie also earned a spot on the MIAA Second Team this season. In the classroom, Valerie has a perfect 4.00 GPA. She has been on the Calvin University Dean's List for five consecutive semesters. The Nursing major from Vienna, VA is a two-time CSC Academic All-District selection for 22-23' and 23-24'. Dirkse also serves as a Special Olympics volunteer.

Sr. Sara English Kalamazoo College History & Spanish 3.69 East Lansing, MI

Kalamazoo College senior guard Sara English will not only graduate with a double major in History and Spanish, but she will also leave her mark within the basketball books after making 50 three-pointers this season, the eighth most in K-College program history. English started all 25 games this past season for Kalamazoo, averaging 9.6 PPG, 3.1 RPG and 2.0 APG. The Hornets' team captain was a leader for athletics and the Kalamazoo community. During the 2023-24 season Sara volunteered at a local animal rescue, partnered with the Kalamazoo Police in the "Shop with a Senior" program, as well as, volunteered at a local children's hospital. She is a 3-time MIAA Academic Honor Roll member and a two-time CSC Academic All-District selection for 22-23' and 23-24'.

So. Corrin Replogle Kellogg Community College Criminal Justice 3.71 Middleville, MI

The Kellogg Community College women's basketball program not only had a dedicated student-athlete on their roster in Corrin Replogle, but a member of the Army National Reserves. Her current rank is a Specialist. Corrin's commitment to her country, college and team was represented on several occasions. For example, when tragedy struck the campus of MSU, she served all night to assist the police department with crowd control, then she traveled back to KCC to attend study table and basketball practice. On the court Corrin earned Player of the Week honors in the MCCA Western Conference. She was awarded a spot on the 2023 MCCA Western Conference Honorable Mention list. She helped lead her team to a share of the conference championship. Corrin has also served as team captain at KCC for two seasons.

Jr. Kylie Skidmore Adrian College Education/Math 3.66 Riverview, MI

Adrian College point guard, Kylie Skidmore took to the court and made a consistent impact in the MIAA this season. She concluded the season at the top of the conference in several different statistical categories: 2nd in field goal percentage (52%), 2nd in assists per game (3.8) and 5th in steals per game (1.7). She was recognized as MIAA Player of the Week this season while also garnering a spot on the All MIAA Academic Honor Roll for the past two seasons and was named to the 2024 CSC Academic All-District team. On campus Kylie is an active member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and volunteers with special Olympics.

Sr. Hannah Spitzley Western Michigan University Exercise Science 3.91 Westphalia, MI

Hannah Spitzley has had an impressive four-year career in the Bronco uniform. Spitzley was named to the 2023-24 Academic All-MAC Team, an honor she has earned for the past three consecutive seasons. This also marked the second straight year that Hannah earned a spot on the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team (22-23 & 23-24). The two-time senior captain would also see a career year on the court by making a personal best 39 three-pointers from beyond the arc. She played in all 29 games for WMU and averaged 28.5 minutes of action per game. Her leadership was not only on the court and in the classroom, but within the Bronco community as she leads her team's community service campaigns. Hannah is a member of the WMU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).