

Twenty-Nine Student-Athletes Inducted Into Society of Character

The Frank G. Ham Society of Character announces 2003 inductees.



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LEXINGTON, Ky. - The University of Kentucky inducted 29 student-athletes into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character during halftime of the UK-Georgia men's basketball game, Tuesday, Feb. 11. The football team leads the list with eight members, while 18 of UK's 22 sports had at least one student-athlete inducted.

The Society of Character is part of the University of Kentucky's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program. It is designed to help student-athletes realize the value of higher academic achievement, a higher level of maturity, self-responsibility and greater overall success. The Society was founded in 1998 to recognize those individuals who epitomize the term "student-athlete." Each candidate is nominated by a counselor, coach, trainer or manager and then evaluated on five criteria:

- commitment to academic excellence,
- commitment to athletic participation,
- commitment to personal development,
- commitment to being a role-model, and
- commitment to preparing for the world of work.

The mission of the Society of Character is:

- to recognize student-athletes who have achieved and continue to achieve a high level in all areas of their life,
- to bring together these high achieving student-athletes for interactive programs:
- to further enhance the high achieving student-athletes' best interests and well being,
- to promote continued interaction with other organizations.

Each candidate nominated for election into the Society of Character must meet the following requirements:

- must have completed a minimum of 30 hours prior to nomination,
- must have a competitive grade-point average,
- must demonstrate a commitment to their academic success as well as to personal development, career development and service activities.

This year's class includes:

<i>Student-Athlete</i>	<i>Sport</i>
Tayo Agboke	Football
Lyndsey Angus	Softball
Jed Bassett	Football
Aaron Boone	Football
Leigh Bradwell	Women's Tennis
Daniel Burnett	Football
Melody Cook	Rifle
David Freeman	Track & Field
Kelli Frost	Swimming & Diving
Eva Gessner	Women's Golf
Otis Grigsby	Football
Antonio Hall	Football
Nikki Jones	Softball
Anne Koester	Volleyball
Robert Krukoski	Rifle
Kara McCue	Women's Soccer
Lindsey Meagher	Rifle
Thomas Morgan	Track & Field
Ronnie Riley	Football
John Robinson	Football
Hunter Spencer	Track & Field
J.D. Stephenson	Men's Soccer
Gordon Tyler	Baseball
David Waespe	Baseball
Brooke Walters	Women's Soccer
Roger Watkins	Swimming & Diving
Matt Wells	Men's Golf
Bradley Wheeldon	Rifle

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