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***Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* announces 2017 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Team Winners**

FAIRFAX, Va., March 7, 2017 — *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* magazine has announced the Team Winners for the 37 sports included in this year’s Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar special report—which will be published on April 6, 2017.

Nominated by their respective institutions, these students were chosen from over 1,200 outstanding minority student-athletes.

The Team Winners are:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Sport</u>	<u>Institution</u>
Mario	Leon	Baseball	Florida Gulf Coast University
Nigel	Williams-Goss	Basketball (M)	Gonzaga University
Cheyenne	Creighton	Basketball (W)	University of Memphis
Amoni	Knight	Bowling (W)	Delaware State University
Britni	Love	Cheerleading	Oklahoma State University
Andre	Mattus	Crew (M)	University of Washington
Tara	Montgomery	Crew (W)	San Diego State University
Mia	Bray	Equestrian (W)	Oklahoma State University
Theophilus	Onigbinde	Fencing (M)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Cyn	Chau	Fencing (W)	New York University
Lotta	Kahlert	Field Hockey	University of Louisville
Tim	Crawley	Football	San José State University
Scott	Kim	Golf (M)	Siena College
Valentina	Herrera	Golf (W)	University of Cincinnati
Austin	Epperson	Gymnastics (M)	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Aja	Sims	Gymnastics (W)	University of Alabama

Christian	Lampasso	Ice Hockey (M)	The Ohio State University
Leah	Lum	Ice Hockey (W)	University of Connecticut
Ryan	Ghaderi	Lacrosse (M)	Siena College
Gabrielle	Batista	Lacrosse (W)	Molloy College
Alathea	Sellers	Rifle (W)	Murray State University
Miles Jennings	Braden	Sailing (M)	Hampton University
Mariano	Cepeda	Soccer (M)	Holy Family University
Gabrielle	Batista	Soccer (W)	Molloy College
Lindsey	Stickrod	Softball	University of Memphis
Andres	DeFrutos	Squash (M)	George Washington University
Brian	Allen	Swimming & Diving (M)	Denison University
Danielle	Bordes	Swimming & Diving (W)	University of Connecticut
Andrew	Watson	Tennis (M)	University of Memphis
Aldila	Sutjiadi	Tennis (W)	University of Kentucky
Alex	Grady	Track/Cross Country (M)	Georgia Institute of Technology
Bria	Matthews	Track/Cross Country (W)	Georgia Institute of Technology
Joel	Roberts	Volleyball (M)	University of Mount Olive
Kamila	Tan	Volleyball (W)	University of California, Los Angeles
Alastair	Berry	Waterpolo (M)	George Washington University
Madison	Obata	Waterpolo (W)	Siena College
Joseph	Jauregui	Wrestling	Menlo College

A scholar and athlete, Ashe sought to expand opportunities for young people. Each year [*Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*](#) invites every postsecondary institution in the country to participate in this awards program by nominating their outstanding sports scholars. In addition to their athletic ability, students named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2; and be active on their campuses or in their community.

Past Ashe scholars include: Baylor University's Robert Griffin III (2011); the University of Tennessee's Kara Lawson (2003); San Diego State University's Marshall Faulk (1993); and the University of Kansas' Jaque Vaughn (1996), just to name a few scholar-athletes who have gone on to achieve great success. To learn more, contact us today.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Arthur Ashe, Jr. Sports Scholars program, the University of Richmond will host an awards luncheon on their campus on April 11. The NCAA's Office of Inclusion will also participate in the program.

[Leland Melvin](#), retired astronaut and former NFL player, will deliver the keynote address. He was a wide receiver on the University of Richmond football team from 1982-85.

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