



VMI Athletics Academic Honors Program

The Elite Eighteen (Named at the conclusion of each regular academic term (fall/spring))

Summary Description:

The membership of the Elite Eighteen* is composed of the cadet-athletes on VMI's NCAA Athletic Teams who have performed the best academically at the end of a given semester. In order to earn the honor of being in the Elite Eighteen, a cadet-athlete must be a second classmen or higher, must be on their team's squad list for their sport's traditional championship season and must have the highest cumulative GPA on their respective team at the end of that semester. A new Elite Eighteen is named every semester. These cadet-athletes will be honored by lunch with the Athletic Director and other dignitaries. A press release will issued about them, and their achievements. The names of the Elite Eighteen are published on an academic honors webpage on the VMI Athletics website. Their names will also be posted on the top of academic honors board in the Athletic Academic Services Office study area of Carroll Hall.

*The Elite Eighteen may include more or less than eighteen cadet-athletes. In the event there is a tie amongst for the highest cumulative GPA amongst eligible candidates on a team for a given semester, those cadet-athletes who are tied will all be honored as members of the Elite Eighteen. Furthermore, if a multi-sport cadet-athlete earns the honor of being in the Elite Eighteen in two or more sports, he or she will hold the honor for those sports simultaneously.

Selection Criteria:

- Must be a second classmen or higher in class standing
- Must be on their team's squad list for their team's most recent traditional championship season
- Must have the highest cumulative grade point average of any member of their respective team for that semester

Honors:

- Lunch with the AD and/or other dignitaries
- Press release naming the Elite Eighteen and their athletic and academic achievements
- Named on an Academic Honors Page on the VMI Athletic Department Website

-Names posted on the academic honors board in the Carroll Hall study area

Athletic Director's Honors List (Named at the conclusion of each regular academic term (fall/spring))

Summary Description:

Those named to the Athletic Director's Honors List are cadet-athletes from the third class and higher who are on their team's squad list for their sport's traditional championship season and who have achieved a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher at the end of a given semester. Athletic Director's Academic Honors List recognizes those cadet-athletes who represent the best ideals of college athletics, by participating intercollegiate athletic program and excelling in the academic arena. The Athletic Director's Honors List is named every semester. Those on the Athletic Director's Honors List will receive a letter on congratulations and gratitude from the Director of Athletics. The names of those on the Athletic Director's Honors List are published on an academic honors webpage on the VMI Athletics website. A press release naming those named to the Athletic Director's honors list will be issued. Their names will also be posted on the academic honors board in the Athletic Academic Services Office study area of Carroll Hall.

Selection Criteria:

- Must be a third classmen or higher in class standing
- Must be on their team's squad list for their team's most recent traditional championship season
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher at the conclusion of the term which they are selected.

Honors:

- Letter of congratulation and gratitude from the Director of Athletics
- Press release naming the Athletic Director's Honors List.
- Named on an Academic Honors Page on the VMI Athletic Department Website.
- Names posted on the academic honors board in the Carroll Hall study area.

Cadet-Athlete Scholar Society (Named at the conclusion on each regular academic term (fall/spring))

Summary Description:

The membership of the cadet-athlete scholar society is composed of those cadet-athletes who are on their team's squad list during the traditional championship season for their sport and who achieve a 3.0 semester GPA or higher for that given term. The society's membership will be determined every semester and consecutive awards and repeated awards will be tracked and denoted. The names of the membership of the cadet-athlete scholar society will be published on an academic honors page on the VMI athletics website. A press release naming the membership of the cadet-athlete scholar society will be issued. Their names will also be posted on the top of academic honors board in the Athletic Academic Services Office study area of Carroll Hall.

Selection Criteria:

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- Must be on their team's squad list for their team's traditional championship season
 - Must have a semester GPA of 3.0 or higher at the conclusion of the term which they are selected.

Honors:

- Press release naming the membership of the cadet-athlete scholar society.
- Named on an Academic Honors Page on the VMI Athletic Department Website.
- Membership posted on the academic honors board in the Carroll Hall study area.

Note: If qualified for each, cadet-athletes may be named to each of these honors (i.e. a member of the Elite Eighteen may also be on the Athletic Director's Honors List and the Cadet-Athlete Scholar Society).

The Don Jamison Team Academic Achievement Award (Named at the end of every Academic Year)

Summary Description:

The Don Jamison Team Academic Achievement Award recognizes a men's team and a women's team who have distinguished themselves by their superior academic achievement. The award is determined by which team's membership has accumulated the greatest number of individual academic honors from the VMI Athletic Academic Awards Program relative to the size of its membership.

Selection /Scoring System

- Each team receives 1 point for each team member named to the Cadet-Athlete Scholar Society during a given year
- Each team receives an additional bonus point for each team member named to the Athletic Director honors list
- The total number of points each team earns is then divided by the total number of points the team could possibly earn from members being on the Cadet-Athlete Honor Society during a given year (because that is the only honor that is open to all cadet-athletes), which is two per cadet-athlete on the team (defined as on the squad list during their championship season). The resulting number is that team's score
- the team with the highest score is the award winner

Honors:

Plaque and recognition on an awards board in an athletic department building