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Taylor Vandommelen, a student-athlete at South Suburban College, was named to the NJCAA All-Academic First Team.

## South Suburban College Student-Athletes Earn All-Academic Achievement by the National Junior College Athletic Association

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—The South Suburban College (SSC) Athletics Department is proud to announce student-athletes awarded for their dedication in the classroom during the 2021-22 school year. The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) has named ten All-Academic Team recipients from SSC.

"This has been a successful year for Bulldogs Athletics," stated Steve Ruzich, SSC Athletic Director. "The scholastic accomplishments of our student-athletes who display dedication to their sports and their studies are to be commended. I'm proud to be associated with a program of students who exemplify excellence both in the classroom and on the playing field."

There are three categories in the NJCAA All-Academic divisions. First Team awardees earn a GPA of 4.00. Second Team awardees achieve between a 3.99 and 3.80 GPA. Third Team awardees attain between a 3.79 and 3.60 GPA. SSC recipients include:

First Team: Taylor Vandommelen – Volleyball

Second Team: James Burke – Baseball Second Team: Harrison Dubois – Baseball

Second Team: Amaris Gonzalez – Women's Soccer

Second Team: Michael Pawyza – Baseball Second Team: Seungjun Song – Baseball Third Team: Osiris Atisso – Men's Basketball

Third Team: Cameron Bartmann – Men's Basketball Third Team: Samya Gardner – Women's Basketball

Third Team: Jacob Mucha - Baseball

Taylor Vandommelen of Highland, IN recently completed her sophomore year at SSC. She enjoyed both playing volleyball and interacting with her instructors in the classroom. Vandommelen said, "I really enjoyed the teachers, especially Becky Walters, the Paralegal Studies and Criminal Justice Program Coordinator. She really makes sure that students understand the course material." Vandommelen will continue her studies in the field of criminal justice at Indiana University Northwest, while extending her student-athlete status as a Redhawk volleyball player.

For information about Bulldogs Athletics, contact Steve Ruzich at (708) 596-2000, ext. 5843 or email SRuzich@ssc.edu. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois. *Our mission is to Serve our Students and the Community through lifelong learning.* 

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