

Charlotte Track and Field Duo Named Academic All-America

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Charlotte track and field seniors Jason Roberts (Jamestown, N.C. / Southwest Guilford HS) and Macey Ruble (Boone, N.C. / Watauga HS) were named to the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America Division I Second and Third Teams, respectively. Both sport 4.0 grade point averages. Roberts is a six-time all-conference thrower for the 49ers. He ranks

in the top-five in school history in five different events, including second all-time in the outdoor hammer and indoor weight throw. He was the 2009 A-10 Outdoor Field Performer of the Year and was named to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar List Second Team.

The throwing standout capped off an outstanding collegiate career this year, with his final competition coming at the 2012 NCAA East Preliminary. Earlier in May, Roberts was runner-up in the shot put and hammer and third in the discus at the 2012 Atlantic 10 Track & Field Outdoor Championships, helping the 49ers men win their fifth conference championship since joining the league in 2006. During the indoor season, he was also runner-up in the shot put, leading the Niners to a second place team finish at the conference meet. Having earned a Bachelor's in Accounting in 2011, Roberts is working towards his Masters of Accountancy and boasts an impressive 4.0 GPA. He is a three-time Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference selection. Ruble, already the A-10 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and recipient of one of four A-10 postgraduate scholarships and earned the male track and field NCAA postgraduate scholarship, was a double major in physics and mathematics, with a minor in psychology.

The pole vault specialist has placed in the top 10 at the Indoor A-10 Track and Field Championships all four years, his best finish a second at the 2010 A-10 Indoor Championships. Ruble also placed in the top five at the Outdoor track and Field A-10 Championships in his freshman, sophomore and junior seasons. His 15'1" mark in 2009 is tied for third all-time in the pole vault at Charlotte for an outdoor season, while a 14'3" jump stands as tenth-best at Charlotte for an indoor meet. He is a four-time member of the Chancellor's List and Atlantic 10 Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll, as well as a two-time member of the Capital One Academic All-District Three Team (2010, 2012). Ruble is a three-time winner of the Hugh McEniry Men's Student Athlete of the Year at Charlotte, awarded to the male student-athletes with the highest grade point average in the department. Ruble was inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society in 2010 and Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society in 2011. The pair joins junior baseball student-athlete Shane Basen on the all-time Academic All-America list from Charlotte. The 49ers have earned 39 All-America nods in ten different sports, with 27 of those coming since the opening of the Athletic Academic Center in 2003.

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