

## ACADEMIC HONORS

## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

(AS SELECTED BY COSIDA)

## FIRST-TEAM SELECTIONS

Bob Lenzini, DT, 1952  
 Jim Grabowski, FB, 1964, 1965  
 John Wright Sr., E, 1966  
 Jim Rucks, DE, 1970  
 Bob Bucklin, DE, 1971  
 Dan Gregus, DL, 1980, 1981, 1982  
 Mike Hopkins, DB, 1991  
 John Wright Jr., WR, 1992  
 Brett Larsen, P, 1994  
 Josh Whitman, TE, 1999, 2000

## SECOND-TEAM SELECTIONS

Bruce Capel, C, 1964  
 Ron Acks, DB, 1965  
 John Wright Sr., E, 1967  
 Bob Bucklin, DE, 1970  
 Dan Beaver, K, 1976  
 Bruce Thornton, DT, 1977  
 Charlie Weber, FB, 1977, 1978  
 Curt Lovelace, C, 1990  
 John Wright Jr., WR, 1991  
 Brett Larsen, P, 1995  
 Fred Wakefield, DE, 1999, 2000  
 Tony Pashos, OT, 2002

## THIRD-TEAM SELECTIONS

Dick Deller, G, 1963  
 Mike Taliaferro, QB, 1963  
 Dave Tomasula, LB, 1967  
 Tony Pleviak, DL, 1968

## HONORABLE MENTION SELECTIONS

Mike Dundy, HB, 1963  
 Tony Pleviak, DL, 1967  
 Doug Redmann, OG, 1969

## DISTRICT IV

Tony Pashos, OT, 2002  
**J Leman, LB, 2005**

## ILLINOIS POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Thirteen Illinois athletes, including five football players, have won NCAA postgraduate scholarships. Postgraduate scholarship winners must carry a minimum 3.4 (4.0) grade point average and are also evaluated on the basis of athletic achievement, extracurricular activities and community and civic involvement.

Robert Scott Bucklin (Football), 1972  
 Mike Hopkins (Football), 1991  
 Curtis Lovelace (Football), 1990  
 Laurence McCarren Jr. (Football), 1973  
 John Wright Jr. (Football), 1992  
 Josh Whitman (Football), 2000

## ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

## FIRST-TEAM SELECTIONS

Agee, Mel, DL, 1987-1988  
 Allen, Bob, RG, 1957  
 Ash, Dave, C, 1959  
 Beaver, Dan, K, 1974, 1976  
 Benson, Ivan, DB, 1996-98  
 Beutjer, Jon, QB, 2004  
 Braid, Ken, LB, 1972

## Boyd, Arthur, DL, 2004-05

Boyle, Kenny, TE, 2000, 02  
 Boyter, Brett, TE, 2002-03  
 Brosnan, Brian, S, 2002, 05  
 Bucklin, Bob, DE, 1970-71  
 Capel, Bruce, C, 1964  
 Chamblin, Jack, C, 1954  
 Cole, Mike, DL, 1992-1993  
 Collier, Glenn, DE, 1971  
 Conroy, John, WR, 1996  
 Craig, Ryan, DB, 1997  
 Cushing, Matt, TE, 1997  
 DeDecker, Darrel, G, 1960  
 Deller, Dick, RT, 1962-1963  
 Dennis, Mark, OT, 1986  
 Diehl, David, OL, 1999-02

## NCAA AWARD OF VALOR

Awarded only five times since 1974, the Award of Valor is presented to a coach, administrator, or current or former varsity letterwinner who, when confronted with a situation involving personal danger, averted or minimized potential disaster by courageous action or noteworthy bravery. In 1982, former Fighting Illini football player Timothy J. McCarthy '71 was presented the award for his actions in the assassination attempt of President Ronald Reagan on March 30, 1981. McCarthy served as a secret service agent and was wounded in the line of duty. In that same incident, another UI graduate, presidential press secretary James Brady, was also wounded.

## NCAA SILVER ANNIVERSARY AWARD

This award is given annually to six distinguished former student-athletes on their silver anniversary (25th) as college graduates. In 1990, Illinois great Dick Butkus '65 was presented the award along with a group that included Dr. Donald Baxter (basketball, Mercer University), Paul Bucha (swimming, U.S. Military Academy), Dr. Archie Roberts (baseball, Columbia University) and Roger Staubach (football, U.S. Naval Academy). Following his career at Illinois, Butkus earned Pro Football Hall of Fame honors with the Chicago Bears and also has distinguished himself as a sports commentator and actor.

Donnelly, Pat, DB, 1990  
 Dulick, Jason, WR, 1993  
 Dundy, Mike, RB, 1963  
 Engel, Greg, C, 1991-1992  
 Erb, Bruce, LB, 1969  
 Ernst, Don, T, 1953  
 Fitts, Steve, P, 1999  
 Finis, Jerry, OL, 1976  
 Flynn, Dennis, OT, 1981  
 Freund, Peter, QB, 1988  
 Gatton, Joe, TE, 1996-1997  
 Glielmi, Rob, LB, 1985  
 Gomez, Mike, LS, 2002  
 Gow, Mike, DB, 1973  
 Grabowski, Jim, FB, 1964-65  
 Greenlee, Andy, DB, 1997  
 Gregus, Dan, DL, 1980-82  
 Gregus, Kurt, LB, 1987-89  
 Grzelakowski, Brian, LB, 2005  
 Gusich, Mike, DB, 1996-98  
 Hardy, Kevin, LB, 1993  
 Hayes, Erik, OL, 1992  
 Haywood, Brad, FB, 2003  
 Henkel, Bill, LB, 1988, 1990  
 Hodel, Nathan, OL, 1997-00  
 Holcombe, Robert, RB, 1997  
 Hopkins, Mike, DB, 1989-91  
 Huisinga, Larry, DB, 1971-72  
 Jenner, Kris, QB, 1982-1983  
 Juriga, Jim, OG, 1985  
 Kautter, Brett, DT, 1999-02  
 Kittner, Kurt, QB, 1999  
 Kleckner, Bill, DB, 1974  
 Klein, Jim, FL, 1993-1994  
 Koch, Bryan, OL, 2003  
 Koester, Craig, TE, 1992-93  
 Kornfeld, Mark, QB, 2001, 03-04  
 Kruger, Jordan, OL, 2004  
 Kulaga, Jay, OL, 1999-00  
 Larsen, Brett, P, 1993-95  
 Lauzen, Joe, DL, 1996  
**Leman, J, LB, 2005**  
 Lenzini, Bob, T, 1953  
 Lopez, John, WR, 1980-81  
 Lovelace, Curt, C, 1988-90  
 Malczyk, Mike, LS, 2000  
 Matha, Ryan, DT, 2002  
 McCarren, Larry, C, 1972  
 McCracken, Mac, LB, 1976  
 McCray, Mike, QB, 1977  
**McDonald, Ryan, OT, 2005**  
 McGoey, Eric, WR, 2001-03  
 McMillin, Troy, OL, 1978  
 McMillin, Ty, LB, 1973  
**Mendenhall, Walter, LB, 2005**  
 Minor, Jim, C, 1955, 1956  
 Moore, Ryan, WR, 1995-96  
 Moss, Scott, DE, 2003-05  
 Navarro, Mike, FB, 1972  
 Nawrocki, Nolan, LB, 1996, '98  
**Norris, Josh, DL, 2004-05**  
 Ogata, B.J., TE, 2000  
**O'Donnell, Martin, OG, 2005**  
 O'Laughlin, J.J., QB, 1992  
 Pashos, Tony, OL, 1999-02

Piazza, Nick, WR, 1998-01  
 Pleviak, Tony, DL, 1966-68  
**Reda, Jason, PK, 2005**  
 Redmann, Doug, G, 1969  
 Rucks, Jim, E, 1970  
 Sewall, Luke, DB, 1982-83  
 Schau, Ryan, OL, 1996-1998  
 Schau, Tom, OL, 1996-1998  
 Schnack, Jason, P, 1992  
 Schwarzenraub, Jeff, QB, 1993  
 Shaffer, Jim, LB, 1990  
 Shepard, Bryan, DB, 1998  
**Simmons, JJ, OL, 2004-05**  
 Smith, Dale, B, 1957  
 Steinhaus, Steve, OL, 1994  
 Taliaferro, Mike, QB, 1963  
 Tesdall, Seth, DT, 1999  
 Thornton, Bruce, DL, 1977  
 Tomasula, Dave, LB, 1967  
 Tubbs, JJ, PK, 2000-03  
 Venegoni, John, LB, 1981  
 Voelker, Gary, WR, 1992-93  
 Wakefield, Fred, DE, 1997-00  
 Weber, Charlie, RB, 1977  
 Wells, Mike, QB, 1971  
 Whitman, Josh, TE, 1998-00  
 Willis, Steve, S, 1995  
 Wright, Dave, T, 1971  
 Wright, John, Sr., E, 1965-67  
 Wright, John, Jr., WR, 1990-92

## SECOND-TEAM SELECTIONS

Acks, Ron, DB, 1964  
 Bedalow, John, TE, 1972  
 Blackwell, Don, OT, 1972  
 Gann, John, OB, 1972  
 Hogan, Mickey, RT, 1968  
 Hollenbach, Jeff, QB, 1973  
 Jordan, Larry, G, 1967  
 Kleber, Doug, TE, 1973  
 Petersen, Mark, DE, 1973  
 Smith, Tom, T, 1966  
 Uecker, Bill, DB, 1973  
 Wiza, John, LB, 1972

## THIRD-TEAM SELECTIONS

Acks, Ron, DB, 1965  
 Bieczczad, Bob, OL, 1969  
 Pietkus, Bob, T, 1965

## HONORABLE MENTION SELECTIONS

Bess, Ron, HB, 1965  
 Bucklin, Bob, DE, 1969  
 Guenther, Ron, L, 1965  
 Hogan, Mickey, RT, 1967  
 Jeske, Tom, DE, 1969  
 Kaiser, John, SE, 1969  
 Kimbell, Steve, C, 1964-65  
 McDonough, Mike, LG, 1968  
 Pnazer, Karl, DL, 1969  
 Rodgers, Randy, FB, 1968  
 Rose, Jerry, C, 1967  
 Stellwagen, Joel, G, 1964, 1966  
 Sturrock, Tom, OT, 1968  
 Whiteside, Jim, RT, 1968

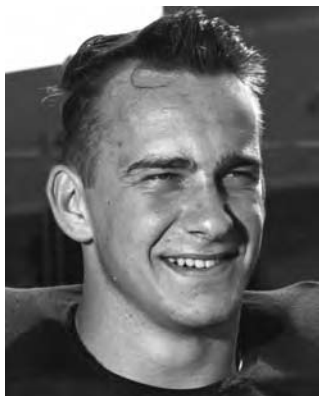
## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA HALL OF FAME

Jim Grabowski was among four former college student-athletes inducted into the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame April 22, 1993. The other inductees were football's Raymond Berry and Dave Casper, and basketball's Kermit Washington.

To be eligible for the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame, an athlete must have been a GTE Academic All-America team member with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (4.0 scale). In addition, his/her class must have been graduated for at least 10 years. Academic All-America Hall of Fame members must have attained high achievements in their chosen professions and have made substantial contributions to their communities.

Grabowski was a two-time consensus All-American who, as a sophomore, was the MVP of the 1964 Rose Bowl. He placed third in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy as a senior in 1965. He graduated as a finance major.

The Big Ten's career rushing leader at the time of his graduation, Grabowski was a



first-round draft choice of the NFL-champion Green Bay Packers and played six years of professional football with the Packers and Chicago Bears.

Grabowski has been involved with many charitable organizations and is an officer of the Red Cloud Athletic Fund, which raises money for Sioux Indians.

The color analyst for Illini football radio broadcasts, Grabowski is Chief Operating Officer of Great Lakes Telecommunication Corp.