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## **Dayton's Christopher Beaschler named PFL Scholar-Athlete of the Year leads Pioneer Football League's 24th Annual Academic Teams**

SAINT LOUIS, Mo.— Dayton redshirt senior linebacker Christopher Beaschler earned his second consecutive Pioneer Football League Scholar-Athlete of the Year award, leading a group of 53 student-athletes named to the 24th annual Academic All-PFL Teams, as selected by the league's sports information directors.

Beaschler, of Ada, Ohio, is a mechanical engineering major who has amassed a 3.73 grade-point average during his Dayton career. In addition to being named the league's Scholar-Athlete of the Year, he earned his third consecutive First-Team Academic All-PFL selection, becoming only the 37th student-athlete to accomplish that feat in the award's 24 seasons.

Nationally, Beaschler was named to the 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-District Teams™ in October, less than a year after being named to that organization's 2015 Academic All-America Teams®. Beaschler is a four-time Academic All-PFL selection and a four-time member of the league's academic honor roll.

In addition to those honors, Beaschler is one of 16 finalists for the 2016 National Football Foundation's William V. Campbell Trophy. The trophy, sometimes referred to as "the Academic Heisman," recognizes an individual as the top football scholar-athlete in the nation.

On the field, Beaschler has been Dayton's leading tackler for each of the last three seasons, including his team best 88 tackles this season. He ranks fifth among FCS active career leaders in total tackles (384) and is third in solo tackles (11). This season, Beaschler also had 56 solo tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss and three sacks.

In addition, 10 student-athletes appear as first-team honorees for a second consecutive year: Butler's Sean Horan; the Dayton quartet of Jack Crain, Alex Jeske, Jimmy Vogel and Tucker Yinger; Drake's Keegan Gallery; the San Diego duo of Devyn Bryant and Max Michaels; Stetson's Davion Belk and Valparaiso's Brian Lang.

The Academic All-PFL teams are a complement to the Capital One Academic All-America® program presented by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Thirteen PFL student-athletes were named to their respective Capital One Academic All-District Teams® this fall. The 2016 Capital One Academic All-America Teams® will be announced Thursday.

Pioneer Football League athletic directors established the Academic All-PFL squads in 1993 as a way to recognize the league's outstanding student-athletes. To be eligible for Academic All-PFL consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00 and reached their second season both athletically and academically at his current institution.

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# 2016 PFL Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Christopher Beaschler, Dayton

## 2016 Academic All-Pioneer Football League First Team

(as selected by PFL sports information directors)

Student-Athlete	School	Class.	Pos	GPA	Major (Minor)
<b>OFFENSE</b>					
Cord Collier	Butler	Jr.	TE	3.90	Finance And Management Information Systems
Danny Cotter (2)	Butler	Sr.	WR	3.71	Chemistry
Lawrence Dickens	Marist	Jr.	WR	3.49	Business Administration: Finance
Keegan Gallery (1)	Drake	Sr.	WR	3.64	International Business
Alex Jeske (1)	Dayton	Jr.	QB	3.82	Finance
Brian Lang (1)	Valparaiso	RJr.	OL	3.89	Accounting
Anthony Lawrence	San Diego	So.	QB	3.59	Accountancy
Aaron Melton	Drake	RSr.	OL	3.46	Marketing/Informational Systems
Jake Raymond	Morehead State	Sr.	SLOT	3.35	Engineering Technology
Brian Stryffeler	Campbell	RJr.	OL	3.90	Exercise & Sports Science
Jimmy Vogel (1)	Dayton	Sr.	OT	3.50	Mechanical Engineering
Tucker Yinger (1)	Dayton	Jr.	RB	3.83	Mechanical Engineering
<b>DEFENSE</b>					
Christopher Beaschler (3, 1)	Dayton	Sr.	LB	3.73	Mechanical Engineering
Davion Belk (1)	Stetson	Sr.	DT	3.34	Marketing
Colt Briggs (2)	Morehead State	RJr.	DL	3.77	Biomedical Science
Devyn Bryant (1)	San Diego	Sr.	DB	3.54	Mechanical Engineering
Nathan Clayberg	Drake	Jr.	DL	4.00	Accounting/Finance
Jack Crain (1)	Dayton	Sr.	LB	3.89	Accounting
Tanner Evans	Drake	Sr.	DL	3.84	Finance/Politics
Sean Horan (1)	Butler	Sr.	LB	3.93	Economics & Mechanical Engineering
David Leisring	Dayton	So.	S	3.94	Finance (Accounting)
Max Michaels (1)	San Diego	Jr.	DB	3.93	Accountancy
Alec Moreno (2)	San Diego	Jr.	LB	3.67	Accountancy
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>					
Chris Apicella	Marist	Jr.	LS	3.82	Business Administration: Finance & Economics
Mike Maccarone (2)	Marist	Sr.	K/P	3.58	Business Administration: Finance
William Will	Dayton	Sr.	K	3.32	Finance

Notes in parentheses: 3x – player is a three-time first-team Academic All-PFL selection; 1-was a first-team selection in 2015; 2-was a second-team selection in 2015.

## 2016 Academic All-Pioneer Football League Second Team

Student-Athlete	School	Class	Pos.	GPA	Major (Minor)
<b>OFFENSE</b>					
Gaven Defilippo	Stetson	So.	QB	3.76	Sport Business/Marketing
Michael Demos	Butler	Sr.	OL	3.37	Criminology And Sociology
Colby Dunn	Drake	Sr..	OL	3.47	Pharmacy
Wes Hegemann	Dayton	Jr.	OG	3.58	Marketing
Duvante Lane	Butler	Jr.	RB	3.47	Middle & Secondary Education
Grant Menard	Drake	Sr..	WR	3.63	Marketing
Jarrett Morgan	Valparaiso	Jr.	RB	3.33	Sport Management
Ian Palin	Dayton	Sr.	TE	3.52	Entrepreneurship
Justin Priest	San Diego	JR.	WR	3.39	Finance
Jared Ruffing	Dayton	Jr.	RB	3.46	Electrical Engineering
Pace Temple	Butler	So.	WR	3.41	Marketing
<b>DEFENSE</b>					
Chad Burdo	Butler	Jr.	DT	3.85	Finance
Mike Cerone	Butler	Sr.	DB	3.60	Finance & Risk Management
Taylor Coleman	Drake	Sr.	LB	3.76	Finance
Cameron Gibson	Marist	Sr.	CB	3.36	Communication: Sports Communication & Public Relations
Mike Gray	Dayton	Sr.	DE	3.32	Chemical Engineering
Chris Hagan	Dayton	Sr.	S	3.51	Applied Mathematical Economics
Scott Miller	Campbell	RJr.	LB	3.44	Exercise & Sports Science
Isaak Newhouse	Butler	Jr.	DB/RS	3.50	Accounting
Connor Spencer	San Diego	So.	DL	3.68	Electrical Engineering
Nick Surges	Dayton	Jr.	DE	3.30	Business
Terry Wallen	Drake	Jr.	DB	3.61	Finance
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>					
Mitchell Brown	Campbell	Jr.	K	3.70	Biology (Pre-Med)
John Cook	Davidson	Sr.	P/RB	3.39	Biology
Pat Disalvio	Morehead State	Sr.	K/P	3.83	Biomedical Science
Isaak Newhouse	Butler	Jr.	DB/RS	3.50	Accounting
Jake Simpson	Valparaiso	Jr.	K	3.35	Psychology