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Gateway Announces 1998 Academic All-Conference Football Team

ST. LOUIS — Thirty-four student-athletes, including 11 who earned first-team honors, highlight the 1998 Gateway Conference all-academic team, announced by the league office today.

Five student-athletes are repeat first-team honorees. Those include Travis Brawner and Jeff Killeen of Southwest Missouri State; Troy Lefevra of Indiana State; Brad Meester of Northern Iowa; and Anthony Pannunzio of Youngstown State.

The criteria for the Gateway Academic All-Conference team voting parallels the GTE/CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) standards for academic all-America voting. Nominees must be starters or important reserves with at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average (4.0 scale). Student-athletes must have reached sophomore academic and athletic standing at their institutions (freshmen are not eligible) and must have completed at least one full academic year at their institution. League sports information directors voted on the team by designating 11 players for first-team honors and 11 players for second-team honors.

1998 Gateway Academic All-Conference Football Team

(voting by league SIDs)

FIRST TEAM

Student-Athlete	School	Yr.	GPA	Major	Hometown/Previous School
PK Travis Brawner	Southwest Mo. St.	Jr.	3.95	Biology	Branson (Mo.) High
QB Derek Jensen	Southwest Mo. St.	Sr.	3.54	Health & Physical Education	Lebanon (Mo.) High
DB Jeff Killeen	Southwest Mo. St.	Jr.	3.89	Biology	Omaha (Neb.) Millard South High
DL Troy Lefevra	Indiana State	Jr.	3.60	Fine Arts	Huntertown (Ind.) Carroll High
PK Joe Lopez	Western Illinois	So.	3.80	LEJA/Spanish	Jefferson City (Mo.) High
OL Josh McCall	Western Illinois	Jr.	3.78	Computer Science	Macomb (Ill.) High
OC Brad Meester	Northern Iowa	Jr.	3.72	Management	Parkersburg (Iowa) Aplington-Parkersburg High
CB Anthony Pannunzio	Youngstown State	Sr.	3.67	Civil Engineering	Canfield (Ohio) High
TE Mark Schaeve	Illinois State	So.	3.60	Philosophy	Verona (Wis.) High
TE Matt White	Southwest Mo. St.	So.	3.95	Construction Management	Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst High
QB Jared Zwick	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.65	Biology	Orrville (Ohio) High

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SECOND TEAM

OT Shawn Billker	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.74	Secondary Education	Zanesville (Ohio) High
LB Drew Elmer	Northern Iowa	Jr.	3.58	Criminology	Cedar Falls (Iowa) High
DL Frank Emeterio	Southwest Mo. St.	So.	3.66	Finance & General Business	Siloam Springs (Ark.) High
OL Jim Lawhorn	Southern Illinois	Jr.	3.54	Accounting	Carmel (Ind.) High
LB Matt Pedersen	Northern Iowa	Jr.	3.27	Marketing	Hudson (Iowa) High
CB Keith Richards	Indiana State	So.	3.69	Business Administration	Lebanon (Mo.) High
WR Robert Rose	Southwest Mo. St.	So.	3.65	Mathematics	Cahokia (Ill.) High
P Anthony Rozzo	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.40	Chemistry	McDonald (Ohio) High
OG Frank Rutherford	Youngstown State	Jr.	3.28	Criminal Justice	Brownsville (Pa.) High
TE Brad St. Louis	Southwest Mo. St.	Jr.	3.28	Dietetics	Belton (Mo.) High
LB Luke Wilson	Northern Iowa	Jr.	3.59	Criminology	Mason City (Iowa) High

HONORABLE MENTION

Indiana State: QB Toby Deal, QB Steve Englehart, OT Doug Hurt, OLB Cory Pierce • **Illinois State:** LB Scott Cook, TE Scott Preusker
Northern Iowa: P Randy Hall, LB/LS Andy Morris, DE Matt Peterson • **Western Illinois:** DB Damon Stewart, DL Dave Watson, QB Mark Zanders

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