

LEBANON -- Cumberland University's Sam Greene and Cody McCallister were both voted to the First Team and Ben Miller and Tim McCord each received Second Team honors on the 2011 Capital One Academic All-America College Division football teams announced this week by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Greene carries a 3.64 grade-point-average in General Business with minors in Management and Computer Information Systems. The senior from Maryville played in 35 career contests on the offensive line at center, guard and tackle, starting 31 games.

McCallister has a 3.84 GPA in Physical Education with a minor in Coaching, having started all 32 games the last three seasons at free safety for the Bulldogs. The Dickson junior has accumulated 100 tackles with 5.0 for loss and seven interceptions along with 11 pass deflections, four forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries. He also has blocked three kicks in his CU career, including a punt the Bulldogs recovered for a touchdown this season.

McCord owns a 3.71 grade-point-average in General Business. The Augusta, Ga., redshirt junior rushed for 325 yards on 76 carries this year and has 837 yards on 205 rushes (4.1 yards per attempt) in 29 career outings for the Bulldogs as a fullback.

Miller has a 3.55 GPA in Criminal Justice and led the Bulldogs in tackles this season with 85. He added 9.0 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, four interceptions, two pass breakups, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 10 contests from his linebacker position. The Gallatin, Tenn., senior has collected 235 tackles, including 31.5 for loss with 9.5 sacks and five interceptions in three seasons at CU.

To be nominated, a student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade-point-average (on a 4.0 scale) at his or her current institution. Nominated athletes must have participated in at least 50 percent of the team's games at the position listed on the nomination form. Athletes who have not participated in at least 50 percent of their team's contests are not eligible. No student-athlete is eligible until he or she has completed one full calendar year at his or her current institution and has reached sophomore athletic eligibility.

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In the cases of transfers, graduate students and two-year college graduates, the student-athlete must have completed one full calendar year at the nominating institution to be eligible. Nominees in graduate school must have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or better both as an undergrad and in grad school.

This marks the first year for a College Division category for the Capital One Academic All-America program. Previously Division I-A institutions were in one category while Division II, Division III and NAIA programs were lumped into another category. Now Division II and Division III have their own categories and NAIA, junior college and any other four-year programs are lumped into another group.