



## 2009 AVCA Division III Men's Volleyball All-America Teams

LEXINGTON, Ky. (April 13, 2009) - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce its 6th Annual AVCA Division III Men's All-America Teams.

Juniata College and Stevens Institute of Technology lead the way this year, each placing two student athletes on the First-Team and another on the Second-Team. Springfield College and Vassar College also have three players a piece honored, with both landing a First-Team honoree and two Second-Team mentions.

Headlining this year's team is Matt Werle of Juniata, now a four-time AVCA All-America honoree who has earned three-consecutive First-Team nods. Dan Coleman of Endicott College and Andrew Cranford of Stevens are the only other athletes making at least three appearances on an AVCA Division III Men's All-America Team, both having garnered First-Team honors 2006, while Coleman earned a First-Team nod in 2008, and Cranford, a Second-Team mention in 2008.

The selections were made by the AVCA Division III Men's Volleyball All-America Committee: chairperson Charlie Sullivan (Springfield College); Tim Byram (Endicott College); Jonah Carson (University of California, Santa Cruz); Patrick Dorywalski (Stevens Institute of Technology); Allison Gunther (Baruch College); Keith Koch (Medaille College); and Craig Kolek (Rivier College).

### AVCA Division III Men's First-Team All-America

Player	Institution	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown
Justin Brubaker *	Philadelphia Biblical University	OH	So.	6-4	Telford, Pennsylvania
Dan Coleman **	Endicott College	DS/Lib.	Sr.	6-0	Mills, Massachusetts
Andrew Cranford +%	Stevens Institute of Technology	MB	Sr.	6-5	Bel Air, Maryland
Frank Leahy +	Nazareth College	S	Sr.	6-0	Smithtown, New York
Cal Palumbo *	Springfield College	MB	So.	6-4	Rochester, New York
Dan Powers +	Juniata College	MB	Sr.	6-4	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Joe Trinsey	Stevens Institute of Technology	RS/Opp.	Sr.	6-4	Wilmington, Delaware
Phil Tully *	Vassar College	OH	Sr.	6-6	Huntington Station, New York
Matt Werle *^#	Juniata College	S	Sr.	6-5	Meadville, Pennsylvania
Devin Zolnowski	New York University	OH	Sr.	6-5	Bridgewater, New Jersey

### AVCA Division III Men's Second-Team All-America

Player	Institution	Pos	Yr	Ht	Hometown
Jared Andreozzi	Rivier College	OH	So.	6-4	Barrington, Rhode Island
Matt Ferreira	Rivier College	MB	Jr.	6-6	Lincoln, Rhode Island
Billy Gimello	Nazareth College	OH	Fr.	6-4	Hauppauge, New York
Brandt Grobeis	Stevens Institute of Technology	S	So.	6-2	Livingston, New Jersey
Evan Halteman	Juniata College	MB	Jr.	6-7	Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania
John Kessenich *	Vassar College	S	Sr.	6-4	Chicago, Illinois
Scott Lesserman	Vassar College	DS/Lib.	Sr.	6-2	Manhattan Beach, California
Mark Ribeiro	Springfield College	OH	Sr.	6-2	New York, New York
Eric Shoemaker	Springfield College	S	Jr.	6-1	Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania
Brad Sullivan *	University of California, Santa Cruz	RS/Opp.	Jr.	6-5	Saratoga, California

**2009 AVCA Division III Men's National Player of the Year:** Announced April 16 at the Molten Division III Men's Invitational Volleyball Championship banquet in Mahwah, N.J.

**2009 AVCA Newcomer of the Year:** Billy Gimello, Nazareth College

- \* - 2008 AVCA Division III Men's First-Team All-America selection
- + - 2008 AVCA Division III Men's Second-Team All-America selection
- ^ - 2007 AVCA Division III Men's First-Team All-America selection
- % - 2006 AVCA Division III Men's First-Team All-America selection
- # - 2006 AVCA Division III Men's Second-Team All-America selection

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## AVCA Division III First Team All-America

**Justin Brubaker**, a 6-4 outside hitter for **Philadelphia Biblical University**, is a sophomore from Telford, Pa. Brubaker, a two-time Northeast Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) All-Western Division honoree, leads all of NCAA Division III in kills per game and also ranks nationally in digs per game and hitting percentage, while leading the NECVA in points per game. Brubaker is receiving his second AVCA All-America honor, also garnering First-Team recognition in 2008.

**Dan Coleman**, a 6-0 libero for **Endicott College**, is a senior from Millis, Mass. Coleman ranks in the top-five, both nationally and on the conference level, in digs per game, and owns the three best single-season dig performances in school history. Coleman is now a three-time AVCA All-American, having been named to the First-Team in both 2008 and 2006.

**Andrew Cranford**, a 6-5 middle blocker for **Stevens Institute of Technology**, is a senior from Bel Air, Md. Cranford, who is a four-time NECVA All-Metro Division First-Team selection, was also named 2009 NECVA Player of the Year and earned NECVA Tournament MVP honors. A three-time AVCA All-American, having earned Second-Team laurels in 2008 and First-Team honors in 2006, Cranford ranks second nationally in hitting percentage and also sits among the nation's leaders in blocks and kills per game.

**Frank Leahy**, a 6-0 setter for **Nazareth College**, is a senior from Smithtown, N.Y. Honored twice as a NECVA All-Conference selection, Leahy guided the Golden Flyers to the best team hitting percentage in Division III, while also ranking nationally in assists per game. This is the second time that Leahy has been honored as an AVCA All-American, garnering Second-Team accolades in 2008.

**Cal Palumbo**, a 6-5 middle blocker for **Springfield College**, is a sophomore from Rochester, N.Y. Palumbo sits among the NCAA Division III leaders in hitting percentage and blocks per game, while participating in the Division I dominated Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) Tait Division. Palumbo is a two-time AVCA All-American, also nabbing First-Team honors in 2008.

**Dan Powers**, a 6-4 middle blocker for **Juniata College**, is a senior from Lancaster, Pa. Competing in the challenging EIVA Tait Division, Powers has found himself ranked first in NCAA Division III in hitting percentage (.451), while helping the Eagles grab the No. 2 seed in the upcoming EIVA Tournament. Powers is a two-time AVCA All-American, having earned a spot on the Second-Team in 2008.

**Joe Trinsey**, a 6-4 right side/opposite for **Stevens Institute of Technology**, is a senior from Wilmington, Del. A 2009 NECVA Second-Team All-Conference selection, he ranks nationally in blocks and kills per game and hitting percentage, while helping the Ducks to grab a spot in the Molten Division III Men's Invitational Volleyball Championship. Trinsey is a first-time AVCA All-American.

**Phil Tully**, a 6-6 outside hitter for **Vassar College**, is a senior from Huntington Station, N.Y. A two-time NECVA First-Team All-Conference selection, he sits among the nation's leaders hitting percentage, kills and digs per game. This marks Tully's second career AVCA All-America award, as he was a First-Team selection in 2008.

**Matt Werle**, a 6-5 setter for **Juniata College**, is a senior from Meadville, Pa. Werle is ranked among the nation's leaders in assists and aces per game and led the Eagles to the second-best team hitting percentage in the highly competitive EIVA. The 2007 AVCA Division III Men's National Player of the Year, Werle is now a four-time AVCA All-American, having earned First-Team honors in 2007-08 and Second-Team honors in 2006.

**Devin Zolnowski**, a 6-5 outside hitter for **New York University**, is a senior from Bridgewater, N.J. While competing in the tough EIVA-Hay Division, he ranked in Division III's top-three and also third in the conference in kills per game as the Violets' top offensive threat. Zolnowski is a first time AVCA All-American.

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## **AVCA Division III Second Team All-America**

**Jared Andreozzi**, a 6-4 outside hitter for **Rivier College**, is a sophomore from Barrington, R.I. Andreozzi, who helped the Raiders to 33 wins in 2009, including a school record 30 in a row, ranked among the nation's leaders in both kills per game and hit percentage. Andreozzi is a first-time AVCA All-American.

**Matt Ferreira**, a 6-6 middle blocker for **Rivier College**, is a junior from Lincoln, R.I. Ferreira ranked third in Division III in hitting percentage, and also placed among the nation's leaders in kills and blocks per game. Ferreira, a two-time First-Team All-NECVA honoree, receives his first AVCA All-America award.

**Billy Gimello**, a 6-4 outside hitter for **Nazareth College**, is a freshman from Hauppauge, N.Y. Gimello ranked nationally in hitting percentage and kills per game, while leading the Golden Flyers to the NECVA Tournament Championship Match. Gimello is a first-time AVCA All-American.

**Brandt Grobeis**, a 6-2 setter for **Stevens Institute of Technology**, is a sophomore from Livingston, N.J. Grobeis, who guided the Ducks to the NECVA Tournament title, is ranked in the top-ten nationally in assists per game and led Stevens to a top-ten ranking in team hitting percentage. This is his first AVCA All-America honor.

**Evan Halteman**, a 6-7 middle blocker for **Juniata College**, is a junior from Perkiomenville, Pa. Halteman is one of the nation's leaders in hitting percentage and helped the Eagles land a spot in the Molten Division III Men's Invitational Volleyball Championship. This is the first time he has been named an AVCA All-American.

**John Kessenich**, a 6-4 setter for **Vassar College**, is a senior from Chicago, Ill. Kessenich, twice named a to the NECVA All-Metro Division team, ranked nationally in assists per game, and led his team to the fifth-best team hitting percentage in Division III. Kessenich is now a two-time AVCA All-American, having garnered First-Team accolades a year ago.

**Scott Leserman**, a 6-2 libero from **Vassar College**, is a senior from Manhattan Beach, Calif. Leserman led the nation and the NECVA in digs per game this season. A 2009 NECVA All-Metro Division selection, Leserman caps his collegiate career with his first AVCA All-America award.

**Mark Ribeiro**, a 6-2 outside hitter for **Springfield College**, is a senior from New York, N.Y. Ribeiro, who is nationally ranked in kills per game and aces, earned Sports Imports/AVCA Division III Men's National Player of the Week honors after helping the Pride win a pair of key matches earlier this season. This is his first AVCA All-America nod.

**Eric Shoemaker**, a 6-1 setter for **Springfield College**, is a junior from Mount Wolf, Pa. Shoemaker is among the nation's leaders in assists, blocks and digs per game and helped the Pride earn a berth in the upcoming EIVA Tournament. This is the first time he's been named an AVCA All-American.

**Brad Sullivan**, a 6-5 right-side/opposite for **University of California, Santa Cruz**, is a junior from Saratoga, Calif. Sullivan, among the nation's elite in both kills and aces per game, helped the Banana Slugs reach their second consecutive Molten Division III Championship. Sullivan is a two-time AVCA All-American, having garnered First-Team honors in 2008.