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Seward Baseball Player Receives Ultimate Academic Honor

While it would be tough for Johnny Griffith to top his accolades of a standout sophomore season on the diamond this year for the Seward County Saints, he may have just done that. A month after he was the first junior college player to sign with Army and the only junior college player to be named to the Capital One Academic All-District Team, the third baseman notched another prestigious honor as he was the only junior college player in the country to be named a Capital One Academic All-American. Griffith was a third team choice and one of just four sophomores to be named to any of the Capital One College Division Academic All-American teams.

Griffith was a second team Jayhawk West All-Conference for the Saints as a sophomore, hitting .377 with 17 extra base hits while driving in 28 runs at the plate and notching a team high 5 saves on the mound as Seward's closer. At his best in the clutch, Griffith was third on the team with a .386 average with runners in scoring position.

In the classroom Griffith finished his academic career with a 3.88 GPA and achieved a perfect 4.00 GPA during his final semester at Seward County. Along with earning Capital One Academic All-District and Capital One Academic All-American, Griffith was also Seward County's Schuffleberger award winner, finishing with the top GPA of any male student-athlete in the athletic department. An English major, Griffith will continue his academic career at the United States Military Academy starting in July.

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