Rams Infielder Cale Anderson Named to Academic All-American Team
Anderson credits coaching staff and CCSF Athletics’ academic resources for success
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Sophomore Infielder Cale Anderson received Academic All-American honors this semester after excelling in the classroom from spring 2014 to this current semester.

To be named an Academic All-American, a student-athlete needs to pass 24 units and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher from last baseball season to this season. He earned a 3.7 GPA. Anderson credits his selection to the coaching staff and the resources available to him as a student-athlete.

“(Head Coach John Vanoncini) always made sure we reached our grades and asked us throughout the semester about classwork,” Anderson said. “I liked to go to our Learning Assistance Center. I think our tutors are really good there, and they really help out and give you confidence to do well in school.”

Vanoncini said Anderson’s selection is a great accomplishment for him and the baseball program.

“We stress academics and let the guys know that it’s not just baseball that you are here for. You are here for school, and that’s the most important thing,” Vanoncini said. “You will get your degree when you get out of here (CCSF) and move on to the next level. We stress the fact that just getting an A.A. (associate’s degree) is not acceptable. You have to get your bachelor’s degree.”

Vanoncini is also proud of his sophomores who just missed Academic All-American selections. Infielder Jason Angelo, catcher Mike Nazar, pitcher Max Coles, and pitcher Zac Carrillo all had GPAs over 3.25, which will also improve their chances to transfer to a four-year school. “If you buy in (to the academic program), you will move on and possibly receive more scholarship money,” Vanoncini said.

Anderson hopes to continue a career in baseball after CCSF. If a playing career is not available, Anderson plans to study kinesiology and become either a physical therapist, athletic trainer, or possibly venture into coaching baseball.

“I really enjoy baseball. And I want to stay in the game as long I can.”