Phillips, Thomas nominated for Verizon Academic All-America honors

A pair of Bluffton College student-athletes have been nominated for Verizon Academic All-America honors, as senior Nikki Phillips (Shelby, Ohio) and junior Trevor Thomas (Jamestown, Ohio/Greenview H.S.) are on the ballot for the at-large selections.

To be nominated for the Verizon Academic All-America team players must be of at least sophomore status, participated in at least 50% of their team’s games, be a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletic credentials as well as hold a 3.20 cumulative grade point average or better. The at-large team is made up of student-athletes from such sports as tennis, golf, swimming, gymnastics, lacrosse, and many more.

Phillips, a women’s tennis student-athlete, completed at No. 1 singles and doubles for the Beavers last fall and was received All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference honors, becoming the first BC women’s tennis player to do so. In April she was named the BC senior female student-athlete of the year. She is a member of Phi Lambda Theta and graduated on May 4 with a 3.64 GPA in middle childhood education. Phillips is an Academic All-HCAC selection.

Thomas, a men’s golf student-athlete, has been among Bluffton’s top-three golfers this spring and shot a season-best 75 in the first tournament of the season at Urbana University. He is also an Academic All-HCAC selection and carries a 3.96 GPA in biology and pre-med.