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**Dayton's Jake Chisholm repeats as unanimous PFL Scholar-Athlete of the Year,  
leads 30th Annual Academic All-PFL Teams**

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – For the second consecutive season, the Pioneer Football League's football communications directors named Dayton senior running back Jake Chisholm the league's Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Wednesday, leading a group of 50 student-athletes named to the 30th Academic All-PFL teams, announced Wednesday.

Chisholm, of Union, Kentucky also was a unanimous First Team Academic All-PFL selection for the second consecutive season and was a First Team All-PFL pick as a running back. A pre-medicine major – with minors in Chemistry, Biology, and Medicine in Society – he owns a 3.98 grade-point average. Chisholm also is a three-time CoSIDA Academic All-America® honoree and is again a nominee in 2022 after earning Academic All-District honors earlier this month.

On the field, Chisholm became the first Dayton athlete to record 1,000 rushing yards three times, finishing 2022 as one of 25 running backs to record 1,000 yards during the regular season. He ranked 18th in the FCS with 1,064 rushing yards, fourth in total touchdowns (17), eighth in rushing touchdowns (13), and seventh in scoring (7.3 points per game). In four seasons, Chisholm has amassed with 3,276 net rushing yards, 5,603 all-purpose yards and 47 touchdowns scored.

Off the field, Chisholm has volunteered 99 hours with the Hospital Elder Life Program, working to prevent hospital-delirium in the elderly population. He has also participated in the "Rebuilding Together Dayton" clean-up efforts, and he is a volunteer and registered donor with the Be the Match bone marrow registry. On campus, he is a participant in Christmas On Campus, which brings underserved youth to campus just before winter break to give them a good start to a good Christmas. He also joins the football team in its "Blue Crew" efforts to help Dayton freshmen move into their dorms at the beginning of the school year.

Chisholm is one of three PFL student-athletes to earn their third First-Team Academic All-PFL recognition this season. Butler offensive lineman Bryan Bystol, Morehead State offensive lineman Cam Marriott, Valparaiso offensive lineman Bradyn Oakley, and San Diego kicker Brandon Eickert earned their third first-team academic honor in 2022.

Pioneer Football League athletic directors established the Academic All-PFL squads in 1993 as a way to recognize the league's outstanding student-athletes. To be eligible for Academic All-PFL consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade-point average of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, reached his second season academically and played at least one full season at his current institution.

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## 2022 Pioneer Football League Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Jake Chisholm, University of Dayton

### 2022 Academic All-Pioneer Football League First Team

*(as selected by PFL athletics communications directors)*

Student-Athlete	School	Class.	Pos	GPA	Major
<b>OFFENSE</b>					
Bryan Bystol (3x, 1)	Butler	RJr.	OL	4.00	Middle/Secondary Education
Jake Chisholm (U, 3x, 1)	Dayton	Sr.	RB	3.98	Pre-Med
Cam Marriott (3x, 1)	Morehead State	Sr.	OI	3.85	Political Science
Brady Oakley (2)	Davidson	Sr.	SLOT	3.90	Psychology
Drew Parrish (3x, 1)	Valparaiso	RJr.	OL	3.98	Electrical Engineering
Alec Rasmussen	St. Thomas	So.	OL	3.89	Financial Management
Colton Ruhland (U, 1)	Butler	RSr.	OL	3.94	Computer Science
Cade Sexauer (2)	St. Thomas	Sr.	QB	3.64	Mechanical Engineering
Jaxsen Spears (1)	Morehead State	So.	OL	4.00	Accounting
David Tkatch (1)	Dayton	Sr.	OL	3.88	Finance
Derek Willits	Dayton	Sr.	WR	3.97	Biochemistry
<b>DEFENSE</b>					
Mike Arrington	Marist	Grad.	LB	3.50	Master's: Integrated Marketing Communication
Seth Bickett (1)	St. Thomas	Sr.	DL	3.98	Actuarial Science
Jonathan Bunce (2)	St. Thomas	So.	LB	3.93	Finance and Operations / Supply Chain Management
Sam Hafner	Valparaiso	RSr.	DL	3.80	Biology
Mykee Irving	San Diego	Grad.	DT	3.83	Leadership Studies
Kurt Kessen (1)	Valparaiso	Jr.	DL	3.99	Mechanical Engineering
Ryan Kriceri	Drake	Grad.	LB	4.00	MBA
Brent Robley	St. Thomas	Sr.	DL	3.88	Biology
Ben Schmiesing (1)	Dayton	Grad.	LB	3.98	Business Administration
Elijah Smith (2)	Dayton	Sr.	DB	3.98	Business Management
Jack Wiese	Davidson	Jr.	LB	4.00	Psychology
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>					
Brandon Eickert (3x, 1)	San Diego	Sr.	K	3.89	Electrical Engineering / Physics
Alexander Donald	Davidson	Sr.	P	3.79	Computer Science
Drew Nieman	Dayton	Sr.	P	3.81	Mechanical Engineering

Notes in parentheses: U-Unanimous First Team selection; 1-was a first-team selection in 2021; 2-was a second-team selection in 2021; 3x-is a three-time First-Team Academic All-PFL selection.

## 2022 Academic All-Pioneer Football League Second Team

Student-Athlete	School	Class	Pos.	GPA	Major
<b>OFFENSE</b>					
Michael Appel Jr.	Valparaiso	RFr.	QB	3.74	Computer Engineering
Cade Beam	Dayton	So.	HB	4.00	Finance
Aaron Byrd	Valparaiso	RSr.	OL	3.48	Biomechanical Engineering
Michael Carner	San Diego	Sr.	WR	3.49	Finance
Judd Erickson	San Diego	Grad.	QB	3.78	Leadership Studies
Jimmy Ghilardi	San Diego	Sr.	OL	3.74	Sociology
Rhyle Hanson	San Diego	RJr.	RB	3.75	Environment & Ocean Sciences
Colin Howard	Drake	Sr.	WR	3.73	Management & Organizational Leadership / Economics
Re-al Mitchell	San Diego	Grad.	RB	3.78	Leadership Studies
Dylan Sparks	Davidson	Sr.	RB	3.34	Computer Science
Maxwell Weaver	Davidson	So.	WR	3.93	Undecided
<b>DEFENSE</b>					
Garrett Carney	San Diego	Jr.	LB	3.80	Computer Science
Finn Claypool	Drake	RFr.	DL	3.36	Business Law
James Doerer	Valparaiso	RSo.	LB	3.78	Communication
Luke Glenna	St. Thomas	Sr.	DB	3.45	Business Management
Keegan Halloran	Presbyterian	RJr.	DB	3.57	Physics
Jonathan Hammond	Davidson	Jr.	DL	3.35	Communication Studies
Eric Haney	San Diego	Jr.	CB	3.64	Mechanical Engineering
Joshua Hong	San Diego	Sr.	SAF	3.71	Psychology
Joey Lukrich	Drake	Sr.	DB	3.81	Finance
Connor Reid	Butler	RSr.	DB	3.56	Finance
Grif Wurtz	St. Thomas	Jr.	DB	3.79	Economics
<b>SPECIAL TEAMS</b>					
Shane Dunning	Drake	Jr.	P	3.76	Management & Organizational Leadership / Marketing
Brady McKnight	Morehead State	So.	LS	3.78	Animal Science
Luka Zurak	Butler	RJr.	K/P	3.50	Economics