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Rice University women's track and field student-athletes Becky Wade, Allison Pye, and Sophie Peeters have been named to the Capital One Academic District VII First Team presented by CoSIDA.

Wade, majoring in history, sociology, and psychology, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rice with a 4.00 grade point average. The Dallas, native has been honored as Rice's top female student-athlete with the Joyce Pounds Hardy Award and was also awarded a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship.

This past year she earned All-America accolades for cross country and for the 5000-meter run at the 2012 NCAA Indoor Championship. Wade shoots for her third All-America title this year when she represents Rice at the 2012 NCAA Outdoor Championship in the 10,000 meter run.

This is Pye's third Academic All-District VII selection. She is a recent Rice graduate with a 3.97 GPA majoring in policy studies as well as kinesiology and will be attending medical school. Pye, from Cypress, Texas, placed sixth at the 2011 C-USA Cross Country Championship and third in the 5000m and fourth in the 3000m at the 2012 C-USA Indoor Championship. During the 2012 C-USA Outdoor Championship, she finished second in the 5000m and fifth in the 10,000m.

Peeters, majoring in psychology and kinesiology, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Rice with a 4.0 GPA. She also will be attending medical school. On the track, Peeters placed eighth in the 800m at the 2012 C-USA Indoor Championship.

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