TOWSON, Md. – Bluefield State College tennis player Shikar Kapur has earned 2012 Third Team Capital One Academic All-America Division II Men's At-Large honors as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

The Capital One Division II Academic All-America® program is being financially supported by the NCAA Division II national governance structure to assist CoSIDA with handling the awards fulfillment aspects for the 2011-12 Division II Academic All-America® teams program.

The Capital One Academic All-America® Division II Men's At-Large program includes the sports of fencing, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, lacrosse, rifle, skiing, swimming and diving, tennis, water polo and wrestling.

Kapur, an Architectural Engineering Technology major with a 3.7 GPA earned the distinction after earning his second WVIAC Player of the Year honor and helping to lead the Big Blues to their first ever berth in the Round of 16 of the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Named to the All-WVIAC Team three consecutive years, Kapur helped lead BSC to their first ever WVIAC regular season, tournament and Atlantic Regional titles. He concluded his junior season with a combined record of 29-13 in singles and doubles play and ranked No. 2 in the Atlantic Region. His doubles team also was ranked No. 9 in the region.

The junior from New Dehli, India has earned President's or Dean's List every semester of enrollment including earning President's List this past spring semester. He is the only student-athlete from the WVIAC to be named to the Capital One Academic All-America Men's At-Large team and one of only three male student-athletes from District II to earn a spot on the team.

Kapur joins former women's basketball player Cassie Miller as the only BSC student-athletes to ever earn Academic All-America honors as selected by CoSIDA; Miller earned second team honors in 2002.

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Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Divisions I, II, III and NAIA, covering all NCAA championship sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America® Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com.