Nominees Announced for Northeast-10 Scholar Athlete Award

South Easton, Mass. - The Northeast-10 Conference has announced the 2010-2011 Institutional Scholar-Athlete Honorees that have been chosen by their respective institutions. A male and female winner will be selected from a pool of 32 honorees, 16 men and 16 women (one of each from each member institution), as the 2010-2011 Northeast-10 Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year. The winners will be announced Tuesday, June 7 at the Northeast-10 Awards Banquet in Providence, R.I.

The list of honorees include Hilary Pavels and Adam Clark (Adelphi University), Cassie Ashwell and Mike Little (American International College), Lauren Keating and Mike Baldarelli (Assumption College), Emily Travers and Jared Kawadler (Bentley University), Emily Griffin and Sean Woodring (Franklin Pierce University), Katlin Walker and Jack Venditti (Le Moyne College), Brianne Bozzella and Scott Campbell (University of Massachusetts Lowell), Kerri Domohowski and Jonathan Ravenelle (Merrimack College), Shannon Gagne and Nick Pezzente (University of New Haven), Brittany Huggins and Pat Joyce (Pace University), Liz Trafton and Thomas Baudinet (Saint Anselm College), Natalie Elvidge and Tully LaBelle-Hamer (Saint Michael’s College), Katie Whiting and Tyler Gantz (The College of Saint Rose), Logan Lentz and Patrick Waszczak (Southern Connecticut State University), Amber Chandronnait and Tim Rines (Southern New Hampshire University), and Emily Rousseau and Angelo Bruno (Stonehill College).

Adelphi University

Hilary Pavels is a member of the volleyball team with a 3.997 grade point average majoring in physical education and health. She was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Team, and was a Northeast-10 Fall Academic All-Conference selection. On the court, she was a first team All-Conference selection and she was named to the NE-10 All-Tournament Team. She has been named to the school’s Dean’s List each semester and is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society. Pavels also volunteers for Make-a-Child Smile Foundation and the Mary Brennan Inn (collecting food for underprivileged families).

Adam Clark is a member of the track and field team at Adelphi with a 3.935 GPA majoring in psychology. He was given the school’s Presidential Award this year, which recognizes a successful balance between academics, community service, and campus involvement. Clark is a four-time All-Conference performer that was named USTFCCA Indoor All-Region this year. Twice he has been named to the All-Academic squad by the Northeast-10.

American International College

Cassie Ashwell is a member of the women’s soccer team with a 3.45 GPA with a dual concentration in the fields of criminal justice and psychology. She has been named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll each of her seven semesters on campus. Ashwell is a two time NSCAA All-Region selection and a three-time Northeast-10 All-Conference choice. Additionally, she was one of two recipients of the college’s F.J.
Maloney Award, presented annually to two individuals that had the most outstanding four-year athletic career at American Int’l.

**Mike Little** is a member of the hockey team and men’s tennis team at American Int’l with a 3.77 GPA. He has a double concentration in the fields of criminal justice and psychology. Little has been named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and was named to the college’s Dean’s List and Athletic Director’s Honor Roll each of the past seven semesters. He was one of two recipients of American Int’l’s Alumni Award, which is presented annually to two student-athletes for their academic scholarship and athletic achievement. Little has also been named to the Atlantic Hockey All-Academic Team each of the past three years.

**Assumption College**

**Lauren Keating** is a member of Assumption’s women’s soccer and women’s lacrosse teams. She has a 3.64 GPA in her chosen major of history. She was named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll seven times during her time at Assumption. On the field, she was a second team All-Conference selection in goal in 2009. Keating volunteers her time for a number of organizations, including the AIDS Project, Think Pink Volunteer Week, and the Worcester County Food Pantry.

**Mike Baldarelli** is a member of the men’s basketball team at Assumption College with a 3.64 GPA majoring in management. He was named the school’s Male Student-Athlete of the Year and was given the Desautels’ Award as Assumption Premier Student-Athlete earlier this month. Baldarelli completed his career as the school’s 14th-leading scorer, and he is a two-time All-Conference selection. Off the court, he was a finalist for the NCAA postgraduate scholarship and was named a 2011 CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-District. He also volunteers as a member of the Big Brother Program, the Rebuilding Worcester Together Initiative, and the Seven Hills Foundation.

**Bentley University**

**Emily Travers** is a member of the women’s swimming and diving team with a 3.56 GPA with a concentration in marketing. She is a three-time Academic All-Northeast-10 selection. She has been named to Bentley’s Dean’s List four times and she qualified for the NCAA Division II Championships in both the one-meter and three-meter diving events. Additionally, she is pre-med and will be applying to Medical Schools next year.

**Jared Kawadler** is a member of the football team at Bentley with a 3.88 GPA majoring in economics. Kawadler was a 2010 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American first team selection, and was a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation’s William Campbell Trophy, which is commonly referred to as the Academic Heisman. He is a two-time recipient of the Northeast-10 Conference Sport Excellence Award and was named to the conference’s all-academic team three times. On the field, Kawadler was named 2nd-team All-Northeast-10 this past year.

**Franklin Pierce University**

**Emily Griffin** is a member of the Franklin Pierce softball team with a 3.95 GPA. She is majoring in biology. Griffin was CoSIDA Academic All-District 1 third team selection in 2010 and a second team choice in 2011. She’s been named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll each of the past three seasons. Griffin was named to the school’s Dean’s List all eight semesters, and set the program record for career hits, doubles, and at-bats.

**Sean Woodring** is a member of the ice hockey team with a 3.93 GPA majoring in biology. He is a three-time Northeast-10 All-Academic team selection, and was named the school’s Richard Burns Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Woodring was named to Franklin Pierce’s Dean’s List all eight semesters. On the ice, he was named the 2008 NE-10 Co-Freshman of the year. Woodring also served as the school’s mascot at numerous school sporting events.
Le Moyne College

Katlin Walker is a member of the women’s lacrosse team with a 3.486 GPA majoring in business marketing. She was named to the college’s Dean’s List four times and was named a first team All-Conference selection in 2011.

Jack Venditti is a member of the men’s lacrosse team at Le Moyne with a 3.709 GPA, and he is majoring in finance. Venditti was awarded the Rev. J.J. O’Brien Senior Award at Le Moyne, which recognizes one male and one female senior student-athlete who excels in the classroom, on the field, and in the community. He has been named to the conference’s All-Academic team each of the past two years, and was named to the college’s Dean’s List seven times. On the field, Venditti was the NE-10 Player of the Year this past year, and was a second team selection in 2009 and 2010.

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Brianne Bozzella is a member of the women’s soccer team with a 3.916 GPA majoring in exercise physiology. She was named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll five times and to the women’s soccer All-Academic Team. Bozzella was named a second team All-Conference selection, and was named to the school’s Dean’s List all eight semesters. She was also given the 2011 Laurie Man Award, which recognizes the school’s student-athlete of the year. Bozzella also volunteers her time for the Lowell Wish Project, to help gather clothing for the needy, and she was a Merrimack Valley Special Olympics volunteer.

Scott Campbell is a member of the hockey team at UMass Lowell with a 3.72 GPA majoring in business administration. He was named to Hockey East All-Academic team each of the past three years, and was named a 2010 Hockey East Academic All-Star. Campbell was named to the school’s Dean’s List seven times, and was a finalist for UMass Lowell’s David J. Boutin Award, given to the male student-athlete of the year. Campbell also volunteered his time at the Lowell Food Bank, helping to deliver food during their Thanksgiving food drive.

Merrimack College

Kerri Domohowski is a member of the women’s soccer team at Merrimack with a 3.814 GPA majoring in philosophy and English. She is a three-time NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll selection, and was named to the school’s Dean’s List each of her eight semesters. On the field, she was a Northeast-10 All-Conference selection in 2009 and 2010, and she was an All-Academic selection each of the last two years, as well.

Jonathan Ravenelle is a member of the men’s tennis team with a 3.878 GPA majoring in political science and philosophy. He is a three-time NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll selection and was named to the conference’s all-academic team each of the past two years. Ravenelle was named to the school’s Dean’s List each of his eight semesters at Merrimack, and was named a Presidential Scholar. Ravenelle served on the school’s presidential search committee and is a member of Merrimack’s student government association.

University of New Haven

Shannon Gagne is a member of the track and field team that is pursuing her master’s in national security with a 3.95 GPA. She received her undergraduate degree, majoring in criminal justice, with a 3.93 GPA. She was named to the Dean’s List each semester at New Haven, and was the school’s Hatfield Scholar Recipient, which is awarded for competitive scholarship for honors students only. Gagne was named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll each semester she was eligible, and was the Northeast-10 Scholar-Athlete Excellence Award recipient in 2011. She won three national championships and was named the USTFCCCA National Division II Indoor Track and Field Women’s Athlete of the Year this year. She is
the head volunteer for the school’s legal society and volunteers at the West Haven Community House, serving as a student mentor.

**Nick Pezzente** is a men’s soccer player at New Haven with a 3.34 GPA in mechanical engineering. He was given the school’s award for engineering and was also the recipient of the John and Beryl Echlin Scholarship. He served as a team captain for the soccer team, and is a member of the American Helicopter Society.

**Pace University**

**Brittany Huggins** is a member of the women’s basketball team with a 3.30 GPA with a double concentration in political science and communications. She was named to the NE-10 All-Academic Team, as well as to the Northeast-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll. On the court, Huggins was a second team All-Conference selection, and was named to the East Region All-Tournament team.

**Pat Joyce** is a member of the men’s lacrosse team at Pace University with a 3.95 majoring in marketing. He was awarded the school’s Athletics Merit Award and was named to the Dean’s List numerous times. Joyce was also named to the Commissioner’s Honor Roll. On the field, he was a two-time All-Conference selection.

**Saint Anselm College**

**Liz Trafton** is a member of the softball team at Saint Anselm with a 3.917 GPA majoring in psychology. She’s been named to the school’s Dean’s List all eight semesters and was recognized with the 2010 Northeast-10 Scholar Athlete Sport Excellence Award. Trafton was also named to the Northeast-10 Academic All-Conference Team.

**Thomas Baudinet** is a member of the men’s basketball team with a 3.325 GPA majoring in history. Baudinet was the conference’s player of the year this past season, and was an All-Conference selection each of his last three years. He finished his career as the sixth-leading scorer in program history. Off the court, he was named to the school’s Dean’s List six times, and was the Northeast-10 Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award winner.

**Saint Michael’s College**

**Natalie Elvidge** is a member of the field hockey team with a 3.757 GPA majoring in English. She was named to the NE-10 All-Academic Team and was named to multiple Dean’s Lists and multiple Northeast-10 Commissioner’s Honor Rolls. Elvidge was recognized as the school’s Roger Keleher Award winner, which is given to the top female scholar-athlete in the senior class. She is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Epsilon national honor societies.

**Tully LaBelle-Hamer** is a member of the ice hockey team with a 3.885 GPA majoring in electrical engineering. He was recognized as the school’s Roger Keleher Award winner, which is given to the top male scholar-athlete in the senior class, and is a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma and Pi Mu Epsilon national honor societies. He was named to the NE-10 All-Academic team, and was the Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award winner. LaBelle-Hamer was named to multiple NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Rolls and Dean’s Lists during his time at Saint Michael’s.

**The College of Saint Rose**

**Katie Whiting** is a member of the women’s soccer team at Saint Rose with a 3.54 GPA in a communication sciences and disorders dual degree program. She was selected as a 2009 and 2010 NSCAA first team Scholar All-American, and was named to the 2009 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA first team Academic All-American. On the field, Whiting helped lead Saint Rose to three straight NCAA National Semifinals appearances. She was named the conference’s Defensive Player of the Year, and was
named to multiple NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Rolls, as well as Northeast-10 All-Academic teams each of the last two years.

*Tyler Gantz* is a member of the cross country team at Saint Rose. He carries a 3.53 GPA and is majoring in adolescence education. Gantz was a second-team All-Conference selection in 2010 and 2011, and holds a number of school records in a variety of events. Gantz was named to multiple Dean’s Lists and to multiple NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Rolls, as well. He was named to All-Academic teams in both cross country and track and field, and was given the All-Academic Award by the USTFCCCA in 2009 and 2010.

*Southern Connecticut State University*

*Logan Lentz* is a member of the women’s basketball team with a 3.95 GPA majoring in exercise science. She is a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-America nominee and was a two-time recipient of the Division II Athletic Directors Association Academic Achievement Award. Lentz was named to the NE-10 Women’s Basketball All-Academic team three times, and was named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll each time she was eligible to be honored. Lentz was awarded the Henry Barnhard Award, which is the highest honor for any senior in the Connecticut state university system, and she was awarded the 2011 So. Connecticut Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

*Patrick Waszczak* is a member of the track and field team at So. Connecticut with a 3.33 GPA majoring in exercise science. He is a two-time conference champion in the pole vault, and was named an All-American and All-Region in the event. Off the field, Waszczak was recognized as the NE-10’s Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award winner and was a multiple honoree for the Commissioner’s Honor Roll. Additionally, he was named to the school’s Dean’s List numerous times, and was named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team.

*Southern New Hampshire University*

*Amber Chandronnait* is a member of the women’s tennis team at So. New Hampshire with a 3.896 GPA majoring in business administration. Chandronnait is a two-time female Scholar-Athlete of the Year at So. New Hampshire and she has been named to the NE-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and to the Northeast-10 All-Academic Team. On the court, she is a three-time conference player of the year that helped lead her team to three consecutive NCAA championship appearances.

*Tim Rines* is a member of the baseball team with a 3.85 GPA majoring in accounting. He was named to the Northeast-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll, and was a two-time selection for the NE-10 All-Academic Team. Rines was named So. New Hampshire’s male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and was a finalist for the award last year. He served as a team captain, and is among the all-time leaders in a number of statistical categories at the school.

*Stonehill College*

*Emily Rousseau* is a member of the women’s basketball team with a 3.64 GPA majoring in finance. She is a two-time Capital One Academic All-District selection, and is an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship candidate. Rousseau was named the 2011 Edward E. Martin Outstanding Student-Athlete at Stonehill, and was a two-time All-Conference selection. She was also named to the 2010 NE-10 All-Championship team. She has volunteered for many youth clinics during her time at Stonehill.

*Angelo Bruno* is a member of the baseball team at Stonehill with a 3.41 GPA majoring in accounting. He is an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship finalist, and was named to multiple Northeast-10 Commissioner’s Honor Rolls. He was awarded Stonehill’s Edward E. Martin Award, which is awarded to the school’s outstanding student-athlete. Bruno was also named to the school’s Dean’s List numerous times. On the field, he is a two-time All-Conference selection, and was named the championship most valuable player.
in 2010. Bruno volunteered at blood drives and helped to raise money for needy families during the holidays.

The Northeast-10 is an association of 16 NCAA Division II colleges and universities located in New England and New York that are committed to supporting balanced academic and athletic opportunities for more than 6,500 student-athletes. Each year, 4,500 of those student-athletes compete in Conference championships in 23 sports, making the NE-10 the largest DII conference in the country. Leading the way in the classroom, on the field and within the community, the Northeast-10 is proud of its comprehensive program and the experience it provides student-athletes.

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