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Graf Named PAC Coordinator of Softball Officials

GREENVILLE, Pa. – Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Commissioner **Joe Onderko** announced today the hiring of **Kathie Graf** as the league's coordinator of softball officials, effective in the 2012-13 season.

"We are thrilled to welcome Kathie into the PAC family," stated Onderko. "She brings a wealth of softball experience and knowledge to the conference. Kathie's reputation amongst her peers and extensive experience both as an official and conference assignor puts us in a great position moving forward."

Graf, a NCAA softball umpire with over 25 years of experience, is an active official in many of the nation's top Division I softball-playing conferences, including the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC), The Mid-American Conference (MAC), the Horizon League and the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). She has considerable experience umpiring major conference championship tournaments, including consecutive OVC and Horizon League Championships. Graf has also been selected to work the 2013 MAC Championships.

She currently works as a collegiate assigner at the NCAA Division II and III levels as well as the NAIA in Ohio, working with schools including Case Western Reserve University, Walsh University, Ursuline College and Notre Dame College.

Graf has extensive experience working with and training amateur umpires throughout the country as a camp director and evaluator at many umpire-qualifying camps and started the Greater Akron Cleveland Umpire Association in 1999.

"I am pleased and honored to have been selected by the PAC as its coordinator of softball officials. I will take a hands-on approach with the coaches and administrators within the conference, doing what I can to lend my skills, capabilities and experiences to provide effective officiating and to keeping the lines of communication open. I am also committed to facilitating umpire growth and offering umpires an opportunity to get to the next level," said Graf.

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting intercollegiate athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence. Consisting of 10 select private institutions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, the PAC remains a unique organization in this day of high pressure intercollegiate athletics. With academics at the center of each member's philosophy, the PAC is built on the principle that an athletic program is a part of college life, but not an entity in itself. The PAC annually crowns champions in 19 sports (10 men, nine women).

TRANSACTIONS

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Named **Kathie Graf** Coordinator of Softball Officials.

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