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FOR RELEASE: August 19, 2009 Monique Bowman Hired as Associate Director of Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC)

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has announced the hiring of **Monique Bowman** as Associate Director. Bowman's position is a 10-month internship fully funded by the NCAA Division III Ethnic Minority & Women's Internship Grant program.

"The PAC is very fortunate to have someone with Monique's skill set and experience join the conference office staff," said PAC Executive Director **Joe Onderko**. "I believe she will be a great addition to the conference, and I look forward to working with her during the upcoming academic year."

Bowman comes to the PAC after working as an account executive/internship coordinator for Fahlgren Mortine Public Relations in Columbus, Ohio, since 2007. During that time, she also worked as a statistician for a variety of Columbus-area sporting events, including games at Ohio State University and Capital University, as well as Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) state tournament games.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, where she attended Liberty High School, Bowman is a cum laude graduate of Capital University with a degree in public relations. She served as a student assistant in the Capital athletic department and sports information office for four years. Bowman also worked as a sports writer for the *Columbus Call & Post* while completing her undergraduate degree.

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). In 2008-09, the PAC had 41 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 23 in NCAA championship events. PAC championship teams receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for most NCAA Division III national championship events.

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