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Saint Vincent's Macioce, Thiel's Workman named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for February 2010

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Katie Macioce (Uniontown, Pa./Laurel Highlands)** of Saint Vincent College and **Derek Workman (Valencia, Pa./Mars)** of Thiel College have been named PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for February 2010.

Macioce finished her senior season with the Bearcat cross country team. In 2008, she finished as the top 5 finishers for the team in all races, as well as finished as a medalist at the Saint Vincent, Juniata and Gettysburg Invitationals. Macioce also was the first woman to medal at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) meet, finishing 12th of 298 runners.

Heading into 2009, Macioce overcame a medical problem to again finish as one of the top Bearcat woman finishers. She also medaled at the Marietta, Saint Vincent and Juniata Invitationals this year.

Macioce is a theology major who has earned a 3.95 overall GPA. In addition to being a cross country runner, she is involved with the Saint Vincent campus ministry, the campus' new student orientation committee and is the secretary for the Health and Fitness Club. Macioce also traveled to Brazil with the college's annual mission trip.

Workman is a junior multi-sport athlete for the Tomcats, playing soccer in the fall and running for the Thiel track team in the spring. Workman has earned PAC Honor Roll in cross country, track and soccer during his time at Thiel.

In addition to being a student-athlete, Workman has earned a 3.6 GPA as an education major. He also is active with Thiel's campus ministry and is an English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor.

Each month, SAAC members at a PAC school nominate a student-athlete to highlight based on academic and athletic accomplishments. Honorees must be a varsity member in their respective sport(s) and in their junior or senior year. Scholar-Athletes of the Month must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and be actively involved on his or her campus community.

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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