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Gee, Adams Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for January, 2008

WEXFORD, Pa. - The Presidents' Athletic Conference has named **Alex Gee (Cincinnati, Ohio/Glen Este H.S.)** of Thomas More College and **Marcus Adams (Columbus, Ohio/Mount Vernon Academy H.S.)** of Bethany College as PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for January, 2008.

Gee, a junior guard for the Saint women's basketball team, has helped Thomas More to its best start in school history at 20-0 and a #5 ranking in both national Top 25 polls, while averaging 7.1 points per game. Off the court, Gee maintains a 3.98 grade-point average (GPA) as a psychology major and is an active member of the Thomas More SAAC. Gee was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* /CoSIDA Academic All-District second team. She was part of a group that took food and clothing to the Brighton Center during the Christmas holiday.

A senior on the Bison basketball team, Adams has helped lead Bethany to a 14-7 overall record and first place in the PAC standings at 8-1 with two weeks to play in the regular season. He averages 10.2 points and a PAC-best 5.53 assists per game. Off the court, Adams is an elementary education major and carries a 3.1 GPA. He has been named to both the Dean's List and the PAC Academic Honor Roll.

Other female nominees included Bethany swimmer **Erin Staniech**, Chatham swimmer **Halley Brus**, Grove City swimmer **Whitney Fairchild**, and Westminster swimmer **Megan Mier**. Other male nominees included Grove City swimmer **Drew Snyder**, Thomas More basketball player **Matty Owens**, and Westminster swimmer **Conor Simpson**.

Each month, SAAC members from each PAC institution are eligible to nominate two junior or senior varsity student athletes (one male, one female) from their school. All PAC Scholar-Athlete nominations must be in season, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be actively involved in their 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 2006-07, the conference had 24 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 14 in NCAA championship events.

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