



# SPORTS NEWS

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## **SVC's Fecik, Thiel's McAfee named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for January 2010**

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Matt Fecik (Pittsburgh, Pa./Plum H.S.)** of Saint Vincent College and **Sarah McAfee (Butler, Pa./Butler H.S.)** of Thiel College have been named PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for January 2010.

Fecik is a senior member and 2009 captain of the Bearcat men's soccer team. He was presented the PAC Coaches Award in 2008 and 2009, an all-conference equivalent award given to athletes at PAC schools with NCAA provisional status. Fecik started every game of his collegiate soccer career at Saint Vincent.

Fecik has earned a 3.451 GPA in the classroom and is a business/accounting double major.

McAfee is a dual sport student-athlete, running for the Bearcat cross country team in the fall and the track and field team in the spring. A senior, she is a three-year letterwinner to date, helped set the 4x800 school record during her junior year, and competed in the cross country regionals twice.

The biology/pre-veterinary major boasts a 3.57 GPA, while also being active around campus. She is a member of the Tri-Beta Honorary Biology and the Les Lauriers Senior Honor Societies, and has made dean's list six semesters. Additionally, McAfee has made the PAC Academic Honor Roll three times and has worked in the athletic department during her stint at Thiel.

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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