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Brennan, Hamm named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for January, 2012

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Abby Brennan (Prairie du Sac, WI/Sauk Prairie H.S.)** of Chatham University and **Ryan Hamm (Maysville, KY/Mason County H.S.)** of Thomas More College have been named Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for January, 2012.

Brennan is a junior student-athlete at Chatham University and a member of the soccer team. She saw action in 11 games this past soccer season, making 10 starts.

Off the field, Brennan is a Biology major and holds a 3.88 grade point average (GPA). She was on the Spring 2010, Spring 2011 and the Fall 2011 PAC Academic Honor Rolls. Brennan has been named to the Dean's list all five semesters at Chatham. On campus, she is President of Chatham College for Women Student Government, President of Chatham University Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and is the External Communications Chair of Pittsburgh Student Government Council.

Hamm is a junior student-athlete at Thomas More College and a member of the men's basketball team. He is a two-year letter winner and has started all 13 games so far this year as the team's point guard. Hamm leads the team in three-point field goal percentage at 48.6 percent and leads the team in assist-to-turnover ratio at +2.8. He is also actively involved with the men's basketball coaching staff in film/scouting reports.

Academically, Hamm is a Math major and holds a 3.57 GPA. He is the secretary of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and a member of Education Club. Hamm is a volunteer math tutor for middle school students and a volunteer coach of 7th grade boys basketball open gyms. Additionally, he coaches two different AAU Basketball teams.

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 inter-collegiate 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).

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