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Ackerman, Lehberger Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for February, 2008

WEXFORD, Pa. - The Presidents' Athletic Conference has named **Emilee Ackerman** (Greensburg, Pa./Hempfield H.S.) and Chris Lehberger (New Wilmington, Pa./Wilmington Area H.S.) of Westminster College as its PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month, for February 2008.

Ackerman, a senior guard/forward for the Titan women's basketball team, helped Westminster reach the PAC championship for the second consecutive year. She averaged 23.5 points and became the Titans' all-time leading scorer with 1,483 points. Off the court Ackerman maintains a 3.53 grade-point average (GPA) as an elementary education major. She was also selected as an *ESPN The Magazine* Women's Basketball College Division Academic All-American. Ackerman also is a Dean's List student, SAAC secretary and is a volunteer for the Westminster pre-school and Habitat for Humanity.

A junior on the Titan swimming team, Lehberger won both the 100 and 200 breaststroke and took third in the 200 individual medley at the PAC Championships. He also provisionally qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships. Out of the pool, Lehberger is a public relations major and carries a 3.4 GPA. He volunteers as a community swimming lesson instructor and volunteers for the First Assembly of God Youth Group Worship Team. Lehberger also is a member of the Lambda Sigma Honor Society.

Other nominees include Bethany basketball player **Brody Jackson**, Bethany swimmer **Brenda Maxwell**, and Grove City basketball players **Brittany Anderson** and **Shawn Carr**.

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.