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Geneva's Snavely, W&J's Drakeley named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for April 2010

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Brandi Snavely** (Columbiana, Ohio/Columbiana) of Geneva College and Matt Drakeley (Washington, Pa./Trinity) of Washington & Jefferson College have been named PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for April 2010.

Snavely is a senior member of the Golden Tornado volleyball squad. In the 2008 and 2009 seasons, she ranked first in the PAC in assists per set and in 2009, ranked second in assists with the National Christian College Athletic Association. Snavely's efforts has earned her PAC Coaches Honors (an all-conference award equivalent for provisional member schools) and a scholar-athlete nod by NCCAA.

Off the court, Snavely is a history/second education major with a 3.84 GPA. Additionally, she is a Geneva Tutor in science, a two-year resident assistant and participates in the church orchestra.

Drakeley is a senior member and team captain of the Presidents' men's basketball team, and has been noted as PAC All-Conference Honorable Mention. His tenure with Washington & Jefferson will be marked in the record books, as he has the most career wins than any player in the history of the school's men's basketball program.

Off the court, Drakeley is a four-year volunteer for the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament and is a volunteer for the stroke survivor group. He is an active member of Alpha Lambda Delta (a freshman honor society), Phi Beta Kappa and Gamma Sigma Epsilon (a chemistry honor society). Drakeley is a biochemistry major with a 3.98 GPA.

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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