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Urbanski, Trettel named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for April, 2011

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Julia Urbanski (Elizabeth, Pa./ Elizabeth-Forward H.S.)** of Geneva College and **Andy Trettel (Wexford, Pa./North Allegheny H.S.)** of Washington & Jefferson College have been named Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for April 2011.

Julia Urbanski is a junior student-athlete at Geneva and a member of the women's track and field team. She is a three-time NCCAA National Qualifier in the 800 meter and 1,500 meter events.

Off the track, Urbanski is a Biblical Studies major who holds a 3.86 cumulative grade point average (GPA). She is also a NCCAA and PAC scholar-athlete and volunteers many hours per week at D.A.R.E. Urbanski also leads the Frontier Club in Beaver Falls, which is a biblically based program for youth.

Andy Trettel is a senior student-athlete at Washington & Jefferson and a member of the President baseball team. Trettel is a three-year letter winner for W&J baseball. In the 2009 and 2010 seasons, he compiled the second-longest on-base streak in NCAA Division III history after reaching base 55 consecutive times.

Off the field, Trettel is an accounting major and holds a 3.8 cumulative GPA. He has been listed on the Dean's List six times. Trettel is a two-time PAC Spring Academic Honor Roll student. He is the President of the W&J Accounting Society and also has volunteered for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and Community Action Southwest as an income tax assistant.

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).