



# SPORTS NEWS

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## **TMC'S KUHN, W&J'S WALSH NAMED PAC SAAC SCHOLAR-ATHLETES OF THE MONTH**

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has selected **Valeri Kuhn** of Thomas More College and **Cory Walsh** of Washington & Jefferson College as PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for September 2006.

Kuhn, a junior setter for the Thomas More volleyball team, finished September averaging 11.62 assists per game, including 13.11 apg (first in the PAC) in conference play, while leading the Saints to a 10-11 record. She broke the Thomas More all-time record for assists on September 24 against Washington & Jefferson and currently has 3,626 career assists. In the classroom, Kuhn holds a 3.4 grade-point average (GPA) as an education major.

Walsh, a senior defensive back for the Washington & Jefferson football team, had 23.5 tackles in the first four games for the Presidents (3-1), while adding one interception for a touchdown. He was named PAC Defensive Player of the Week and ECAC Defensive Player of the Week for the week of September 9. In the classroom, Walsh maintains a 3.692 GPA majoring in biology.

Other female nominees included senior women's soccer player **Jen Burin** of Bethany, senior volleyball player **Brittany Anderson** of Grove City, senior volleyball player **Taryn Terchinik** of Washington & Jefferson, and junior women's soccer player **Brittany McKee** of Westminster. Other male nominees were senior football player **T.J. Parker** of Bethany, senior men's soccer player **Jonathan Breese** of Grove City, and junior football player **Josh Kutzner** of Westminster.

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 2005-06, the conference had 17 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 15 in NCAA championship events. The PAC is scheduled to receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for NCAA team championships in the 2007-08 academic year.

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