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Stefanizzi, Scudere named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for September, 2009

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has announced Bethany's **Tim Stefanizzi (Brave, Pa./Waynesburg Central H.S.)** and Westminster's **April Scudere (Fowler, Ohio/Brookfield H.S.)** as PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for September, 2009.

Stefanizzi is a four-year member of the Bison football program as a defensive lineman, playing in 20 games from 2006-08. In those seasons, he recorded 22 tackles (10 unassisted, 12 assisted) and was voted to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District II Second Team in 2008.

Stefanizzi is majoring in forensic chemistry, and is a member of the American Chemistry Society and the Gamma Sigma Epsilon Chemistry Honor Society. He has earned Dean's List three times during his academic career and has a cumulative 3.38 GPA.

Scudere is a senior on the Westminster women's tennis team. She holds school records for career wins in singles and doubles, as well as single season wins in singles and doubles. Scudere was crowned PAC champion in 2009 in No. 1 doubles and was conference runner up in No. 1 singles. She is also a three-time PAC Academic Honor Roll honoree and has been honored as a Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Scholar-Athlete three times (2007-09).

Scudere, a mathematics major, is a member of the Lambda Sigma Honorary Society, Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Society and the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honorary, and holds positions with the Kappa Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honorary (president) and the Mortar Board Honor Society (historian chair). She is a sports writer for the student newspaper, *The Holcad*, and is a volunteer math tutor at Wilmington Middle School in New Wilmington, Pa., and George Junior School in Grove City, Pa. Scudere is a dean's list student with a 3.8 cumulative 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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Editor's Note: High-resolution photos of Stefanizzi and Scudere are available by request.