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Greenwood, Jones named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for October, 2009

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Samantha Greenwood (Hamburg, N.Y./Hamburg)** of Chatham University and **Elisha Jones (Russell, PA/ Eisenhower)** of Waynesburg University have been named Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for October, 2009.

Greenwood is a dual-sport junior at Chatham, participating in cross country in the fall and softball in the spring. She was named captain of the softball team for the 2008-09 season and was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for her efforts on the field in the same season. This year, Greenwood was named captain of the cross country team.

In the class room, Greenwood is an English major, earning her secondary education certification. She is the president of Chatham's chapter of SAAC, is the Chatham Ambassador Student Supervisor, a campus tutor, and a Chatham Student Government representative for the 2011 graduating class. She is also a member of the Chatham Scholars Program.

Jones is a junior women's basketball player and track and field team member, earning numerous awards in her first two years of collegiate competition. Her list of accolades includes honorable mention All-Conference in basketball as a freshman, first-team All-Conference in track & field in her freshman and sophomore years, and earning a NCAA national qualifier spot as a sophomore in track & field.

In the classroom, Jones is an athletic training major (with a minor in exercise science) and maintains a 3.9 grade-point average (GPA). She is a student athletics trainer for Yellow Jacket teams, as well as a member several campus organizations including SAAC and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

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 Greenwood and Jones are available by request.