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Waynesburg's Hinds, Bethany's Parker Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has selected **Haley Hinds** of Waynesburg College and **T.J. Parker** of Bethany College as the PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for November 2006.

Hinds, a junior on the Waynesburg College cross country team, finished her season in November earning Second Team All-PAC honors at the PAC Championship meet at Waynesburg. Hinds was also the fifth scoring runner for the Yellow Jackets at the NCAA Mid-East Regional, hosted by Waynesburg at the Greene County Airport on November, 11. In the classroom Hinds holds a 3.94 cumulative grade-point average (GPA) as a communication major. On campus, she serves as the Waynesburg SAAC President, is involved with the yearbook and campus radio station, as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Parker, a senior wide receiver on the Bethany College football team, finished his career in November by breaking the school's single-season reception record with 71 catches, which also led the PAC. Parker also led the conference with 658 receiving yards and was third in the PAC with 1,252 all-purpose yards. Academically, Parker maintains a 3.54 cumulative GPA majoring in physical education, and is a two-time *ESPN the Magazine* Second Team Academic All-District selection. Parker has also been named to the Dean's List and the PAC Academic Honor Roll. He is a former football SAAC representative, the Vice President of the Physical Education Club and a member of Phi Delta Psi, the Physical Education honorary society.

Other female nominees included senior volleyball player **Angelina Allen** of Bethany, junior swimmer **Ellen Keefer** of Grove City, and senior swimmer **Megan McLaughlin** of Westminster. Other male nominees were senior swimmer **Andrew Gilbert** of Grove City, senior wrestler **Kyle Brown** of Thiel, and senior swimmer **Ryan Trunk** 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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