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FOR RELEASE: November 10, 2009 GC's Callahan, W&J's Macioce named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for November, 2009

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **David Callahan** (Phoenix, Ariz./Phoenix Christian) of Geneva College and Molly Macioce (Dubois, Pa./Laurel Highlands) of Washington & Jefferson College have been named PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for November, 2009.

Callahan is a senior member and captain of the Golden Tornado men's soccer team. The Phoenix native made the most of his time on the field, earning 2008 PAC Coaches Honors and being named the NCCAA Men's Soccer National Player of the Week in September 2009.

Callahan is also making a mark around campus. In addition to earning his degree in history/secondary education and posting a 3.309 GPA, Callahan is president of the Geneva campus SAAC, vice president of the PAC SAAC and an active member of the college's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chapter.

Macioce is a senior player for the Presidents' women's soccer team and has collected many accolades during her tenure. She has been a part of two PAC champion teams (2008 and 2009), named a 2008 PAC honorable mention recipient and named to the 2009 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District women's soccer team.

Off the field, Macioce is a business administration major with a 3.6 GPA. Her other campus duties include being a resident assistant, a Donnell House (Hospice Care) volunteer, secretary of the Newman Club and a student supervisor for the Matthew Brown Fellowship. She is also the vice president and an honor board member for the Delta Gamma sorority.

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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