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DiDonato, Corbello named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for December, 2009

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today Grove City's **Andrew DiDonato (Bridgeville, Pa./South Fayette)** and Thomas More's **Brandi Corbello (Florence, Ky./Boone County)** as December's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month.

DiDonato has become a respected and heavily-decorated football student-athlete in his four years at Grove City. He is the school's all-time leader in total offense yardage, as well as the all-time leader in single game, single season and career passing yardage. At the conference level, DiDonato led the PAC in total yardage in 2009 and earned multiple conference player-of-the-week awards and became an all-conference quarterback. Additionally, DiDonato is a member of the Grove City varsity basketball team.

DiDonato utilizes his leadership skills off the field as well, participating on the student-faculty academic review committee, and being a member and chaplain of the Epsilon Pi Fraternity. In the classroom, DiDonato is a business management major carrying a 3.36 GPA.

Corbello is a junior volleyball player for the Thomas More Saints. In 2009, Corbello has earned first team All-PAC, as well as named All-Great Lakes region and All-America honorable mention by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). She racked up 146 kills in 41 sets (a conference-leading 3.56/set) and 20 aces this past season.

Around campus, Corbello is a business administration major who has earned a 3.643 GPA. She is a staff member of the school's business office and also helps in an annual event that teaches volleyball to under-privileged inner-city youth.

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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