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Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Announces 2009 Fall Team Sportsmanship Awards

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has announced the PAC Team Sportsmanship Award winners for Fall 2009 sports.

The PAC Team Sportsmanship Award was started in the 2008-09 sports season, and is an effort to recognize and encourage positive sportsmanship among conference teams. The award is sponsored by the PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), a committee comprised of student-athletes from each member institution that assemble to provide insight on the student-athlete experience.

The award is presented to one team in each of the 19 PAC-sponsored varsity sports. Each PAC team votes for another in their sport that displayed the highest level of sportsmanship throughout the season. The awards are handed out at the conclusion of the fall, winter and spring seasons.

2009 Fall PAC Team Sportsmanship Award winners are:

Men's Cross Country - Saint Vincent College

Women's Cross County - Geneva College

Football - Grove City College

Men's Soccer - Grove City College

Women's Soccer - Grove City College

Volleyball - Westminster College

Women's Tennis - Westminster College

Grove City has earned eight awards to date, while Bethany College and Thomas More each have three. Chatham University, Geneva College, Saint Vincent College, Thiel College and Waynesburg University have two. Westminster College earned its first two awards this past season.

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 2007-08, the PAC had 35 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 19 in NCAA championship events. PAC championship teams receive automatic qualification (AQ) status for most NCAA Division III national championship events.

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