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

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) has announced the 2009 PAC Spring Team Sportsmanship Award winners. This new award is sponsored by the members of the PAC Student-Athlete-Advisory Council (SAAC), in an effort to recognize and encourage positive sportsmanship among the conference teams. The SAAC is a committee comprised of student-athletes from each member institution assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience.

This is the first year the team sportsmanship awards will be given out in each of the 19 PAC sponsored varsity sports. Each PAC team was asked to vote for the conference team in their sport who displayed the highest level of sportsmanship. The awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the fall, winter and spring seasons.

2009 Spring PAC Team Sportsmanship Award Winners:

Baseball - Geneva College
Softball - Chatham University
Men's Tennis - Thomas More College
Men's Track & Field - Grove City College
Women's Track & Field - Bethany College
Men's Golf - Thiel College
Women's Golf - Grove City College

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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