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## **Geneva College to Host 2012 PAC Men's & Women's Track & Field Championships on April 27-28**

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa. – The Merriman Athletic Complex on the campus of Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., will be the site of the **2012 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Men's & Women's Track & Field Championships** on April 27-28, 2012. Action begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. on Saturday. Admission is free of charge.

Geneva is serving as the host of the event for the first time in its initial year as an active member of NCAA Division III and will be among eight schools in action this weekend competing for the 2012 PAC track & field team titles. Westminster captured the 2011 conference crown on the men's side, while Washington & Jefferson won the 2011 women's team title.

The 2012 men's race will have Westminster and head coach **Tim McNeil** as the team to beat, as the Titans captured their first-ever PAC men's title a year ago and again field a strong roster led by senior **Ryan Bell**, a 2011 NCAA Division III All-American in the javelin who was a two-time PAC Men's Field Athlete of the Week in 2012. Other top Titans returning include sophomores **Adam Carswell** (mid-distance) and **Anthony Thomas** (jumps), who each also captured PAC weekly honors in 2012. Washington & Jefferson, which finished just 10 points behind Westminster (129-119) a year ago, returns both the 2011 PAC Track Athlete of the Year in junior distance runner **Scott Ryan** as well as 2011 PAC Field Athlete of the Year senior **Taylor Hockman** and is poised to try to re-take the top spot in the league.

Bethany placed third in the PAC in 2011 and is led by sophomore mid-distance standout **Arkangelo James**, a two-time PAC Track Athlete of the Week recipient. Waynesburg boasts a strong roster led by freshman standout **Byrum Louco**, a two-time PAC weekly honoree in his rookie campaign. The host Golden Tornadoes will be paced by junior distance runner **Nick Edinger**, who was seventh in the 5,000 meters at the 2011 NCCAA national meet. Other top athletes to watch among returning teams include Grove City sophomore **Arleigh McRae** (mid-distance), Saint Vincent senior **Kevin Wanichko** (distance), and Thiel senior **Richard Peterson** (distance). Thomas More is fielding a varsity program for the first time in 2012 and will be led this weekend by junior high jump standout **Phil Feinberg**.

The women's race again has W&J as a team to beat, as the Presidents of first-year head coach **Shawn Marek** have another talented squad led by senior **C.J. Corcoran** (jumps/throws), who earned PAC Field Athlete of the Year laurels in 2011. Sophomore **Meghan Poinsett** (hurdles) and freshman **Kristen Galligan** (distance), a 2011 cross country NCAA qualifier in her rookie campaign in the fall, are also poised to score for Washington & Jefferson. In a reverse of the men's standings, Westminster finished 10 points behind W&J (156-146) in the women's team race a year ago and will again challenge for the top spot, led by seniors **Alisha Slater** (sprints) and **Emily Dolsak** (throws).

Waynesburg will rely on a solid nucleus of field event athletes as the Yellow Jackets try to improve on last year's third place PAC finish, led by senior **Krystal Baker** (jumps). Fourth-place Grove City has a strong stable of distance runners, paced by junior **Mary Kate Breese**. Bethany has solid individuals throughout its lineup, including senior sprinter **Kaitlyn Black**. Other top athletes competing include senior **Liz Michalak** (multiple events) of Geneva, junior **Cassidy Kravec** (throws) of Thiel, and freshman **Felicity Britt** (throws) from Thomas More's first-year varsity program.

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) as a member of NCAA Division III.