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Hoffman, Brown named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for December, 2011

WEXFORD, Pa. – The Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) announced today that **Tiffany Hoffman (Cambridge, Ohio/John Glenn H.S.)** of Bethany College and **Corey Brown (Greenville, Pa./Reynolds H.S.)** of Thiel College have been named Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month for December 2011.

Hoffman is a senior student-athlete at Bethany College and a member of the volleyball team. Hoffman is a three-time All-PAC selection, including First Team in 2011. She led Bethany to a runner-up finish in the PAC Tournament and a school record of 31 wins this year, the best finish in program history. In 2010 and 2011, Hoffman helped the Bison win back-to-back ECAC Championships. She led the conference in aces this year with 56 and ranked second in digs with 695. Hoffman finished her career ranked second all-time at Bethany with 2,313 digs and sixth in career aces (153).

Off the court, Hoffman is a Biology major and holds a 3.92 grade point average (GPA). She was honored as a Capital One Second Team Academic All-American and First Team Academic All-District II selection this year. Hoffman was on the PAC Academic Honor Roll three times, has been on the Presidents' List at Bethany for a perfect 4.0 GPA four times and the Dean's List twice. Around campus, she has been a Relay for Life volunteer for three years and is a member of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society.

Brown is a senior student-athlete at Thiel College and a member of the Tomcat wrestling team. Brown is currently ranked sixth in the latest Brute – Adidas National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division III individual rankings at 133 pounds. He is the first Tomcat wrestler in school history to earn all-American status on three occasions.

Academically, Brown is a Criminal Justice Studies major and holds a 3.73 GPA. He has been named a Scholar All-American by the NWCA after each of his last two seasons. Brown has earned Dean's List recognition in each of his six semesters and has twice earned a spot on the PAC Academic Honor Roll. On campus, Brown is a Resident Assistant of one of the College's freshman residence halls, where he focuses on developing and coordinating weekly programming and activities. Brown actively assists the wrestling team in its Big Brother program. He also participates in numerous community service initiatives each year, which includes the community's annual "Spring Into Action" event, where College organizations and Greenville community groups team up for a campus- and community-wide clean-up day, the annual Lions Club pancake and sausage day, as well as numerous youth wrestling events held at the College.

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).