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CONFERENCE USA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS ANNOUNCED

IRVING, Texas – Conference USA Commissioner **Britton Banowsky** announced the recipients of the 2006-07 Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards, as approved by the Board of Directors. C-USA Scholar Athlete of the Year awards are presented to the top student-athletes in each conference-sponsored sport. The award is based on academic achievement (GPA), athletic achievement and service.

Rice produced a conference-best five Scholar Athlete Award winners, Tulsa had four winners and SMU had three student-athletes selected. Ten of C-USA's 12 institutions produced at least one scholar athlete winner, with co-winners named in baseball, women's basketball, women's soccer, women's tennis and men's track & field. Five student-athletes were repeat winners, as indicated below on the complete list:

2006-07 SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS:

Baseball	Josh Stirneman, Houston Trey Sutton, Southern Miss
Men's Basketball	Donatas Rackauskas, SMU
Women's Basketball	Kristin Chaney, Southern Miss Jami Montagnino, Tulane
Men's Cross Country	Aaron Robson, Rice
Women's Cross Country	Marissa Daniels, Rice
Football	Paul Smith, Tulsa
Men's Golf	*Sam Korbe, Tulsa
Women's Golf	Michelle Williams, East Carolina
Men's Soccer	Jeremy Drake, UAB
Women's Soccer	Melissa Abraham, UTEP Olivia O'Rear, SMU
Softball	*Jenna Kubesch, Memphis
Women's Swimming & Diving	Szintia Szanto, Houston
Men's Tennis	Arnau Bruges, Tulsa
Women's Tennis	Natalia Bubien, SMU Santie Delport, Tulsa Dominique Karas, Rice Christina Wieser, Memphis
Men's Track and Field	*Mickael Hanany, UTEP Luke Stadel, Rice
Women's Track and Field	*Callie Wells, Rice
Volleyball	*Heidi Krug, East Carolina

* Repeat winner

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