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### ***UMass Lowell's Macy Named Field Hockey Player of the Year***

**South Easton, Mass.** – The University of Massachusetts Lowell junior forward **Sammy Macy (Tewksbury, Mass)** has been selected the Northeast-10 Field Hockey Player of the Year as voted by the conference's head coaches.

Macy has been an offensive threat for UMass Lowell this season as the junior currently leads the Northeast-10 in goals (23) and points (53) and in addition is ranked in the top five nationally in both categories. The River Hawks are scoring a conference best 2.51 goals per game. Macy helped advance UMass Lowell to the Northeast-10 semifinals for the seventh time in program history after the 4-1 win over Southern Connecticut in the quarterfinals. In addition, Macy was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the second time in her career (2008 and 2009).

Bentley University senior **Alyssa Sliney (Brewster, Mass.)** was named the 2009 Northeast-10 Goalkeeper of the Year for the third time in her career and is the first to do so in Northeast-10 history. Patrice Mendoza from UMass Lowell (2002 and 2003) and Megan Scalley of Saint Michael's (2000 and 2001) are the only other multiple winners of the award. Sliney helped lead Bentley to the Northeast-10 Championship for a conference record 14<sup>th</sup> time as the Falcons finished NE-10 play with an 8-2 record. She currently ranks among the conference leaders in goals against average (1.33), shutouts (4) and save percentage (.742). Sliney is also ranked nationally in all three categories as well. In addition, she was also named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the third time in her career.

Stonehill College senior defender **Stephanie Kott (Rutland, Mass.)** was selected the 2009 Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Kott helped lead Stonehill to a conference best five shutout victories and anchored a defense that surrendered only 21 goals this season. She also dished out eight assists and recorded one defensive save thus far. In addition, Kott was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the first time in her career.

Bentley forward **Nicole Dion (Lunenburg, Mass.)** and Merrimack forward **April Daugherty (Lincoln, R.I.)** were named the 2009 Northeast-10 Co-Freshmen of the Year. In her first year of collegiate play, Dion has helped lead the Falcons back to the Northeast-10 Championship as she ranks third on the team with eight goals to go along with three assists for 19 points. Dion is the first Bentley player to receive Freshman of the Year honors since Sliney (2006). In addition, Dion was also named to the Northeast-10 All-Rookie Team.

Daugherty is the first Merrimack player to earn Freshman of the Year honors in program history as she helped lead the Warriors to the Northeast-10 semifinals for the first time ever. Daugherty is among the conference leaders in a number of offensive categories including, points (39 – 4<sup>th</sup>), goals (12 – 7<sup>th</sup>) and assists (15 – 1<sup>st</sup>). She is also ranked nationally in points (8<sup>th</sup>) and leads all of Division II in assists. In addition, Daugherty was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team and All-Rookie team.

Stonehill head coach Shelly Morris has been voted the 2009 Northeast-10 Coach of the Year by her peers. In just her second season at the helm at Stonehill, Morris guided the Skyhawks to the team's first Northeast-10 Regular Season title since 2006 and a trip to the NE-10 semifinals. Stonehill is currently 16-3 overall and finished conference play with a 9-1 record.

With 16 member institutions the Northeast-10 shares the distinction of being the largest Division II conference in the country along with the PSAC and WVIAC. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

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### 2009 Northeast-10 Conference Field Hockey All-Conference Teams

<b>First Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Julianne Gerbino	So.	Forward	Adelphi	Port Jefferson, N.Y.
Linsey Fernandes	So.	Midfield	American Int'l	Ajax, Ont.
Courtney Bartlett	Sr.	Midfield	Bentley	Brunswick, Maine
Stephanie Sideris	So.	Midfield	Bentley	Watertown, Mass.
Alyssa Sliney	Sr.	Goalkeeper	Bentley	Brewster, Mass.
Katie Enaire	Jr.	Forward	UMass Lowell	Amesbury, Mass.
Sammy Macy	Jr.	Forward	UMass Lowell	Tewksbury, Mass.
Laura Sullivan	Sr.	Defense	UMass Lowell	Norwood, Mass.
April Daugherty	Fr.	Forward	Merrimack	Lincoln, R.I.
Claire Hourihan	Sr.	Forward	Stonehill	East Amherst, N.Y.
Stephanie Kott	Sr.	Defense	Stonehill	Rutland, Mass.
Jackie Ladino	Sr.	Forward	Stonehill	North Dartmouth, Mass.

<b>Second Team</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Lucia Vigliotti	So.	Goalkeeper	Adelphi	Westbury, N.Y.
Nicole Murphy	Sr.	Midfield	Bentley	Dedham, Mass.
Jenna Panzone	Sr.	Defense	Bentley	East Falmouth, Mass.
Kimberly Jaksina	So.	Defense	Franklin Pierce	Townsend, Mass.
Molly Clay	Sr.	Midfield	UMass Lowell	Rockport, Mass.
Ashley Smith	Sr.	Defense	UMass Lowell	Killingsworth, Conn.
Jaclyn Germano	Sr.	Forward	Merrimack	Westwood, Mass.
Jen Otis	Fr.	Forward	Merrimack	Penacook, N.H.
Kaitlin Koffink	Sr.	Forward	Saint Michael's	Goffstown, N.H.
Dieny Charlot	Jr.	Defense	So. Connecticut	Deep River, Conn.
Lindsey Pinkham	Jr.	Midfield	Stonehill	Skowhegan, Maine

<b>All Rookie Team</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Danielle DeMola	Adelphi	Defense	Holtsville, N.Y.
Lisa Duckles	American Int'l	Midfield	Netcong, N.J.
Nicole Dion	Bentley	Forward	Lunenburg, Mass.
Alyssa Juszczuk	Franklin Pierce	Midfield	Warren, Mass.
April Daugherty	Merrimack	Forward	Lincoln, R.I.
Jen Otis	Merrimack	Forward	Penacook, N.H.

**Player of the Year:** Sammy Macy, UMass Lowell

**Co-Freshmen of the Year:** Nicole Dion, Bentley and April Daugherty, Merrimack

**Defensive Player of the Year:** Stephanie Kott, Stonehill

**Goalkeeper of the Year:** Alyssa Sliney, Bentley

**Coach of the Year:** Shelly Morris, Stonehill