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Division I-AAA ADs Association Announces Scholar-Athlete Teams

Cleveland, Ohio -- The 21 winners of the fifth annual Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Scholar-Athlete Teams were announced today by the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA).

"We are very proud of these winners," says **Jean Lenti Ponsetto**, chair of the Division I-AAA ADA Scholar-Athlete Team Selection Committee and athletics director at DePaul University. "They personify the definition of 'student-athlete' and we are proud to have our Association affiliated with such a quality group of individuals."

Basketball players from all Division I-AAA ADA member institutions are eligible for these prestigious awards. Each of the nominees was required to have a minimum grade point average of 3.20 (on a 4.00 scale) in undergraduate study and have been a starter or important reserve with legitimate athletics credentials. He/she must have reached sophomore athletics and academic standing at the nominated institution and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominated institution. He/she must also have participated in 50 percent of the games played at his/her designated position.

Additionally, from the Scholar-Athlete teams, one male and female student-athlete were selected as the Division I-AAA Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Receiving the women's honor was **Sarah Tyler McIlwraith**, an early childhood education major from Saint Louis University, with a 3.93 GPA; while the men's award went to **Anthony Tolliver**, a finance major from Creighton University, with a 3.53 GPA.

A special Review Committee of Division I-AAA athletics directors was responsible for selecting the winners. Completing this task were Committee Chair **Jean Lenti Ponsetto**, DePaul; **Jerry Baker**, Charleston; **Pete Carlon**, Texas Arlington; **Gary Cunningham**, UC Santa Barbara; **Don DiJulia**, St. Joseph's; **Gene Doris**, Fairfield; **Bill Husak**, Loyola Marymount; **John Planek**, Loyola (Ill.); and **Scott Street**, Texas Pan American.

Now in its sixth year, the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association's mission is to enhance initiatives common to its Division I-AAA membership (those Division I institutions that do not sponsor football), in particular, aspects related to their flagship basketball programs. The Association is administered by NACDA, now in its 42nd year, is the professional and educational association for more than 6,100 college athletics administrators at more than 1,600 institutions throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. More than 2,000 athletics administrators annually attend the NACDA Convention. Additionally, NACDA administers nine professional associations for the separate business units that report directly to the athletics director.

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Men's Scholar-Athlete Team

Name	Institution	GPA	Major
Kurt Attaway	University of Texas San Antonio	4.00	Psychology
Scott Dougherty	Santa Clara University	3.57	Chemistry
Michael Haddix	Siena College	3.22	Psychology
Justin Hare	Belmont University	3.85	Exercise Science
Charles Harris	Canisius College	3.60	Digital Media Arts
Brian Hodges	University of Maryland Baltimore County	3.52	Economics
Martin Klimes	University of Vermont	3.84	Business Administration/Finance
Sean P. Mallon	Gonzaga University	3.53	Master of Organizational Leadership
Luke James Meyer	Saint Louis University	3.76	Accounting
Mike Schachtner	University of Wisconsin Green Bay	3.84	General Studies
Anthony Tolliver	Creighton University	3.53	Finance

Honorable Mention: **Mitch Henke**, Santa Clara University.

Women's Scholar-Athlete Team

Name	Institution	GPA	Major
Kenan Lindsay Cole	George Washington University	3.92	Mechanical Engineering
Jenna Marie Green	University of California Santa Barbara	3.31	Black Studies/Sociology
Sabrina Nicole Gregory	University of North Carolina Charlotte	3.75	Mathematics
Stephanie L. Hawk	Gonzaga University	3.84	Master of Business Administration
Sarah-Jo Lawrence	George Washington University	3.82	Communications/Sociology
Sarah Tyler McIlwraith	Saint Louis University	3.93	Early Childhood Education
Nicole Piggot	Oakland University	3.95	Clinical Lab Science
Amanda Lee Popp	University of Wisconsin Green Bay	3.79	Human Development
Allie Quigley	DePaul University	3.80	Physical Education
Jenna Rubino	DePaul University	3.50	Communications

Honorable Mention: **Jessica Pike**, Oakland University.

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