



Today's Scholar-Athletes ~ Tomorrow's Leaders

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Patriot League Announces Men's Basketball Academic Honor Roll *27 student-athletes Receive Recognition*

Center Valley, Pa. – Lafayette's Matt Betley, the Patriot League Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, was among a group of 27 student-athletes named to the 2008 Patriot League Men's Basketball Academic Honor Roll, Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich announced on Monday.

Betley heads up the list after posting a 3.50 grade-point average in the spring. The Economics & Business major was also named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District II first team earlier in the year, and finished the season with 11.3 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

A pair of Lehigh student-athletes that earned All-Patriot League recognition was also on the Academic Honor Roll list. Sophomore Marquis Hall had a 3.26 GPA in the spring semester as a Business major, while freshman Rob Keefer posted a nearly identical 3.25 mark in the same field of study. Hall was a Second-Team All-Patriot League selection, while Keefer earned 2008 Patriot League Rookie of the Year recognition.

Army led all schools with six selections to the Men's Basketball Academic Honor Roll, while Lafayette had five and Lehigh notched four selections.

To be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must earn a 3.20 grade-point average in the spring semester and be awarded a varsity letter in one of the Patriot League's 16 winter or spring championship sports. The criteria for awarding varsity letters are different at each institution.

"Today's Scholar-Athletes, Tomorrow's Leaders" – The Patriot League continually demonstrates that student-athletes can excel at both academics and athletics without sacrificing its high standards. The Patriot League's athletic success is achieved while its member institutions remain committed to its founding principle of admitting and graduating student-athletes that are academically representative of their class. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of a well-rounded education.

2008 Patriot League Men's Basketball Academic Honor Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
AMERICAN (3)				
Nicholas Hendra	Fr.	Business	3.22	New York, N.Y./Xavier
Travis Lay	Sr.	Accounting/Finance	3.62	Rockville, Md./Bullis School
Bryce Simon	Jr.	Health Promotion	3.74	Syracuse, Kan./Syracuse
ARMY (6)				
Nathan Hedgecock	Fr.	Undeclared	3.86	El Paso, Texas/Montwood
Ryan Hodgson	Sr.	Environmental Geography	3.50	Mastic Beach, N.Y./William Floyd
Curtis Koszuta	Jr.	Management	3.76	San Antonio, Texas/William Howard Taft
John Moonshower	Jr.	Engineering Management	3.40	Ohio City, Ohio/Van Wert
Will Schuh	So.	Undeclared	3.33	Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin
Jon Sizemore	So.	Undeclared	3.22	Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett (USMAPS)
BUCKNELL (2)				
Zach Evans	So.	Political Science	3.50	Encino, Calif./Chaminade
Darren Mastropaolo	Sr.	Psychology	3.47	Falmouth, Maine/Falmouth

COLGATE (3)

Kendall Chones	Sr.	History	3.67	Cleveland, Ohio/Orange/Fork Union
Joseph Guiler	So.	Philosophy	3.56	Johnstown, Ohio/Johnstown Monroe
Peter Minchella	Sr.	Molecular Biology	3.57	West Lafayette, Ind./William Henry Harrison

HOLY CROSS (3)

Pat Doherty	Jr.	Sociology	3.33	Scranton, Pa./Scranton Prep
Andrew Keister	Fr.	History	3.39	Galloway, N.J./Absegami
Zach Paterick	So.	Economics & Accounting	3.84	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./Nease

LAFAYETTE (5)

Matt Betley	Sr.	Economics & Business	3.50	Mount Laurel, N.J./Lenape
Paul Cummins	Sr.	Psychology/Music	3.69	Kildare, Ireland/South Kent School
Michael Gruner	So.	Economics & Business	3.77	Bethesda, Md./Walt Whitman
Deirunas Visockas	Fr.	Liberal Arts	3.25	Los Angeles, Calif./University
Ben Wheeler	Fr.	Economics & Business	3.66	Herndon, Va./Chantilly

LEHIGH (4)

Dave Buchberger	So.	Supply Chain Management	3.52	Cincinnati, Ohio/Syracuse
Marquis Hall	So.	Business	3.26	Portland, Ore./Jefferson
Rob Keefer	Fr.	Business	3.25	North Wales, Pa./Abington Friends
Matt Szalachowski	Jr.	Accounting	3.48	Allentown, Pa./Blair Academy

NAVY (1)

Ben Biles	Sr.	Economics	3.40	Cramerton, N.C./Gaston Day
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