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## **79 Patriot League Teams Earn NCAA Academic Performance Program Awards**

### ***Bucknell Leads All Institutions with 15 Teams Honored***

**Center Valley, Pa. (4/24/08)** – Patriot League schools fared well in the release of the 2007-08 NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program Public Recognition Awards on Thursday, with the eight member schools combining to have 79 of their Patriot League-sponsored sports honored for their latest Academic Progress Rate scores.

Bucknell led all schools with 15 Patriot League-sponsored teams honored, followed by Holy Cross with 14 and Colgate, Lafayette and Lehigh each with 13. At least one school won a public recognition award in each of the Patriot League's 23 sports. A League-high six schools were recognized in men's tennis, with five honored in baseball and women's basketball.

The Patriot League's total was second among Division I conferences, trailing only the Ivy League. The Patriot League finished 30 teams ahead of the third-highest conference, the Big East.

The NCAA is honoring 712 Division I sports teams from 192 institutions with public recognition awards for their latest multi-year Academic Progress Rate scores. The teams recognized this year represent 11.4 percent of the 6,272 Division I teams. These teams posted multi-year APR scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports. The public recognition awards are part of the broad Division I academic reform effort. Last year, a total of 839 teams were recognized. There are fewer awards this year than last year because there are fewer teams with perfect scores. There were 84 Patriot League teams honored a year ago.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete. The APR includes eligibility, retention, and graduation in the calculation and provides a clear picture of the academic culture in each sport. High-performing teams receiving awards posted APR scores ranging from 965 to a perfect 1,000 over the data collection period.

Multi-year APR scores for all 6,272 Division I sports teams, including the teams receiving public recognition awards, will be announced May 6.

### **Patriot League Institutions Honored for Academic Performance**

**American University (1)** – Swimming and Diving (M)

**Bucknell University (15)** – Baseball, Basketball (M), Cross Country (M/W), Football, Golf (M), Soccer (M/W), Tennis (M/W), Lacrosse (W), Rowing (W), Swimming and Diving (W), Indoor Track and Field (W), Outdoor Track and Field (W)

**Colgate University (13)** – Football, Golf (M), Lacrosse (M), Soccer (M), Swimming and Diving (M/W), Tennis (M), Indoor Track and Field (M/W), Basketball (W), Field Hockey, Outdoor Track and Field (W), Volleyball (W)

**College of the Holy Cross (14)** – Baseball, Basketball (M/W), Football, Golf (M), Swimming and Diving (M/W), Tennis (M), Cross Country (W), Lacrosse (W), Softball, Indoor Track and Field (W), Outdoor Track and Field (W), Volleyball (W)

**Lafayette College (13)** – Baseball, Cross Country (M/W), Lacrosse (M/W), Soccer (M), Swimming and Diving (M/W), Tennis (M/W), Indoor Track and Field (M), Outdoor Track and Field (M), Softball

**Lehigh University (13)** – Baseball, Cross Country (M/W), Tennis (M/W), Basketball (W), Lacrosse (W), Rowing (W), Soccer (W), Softball, Indoor Track and Field (W), Outdoor Track and Field (W), Volleyball (W)

**United States Military Academy (2)** – Basketball (W), Volleyball (W)

**United States Naval Academy (8)** – Baseball, Basketball (M/W), Lacrosse (M), Tennis (M), Indoor Track and Field (M), Outdoor Track and Field (M), Rowing (W)

*“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.*

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