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## **Patriot League Announces Women's Swimming and Diving Academic Honor Roll** *101 Student-Athletes Receive Honor Roll Recognition*

**Center Valley, Pa.** – One hundred and one student-athletes, including Scholar-Athlete of Year Kelly Zahalka of Navy, have been named to the 2008 Patriot League Women's Swimming and Diving Academic Honor Roll, Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich announced on Tuesday.

Zahalka's spot on the Academic Honor Roll caps an impressive list of accomplishments for the academic year. In addition to earning her second consecutive Patriot League Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year honor, Zahalka was named an *ESPN The Magazine* First-Team Academic All-America and All-District selection and was one of 65 national recipients of a 2008 Truman Scholarship. Zahalka recorded a 4.00 grade-point average in the spring semester, and has posted the perfect mark during all six of her semesters at Navy. Zahalka earns her third selection to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll.

Zahalka is one of 10 students named to the Academic Honor Roll after recording a 4.00 GPA in the spring semester. Allison Aichelle, Jamie Call and Sarah Duffy joined their teammate by posting the mark from Navy, while Bucknell's Abigail Paules, Nikki Seaman and Eliza Massie, Holy Cross' Erica Archer and Lafayette's Lindsay Grimes and Lindsay Messina also compiled the mark.

In addition to being part of the group with a 4.00 GPA, Zahalka is also one of 20 All-Patriot League selections to earn Academic Honor Roll status. The First-Team All-Patriot League honorees on the list include Zahalka, Tara Chapmon and Katie Griffin from Navy, Lauren Russell, Megan Mongan and Kristen Skroski from Bucknell, Caren Guyett from Colgate and Meghan Thiel from American.

Bucknell and Lafayette led the way with 20 selections to the Women's Swimming and Diving Academic Honor Roll list. American, Colgate, Holy Cross and Lehigh all had double-digit 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 Women's Swimming Academic Honor Roll**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
<b>AMERICAN (12)</b>				
Jessica Balance	Fr.	Environmental Science	3.25	Egg Harbor Township, N.J./Egg Harbor Twp
Kelsey Cardwell	Fr.	Undecided	3.44	Woodinville, Wash./Redmond
Eleanor Clay	Fr.	Business	3.52	Buffalo, N.Y./Nardin Academy
Shannon Cummings	Fr.	International Studies	3.71	Fort Washington, Pa./Upper Dublin
Gabriela Feibel	So.	Psychology	3.35	West Windsor, N.J./West Windsor South
Melinda Gilbert	Sr.	Psychology	3.28	Miami, Fla./Flanagan
Michelle Holleran	So.	International Studies	3.74	Merrick, N.Y./Sanford H. Calhoun
Alison Katsigiannis	Sr.	Political Science	3.27	Marlton, N.J./Cherokee
Paige Mellars	Jr.	Public Communications	3.34	South Salem, N.Y./John Jay
Paige Romer	So.	Psychology	3.84	St. Louis, Mo./Clayton
Adela Smith	So.	Journalism	3.42	New Milford, Conn./New Milford
Meghan Thiel	Sr.	Language and Area Studies	3.30	Jamestown, R.I./North Kingstown

**ARMY (6)**

Lindsey Adao	So.	Undeclared	3.30	New City, N.Y./Clarktown North
Kimberly DeFiori	Sr.	Engineering Psychology	3.29	Kingwood, Texas/Kingwood
Erin Hanley	Jr.	Law and Legal Studies	3.30	Hamburg, N.Y./Nardin Academy
Kathleen LeForte	Jr.	Life Science	3.54	Tuxedo, N.Y./George F. Baker
Caroline O'Sullivan	Sr.	Economics	3.55	Fairfax, Va./Stone Ridge
Sarah White	Fr.	Undeclared	3.72	Cary, N.C./Green Hope

**BUCKNELL (21)**

Abigail Atkinson	So.	Economics	3.58	Newtown, Conn./Newtown
Rebecca Bersani	So.	Management	3.58	Fairport, N.Y./Fairport
Whitney Brown	So.	Psychology	3.41	York, Pa./York Suburban
Lauren Butrie	Sr.	Education	3.58	Orefield, Pa./Parkland
Allison FitzPatrick	So.	International Relations	3.67	Berwyn, Pa./Episcopal Academy
Emmie Gallardo	Sr.	Elementary Education	3.91	Wayne, N.J./Wayne Hills
Susan Horstmann	Jr.	Management	3.37	Havertown, Pa./Cardinal O'Hara
Katie John	Fr.	Cell Biology/Biochemistry	3.25	Barrington, R.I./Barrington
Macey Keath	Fr.	Undeclared	3.58	Lebanon, Pa./Cedar Crest
Alexandra Lovallo	Jr.	Elementary Education	3.89	Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield
Katalin Lyons	Sr.	Cell Biology/Biochemistry	3.50	East Amwell, N.J./Hunterdon Central Regional
Eliza Massie	So.	Undeclared	4.00	Rochester, N.Y./Pittsford Sutherland
Elizabeth Molzon	Sr.	Education	3.81	Durham, N.C./Saratoga (Calif.)
Megan Mongan	So.	Management	3.58	Malvern, Pa./Villa Maria Academy
Kelly Morris	Jr.	International Relations	3.33	Metuchen, N.J./Metuchen
Abigail Paules	So.	Political Science	4.00	York, Pa./Baltimore Lutheran
Sarah Pease	So.	Biology	3.41	Harrisburg, Pa./Central Dauphin
Lauren Russell	So.	Psychology	3.25	Lower Burrell, Pa./Burrell
Nikki Seaman	Jr.	Elementary Education	4.00	Cleveland, Ohio/The Hawken School
Kristen Skroski	Sr.	Animal Behavior	3.50	North Haven, Conn./Hopkins
Ally St. Claire	Jr.	Neuroscience	3.58	Silver Spring, Md./Edmund Burke

**COLGATE (11)**

Ashley Bottger	Jr.	Psychology	3.25	Weston, Conn./Weston
Caitlin Grant	Sr.	Educational Studies/English	3.50	Seekonk, Mass./Seekonk
Caren Guyett	Fr.	Undeclared	3.33	Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Lakeland
Emily Kelly	Fr.	Undeclared	3.50	Potomac, Md./Holton-Arms School
Allie Lenci	Sr.	Sociology & Anthropology/Spanish	3.50	Fairfield, Conn./Fairfield Warde
Kate Murphy	So.	English	3.59	
Kacy Reams	Sr.	Sociology & Anthropology	3.58	Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township
Sarah Sciarrino	So.	Physics	3.86	Buffalo, N.Y./Nardin Academy
Colby Seamans	Sr.	Biology	3.25	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley
Leslie Strobel	So.	Political Science	3.50	Apple Valley, Minn./Eastview
Alaina Sullivan	So.	English	3.67	Shaker Heights, Ohio/Shaker Heights

**HOLY CROSS (12)**

Maddie Alanis	Jr.	English	3.33	La Jolla, Calif./Our Lady of Peace
Erica Archer	Sr.	Biology	4.00	Schenectady, N.Y./Niskayuna
Gael Carter	Fr.	Math/Economics	3.26	Tampa, Fla./Academy of the Holy Cross
Juliette Cormier	Sr.	Political Science/History	3.33	Morrisville, Vt./Peoples Academy
Chelsea Dalphond	Fr.	Physics/Math	3.43	Dracut, Mass./Dracut Senior
Andrea Doherty	Sr.	English	3.78	Needham, Mass./Needham
Caitlin Duggan	Jr.	Biology	3.59	Norwood, Mass./Norwood
Maggie Gousman	So.	English	3.85	Fanwood, N.J./Mount St. Mary Academy
Mary-Elizabeth Maher	Jr.	Biology	3.64	Milford, Mass./Ursuline Academy
Rachael Martinez	So.	Biology	3.25	Chelmsford, Mass./Chelmsford
Stephanie Opolski	So.	Art History	3.31	Haverhill, Mass./Haverhill
Rachel Quaden	Sr.	Math	3.72	Chelmsford, Mass./Chelmsford

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**LAFAYETTE (20)**

Lauren Bedard	Sr.	Government & Law	3.43	Longmeadow, Mass./Longmeadow
Maricate Conlon	Fr.	Geology	3.75	Sandy Hook, Conn./Newtown
Jennifer Czocho	Jr.	Biochemistry	3.92	Boothwyn, Pa./Garnet Valley
Liz Geary	Sr.	Biology	3.75	Boyertown, Pa./Boyertown
Shelby Grabowski	Sr.	Government & Law	3.43	Pottsville, Pa./Pottsville
Lindsay Grimes	Sr.	Psychology	4.00	Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill East
Paige Hulsizer	Sr.	Psychology	3.85	Olney, Md./Sherwood
Laura Jordan	Fr.	Undeclared	3.75	West Hartford, Conn./William Hall
Katherine Kaczka	Sr.	Anthropology and Sociology	3.75	South Plainfield, N.J./South Plainfield
Caitlin Lowery	Fr.	English	3.67	Aldan, Pa./Delaware Christian
Lindsay Messina	Sr.	Psychology	4.00	Basking Ridge, N.J./Ridge
Marcella Nehrbass	Jr.	Engineering	3.75	Ringoes, N.J./Pennington School
Hanna Pingry	So.	Art	3.67	Huntingdon, Pa./Huntingdon
Victoria Pocius	Fr.	Biology	3.67	Scranton, Pa./Cathedral Prep
Jaclyn Quiles	Fr.	Engineering Undecided	3.32	Manalapan, N.J./Manalapan
Julie Sauer	Sr.	Government & Law	3.92	Rochester, N.Y./Rush Henrietta
Meghan Schlitt	Fr.	Biology	3.40	Haddonfield, N.J./Haddonfield
Kristen Tyler	So.	Interdisciplinary	3.92	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif./Palos Verdes
Hilary White	So.	Geology	3.47	Niagara on the Lake, Ontario/Holy Angels
Stephanie Zielinski	Fr.	Neuroscience	3.82	Grand Blanc, Mich./Grand Blanc

**LEHIGH (10)**

Kailyn Finnegan	So.	Journalism	3.35	Boonton Township, N.J./Mountain Lakes
Kristen Keenan	Fr.	Arts and Sciences	3.35	Malvern, Pa./Great Valley
Lauren Kindrick	Fr.	Business	3.30	Middletown, Ohio/Lakota East
Terry Mongan	Sr.	Marketing	3.51	Malvern, Pa./Villa Maria
Allison Montanye	Fr.	Business	3.39	Rexford, N.Y./Niskayuna
Liz Murray	So.	Journalism	3.92	Pequannock, N.J./Pequannock Twp.
Anne Rodriguez	So.	English	3.67	Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif./Mission Viejo
Allison Rolish	So.	Journalism	3.43	Cherry Hill, N.J./Cherry Hill West
Erin Tormey	So.	Civil Engineering	3.61	Princeton Junction, N.J./West Windsor-Plainsboro
Claire Winiarski	So.	Engineering	3.22	Downingtown, Pa./Downingtown

**NAVY (9)**

Allison Aichelle	So.	Honors Applied Math	4.00	Middletown, Md./Middletown
Natalie Albertson	Fr.	Naval Architecture	3.25	St. Paul, Minn./St. Paul Academy
Jamie Call	Sr.	History	4.00	Valdez, Alaska/Valdez
Tara Chapmon	So.	Oceanography	3.60	Virginia Beach, Va./Cox
Sarah Duffy	Fr.	Chemistry	4.00	Pittsburgh, Pa./Mt. Lebanon
Katie Griffin	Sr.	Oceanography	3.33	Ellicott City, Md./Seton Keough
Kristin Lowd	Sr.	International Relations	3.73	High Point, N.C./Wesleyan Christian Academy
Jennie Spencer	Jr.	Information Technology	3.56	Smithburg, W.Va./Doddridge County
Kelly Zahalka	Jr.	History	4.00	Richmond, Va./Walker Governor's School