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Patriot League Announces Men's Cross Country Academic Honor Roll

American's Steve Hallinan Named Scholar-Athlete of the Year and headlines 65 student-athletes on the academic honor roll.

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – American sophomore **Steve Halinan**, the 2005 Men's Cross Country Scholar-Athlete of the Year, earned a 3.36 grade-point average (GPA) during the fall semester, while four men's runners took home perfect 4.00 GPAs in the opening term. They were among the 65 student-athletes named to the 2004 Patriot League Men's Cross Country Academic Honor Roll, announced today by Patriot League Executive Director **Carolyn Schlie Femovich**.

The All-Patriot League selection ran to an eighth-place finish at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional this past season, coming in as the top finisher for American at that competition. He was the Eagles' highest individual finisher four times in 2005, including winning the Navy Invitational with a time of 25:01.69. The sophomore won the 2005 Patriot League championship, and was named the Runner of the Meet.

To be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must earn a 3.20 grade-point average in the fall semester and be awarded a varsity letter in one of the seven League-sponsored fall championship sports.

A total of 495 student-athletes were named to the League's Fall Academic Honor Roll, including 27 with 4.00 GPAs. The Fall Academic Honor Roll includes the sports of men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball.

The Patriot League, which was founded on the principles of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. The Patriot League, which began as a successful Division I-AA football conference in 1986 and became an all-sport conference in 1990, includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members and three associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have played leadership roles in the shaping of our country. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked FIRST among NCAA Division I conferences.

2005 Patriot League Men's Cross Country Academic Honor Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
AMERICAN (10)				
Dan Beardslee	Jr.	Law and Society & Print Jorun.	3.20	Waban, Mass./Newtown South
Kris Cruz	So.	Undecided	3.55	Herndon, Va./Oakton
Stephan Hallinan	So.	Business	3.54	Drexel Hill, Pa./Cardinal O'Hara
Rob Hofmann	Jr.	Political Science	3.26	Wantagh, N.Y./W.C. Mephram
Will Knox	Sr.	Psychology	3.40	Baltimore, Md./Dulaney
Conor Lanz	Jr.	Political Science	3.88	Valley Stream, N.Y./Valley Stream Central
Brian McCabe	So.	Business	3.60	New Rochelle, N.Y./Fordham Prep
Jacob Shelly	Fr.	Political Science	4.00	Goshen, Ind./Goshen
Kevin Tshirhart	Fr.	Business	3.36	Northport, N.Y./Northport
Phil Turner	Jr.	Communications/Political Science	3.85	Reedsburg, Wis./Reedsburg

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ARMY (12)

Faraz Bala	Jr.	International Relations	3.60	Snohomish, Wash./Snohomish
Claude Barron	Fr.	Undeclared	3.28	Annandale, Va./Woodson
Andrew Boza	Fr.	Undeclared	3.20	Tampa, Fla./Jesuit
Andrew Catalano	Fr.	Undeclared	3.58	Elizabeth, N.J./Roselle Catholic
Kevin Knierly	So.	Undeclared	3.26	Tampa, Fla./Paul R. Wharton
Matt Kotlarski	Jr.	Management	3.27	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
David Penskar	Fr.	Undeclared	3.57	Orinda, Calif./Miramonte
Dallin Rosdahl	So.	Undeclared	3.92	Danville, Calif./San Ramon Valley
Timothy Simmons	Jr.	Economics	4.00	Cedar Park, Texas/Cedar Park
Robert Squier	So.	Undeclared	3.68	Montrose, Pa./Home-schooled
Zack Tedoff	Fr.	Undeclared	3.59	Colts Neck, N.J./Marine Academy Science
Cory Wroblewski	Sr.	Law	3.59	Kearney, Neb./Kearney

BUCKNELL (17)

Kevin Brown	Sr.	Economics	3.91	Cranford, N.J./Cranford
Ryan Delaney	Sr.	Geology	3.66	Seattle, Wash./Roosevelt
Sean Egan	Jr.	Psychology	3.58	Yorktown Heights, N.Y./Fordham Prep
Joe Foley	Fr.	Chemistry	3.33	Howell, Mich./Flint Powers Catholic
Kevin Fortkiewicz	Sr.	Political Science	3.33	Bloomfield, N.J./Bloomfield
Matt Forys	Jr.	Mathematics	3.50	Howell, N.J./Howell
Michael Gibney	So.	Undeclared	3.58	Wading River, N.Y./Shoreham Wading River
Eric Harbison	Jr.	Economics	3.41	Greensburg, Pa./Greensburg-Salem
Alexander Lash	Sr.	Mathematics	3.50	Cornwall, N.Y./Cornwall
Luke McGuire	So.	Undeclared	3.75	Lewisburg, Pa./Lewisburg
Andrew Neils	Jr.	Chemical Engineering	3.74	Manhattan, Kan./Manhattan
Chris Nocera	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.47	Ellwood City, Pa./Lincoln
Clinton Orloski	Fr.	Biology	3.60	Butler, Pa./Lewisburg
Chris Petillo	Jr.	Political Science	3.41	Plainville, Conn./Plainville
Derrin Pierret	Jr.	Computer Science	3.55	Morristown, N.J./Morristown
Matt Schelberg	So.	Undeclared	3.50	Baltimore, Md./Florence Bertell Academy
Adam Syty	Jr.	Education	3.66	East Amherst, N.Y./Clarence

COLGATE (5)

Scott DeRoo	Jr.	Biology	3.58	Newtown, Conn./Elizabethtown Area
Michael Hanlon	Jr.	History	3.25	Ann Arbor, Mich./Ann Arbor Huron
Andrew Isabel	Jr.	Political Science	3.50	North Andover, Mass./Brooks School
Nate Rosenthal	Sr.	Education	3.33	West Hartford, Conn./William Hall
Joseph Schaeffer	Fr.	Undeclared	4.00	Morgantown, W. Va./University High

HOLY CROSS (8)

Robert Farrelly	Fr.	Undeclared	3.33	East Northport, N.Y./St. Anthony's
Stephen Kress	Jr.	History	3.56	Portland, Maine/Deering
Matthew Michienzi	Sr.	Economics/Accounting	3.26	Woburn, Mass./Arlington Catholic
Brian Miller	Fr.	Chemistry	3.37	Wayne, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
Bradley Mish	Fr.	Economics/Accounting	3.68	Hadley, Mass./Hopkins Academy
John Ortolani	So.	Chemistry	3.50	Williamsville, N.Y./Williamsville
Stephan Schoenberger	Fr.	History	3.46	North Hampton, N.H./Winnacunnet
Matthew Talbot	Fr.	Economics/Accounting	3.37	West Hempstead, N.Y./Regis

LAFAYETTE (2)

Edward Dutch	Jr.	History	3.30	Havertown, Pa./Harverford Township
Greg Swiatocha	Sr.	Economics and Business	3.35	Mohopac, N.Y./Somers

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LEHIGH (8)

Luke Clay	Sr.	Finance	3.31	Galax, Va./Episcopal
Daniel DeWitt	Fr.	Engineering	3.22	Frostburg, Md./Beall
Scott Duryea	Sr.	Electrical Engineering	3.50	Bridgewater, N.J./Bridgewater-Raritan
Rob Hampson	Sr.	Civil Engineering	3.92	Holland, Pa./Council Rock
Dave Merola	Sr.	Mathematics	3.95	Warwick, R.I./Toll Gate
Steve Rosinski	Jr.	Pre-Optometry	3.72	Rochester, N.Y./Greece Athena
Leo Smith	Fr.	Engineering	3.39	East Rochester, N.Y./East Rochester
Victor Vientos	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.58	Matawan, N.J./St. John Vianney

NAVY (3)

John Kress	So.	Aerospace Engineering	3.85	Colorado Springs, Colo./Liberty
<i>Michael Niemi</i>	<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Systems Engineering</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Duluth, Minn./Duluth Central</i>
Ty Rose	Sr.	History	3.47	Germantown, Tenn./Houston