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## **Patriot League announces 2005 Baseball Academic Honor Roll** *Forty-five student-athletes honored*

**CENTER VALLEY, Pa.** – The 2005 Patriot League Baseball Academic Honor Roll features four student-athletes with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), including the Baseball and Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Navy senior **Trevor Thompson** (Kent, Wash./Kentlake). Thompson was a Second Team All-Patriot League selection and received a Rhodes Scholarship in the fall of 2004. Bucknell's **Chris Brannan** (Huntington Beach, Calif./Edison) and **Marc Cussatt** (Hazleton, Pa./Hazleton Area) and Lafayette's **Frank Cortazar** (Miami, Fla./Ransom Everglades) also ended the semester with perfect 4.0 GPAs. In total 45 student-athletes were named to this year's Baseball Academic Honor Roll, announced Tuesday by **Carolyn Schlie Femovich**, Patriot League Executive Director.

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 League's six winter or 10 spring championship sports.

A total of 866 student-athletes were named to the League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll, including 53 with 4.00 GPAs. The Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll includes the sports of men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming & diving, men's and women's indoor track & field, baseball, golf, men's and women's lacrosse, rowing, men's and women's outdoor track & field, softball and men's and women's tennis.

Bucknell led the way with 199 candidates on the League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll. Bucknell placed 19 student-athletes on the Baseball Academic Honor Roll, while Holy Cross had 10.

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 Baseball 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>ARMY(4)</b>				
Thomas Frawley	Fr.	Undeclared	3.68	Oswego, N.Y./Oswego
Kevin Kalkwarf	Jr.	Life Science	3.41	San Antonio, Texas/Reagan
Nate Stone	Sr.	Systems Engineering	3.35	Bellefonte, Pa./Bellefonte
Schuyler Williamson	Sr.	Engineering Management	3.25	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola Catholic
<b>BUCKNELL (19)</b>				
Matt Belmont	Sr.	Economics	3.78	West Harrison, N.Y./Harrison
Jon Black	Jr.	Accounting	3.91	Littleton, Colo./Colorado Academy
<i>Chris Brannan</i>	<i>So.</i>	<i>Economics</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>Huntington Beach, Calif./Edison</i>
Matt Capece	Jr.	Civil Engineering	3.91	Bowie, Md./DeMatha Catholic

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**BUCKNELL (continued)**

Matt Curry	So.	Civil Engineering	3.37	Towanda, Pa./Towanda
<i>Marc Cussatt</i>	<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Accounting</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>Hazleton, Pa./Hazleton Area</i>
Brian Day	Sr.	Chemistry	3.33	Rochester, N.Y./Arcadia
Phil Futrick	Jr.	Management	3.75	Shillington, Pa./Governor Mifflin
Chris Grandizio	Jr.	English	3.53	Bloomsburg, Pa./Bloomsburg
Ryan Gryskevicz	So.	Accounting	3.66	Dallas, Pa./Dallas
Dustin Kapson	So.	Environmental	3.33	Sweet Valley, Pa./Lake Lehman
Nathan Mittag	So.	Economics	3.58	Fairfield, Conn./Fairfield
Tim Peacock	Sr.	Accounting	3.85	Lindenhurst, N.Y./Chaminade
Ian Rainey	So.	History	3.50	Littleton, Colo./Littleton
Ed Rubbo	Fr.	Accounting	3.50	Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge
Austin Turban	Fr.	Undeclared	3.25	Northfield, Ill./North Trier
Kyle Walter	Jr.	Elementary Education	3.66	Mifflinburg, Pa./Mifflinburg Area
Evan Weiss	Sr.	Economics	3.52	Concord, Mass./Lincoln-Sudbury
Matthew Wilson	Fr.	Undeclared	3.33	Toronto, Canada/Northern S.S.

**HOLY CROSS (10)**

Kevin Beglane	So.	History/Economics	3.35	Longmeadow, Mass./Longmeadow
Matt Blake	So.	Psychology	3.58	Concord, N.H./Concord
Steve Buckley	Sr.	English	3.33	Hingham, Mass./Milton Academy
Jason Lynch	Sr.	Political Science	3.23	Arlington, Va./Yorktown
Jim McCloud	Jr.	Political Science	3.43	Medfield, Mass./Medfield
Matt O'Brien	Fr.	Economics/Accounting	3.40	Hingham, Mass./BC High
Peter Pasciucco	Sr.	Political Science	3.58	Norfolk, Mass./Roxbury Latin
Norm Roth	So.	Economics	3.20	Orange, Conn./ Amity
Mike Schell	Sr.	History	3.58	Newton, Pa./Lawrenceville
Andy Sweeney	Jr.	Economics	3.23	Easton, Mass./Xaverian

**LAFAYETTE (6)**

James Conrad	So.	Mathematics	3.90	Columbia, Md./Atholton
<i>Frank Cortazar</i>	<i>So.</i>	<i>Biochemistry</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>Miami, Fla./Ransom Everglades</i>
Thomas Hayes	Fr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.25	Doylestown, Pa./Central Bucks West
Thomas Phelan	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.67	Ellicott City, Md./Centennial
Matthew Revelle	Jr.	Economics/Business	3.40	Columbia, Md./Atholton
Tyler Zeronda	Fr.	History & Government & Law	3.35	Clifton Park, N.Y./Shenendehowa

**LEHIGH (2)**

Matt Mezzancello	Sr.	Psychology	3.44	Harrison, N.Y./Harrison
Mike Sandonato	Jr.	Accounting	3.23	Trumbull, Conn./Trumbull

**NAVY (4)**

Joseph Koessler	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.52	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut
Jared Munde	Jr.	Economics	3.56	Rolling Hills Estates, Calif./Palos Verdes Peninsula
<i>Trevor Thompson</i>	<i>Sr.</i>	<i>Honors History</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>Kent, Wash./Kentlake</i>
Thomas VanDam	Sr.	American Politics & Law	3.38	Haworth, N.J./Northern Valley Reg.