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Farrell Named PL Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete Of The Year

Senior Forward Is The First Lafayette Player To Win The Award In 14 Patriot League Seasons

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Lafayette senior forward **Mike Farrell** (DeLand, Fla.) was selected by the Patriot League sports information directors as the 2004 PL Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. He is the first Leopard to win the League's Scholar-Athlete of the Year award in the 14-year history of PL men's basketball.

Farrell is an American Studies major with a 3.33 cumulative grade point average. He is a Dean's List student and two-time member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District II team. Farrell has also been named to the Patriot League's Academic Honor Roll. He is also a volunteer at **Chris Dudley**'s camp for diabetic youth.

A two-year captain for the Leopards, Farrell earned second-team All-League recognition after contributing 8.2 points, 5.8 rebounds, 2.1 assists and shooting 60.6% from the field this season. He finished third in the League in rebounding in 2004. He led Lafayette in rebounding in 12 of 28 games and recorded his second career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds in an overtime victory against Lehigh on Jan. 23.

Farrell has played in all 114 games during his four-year career at LC, starting 87. The three-year starter and four-year letterwinner finished 16th on the Leopards' career rebounding list with 565 caroms, which is also 23rd in League history.

To be nominated for the Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year award, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore starter or significant reserve on his team with a 3.20 cumulative grade point average.

The League's Academic Honor Roll for winter and spring sports will be announced in June.

The Patriot League, an NCAA Division I athletics conference founded on the principle of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. Participation in intercollegiate athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. A successful Division I-AA football conference since 1986 and an all-sport conference since 1990, membership includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy, while seven additional institutions hold associate membership. Patriot League member institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation, graduating alumni who are well prepared for life with the ability to make meaningful contributions to their community and society in general. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked FIRST among NCAA Division I conferences.

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