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## **Navy's Brian Crum Named Golf Scholar-Athlete Of The Year** *2003 PL Championship Medalist Is The First Midshipman To Win The Award*

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Navy senior **Brian Crum** (Fairfax, Va.), the 2003 Patriot League Championship medalist, became the first Midshipman in the 13-year history of the League to win the PL Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award in a vote of the League's sports information directors.

Crum, a political science major with a 3.26 cumulative grade point average (GPA), won the 2003 PL individual title with a four-under-par 212, leading Navy to the team championship. He is the fourth Navy player in the last six years to win medalist honors at the PL Tournament and led the Mids to their fourth team title in the last five years. It was Crum's second-straight year on the All-League team after placing eighth in the 2002 Championship.

Crum finished the season with a 73.87 stroke average, which ranked second on the team, but captured a team-best three individual tournament titles during the 2003 campaign. In addition to the PL crown, Crum won the Navy Spring Tournament and the Rehoboth Beach Fall Invitational, which was his first collegiate championship.

He followed his PL title performance with a four-over-par effort to place 27th individually at the NCAA West Regional Tournament, which was Navy's top NCAA performance since 1963 when **Tom Flory** placed 19th. He posted eight Top 10 finishes and 10 Top 20 finishes this season.

In addition to his excellence in the classroom, Crum was named a 2002 College Golf Coaches Association All-America Scholar and has been nominated for the award again this year.

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 six 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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