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## **Patriot League Announces Golf Academic Honor Roll** *Twenty-Four Student-Athletes Named To The Honor Roll, Led By Navy's Billy Hurley*

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Navy's **Billy Hurley**, the 2004 Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year, registered a 3.81 grade-point average (GPA) during the spring semester and headlines the list of 24 student-athletes named to the 2004 Patriot League Golf Academic Honor Roll, announced today by **Carolyn Schlie Femovich**, Patriot League Executive Director.

To be eligible, 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 nine spring championship sports.

A total of 806 student-athletes were named to the League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll, including 38 with perfect 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, men's and women's outdoor track & field, softball and men's and women's tennis.

Bucknell led the way with 196 candidates on the League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll. The Bison also led the way on the Golf Academic Honor Roll with five selections, while American and Lafayette finished second on the golf list with four recipients each.

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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**2004 Patriot League Golf 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 (4)</b>				
Rob MacDonald	So.	Communication	3.92	Reistertown, Md./Park
Matt Michaels	Sr.	Business Administration	3.90	Hamilton, Ontario/Westdale Secondary
Chris Schieffer	Jr.	History	3.35	Wilmington, Del./Salesianum
David Stone	Sr.	Marketing	3.34	Morgantown, W.Va./Morgantown
<b>ARMY (2)</b>				
Scott Manley	Jr.	Economics	3.75	Dove Canyon, Calif./Santa Margarita
Bryon Vincent	Jr.	Engineering Management	3.22	Humble, Texas/Humble
<b>BUCKNELL (5)</b>				
Alex Dolle	Jr.	Economics	3.58	Brookline, Mass./Brookline
Ben Pellicani	So.	Mechanical Engineering	3.66	Severna Park, Md./Severna Park
Abbie Valentine	Sr.	Psychology	3.33	Bayville, N.Y./Locust Valley
Charles Waddell	Fr.	Undeclared	3.25	Wilmette, Ill./Lake Forest Academy
Patrick Yingling	Fr.	Management	3.33	Clearfield, Pa./Clearfield Area
<b>COLGATE (2)</b>				
Sean Cusick	Sr.	Economics	3.56	Westwood, Mass./Thayer
James Hlavacek	Fr.	History	3.25	Aurora, Ill./Benet Academy
<b>HOLY CROSS (1)</b>				
John Suplicki	Sr.	Classic/Philosophy	3.45	Philadelphia, Pa./St. Joseph's Prep
<b>LAFAYETTE (4)</b>				
Paul Burke	Fr.	Undeclared	3.43	Andover, Mass./Middlesex School
Jeremiah O'Neill	Jr.	Civil Engineering	3.66	North Andover, Mass./Phillips Acad. Andover
William Simmermacher	Fr.	Economics & Business	3.33	Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale
Michael Troxell	Jr.	Economics & Business/History	3.93	New York, N.Y./Loyola School
<b>LEHIGH (3)</b>				
Alan Borowsky	Fr.	Arts & Sciences	3.32	Bala Cynwyd, Pa./Lower Merion
Andrew LaVine	Sr.	History	3.55	Clarendon Hills, Ill./Hinsdale Catholic
Jason Moloney	So.	Economics	3.20	Plainsboro, N.J./West Windsor-Plainsboro
<b>NAVY (3)</b>				
Billy Hurley	Sr.	Quantitative Economics	3.81	Leesburg, Va./Loudoun County
Braxton Mashburn	Jr.	English	3.44	Memphis, Tenn./Central
Bryan Stoniecki	Fr.	Undeclared	3.26	Montgomery, Ill./Oswego