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Patriot League Announces Golf Academic Honor Roll

Navy's Chris Renninger named Scholar-Athlete of the Year and headlines 42 student-athletes on the Academic Honor Roll.

Center Valley, Pa. – Navy's Chris Renninger was voted the 2007 Patriot League Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was one of 42 student-athletes named to this year's Patriot League Golf Academic Honor Roll, announced Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich Monday. Renninger, along with Bucknell's Jeff Pike and Charlie Waddell, earned 4.0 grade-point averages during the spring semester.

Renninger, a junior chemistry major, has posted a 4.0 grade-point average in seven consecutive semesters, including summer 2006, to hold a perfect cumulative GPA. The three-time Patriot League honor roll member is first in his class of 1,073 members at the Naval Academy. He has been named to the Commandant's List five times, the Dean's List four times and the Superintendent's List twice.

The First-Team All-Patriot League selection finished second at the 2007 Patriot League Golf Championship. Throughout the season he was Navy's top finisher four times, including two top-five finishes, and owned the team's low average (75.6).

This season marked the third time the Patriot League Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year award went to Navy with previous winners including Brian Crum (2003) and Billy Hurley (2004).

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 Patriot League's six winter or 10 spring championship sports.

A total of 989 student-athletes were named to the Patriot League's Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll, which includes the sports of men and women's basketball, men and women's swimming and diving, men and women's indoor track and field, baseball, golf, men and women's lacrosse, rowing, men and women's outdoor track and field, softball and men and women's tennis.

"Today's Scholar-Athletes, Tomorrow's Leaders" – The Patriot League continually demonstrates that student-athletes can excel at both academics and athletics without sacrificing its high standards. The Patriot League's athletic success is achieved while its member institutions remain committed to its founding principle of admitting and graduating student-athletes that are academically representative of their class. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of a well-rounded education.

2007 Patriot League Golf Academic Honor Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
ARMY (5)				
Gary Beene	So.	Undeclared	3.71	San Jose, Calif./Leland
Patrick Beverly	Jr.	Economics	3.88	Humble, Texas/Humble
Mark Garrison	Fr.	Undeclared	3.22	Arden, N.C./West Henderson
Matthew Hanlon	Jr.	Economics	3.62	Hingham, Mass/Boston College High School
Samuel Walenz	So.	Undeclared	3.30	Hutchinson, Kan./Hutchinson
BUCKNELL (8)				
Brian Bartow	Fr.	Undeclared	3.25	Rye, N.Y./Rye Neck
Rahul Desai	Jr.	Accounting	3.41	Avon, Conn./Kingswood-Oxford School
Stuart Lindgren	Jr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.83	Richfield, Minn./Richfield
Kyle Moran	Sr.	Political Science	3.25	Greenwich, Conn./Brunswick School

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BUCKNELL (continued)				
<i>Jeff Pike</i>	Fr.	<i>Undeclared</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Rye, N.Y./Rye</i>
Ryan Schneiter	Fr.	Undeclared	3.33	Lebanon, Pa./Cedar Crest
<i>Charlie Waddell</i>	Sr.	<i>Political Science</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Wilmette, Ill./Lake Forest Academy</i>
Patrick Yingling	Sr.	Management	3.75	Clearfield, Pa./Clearfield Area
COLGATE (7)				
Samuel Gersten	Sr.	Mathematical Economics	3.59	Queensbury, N.Y./Queensbury
James Hlavacek	Sr.	Political Science	3.22	Aurora, Ill./Benet Academy
Montek Mayal	So.	Computer Science	3.75	New Delhi, India/Pendleton School
Alexander Plunkett	So.	Philosophy and Religion	3.50	Sudbury, Mass./Middlesex School
Matthew Salmon	Fr.	Undeclared	3.59	Sherborn, Mass./Noble & Greenough School
Devin Taylor	Sr.	Geography	3.75	Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale
Joe Vogler	So.	Philosophy and Religion	3.47	Rivervale, NJ/Don Bosco Prep
HOLY CROSS (5)				
Pat Brown	So.	Psychology and Political Science	3.32	Silver Spring, Md./Gonzaga
Joe DePanfilis	So.	History	3.33	Keene, N.H./Mission College Prep
Chris Gorczyca	Sr.	Chemistry	3.48	Mashpee, Mass./Mashpee
Joe Hajjar	Jr.	History	3.23	Mahwah, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
Taylor Scott	Fr.	Economics	3.43	Meredith, N.H./Derryfield School
LAFAYETTE (7)				
Matthew Ehrlich	Fr.	Undeclared	3.43	Blue Bell, Pa./Germantown Academy
Daniel Gallagher	So.	History	3.33	Pittsburgh, Pa./Shady Side Academy
Patrick Kelly	Jr.	Chemistry	3.58	Rochester, N.Y./Rush-Henrietta
Steven Melnic	So.	Biology	3.50	Allentown, Pa./Emmaus
Brandon Mitchel	So.	Government and Law	3.93	Port Jefferson, N.Y./Earl L. Vandermeulen
Billy Simmermacher	Sr.	Economics and Business	3.23	Scarsdale, N.Y./Scarsdale
Reed Valutas	Fr.	Economics and Business	3.25	Newtown Square, Pa./Episcopal Academy
LEHIGH (4)				
Alan Borowsky	Sr.	Spanish and Philosophy	3.53	Bala Cynwyd, Pa./Lower Merion
Matt Denison	Fr.	Business	3.74	Northbrook, Ill./Glenbrook North
Will Robinson	So.	Arts and Sciences	3.49	Cumberland Center, Maine/Greely
Steve Suarez	Fr.	Business	3.36	Springfield, N.J./Oratory Prep
NAVY (6)				
Chip Hardie	So.	Ocean Engineering	3.63	Arnold, Md./Broadneck
David Miller	So.	Quantitative Economics	3.84	Chillicothe, Ohio/Chillicothe
<i>Chris Renninger</i>	Jr.	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Darnestown, Md./Sidwell Friends</i>
Ryan Sload	Jr.	Chemistry	3.85	Lancaster, Pa./Hempfield
Eric Stinson	So.	Oceanography	3.53	Spotsylvania, Va./Woodberry Forest
Ryan Wielgus	So.	Economics	3.75	Bethesda, Md./Winston Churchill

Italics indicate student-athletes with a 4.00 or better grade-point average for the 2007 spring semester.