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Patriot League Announces 2005 Men's Soccer Academic Honor Roll

*Lafayette's Michael Tortora named Scholar-Athlete of the Year;
headlines 57 student-athletes on the Men's Soccer Academic Honor Roll.*

Center Valley, Pa. – Lafayette senior goaltender **Michael Tortora (Willington, Conn./E.O. Smith)** was named the Patriot League's 2005 Men's Soccer Scholar-Athlete of the Year. An economics and business major, Tortora finished the fall semester with a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA) while backstopping the Leopards to the 2005 Patriot League crown and the program's fourth-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

Tortora's teammate, senior Ryan McCaughey (Medford, N.J./Shawnee), also an economics and business major, was the only other Patriot League men's soccer student-athlete to record a perfect 4.0 GPA during the fall semester. The duo were two of 57 student-athletes named to the 2005 Patriot League Men's Soccer Academic Honor Roll announced Thursday by Patriot League Executive Director **Carolyn Schlie Femovich**.

Tortora, who completed the semester with a cumulative GPA of 3.95, appeared in all but 184 minutes in the cage for Lafayette during its championship run, posting a 0.90 goals against average and seven shutouts. The Connecticut native was named the Patriot League's 2005 Tournament Most Valuable Player after recording a pair of shutouts in the postseason and made a crucial save in the semifinal shootout against Lehigh.

The senior netminder was impenetrable down the stretch run, allowing just one goal in the seven games leading up to the NCAA Tournament. A Second-Team All-Patriot League selection last year, Tortora finished the campaign with an .813 save percentage and was honored during the season as Patriot League Defensive Player of the Week after back-to-back League shutouts.

To be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must earn a 3.20 grade-point average in the fall semester and be awarded a varsity letter in one of the seven League-sponsored fall championship sports.

A total of 495 student-athletes were named to the League's Fall Academic Honor Roll, including 27 with 4.00 GPAs. The Fall Academic Honor Roll includes the sports of men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball.

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.

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American * Army * Bucknell * Colgate * Holy Cross * Lafayette * Lehigh * Navy

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2005 Patriot League Men's Soccer Academic Honor Roll

Name	Class	Major	GPA	Hometown/High School
American (9)				
Nathan Baker	Jr.	Communications	3.67	Bowie, Md./St. John's College HS
Coco Del Ri	Sr.	Business Administration	3.52	Springfield, Va./Yorktown
Lucas Dowiak	Jr.	Business Administration/ International Economics	3.55	Frederick, Md./Thomas Jefferson
Tomer Konowiecki	Fr.	Communications	3.32	Long Beach, Calif./Long Beach Poly
Miyad Movassaghi	Fr.	Undecided	3.60	Ithaca, N.Y./Ithaca
Mark Petruniak	Fr.	Undecided	3.20	Hightstown, N.J./Hightstown
Thomas Philip Purdy	Fr.	Business	3.23	Woodbridge, Va./Osborn Park
Chris Sedlak	So.	Undecided	3.52	Valrico, Fla./Bloomingdale
Ryan Studner	Fr.	Business	3.46	Potomac, Md./Winston Churchill
Army (11)				
Lance Cunningham	So.	Civil Engineering	3.36	West Des Moines, Iowa/Valley HS (Drexel U)
John-Michael Gallogly	Fr.	Undecided	3.34	The Woodlands, Texas/The Woodlands
A.J. Glubzinski	Fr.	Undecided	3.91	Novi, Mich./Novi
Pierre Hines	Jr.	Economics	3.28	Tempe, Ariz./Mountain Pointe
John Kubeika	So.	Engineering Management	3.45	Enola, Pa./East Pennsboro
Daniel Newell	So.	Engineering Management	3.56	Scottsdale, Ariz./Horizon
William Swearingen	So.	Engineering Management	3.74	Cary, N.C./St. Timothy's-Hale School
David Tennent	So.	Life Science	3.54	Red Oak, Texas/Red Oak
Jordan Terry	Fr.	Undecided	3.47	Louisville, Ky./Louisville Male
Nate Wagner	Fr.	Undecided	3.20	Midlothian, Va./Midlothian
Bill Watts	Jr.	Chemical Engineering	3.94	Wilmington, N.C./John T. Hoggard
Bucknell (7)				
Alex Clavelle	Fr.	Undecided	3.33	Colchester, Vt./Colchester
Adam Edwards	Sr.	Electrical Engineering	3.77	Downingtown, Pa./Downingtown
David Harris	So.	Biology	3.58	Midlothian, Va./Clover Hill
Kevin Holmes	So.	Undecided	3.25	Pompton Plains, N.J./Pequanock
Tom Sherman	Jr.	Cell Biology/Biochemistry	3.33	Harrisburg, Pa./Central Dauphin
Jason Soto	Fr.	Undecided	3.58	Hackettstown, N.J./Morris Catholic
Justin Wolf	So.	Management	3.41	Bartlett, Ill./Bartlett
Colgate (11)				
Daniel Belke	So.	Undecided	3.22	West Bloomfield, Mich./West Bloomfield
David Cappuccio	Fr.	Undecided	3.33	Pittsford, N.Y./Pittsford Mendon
Simon Jarcho	So.	Undecided	3.78	Hamilton, N.Y./Hamilton
Charles Lambropoulos	Jr.	Mathematics	3.50	Lincolnwood, Ill./Niles West
Matthew Leach	Fr.	Undecided	3.25	New Canaan, Ct./New Canaan
Grant Marcks	Fr.	Undecided	3.50	Pelham, N.Y./Pelham Memorial
Bryant Meckley	Sr.	Mathematics	3.34	Hanover, Pa./South Western
Michael Mulanaphy	So.	Undecided	3.25	Allendale, N.J./Northern Highlands
Michael Parshley	So.	Undecided	3.50	Lexington, Mass./Lexington
James Stephens	Fr.	Economics	3.50	Naperville, Ill./Benet Academy
William Yewdell	Jr.	Molecular Biology	3.25	Silver Spring, Md./John F. Kennedy
Holy Cross (5)				
Gamal Baker	Sr.	Sociology	3.32	Columbus, Ga./Shaw
Keith Bauer	Fr.	Economics/Accounting	3.25	Comnack, N.Y./Comnack
Felipe Castrillon	Fr.	Economics	3.40	Weston, Fla./Cypress Hill
Joseph Cherackal	Fr.	Undecided	3.20	Storrs, Conn./E.O. Smith
Andrew Thompson	Jr.	Political Science/Economics	3.53	Avon, Conn./Avon

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Lafayette (6)

Kevin Chysna	Sr.	Psychology/English	3.90	Hillsborough, N.J./Hillsborough
Oren Kalmus	So.	History	3.43	Princeton Junction, N.J./W. Windsor-Plainsboro
Ryan McCaughey	Sr.	Economics & Business	4.0	Medford, N.J./Shawnee
Mark Price	So.	Economics & Business	3.47	Dublin, Ohio/Scioto
Michael Tilley	Sr.	Government & Law	3.25	North Andover, Ma./North Andover
Michael Tortora	Sr.	Economics & Business	3.95	Willington, Ct./E.O. Smith

Lehigh (3)

Joe Clemente	So.	Business	3.64	South Brunswick, N.J./Kendall Park
Mike Hessemer	So.	Engineering	3.58	Scotch Plains, N.J./Scotch Plains Fanwood
Nathan Wiita	Sr.	Psychology	3.92	Martinsville, Va./Carlisle

Navy (5)

Zach Capacete	Sr.	Systems Engineering	3.20	Nacogdoches, Texas/Nacogdoches
Chris Hermeling	Sr.	Systems Engineering	3.33	Fairfax, Va./Chantilly
Aric McElheny	Sr.	Electrical Engineering	3.81	Baton Rouge, La./Wausau West (Wis.)
Zach Pleis	Jr.	Ocean Engineering	3.65	Granite Bay, Calif./Granite Bay
Tom Shelly	Jr.	Systems Engineering	3.67	Crofton, Md./South River