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Holy Cross' Andrews named Patriot League Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Senior center becomes fifth Crusader to be awarded this honor

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Holy Cross senior center **Lisa Andrews** (Concord, Mass./Concord-Carlisle) was named the 2005 Patriot League Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the League's Sports Information Directors. Andrews becomes the fifth Holy Cross women's basketball player to take home this honor, with this year marking the sixth time a Crusader has won the award. Former Holy Cross women's basketball athlete **Amy O'Brien** was the scholar-athlete in both 1998 and 1999.

Andrews owns a 3.64 cumulative GPA, while majoring in Psychology and completing work toward a Visual Arts minor. The senior center was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America District I team this season.

Andrews led the Crusaders to their 10th Patriot League Tournament Championship and 11th-ever appearance in the NCAA Tourney as one of the team's tri-captains. The 2005 Patriot League Tournament MVP started in all 31 games for the Crusaders and finished the season ranked second overall in the League in blocked shots. In League games she ranked third in scoring (15.3 ppg), third in free throw percentage (.818) and fourth in field goal percentage (.514). She reached double-figure scoring in 15 of 17 League games and poured in a career-high 25 points on 9-of-18 shooting in a one-point Holy Cross win over Colgate on Jan.15.

The Concord, Mass, native was also named to the All-Patriot League First Team, moving up from her second team showing a year ago. The two-time League Player of the Week in 2005 reached the 1,000-point plateau on Feb. 13 versus Lehigh, becoming the 21st Holy Cross women's basketball player to do so. She ends her career ranked second all-time in the Patriot League in blocked shots with 201.

To be eligible for this award, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average and be a starter or key player in his/her sport. Freshmen are not eligible for this honor.

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.