



Today's Scholar-Athletes ~ Tomorrow's Leaders

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American's Hayes Named Patriot League Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Junior Eagle wins award for the first time in her career.

Center Valley, Pa. – American junior Liz Hayes was named the 2006-07 Patriot League Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year it was announced on Friday by Patriot League Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich. Hayes becomes the first Eagle to win this award.

The public communications major owns a 3.51 cumulative grade-point average at American. She lead all her teammates with a 3.80 GPA in the fall.

Hayes, a transfer from Delaware, competed in her first season in an Eagle uniform, seeing action in all 32 games. The Second-Team All-Patriot League selection scored 14.4 points per outing for the third-best average in the Patriot League this season. The guard from Easton, Pa., drained the second-most three-pointers in the Patriot League with 78, which is an American single-season record. Hayes shot .833 from the charity stripe in a season that saw the Eagles reach the Patriot League Tournament Championship Game.

To be eligible for the Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year 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 Scholar-Athlete of the Year for each individual sport comprises the pool of nominees for the Patriot League Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards given out over the summer. One male and one female are selected for this honor.

"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.

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