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Lehigh's Cominsky selected as Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Lehigh University senior midfielder **Barrie Cominsky** (Longwood, Fla./Lake Brantley) was named the 2005 Patriot League Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete of the Year on Friday, as the result of a vote of PL Sports Information Directors.

Academic accolades are nothing new to Cominsky, who has been a member of the Dean's List and Patriot League Academic Honor Roll each year she has been in Bethlehem, Pa. She owns a 3.79 cumulative grade-point average in Behavioral Neuroscience. She is also part of Phi Eta Sigma, a national honor society, and was the recipient of the 2005 David Hellekjaer Memorial Award at LU. She plans to attend Arcadia University next year to earn a doctorate of Physical Therapy.

On the field, Cominsky was chosen first team All-Patriot League for the second consecutive season after finishing fifth in the League in goals, sixth in points, second in ground balls, fourth in draw controls and second in caused turnovers. She was eighth in the nation in caused turnovers, and helped Lehigh qualify for the 2005 Patriot League Tournament. Cominsky was honored with the Athlete of the Year award on the Mountain Hawk women's lacrosse team.

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 other nominees for Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete were American's **Moriah Linnell**, Bucknell's **Rachel Prowler**, Colgate's **Heidi Ross**, Holy Cross' **Jacque Hastings** and Lafayette's **Kaleigh Mountain**.

The 2005 academic honor roll for women's lacrosse will be announced in late-July.

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. 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 three 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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