



*Today's Scholar-Athletes - Tomorrow's Leaders*

3773 Corporate Parkway • Ste. 190 • Center Valley, PA 18034 • Phone: (610) 289-1950 • Fax: (610) 289-1952

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 23, 2004

Contact: Kristina Petersen

## **Patriot League Selects Softball Scholar-Athlete Of The Year**

*Lehigh's Shana Treon Is The Third Mountain Hawk To Win Top Softball Academic Honors*

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. -- Lehigh senior outfielder **Shana Treon** (Allentown, Pa./Parkland) was selected as the 2004 Patriot League Softball Scholar-Athlete of the Year in a vote of the League's sports information directors. She is the third Lehigh softball student-athlete to win top academic accolades, joining former teammate **Stephanie Digneo** (2003) and **Karen Kascinski** (1995).

Treon, who is an art and graphic design major with a 3.42 cumulative grade-point average (GPA), is a three-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. The senior outfielder was also a CoSIDA Academic All-District II selection in 2004. Treon earned the Lehigh Athletic Department's Graduating Female Athlete award, given to the senior with the most distinctive and extraordinary accomplishments in her Lehigh career. Treon, who has appeared on the Dean's List on several occasions, was also recognized by the South Side Boosters for her work on the field and in the classroom.

On the field, Treon helped the Mountain Hawks to their sixth-straight regular-season title, their sixth PL tourney title and a spot in the NCAA Tournament. The senior outfielder, who was a three-time All-League choice, led the team in hits (62), triples (7), home runs (2), slugging percentage (.511), on-base percentage (.390), stolen bases (12) and runs scored (36). Treon compiled a .344 batting average from the leadoff slot and drove in 21 runs. She was a National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Mid-Atlantic All-Region second team choice for her efforts.

Treon ended her career in the Top 10 on the League's career charts for doubles (35), triples (27) and stolen bases (39). She registered 235 hits, 131 runs scored, 66 runs batted in and a .344 batting average in four seasons in Bethlehem. Treon was a member of two NCAA Tournament teams, including the 2004 squad that broke the Patriot League record for wins in a season with a 40-17-2.

A scholar-athlete nominee must have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA and be a starter or key player in his/her sport.

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. Participation in intercollegiate athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. 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 six 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.

More information may be obtained by contacting Kris Petersen (kpetersen@patriotleague.com) at the Patriot League office at 610-289-1963 or the League website at [www.patriotleague.com](http://www.patriotleague.com).

-30-