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## **Patriot League Announces Softball All-League Team**

*Lehigh places a Patriot League-best nine student-athletes on this year's list.*

**Center Valley, Pa.** – Lehigh, the top seed in the upcoming Patriot League Tournament, placed nine student-athletes on the 2007 All-Patriot League list, while Colgate followed with seven selections. Rounding out the All-Patriot League list is five from Lafayette, four from Army, two from Bucknell and one from Holy Cross.

Five of Lehigh's nine All-Patriot League selections are First-Team honorees including sophomore pitcher Lisa Sweeney, a trio of outfielders – junior Kate Marvel, senior Julie Sterrett and senior Whitney Schenbeck – and senior designated player Lauren Haney. Sweeney tops the Patriot League in wins (18) and saves (three) and is tied for first in opponent batting average (.174), while her ERA (1.54) and strikeout total (134) are second. Marvel, a three-time All-Patriot League selection, is hitting a Patriot League-best .404 overall and .519 in Patriot League games, while ranking first in triples (eight), runs (35), on-base percentage (.500), slugging percentage (.618) and is second with 11 stolen bases. Sterrett and Schenbeck batted .318 and .313, respectively, during the regular season, while combining for 50 runs scored. Haney is third in the Patriot League with a .352 batting average and has batted in a Patriot League-best 40 runs.

Second-Team All-Patriot League honorees for Lehigh include freshman pitcher Tiffany Curtis, junior first baseman Taryn Hanley, senior shortstop Mendy Martin and senior third baseman Heather Hamasaki. Curtis leads all freshmen in pitching statistics with 12 wins, including a perfect 7-0 mark in Patriot League play, 119 strikeouts and a 2.85 ERA. Hanley has scored 27 runs this season and batted in 25, while Martin boasts a .325 batting average with 10 doubles and 19 RBI. A four-time All-Patriot League selection, Hamasaki is being honored at third base for the second time in her career, after claiming two mentions as a pitcher. Hamasaki started 47 games for the Mountain Hawks this season and owns a .966 fielding percentage and recorded a team-high 11 doubles.

Senior pitcher Kelsey Nordstrom and sophomore outfielder Calla Yee represented Colgate on the First-Team All-Patriot League squad. Nordstrom's 1.41 ERA is first in the Patriot League, as is her 140 strikeouts. The Raider hurler notched 14 wins this season, five of which were shutouts, including her first career no-hitter on May 3 against Binghamton. Yee is batting .277 with 13 runs and eight RBI this season and has committed just four errors.

On the Second-Team All-Patriot League squad for Colgate was sophomore catcher Meg Mylan, sophomore second baseman Kortney Hannah, junior shortstop LaPorscha Albert, sophomore outfielder Vicky Ortengren and freshman utility player Jessica Sabo. Mylan recorded a .978 fielding percentage this season, while Hannah has scored 15 runs and batted in 14, while making just six errors in the field. Albert, the 2006 Patriot League Player of the Year, has blasted a team-high five home runs, scored 21 runs and batted in 13. Ortengren leads the Raiders with a .304 batting average adding 15 runs and 11 RBI. Sabo batted .258 with seven runs and 11 RBI.

Lafayette's five All-Patriot League mentions are the most in school history. Junior first baseman Kristen Ruckno and senior second baseman Jill Masterton earned First-Team status, while freshman pitcher Kasey Karr, freshman shortstop Christina Giambrone and sophomore outfielder Robyn Matchett earned Second-Team recognition. With four home runs this season, Ruckno moved into a tie for fifth all-time in Patriot League history with 20 in her career. Ruckno hit .379 in Patriot League games and had 18 runs and 26 RBI overall. Masterton batted .314 on the season with 28 runs and 14 RBI. Karr has won 11 games on the mound, including seven Patriot League contests, while Giambrone owns the top rookie batting average (.345) and has scored 24 runs with 30 RBI. Matchett has started all 43 of the Leopards' games this season, batting .265 with 22 runs scored.

For Army, senior shortstop Lindsey Gerheim, freshman third baseman Erin McClain and junior utility player Veronica Barth took home First-Team All-Patriot League accolades. Senior designated player Chris Stauffer was named Second-Team All-Patriot League. Gerheim joins Lehigh's Hamasaki as the only other four-time All-Patriot League selection on this year's team. Gerheim is second in the Patriot League with a .392 batting average, first in hits (58) and total bases (91)

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and tied for first with seven home runs. McClain shares the Patriot League home run lead with Gerheim at seven and has also contributed eight doubles, 14 runs and 29 RBI. Barth earned nine pitching victories and two saves, while adding 12 runs and 11 RBI for her third career All-Patriot League mention. Stauffer is second on the Army squad with a .311 batting average, scoring a team-high 27 runs with nine doubles and six home runs.

Bucknell claimed one First-Team All-Patriot League spot - senior catcher Lauren Litts - and one spot on the Second-Team All-Patriot League list - sophomore outfielder Ashley Carlson. Litts surpassed the 100-career RBI mark earlier this year with 33 this season and 107 in her career to become the Bucknell all-time leader. Litts blasted 10 doubles and four home runs in 2007. Carlson's .338 average ranked second for the Bison, while she scored 24 runs this season.

Junior Jayme Elliott represented Holy Cross as a Second-Team All-Patriot League honoree at the outfielder position. Elliott paced the Crusaders with a .277 batting average, while scoring 14 runs and not committing a single error.

The 2007 Patriot League major awards (Player, Pitcher, Rookie and Coach of the Year) will be announced on Wednesday, May 9. This year's Patriot League Tournament will be contested May 10-12 at Lehigh University. The top-seeded Mountain Hawks are hosting No. 2 Colgate, No. 3 Lafayette and No. 4 Army.

*"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.*

### 2007 Patriot League Softball All-League Team

#### First-Team \*

Player, School	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown
Kelsey Nordstrom, Colgate	Sr.	P	Salina, Kan.
Lisa Sweeney, Lehigh	So.	P	Lumberton, N.J.
Lauren Litts, Bucknell	Sr.	C	East Stroudsburg, Pa.
Kristen Ruckno, Lafayette	Jr.	1B	Warrington, Pa.
Jill Masterton, Lafayette	Sr.	2B	East Brunswick, N.J.
Lindsey Gerheim, Army #	Sr.	SS	Dahlonega, Ga.
Erin McClain, Army	Fr.	3B	Ventura, Calif.
Calla Yee, Colgate	So.	OF	Salinas, Calif.
Kate Marvel, Lehigh ^	Jr.	OF	Manasquan, N.J.
Julie Sterrett, Lehigh	Sr.	OF	Coopersburg, Pa.
Whitney Schenbeck, Lehigh	Sr.	OF	Parker, Colo.
Lauren Haney, Lehigh	Sr.	DP	Manhattan Beach, Calif.
Veronica Barth, Army ^	Jr.	UT	Granada Hills, Calif.

#### Second-Team \*

Player, School	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown
Kasey Karr, Lafayette	Fr.	P	Warren, Ohio
Tiffany Curtis, Lehigh	Fr.	P	Newbury Park, Calif.
Meg Mylan, Colgate	So.	C	Upper Montclair, N.J.
Taryn Hanley, Lehigh	Jr.	1B	Bremerton, Wash.
Kortney Hannah, Colgate	So.	2B	Vacaville, Calif.
LaPorscha Albert, Colgate	Jr.	SS	Lewisville, Texas
Christina Giambrone, Lafayette	Fr.	SS	Blairstown, N.J.
Mendy Martin, Lehigh	Sr.	SS	Newburgh, Ind.
Heather Hamasaki, Lehigh #	Sr.	3B	Glendale, Calif.
Ashley Carlson, Bucknell	So.	OF	Fairless Hills, Pa.
Vicky Ortengren, Colgate	So.	OF	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Jayme Elliott, Holy Cross	Jr.	OF	Gardena, Calif.
Robyn Matchett, Lafayette	So.	OF	Sparta, N.J.
Chris Stauffer, Army	Sr.	DP	Pembroke Pines, Fla.
Jessica Sabo, Colgate	Fr.	UT	Hudson Falls, N.Y.

\* - Due to ties in voting there are 13 members of the First-Team and 15 members of the Second-Team.

# - Four-time All-Patriot League selection

^ - Three-time All-Patriot League selection