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## **Patriot League Announces Volleyball Academic Honor Roll**

*Holy Cross' Christine Strawson named Scholar-Athlete of the Year and headlines fifty-five student-athletes on the Academic Honor Roll.*

**Center Valley, Pa.** – Holy Cross' Christine Strawson repeated as the Patriot League Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and is one of 55 student-athletes on this year's Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll, announced Executive Director Carolyn Schlie Femovich Wednesday. Joining Strawson on this year's Academic Honor Roll are three student-athlete who achieved a 4.00 or better grade-point average in the fall - Army's Briana Stremick, Colgate's Sheila Giovannini and Navy's Rachel Dougherty.

Strawson, who earned Patriot League Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in both 2005 and 2006, owns a 3.92 cumulative grade-point average as a biology major. Strawson was a member of the 2006 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District First-Team and is making her third appearance on the Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll.

On the court, Strawson ranked second in the Patriot League in kills per game (4.17), which tied her for Holy Cross' single-season record, while her 363 total kills this year were second in school history. The junior outside hitter reached double-digit kills in 22 matches this season and recorded 11 double-doubles, averaging 2.99 digs per game.

This year's honor marks the third in a row for Holy Cross as Caitlin Agostinacchio was the winner in 2004. In total, the Crusaders have taken home four Patriot League Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards with Kathy Attar being honored in 1996.

The sport of volleyball has seen many repeat Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year award winners. American's Karla Kucerkova was honored three times in a row (2001, 2002 and 2003), while Lafayette's Emily Durbin (1993 and 1994) and Lehigh's Kim Freedman (1997 and 1998), each won twice in a row.

To be eligible for the Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must earn a 3.20 grade-point average in the fall semester and be awarded a varsity letter in one of the Patriot League's seven fall championship sports.

A total of 532 student-athletes were named to the Patriot League's Fall Academic Honor Roll, which includes the sports of men and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men and women's soccer and volleyball.

*"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.*

### **2006 Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>GPA</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown/High School</u></b>
<b>AMERICAN (11)</b>				
Julia Borecka	Fr.	Undecided	3.20	Bielsko-Biala, Poland/IM. Mikotaja Kopernika
Ivana Cebakova	Fr.	Undecided	3.70	Brno, Czech Republic/Ludvika Danka
Maile Krauss	Fr.	Undecided	3.34	Palo Alto, Calif./Henry M. Gunn
Elizabeth Maloney	Sr.	Business Administration	3.74	Toronto, Ontario/Richview C.I.
Christina Nash	So.	Business Administration	3.34	Princeton, Fla./Coral Reef
Tessa Paganini	So.	International Studies	3.48	Sonoma, Calif./Sonoma Valley
Ann Recht	Fr.	Undecided	3.85	Canby, Ore./La Salle
Claire Recht	Fr.	Undecided	3.76	Canby, Ore./La Salle

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**AMERICAN (continued)**

Tara Stradling	Jr.	Business Administration	3.34	Woodbine, Md./Glenelg
Logan Striebel	Jr.	Communications	3.80	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
Rubena Sukaj	So.	Economics	3.32	Tirana, Albania/Asim Vokshi

**ARMY (6)**

Rachael Breinling	So.	Undeclared	3.70	Fremont, Mich./Fremont
Eileen Cassidy	Sr.	U.S. History	3.79	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg
Jamie Clark	So.	Undeclared	3.20	Pueblo, Colo./Pueblo South
Michelle Fratto	So.	Undeclared	3.22	Cambria, Calif./Coast Union
<i>Briana Stremick</i>	So.	<i>Undeclared</i>	4.25	<i>Langdon, N.D./Langdon</i>
Lauren Teal	Jr.	Environmental Geography	3.99	Salem, Ohio/Salem

**BUCKNELL (13)**

Allison Brady	Sr.	Economics	3.58	Atherton, Calif./Sacred Heart Prep
Jacqueline Feeney	Fr.	Undeclared	3.55	Rye, N.Y./Rye
Rachel Freeman	Fr.	Undeclared	3.33	San Mateo, Calif./San Mateo
Sarah Groman	Sr.	English: Creative Writing	3.33	Hollister, Calif./San Benito
Amanda Grossmann	Sr.	Elementary Education	3.91	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
Liz Hazuka	So.	Undeclared	3.75	Colorado Springs, Colo./Cheyenne Mountain
Jenna Henderson	Jr.	Psychology	3.66	Elk Grove, Calif./Laguna Creek
Tessa Mendez	Jr.	International Relations	3.41	Denver, Colo./Colorado Academy
Shannon Pitsch	So.	Undeclared	3.83	Oak Brook, Ill./Fenwick
Jennifer Rupp	Fr.	Undeclared	3.75	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
Jennie Smith	Sr.	International Relations	3.91	Roanoke, Va./Patrick Henry
Lindsay Smith	Fr.	Biology	3.58	Lafayette, Colo./Monarch
Kristen Sydlowski	Sr.	Biomedical Engineering	3.92	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty

**COLGATE (4)**

Amanda Brockman	Fr.	Undeclared	3.67	Tracy, Calif./Merrill F. West
Meghan Fanta	Fr.	Undeclared	3.35	Hillsboro, Wis./Hillsboro
<i>Sheila Giovannini</i>	<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Political Science/ Women's Studies</i>	4.08	<i>Waltham, Mass./Arlington Catholic</i>
Katrina Zawojski	So.	Undeclared	3.50	Chapel Hill, N.C./Palo Alto Senior

**HOLY CROSS (8)**

Molly Anderson	So.	Sociology	3.46	Weston, Conn./Weston
Liz Auger	Fr.	Psychology	3.77	Barnstable, Mass./Barnstable
Chrissy Fanning	Sr.	Biology	3.67	East Amherst, N.Y./Sacred Heart
Katie Fitzpatrick	Jr.	Math	3.93	Queensbury, N.Y./Queensbury
Valerie Mora	Sr.	Economics and Accounting	3.30	San Antonio, Texas/Highlands
Anastasia Quinn	Fr.	Undeclared	3.50	Wilmington, Del./Archmere Academy
Christine Strawson	Jr.	Biology	3.98	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
Kim Sweet	So.	Spanish	3.40	Walpole, Mass./Walpole

**LAFAYETTE (6)**

Michaela Donohue	Jr.	Government and Law	3.40	Los Gatos, Calif./Archbishop Mitty
Shannon Fisher	Sr.	Anthropology and Sociology	3.33	Coplay, Pa./Central Catholic
Kari Horn	Fr.	Neuroscience	3.30	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy
Maura Kelly	Jr.	Psychology	3.40	Caldwell, N.J./James Caldwell
Katie Moore	Sr.	Economics and Business	3.20	St. Thomas, USVI/The Antilles School
Cara Mulholland	Fr.	Economics and Business	3.30	Jenkintown, Pa./Mount St. Joseph Academy

**LEHIGH (3)**

Courtney Cherry	Sr.	International Relations	3.57	League City, Texas/Clear Creek (Eckerd College)
Cassidy Maumus	Sr.	Political Science	3.94	New Orleans, La./Benjamin Franklin
Michelle Schwendenmann	Sr.	Civil Engineering	3.21	Cincinnati, Ohio/Seton

**NAVY (4)**

Mariellen Carnes	Sr.	English	3.47	Virginia Beach, Va./Kellam
<i>Rachel Dougherty</i>	<i>Jr.</i>	<i>Physics</i>	4.00	<i>Derwood, Md./Magruder</i>
Nikki England	Jr.	Oceanography	3.61	Colorado Springs, Colo./Doherty
Kim Koss	Sr.	Economics	3.53	Clarence Center, N.Y./Clarence

*Italics indicate student-athletes with a 4.00 or better grade-point average for the 2006 fall semester.*