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Holy Cross' Agostinacchio earned Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in 2004

Forty-three named to Volleyball Academic Honor Roll

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Holy Cross senior **Caitlin Agostinacchio**, the 2004 Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, earned a 3.48 grade-point average (GPA) during the fall semester. Agostinacchio was one of 43 student-athletes named to the 2004 Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll, announced today by **Carolyn Schlie Femovich**, Patriot League Executive Director.

Agostinacchio was named to the Holy Cross Dean's List in the fall of 2001 and the spring of 2002. The two-sport student-athlete has been named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll for seven-straight seasons.

Agostinacchio becomes only the second Crusader to be honored as the Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year in League history. The senior outside hitter was named to the All-Patriot League first team in 2004, after a season that saw her set numerous career marks. Her team-leading 396 kills put her career total at 1,063, becoming the first Holy Cross player to surpass the 1,000 kills clip. She also holds the single-season record in kills at Holy Cross and ranks first in kills per game, after averaging 4.17 this season. She posted 250 digs this past season, ranking her third all-time at Holy Cross with 906 digs.

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 seven League-sponsored fall championship sports.

A total of 500 student-athletes were named to the League's Fall Academic Honor Roll, including 20 with 4.00 GPAs. The Fall Academic Honor Roll includes the sports of men's and women's cross country, field hockey, football, men's and women's soccer and volleyball.

Bucknell led the way with 100 candidates on the League's Fall Academic Honor Roll. On the Volleyball Academic Honor Roll, Army and Holy Cross earned top honors with eight selections each, followed closely by American with seven recipients.

The Patriot League, which was founded on the principles of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic excellence. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of the undergraduate experience. The Patriot League, which began as a successful Division I-AA football conference in 1986 and became an all-sport conference in 1990, includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members and three associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have played leadership roles in the shaping of our country. In the most recent NCAA Graduation Rate Report of student-athletes, the Patriot League ranked FIRST among NCAA Division I conferences.

2004 Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
AMERICAN (7)				
Erin Allgaier	Sr.	Physics	3.75	Kalamazoo, Mich./Kalamazoo Central
Daria Bobko	Sr.	Business	3.38	Moscow, Russia/S.E. School No. 783
Natacha Cornaz	Sr.	International Studies	3.56	Lausanne, Switzerland/Gymnase Auguste Piccard
Jennifer Cosco	Jr.	Business	3.70	Montvale, N.J./Pascack Hills
Catherine Fluegeman	Sr.	Anthropology	3.94	Muncie, Ind./Burris Laboratory School

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AMERICAN (continued)

Elizabeth Maloney	So.	Business	3.60	Toronto, Ontario/Richview C.I.
Sabrina Vasconcelos	Sr.	Business	3.65	Fortaleza, Brazil/Colégio Christus

ARMY (8)

Abby Casciato	Jr.	Human Regional Geography	3.20	Lake Worth, Fla./Lake Worth Community
Eileen Cassidy	So.	U.S. History	3.61	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg
Hannah Farrell	Fr.	Undeclared	3.64	Sacramento, Calif./Mira Loma
Kimberly Jung	Fr.	Undeclared	3.99	Los Angeles, Calif./Harvard Westlake
Mandy Kimbrell	Jr.	Psychology	3.74	Greenville, S.C./Greenville
Abigail Stampfler	Sr.	International Relations	3.59	Portage, Mich./Portage Central
Lauren Teal	Fr.	Undeclared	3.62	Salem, Ohio/Salem
Mimi Yu	So.	Civil Engineering	3.46	Arlington, Texas/Lamar

BUCKNELL (6)

Carolyn Dougherty	Sr.	Management	3.83	Ellicott City, Md./Centennial
Amanda Grossmann	So.	Elementary Education	3.91	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
Tessa Mendez	Fr.	Undeclared	3.91	Denver, Colo./Denver Academy
Chelsea Robertson	Sr.	Computer Science	3.52	Kenmore, N.Y./Kenmore West
Jennie Smith	So.	Economics	3.58	Roanoke, Va./Patrick Henry
Kristen Sydlowski	So.	Biomedical Engineering	3.25	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty

COLGATE (3)

Sheila Giovannini	Fr.	Political Science	3.42	Arlington, Mass./Arlington Catholic
Marybeth Maziarz	So.	English	3.25	Wilbraham, Mass./Minnechaug Regional
Meghaan Walsh	Jr.	Molecular Biology	3.58	Walnut Creek, Calif./Carondelet

HOLY CROSS (8)

Caitlin Agostinacchio	Sr.	Mathematics	3.43	Bellmore, N.Y./Kellenberg
Christine Fanning	So.	Biology	3.20	East Amherst, N.Y./Sacred Heart
Katherine Fitzpatrick	Fr.	Mathematics	3.87	Queensbury, N.Y./Queensbury
Suzanna Guidone	Sr.	Political Science	3.68	Hamden, Conn./Hamden
Lauren Liesman	Sr.	Spanish	3.50	Winchester, Calif./West Valley
Valerie Mora	So.	Economics	3.65	San Antonio, Texas/Highlands
Caitlin O'Callaghan	Jr.	Business/Chinese Studies	3.20	Brooklyn, N.Y./Bishop Kearney
Christine Strawson	Fr.	Biology	3.79	Torrington, Conn./Torrington

LAFAYETTE (5)

Karla Barbiche	Fr.	Engineering	3.50	Bozeman, Mont./Bozeman
Erin Brune	Sr.	Biology	3.33	Pasadena, Calif./Mayfield
Lauren Dalsky	Fr.	Economics & Business	3.68	Jefferson, Ohio/Jefferson
Meagan Martino	So.	Undecided	3.23	Croton, N.Y./Hedrick Hudson
Katie Moore	So.	Mathematics	3.28	St. Thomas, USVI/The Antilles School

LEHIGH (5)

Dominique Barnes	Jr.	Biology/Pre-Med	3.40	El Paso, Texas/Loretto Academy
Kathleen Lafferty	Fr.	Business	3.93	Collegeville, Pa./Villa Maria
Rachel Moquete	Fr.	Business	3.27	Midland Park, N.J./Midland Park
Jill Racketa	Sr.	Biology/Pre-Med	3.63	Stow, Ohio/Stow Munroe Falls
Laura Milton	Fr.	Arts & Sciences	3.59	Austin, Texas/St. Andrew's Upper School

NAVY (1)

Rachel Dougherty	Fr.	Undeclared	3.75	Derwood, Md./Magruder HS
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