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Patriot League announces Volleyball Academic Honor Roll

Holy Cross' Christine Strawson named Scholar-Athlete of the Year and headlines forty-seven student-athletes on the Academic Honor Roll

CENTER VALLEY, Pa. – Holy Cross sophomore **Christine Strawson** (Torrington, Conn./Torrington) is the second Crusader in a row to be named the Patriot League Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Strawson was one of three student-athletes on this year's volleyball Academic Honor Roll to earn a 4.00 grade-point average in the fall semester. Also earning perfect grade-point averages were Bucknell's **Liz Hazuka** (Colorado Springs, Colo./Cheyenne Mountain) and Navy's **Rachel Dougherty** (Derwood, Md./Magruder). Strawson, Hazuka and Dougherty were three of 47 student-athletes named to the 2005 Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll, announced Wednesday by Patriot League Executive Director **Carolyn Schlie Femovich**.

Strawson followed in the footsteps of former teammate and Holy Cross two-sport athlete **Caitlin Agostinacchio** with her Volleyball Scholar-Athlete of the Year award. Strawson owns a 3.93 cumulative grade-point average, while majoring in biology. She was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District I Second Team this past fall.

The outside hitter from Torrington, Conn., was a second team All-League selection in 2005, leading her team in kills (351) and digs (278). She was second in the League in kills per game (4.08) and 11th in digs per game (3.23). She recorded double digit kills in 21 of 26 matches this season, and registered 12 double-doubles.

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 495 student-athletes were named to the League's Fall Academic Honor Roll, including 27 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.

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.

2005 Patriot League Volleyball Academic Honor Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
AMERICAN (8)				
Jennifer Cosco	Sr.	Business/Finance	3.80	Montvale, N.J./Pascack Hills
Elizabeth Maloney	Jr.	Business	3.62	Toronto, Ontario/Richview C.I.
Christina Nash	Fr.	Bus. Admin./Management	3.64	Princeton, Fla./Coral Reef
Tessa Pagine	Fr.	International Studies	3.30	Sonoma, Calif./Sonoma Valley
Emily Springer	Fr.	Health Promotion	3.35	Frederick, Md./Notre Dame Academy
Tara Stradling	So.	Undecided	3.42	Woodbine, Md./Glenelg
Logan Striebel	So.	Communications	3.68	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
Rubena Sukaj	Fr.	Economics	3.70	Tirana, Albania/Asim Vokshi

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ARMY (7)

Rachael Breinling	Fr.	Undeclared	3.23	Fremont, Mich./Fremont
Eileen Cassidy	Jr.	U.S. History	3.74	Orland Park, Ill./Carl Sandburg
Hannah Farrell	So.	Undeclared	3.80	Sacramento, Calif./Mira Loma
Mandy Kimbrell	Sr.	Psychology	3.78	Greenville, S.C./Greenville
Briana Stremick	Fr.	Undeclared	3.74	Langdon, N.D./Langdon
Lauren Teal	So.	Undeclared	3.70	Salem, Ohio/Salem
Mimi Yu	Jr.	Civil Engineering	3.46	Arlington, Texas/Lamar

BUCKNELL (10)

Chelsea Anderson	Sr.	Psychology	3.66	Rancho Sante Fe, Calif./Torrey Pines
Allison Brady	Jr.	Economics	3.50	Atherton, Calif./Sacred Heart Prep
Sheena Czipri	Fr.	Undeclared	3.58	Aurora, Ill./West Aurora
Sarah Groman	Jr.	Creative Writing	3.50	Hollister, Calif./San Benito
Amanda Grossman	Jr.	Elementary Education	3.83	Allentown, Pa./Parkland
<i>Liz Hazuka</i>	Fr.	<i>Undeclared</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Colorado Springs, Colo./Cheyenne Mountain</i>
Jessica Le	Sr.	Accounting	3.75	Red Lion, Pa./Red Lion
Tessa Mendez	So.	Undeclared	3.50	Denver, Colo./Colorado Academy
Shannon Pitsch	Fr.	Undeclared	3.50	Oak Brook, Ill./Fenwick
Jennie Smith	Jr.	International Relations	3.80	Roanoke, Va./Patrick Henry

COLGATE (5)

Chrysy Gault	Fr.	Undeclared	3.50	Lincolnshire, Ill./Adlai E. Stevens
Sheila Giovannini	So.	Undeclared	3.58	Waltham, Mass./Waltham
Erin Kanetzke	So.	Undeclared	3.33	Cincinnati, Ohio/Ursuline Academy
Elizabeth Rivers	Fr.	Undeclared	3.75	Pickens, S.C./Pickens
Meghaan Walsh	Sr.	Molecular Biology	3.50	Walnut Creek, Calif./Carondelet

HOLY CROSS (4)

Chrissy Fanning	Jr.	Biology	3.68	East Amherst, N.Y./Sacred Heart
Katie Fitzpatrick	So.	Math	3.98	Queensbury, N.Y./Queensbury
Caitlin O'Callaghan	Sr.	CISS	3.68	Brooklyn, N.Y./Bishop Kearney
<i>Christine Strawson</i>	So.	<i>Biology</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Torrington, Conn./Torrington</i>

LAFAYETTE (5)

Karla Barbiche	So.	Civil Engineering	3.26	Bozeman, Mont./Bozeman
Shannon Fisher	Jr.	Anthropology & Sociology	3.57	Coplay, Pa./Central Catholic
Catherine Herchenroder	Sr.	Mechanical Engineering	3.66	Breezy Point, N.Y./Bishop Kearney
Kathleen Kretzmer	Fr.	Undecided	3.50	Bakersfield, Calif./Garces Memorial
Katie Moore	Jr.	Economics & Business	3.43	St. Thomas, USVI/The Antilles School

LEHIGH (6)

Nikky Barnes	Sr.	Molecular Biology	3.54	El Paso, Texas/Loretto Academy
Courtney Cherry	Jr.	International Relations	3.67	League City, Texas/Clear Creek (Eckerd College)
Kathleen Lafferty	So.	Business	3.89	Collegeville, Pa./Villa Maria Academy
Cassidy Maumus	Jr.	Political Science	3.36	New Orleans, La./Benjamin Franklin
Michelle Schwendenmann	Jr.	Civil Engineering	3.29	Cincinnati, Ohio/Seton
Morgan Volkart	Sr.	Sociology/Social Psychology	3.43	Las Vegas, Nev./Durango

NAVY (2)

Mariellen Carnes	Jr.	English	3.38	Virginia Beach, Va./Kellam
<i>Rachel Dougherty</i>	So.	<i>Physics</i>	<i>4.00</i>	<i>Derwood, Md./Magruder</i>

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