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## ATLANTIC 10 ANNOUNCES BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

*St. Bonaventure's Brian Pellegrini Named Player of the Year and Charlotte's Adam Mills Tabbed Pitcher of the Year; Matt Zielinski of Richmond Earns Rookie of the Year Honors and Randy Moley of St. Bonaventure Named Student-Athlete of the Year; Charlotte's Loren Hibbs Tabbed Coach of the Year*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - St. Bonaventure senior first baseman Brian Pellegrini was named the Atlantic 10 Conference Player of the Year for the second straight season and Adam Mills, a senior righthander from Charlotte, earned Atlantic 10 Pitcher of the Year honors in voting conducted among the league's head coaches. In that same vote, freshman starting pitcher Matt Zielinski of Richmond was named the A-10 Rookie of the Year while Charlotte's Loren Hibbs was tabbed the Coach of the Year.

Additionally, St. Bonaventure junior Randy Moley was named Student-Athlete of the Year in voting among the Conference's sports information directors.

Pellegrini joins Fordham's Bobby Kingsbury (2001-02) as the lone players in league history to repeat as A-10 Players of the Year. His 15 home runs are a program single-season record, while his 48 career homers are tops in St. Bonaventure history. A native of Willoughby, Ohio, he enters the A-10 Championship batting .392, good for second in the league, and leads the A-10 in on-base percentage (.502), slugging percentage (.819) and doubles (24).

Mills leads the nation with a 1.06 earned run average and enters this week's A-10 Championship ranked first in the Conference in wins (12), strikeouts (132), innings pitched (127.2), complete games (eight) and shutouts (four). A semifinalist for the Dick Hower Trophy, presented by the NCBWA to the country's most outstanding player, and one of ten candidates for the Roger Clemens Award, Mills ranks first in program history in victories (30), starts (49) and shutouts (five). The Big Pool, Md., native pitched 127.2 innings and posts a 12-2 record in helping the 49ers to the top seed in the A-10 Championship.

Joining Pellegrini and Mills on the All-Conference first-team are Charlotte's Aaron Bray, Brad McElroy, Kris Rochelle and Spencer Steedley; Michael Parker and Charlie Kruer of George Washington; Fordham's Eric Reese; Sean Barksdale of Temple; Eric Larson of Rhode Island; and La Salle's Gerard Breslin.

The second-team consists of Richmond's Joe Mahoney, Alex Wotring, Alex Hale and Brian Alas; Cory Lane and Chris Taylor of Charlotte; Temple's Ryan Weber; Fordham's Jordan Lert and Tom Davis; Joe Rizzo from St. Bonaventure; Ben Wendle of Saint Joseph's; and Xavier's Jordan Wolf.

Zielinski has enjoyed an impressive rookie campaign for Richmond. Hailing from Southampton, Pa., the starting pitcher leads the Spiders with a 3.47 earned run average and is second on the staff with 66 strikeouts and six wins on the season. The left-hander is a two-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week selection and boasted a 12-inning scoreless streak toward the end of the season, along with a complete game.

The All-Rookie team includes Zielinski, TJ Chism and John Malloy of La Salle; Rhode Island's Tim Boyce; Curtis Eward and Tom Zebroski of George Washington; Charlotte's Bryan Hamilton; and Drew Smith and David Valesente from Saint Joseph's.

Moley garners Student-Athlete of the Year honors and earned Academic All-Conference accolades for the second straight season. The junior centerfielder from Lancaster, N.Y., is the leadoff batter for the Bonnie offense and ranks fourth on the team in batting average (.297), hits (51) and RBI (27). He is second on the team in doubles with 13 on the season and leads St. Bonaventure in stolen bases with nine in 11 attempts. Off the field, he was named to the 2006 and 2007 CoSIDA Academic All-District teams and posts a 3.98 GPA in management sciences.

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Moley is joined on the Academic All-Conference team by teammate Kieran Malone; Duquesne's Aaron Janusey, Derek Mechling and Alex Sharick; Billy Kern and Dan Waters of La Salle; B.J. Rodrigue and Eric Rohr of Saint Louis; and Dayton's Joe McSoley.

Hibbs earns his first A-10 Coach of the Year award after leading Charlotte to the top seed in the 2007 Atlantic 10 Conference Championship. His team enters the A-10 Championship ranked a program-best 20<sup>th</sup> nationally in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Poll, and has won 10 of its last 11 games. The 49ers lead the nation with a 2.29 earned run average while boasting a league-best .311 batting average and are vying for their first A-10 crown in their second year as a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference. A 1984 graduate of Wichita State, Hibbs coached the Niners to a school-record 44 wins this season and boasts a 447-383-3 career record in 15 years at Charlotte.

### 2007 ATLANTIC 10 BASEBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

<b>FIRST TEAM</b>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>AVG</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Brian Pellegrini	St. Bonaventure	1B	Sr.	Willoughby, Ohio	.392	55	15	51
Eric Reese	Fordham	2B	Jr.	Sparta, N.J.	.354	53	3	31
Michael Parker	George Washington	SS	Sr.	Newton, Mass.	.373	59	10	60
Aaron Bray	Charlotte	3B	So.	Charlotte, N.C.	.324	37	0	24
Sean Barksdale	Temple	OF	So.	Glenolden, Pa.	.359	36	7	59
Charlie Kruer	George Washington	OF	Jr.	Old Bridge, N.J.	.324	33	13	57
Brad McElroy	Charlotte	OF	Jr.	St. Thomas, Ontario	.406	58	10	57
Kris Rochelle	Charlotte	C	Sr.	Richmond, Va.	.391	55	5	44
Eric Larson	Rhode Island	DH	Sr.	Bradenton, Fla.	.330	39	9	35
					<i>ERA</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>K</i>
Adam Mills	Charlotte	SP	Sr.	Big Pool, Md.	1.06	12	2	132
Spencer Steedley	Charlotte	SP	Sr.	Granite Quarry, N.C.	2.63	7	1	81
Gerard Breslin	La Salle	RP	Sr.	Havertown, Pa.	2.72	1	2	43
<b>SECOND TEAM</b>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>AVG</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Joe Mahoney	Richmond	1B	Jr.	Troy, N.Y.	.308	50	16	56
Cory Lane	Charlotte	2B	Sr.	Kernersville, N.C.	.296	47	4	41
Ryan Weber	Temple	SS	Jr.	Cypress, Texas	.368	50	3	34
Jordan Lert	Fordham	3B	Sr.	Westport, Conn.	.291	33	3	40
Joe Rizzo	St. Bonaventure	OF	Sr.	Pittsford, N.Y.	.306	36	6	35
Ben Wendle	Saint Joseph's	OF	So.	Lincoln University, Pa.	.324	31	7	39
Alex Wotring	Richmond	OF	Sr.	Bethesda, Md.	.333	38	6	41
Jordan Wolf	Xavier	C	Sr.	Schaumburg, Ill.	.349	41	9	42
Chris Taylor	Charlotte	DH	Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, N.C.	.341	39	6	51
					<i>ERA</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>K</i>
Tom Davis	Fordham	SP	Jr.	Madison, Conn.	2.98	8	2	52
Alex Hale	Richmond	SP	Jr.	Omaha, Neb.	4.81	7	2	87
Brian Alas	Richmond	RP	Jr.	Port Washington, N.Y.	4.96	3	2	59

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<b>ALL-ROOKIE TEAM</b>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>AVG</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>RBI</i>
Curtis Eward	George Washington	1B	Fr.	Oak Hill, Va.	.310	18	3	25
John Malloy	La Salle	OF	Fr.	Fairless Hills, Pa.	.327	28	1	18
Drew Smith	Saint Joseph's	C	Fr.	Malvern, Pa.	.363	11	1	13
David Valesente	Saint Joseph's	2B	Fr.	Ithaca, N.Y.	.326	18	0	18
Tom Zebroski	George Washington	2B	Fr.	Port Washington, N.Y.	.314	31	0	23
					<i>ERA</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>K</i>
Tim Boyce	Rhode Island	RP	Fr.	Swansea, Mass.	5.67	1	3	20
TJ Chism	La Salle	RP	Fr.	Brookhaven, Pa.	5.12	2	4	27
Bryan Hamilton	Charlotte	RP	Fr.	Woodstock, Md.	1.65	6	1	26
Matt Zielinski	Richmond	SP	Fr.	Southampton, Pa.	3.47	6	4	66

*Player of the Year:* Brian Pellegrini, St. Bonaventure

*Pitcher of the Year:* Adam Mills, Charlotte

*Rookie of the Year:* Matt Zielinski, Richmond

*Coach of the Year:* Loren Hibbs, Charlotte

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	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Major</i>
Aaron Janusey	Duquesne	1B	Jr.	Venetia, Pa.	Business
Billy Kern	La Salle	1B	Sr.	Old Bridge, N.J.	Criminal Justice
Kieran Malone	St. Bonaventure	2B	Sr.	Albany, N.Y.	Finance
Joe McSoley	Dayton	3B	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Biology
Derek Mechling	Duquesne	C	Sr.	Homer City, Pa.	Political Science
Randy Moley	St. Bonaventure	CF	Jr.	Lancaster, N.Y.	Management Sciences
B.J. Rodrigue	Saint Louis	IF/P	Jr.	Destrahan, La.	Aerospace Engineering
Eric Rohr	Saint Louis	P	Sr.	Belleville, Ill.	Finance
Alex Sharick	Duquesne	P/C	Sr.	Lower Burrell, Pa.	Mathematics
Dan Waters	La Salle	P	Sr.	Wyndmoor, Pa.	Finance & Marketing

*Student-Athlete of the Year* - Randy Moley, St. Bonaventure