

# Northeast Conference

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## Wagner Wins Northeast Conference Institutional GPA Award For 2006-07

### *Team GPA Award Winners Also Announced*

**Somerset, NJ** -- Wagner College captured the inaugural Northeast Conference Institutional GPA award for the 2006-07 academic year. With a combined GPA of 3.147 in 19 sports, the Seahawks narrowly edged out Quinnipiac (3.142) and Sacred Heart (3.135).

The honor is presented to the NEC member with the highest overall institutional grade point average for student-athletes competing in NEC sponsored sports. A total of 21 sports are sponsored by the NEC: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, field hockey, men's and women's golf, women's lacrosse, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field, men's and women's soccer, softball, women's swimming, men's and women's tennis and women's volleyball.

Wagner claimed a league-high six team GPA awards, winning in men's cross country (3.48), women's cross country (3.64), women's lacrosse (3.26), women's swimming (3.51), men's indoor track and field (3.27) and men's outdoor track and field (3.27).

"This is a well deserved honor for our student-athletes and athletic department," said Walt Hameline, Wagner Director of Athletics. "We have always taken pride on the academic successes of our athletic programs and this award is a true testament to the hard work and dedication put forth by our student-athletes in the classroom."

Overall, the NEC's 4,300+ student-athletes averaged a 3.039 GPA for the 2006-07 year. A total of seven institutions - Fairleigh Dickinson, Monmouth, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, Saint Francis (PA) and Wagner - finished the year with at least a 3.00 GPA.

| School                    | NEC Sports | Overall GPA |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Central Connecticut State | 15         | 2.839       |
| Fairleigh Dickinson       | 17         | 3.101       |
| Long Island               | 15         | 2.989       |
| Monmouth                  | 19         | 3.059       |
| Mount St. Mary's          | 17         | 2.938       |
| Quinnipiac                | 18         | 3.142       |
| Robert Morris             | 18         | 3.014       |
| Sacred Heart              | 21         | 3.135       |
| St. Francis (NY)          | 14         | 2.925       |
| Saint Francis (PA)        | 20         | 3.052       |
| Wagner                    | 19         | 3.147       |

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Central Connecticut State University • Fairleigh Dickinson University • Long Island University  
Monmouth University • Mount St. Mary's University • Quinnipiac University  
Robert Morris University • Sacred Heart University • St. Francis (NY) College  
Saint Francis (PA) University • Wagner College

The conference also recognized the teams with the best GPA in each sport. The Fairleigh Dickinson women's golf team registered a 3.858 grade point average for the year, the highest in any NEC sponsored sport.

#### **NEC Team GPA Awards**

|                               |                     |       |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
| Baseball                      | Sacred Heart        | 2.990 |
| Men's Basketball              | Sacred Heart        | 2.820 |
| Women's Basketball            | Fairleigh Dickinson | 3.350 |
| Men's Cross Country           | Wagner              | 3.480 |
| Women's Cross Country         | Wagner              | 3.640 |
| Field Hockey                  | Monmouth            | 3.330 |
| Football                      | Monmouth            | 2.780 |
| Men's Golf                    | Long Island         | 3.240 |
| Women's Golf                  | Fairleigh Dickinson | 3.858 |
| Men's Indoor Track & Field    | Wagner              | 3.270 |
| Women's Indoor Track & Field  | Quinnipiac          | 3.550 |
| Women's Lacrosse              | Wagner              | 3.260 |
| Men's Outdoor Track & Field   | Wagner              | 3.270 |
| Women's Outdoor Track & Field | Quinnipiac          | 3.420 |
| Men's Soccer                  | Saint Francis (PA)  | 3.248 |
| Women's Soccer                | Monmouth            | 3.440 |
| Softball                      | Robert Morris       | 3.460 |
| Women's Swimming              | Wagner              | 3.510 |
| Men's Tennis                  | Fairleigh Dickinson | 3.416 |
| Women's Tennis                | Sacred Heart        | 3.500 |
| Women's Volleyball            | Saint Francis (PA)  | 3.555 |

#### About the Northeast Conference

Now in its 27th season, the Northeast Conference is an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 11 institutions of higher learning located throughout five states. Media coverage of the NEC extends to four of the largest markets in the United States - New York (#1), Pittsburgh (#22), Baltimore (#24), and Hartford/New Haven (#28). Founded in 1981 as the basketball-only ECAC Metro Conference, the NEC has grown to sponsor 21 championship sports for men and women. NEC member institutions include Central Connecticut State, Fairleigh Dickinson, Long Island, Monmouth, Mount St. Mary's, Quinnipiac, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis (NY), Saint Francis (PA) and Wagner. For more information on the NEC, visit [www.northeastconference.org](http://www.northeastconference.org).