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## Northeast Conference Announces 2008 Fall Scholar-Athletes

**Somerset, NJ** -- Two student-athletes from Robert Morris and Sacred Heart, along with one each from Central Connecticut State, Lock Haven, and Quinnipiac comprise the 2008 Fall Scholar-Athlete award winners for the Northeast Conference. In addition to the scholar-athletes, the NEC also announced its fall Academic Honor Roll, consisting of 755 student-athletes, a 34.1 percent increase from the fall of 2007. All scholar-athlete award winners must have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours, maintained a minimum cumulative grade-point-average of 3.20 and participated with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Sacred Heart senior **John Kenworthy (Gloversville, NY/Gloversville)** claims the NEC Scholar-Athlete award in men's cross country. Kenworthy walked away with all-conference honors for the second year in a row after finishing third at the NEC Cross Country Championships in Holmdel Park, NJ this past October. He navigated the course in 26:33 to help the Pioneers to a third place finish at the meet. Kenworthy, who improved on his fifth place finish from the 2007 event, was a two-time NEC Cross Country Athlete of the Week in 2008. The Gloversville, NY native won the Father Leeber S.J. Invitational on September 27th in what was the first individual victory of his career. Kenworthy majors in Political Science and carries a 3.57 grade point average.

Quinnipiac senior **Chelsea Bollerman (Little Silver, NJ/Red Bank)** is the NEC Scholar-Athlete in women's cross country. Bollerman was named the Most Outstanding Performer at the 2008 NEC Cross Country Championships after crossing the tape first with a time of 18:28. She led a strong Quinnipiac contingent to its fourth consecutive NEC title and established a new event record at Holmdel Park, where the race has been contested on three occasions. Bollerman was the top Quinnipiac runner in each of her races this past fall, a two-time NEC Athlete of the Week and the ECAC Division I Athlete of the Week in early September. At the NCAA Northeast Regional, Bollerman finished 29th in a field of nearly 250 runners, the second highest finish by a Quinnipiac runner in meet history. She ran the Van Cortlandt Park course in 22:27 to lead the Bobcats to a 14th place finish. Bollerman, who hails from Little Silver, NJ, is a Science Studies major with a 3.41 grade point average.

Lock Haven graduate student **Blair Wynne (Trinidad & Tobago/Sangre Grande)** takes home NEC Scholar-Athlete honors in field hockey. Named NEC Player of the Year for the third consecutive season, the four-time first team all-NEC performer paced the conference with 20 goals and 48 points to lead the Lady Eagles to their third straight league title. Wynne was tabbed NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row after recording three goals and two assists in postseason wins over Quinnipiac and Rider. The accolades were just beginning for the most decorated field hockey performer in NEC history, who for the second straight season was named a second team *Longstreth/NHFCA* All-American. The Trinidad & Tobago native was also selected to the *WomensFieldhockey.com* Jack & Jill All-American second team. She wrapped up her brilliant career with 71 goals, 38 assists and 180 points. Wynne is currently pursuing a Master's of Liberal Arts degree and maintains a 3.73 grade point average.

Robert Morris junior linebacker **Adam Lawrence (Big Run, PA/Dubois Area)** is the recipient of the NEC scholar-athlete award in football. A two-year starter at outside linebacker, he finished second on the Colonials and seventh in the NEC with 83 tackles this past season, including 30 solo stops. Lawrence also paced Robert Morris with 3.5 sacks (tenth in NEC) and six quarterback hurries, forced a fumble and recovered another. His 170 career tackles ranks first among active Colonials and 19th in school history. Named to the *ESPN The Magazine* District II Academic All-America team, the Big Run, PA native sports a near perfect 3.98 grade point average as an Environmental Science major.

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Bryant University (2012-13) • 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

Sacred Heart senior goalkeeper **Matt Jones (Stoke-on-Trent, England/Sandon)** collects NEC Scholar-Athlete honors in men's soccer. Jones earned the third all-NEC honor of his career this past fall when he was voted a first team all-star following an outstanding campaign between the pipes for the Pioneers, who just missed out on a playoff berth. Jones finished the season with a 1.08 goals against average and four shutouts. He started every game in net for Sacred Heart from the moment he stepped on campus four years ago, ending his career with 71 matches, 30 wins, 21 shutouts and over 6,500 minutes played. He also had the rare distinction of a keeper scoring a game-winning goal this past season when he converted a penalty kick in a 2-1 double overtime win over Maine on September 5th. Jones, who was a second team all-conference selection as a freshman and first team honoree a year ago, calls Stoke-on-Trent, England home. He has compiled a 3.63 grade point average majoring in Business.

Central Connecticut State senior goalkeeper **Erin Herd (Coffs Harbour, Australia/Orara)** earns NEC Scholar-Athlete accolades in women's soccer. Herd anchored a near impenetrable defense that allowed just six goals in nine league games before posting back-to-back clean sheets in postseason wins over Monmouth and Long Island as the Blue Devils took home the NEC Tournament trophy for the fifth time in the last seven years. Herd, who was voted NEC Tournament Most Valuable Player, went 8-3-4 in goal for CCSU and posted a 0.72 goals against average to rank second on the circuit. She led the conference with an .857 save percentage and eight shutouts en-route to first team all-NEC honors. Herd, who hails from Coffs Harbour, Australia and has played for Australia's U-20 National Team, was also selected to participate in the NEWISA Senior Bowl at the conclusion of the season. A Biomolecular Sciences major and member of the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District third team, Herd has posted a 3.41 grade point average.

Robert Morris senior libero **Alaina Gibson (Muncie, IN/Muncie Borris)** is the NEC Scholar-Athlete winner in women's volleyball. A former NEC Rookie of the Year, Gibson earned second team all-NEC honors this past season - she was also a first team honoree in 2006 - as the Colonials finished a perfect 8-0 in league play to capture the regular season conference title. Gibson led the league with 4.14 digs per game and closed out her career with a school record 1,884 digs. She is the only player in Robert Morris annals to finish in the top-10 in the school's single season record book for digs in each of her four seasons. A two-time *ESPN The Magazine* District II Academic All-American, she claimed first team honors in 2008 after earning second team accolades a year earlier. A Muncie, IN native, Gibson is a Human Resources Management major. Her grade point average is 3.92.

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Sport	Name	School	Cl	GPA	Major
Men's Cross Country	John Kenworthy	Sacred Heart	Sr	3.57	Political Science
Women's Cross Country	Chelsea Bollerman	Quinnipiac	Sr	3.41	Science Studies
Field Hockey	Blair Wynne	Lock Haven	Gr	3.73	Masters of Liberal Arts
Football	Adam Lawrence	Robert Morris	Jr	3.98	Environmental Science
Men's Soccer	Matt Jones	Sacred Heart	Sr	3.63	Business
Women's Soccer	Erin Herd	CCSU	Sr	3.41	Biomolecular Sciences
Women's Volleyball	Alaina Gibson	Robert Morris	Sr	3.92	Human Resource Management