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Northeast Conference Announces 2009 Fall Scholar-Athletes

Somerset, NJ -- Two student-athletes from Monmouth, along with one each from Albany, Lock Haven, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart and Saint Francis (PA) comprise the 2009 Fall Scholar-Athlete award winners for the Northeast Conference (NEC). In addition to the scholar-athletes, the NEC also announced its fall Academic Honor Roll, consisting of 791 student-athletes, a five percent increase from the fall of 2008. There were also 172 student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, which honors those with a 3.75 or better grade point average. 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.

Saint Francis (PA) junior **Timothy Wertner (Chambersburg, PA/Greencastle-Antrium)** is this year's men's cross country scholar-athlete recipient. A two-time All-NEC honoree, Wertner raced to a third place finish at the 2009 NEC Cross Country Championships, clocking in at 26:22. He was named *Road Runner Sports* NEC Cross Country Athlete of the Week on October 6 after a third place showing at the competitive Paul Short Invitational. In that race, he was the first NEC finisher to cross the tape in a field of 332 harriers. Wertner, who improved on his seventh place performance at the NEC meet in 2008, also competes on the Red Flash track team, and earned fifth place finishes last year in the indoor 5K, outdoor 5K and outdoor 10K races. He is a four-time member of the NEC Academic Honor Roll and maintains a 3.58 grade point average. Wertner, who hails from Chambersburg, PA, majors in Physical Therapy.

Sacred Heart junior **Kimberly DeLoreto (Hillsdale, NJ/Pascack Hills)** takes home NEC Scholar-Athlete honors in women's cross country. DeLoreto was tabbed the Most Outstanding Performer at the 2009 NEC Cross Country Championships after pulling away from the field by more than 16 seconds to win the race in 17:58.1 and lead the Pioneers to a second place finish at the event. Over the course of the fall season, she was a three-time *Road Runner Sports* NEC Athlete of the Week and turned in six top-five finishes in eight races, including her first career individual title at the Victor F. Leeber Invitational on September 26. She would go on to finish third at the ECAC Championships (17:39.6) and become the first Sacred Heart runner to earn All-New England, All-NEC and All-East honors twice in her career. The native of Hillsdale, NJ was also the 2007 NEC Freshman of the Year. A Psychology major, DeLoreto sports a 3.90 grade point average.

Lock Haven junior **Amy Hordendorf (Topton, PA/Brandywine Heights)** collects NEC Scholar-Athlete honors in field hockey. Hordendorf capped her junior year with a second straight All-NEC First Team selection and was recognized as the 2009 NEC Offensive Player of the Year. She was a dominant force for the Lady Eagles this past fall, ending the season as the league leader in both goals (23) and points (50) as Lock Haven finished with an 18-5 record and won the NEC title for a fourth consecutive season. A former NEC Rookie of the Year who has helped her team to a 54-15 record and a pair of conference championships over the course of her career, Hordendorf also earned 2009 *Longstreth/NFHA* All-Region First Team honors. The Topton, PA native is a Physician's Assistant major who carries a 3.61 grade point average.

Albany senior linebacker **Chris Simpson (Victor, NY/Victor Central)** claims NEC Scholar-Athlete honors in football. A key member of a defensive unit that ranked among the FCS national leaders in scoring, rushing and total defense, Simpson concluded the year fourth on the Great Danes with 58 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss, along with two sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery in 11 starts. The Victor, NY product was named both NEC and ECAC Player of the Week on September 21st after he posted a career-high 11 tackles and forced a fumble that led to the winning touchdown in Albany's 20-16 upset of #20 Maine. In his four years, Albany posted a 24-4 record against NEC opponents.

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and captured two league championships. Off the field, Simpson was named to the 2009 *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District I First Team and was a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation William V. Campbell Trophy, an award considered by many to be the “Academic Heisman.” He is a Presidential Scholar, winner of the CRC Press Chemistry Award, member of both the Albany SAAC and Society of Physics Students, and serves as an academic tutor in math, physics and chemistry. Simpson has also served as a research assistant for the College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering and has aided in research of MOSFET alternatives for electronic devices. He has also given back to the community by participating in the Adopt-A-Family (for Christmas) program and Habitat for Humanity. A member of the school’s 3+2 engineering program (all his classes in Fall ‘09 were taken at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), Simpson will graduate with a degree in Physics from Albany this May and a degree in Mechanical Engineering from RPI in May, 2011. His grade point average is 3.97.

Monmouth senior defender **Daniel Bostock (Nottinghamshire, England/Virginia Intermont)** is the NEC Scholar-Athlete award winner in men’s soccer. In a landmark season for the program, the central defender helped lead the Hawks to an 18-2-2 record, a #5 NSCAA/*adidas* national ranking, the program’s third NEC title and an NCAA Tournament victory over UConn. He anchored a defensive unit that led the nation in goals against average (0.45) and ranked second in save percentage (.891). The accolades rolled in for Bostock at year’s end, beginning with his selection as the NEC Defensive Player of the Year and third All-NEC honor of his career. He was subsequently named the ECAC Defensive Player of the Year and to the NSCAA North Atlantic Region First Team before culminating the award season with his selection to the NSCAA/*Performance Subaru* All-America Second Team (alongside teammate Ryan Kinne) and *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Third Team. Bostock started all 58 of his career matches with the Hawks posting a 42-10-8 overall mark and 21-4-2 conference record in his three seasons, all of which resulted in NEC regular season titles. Bostock, who hails from Nottinghamshire, England, carries a 3.59 grade point average majoring in Communications.

Monmouth junior defender **Ali Kliment (Florence, NJ/The Pennington School)** collects NEC Scholar-Athlete honors in women’s soccer. Kliment was voted the NEC Defensive Player of the Year, and selected to the All-NEC First Team and NSCAA All-Region Second Team after captaining a backline that posted a league-best 14 shutouts en-route to the conference championship. She supplied the Hawks with offensive punch, establishing career-highs in both goals (four) and points (10), and anchored a defense that paced the league and ranked 12th in the nation in goals against average (0.54). Her performance on the field and in the classroom also earned her a spot on the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District II First Team, as well as the NSCAA Scholar All-East Region Second Team. Kliment is a Florence, NJ product who majors in Political Science and sports a stellar 3.99 grade point average.

Robert Morris junior middle blocker **Amanda Graham (Melbourne, FL/Eau Gallie)** is the recipient of the NEC Scholar-Athlete award in women’s volleyball. Graham earned the third All-Conference honor of her career and second first team selection this past fall in leading the Colonials to their 11th straight NEC Tournament berth. She ranked second in the league in hitting percentage (.332), fourth in blocks (1.14/game) and eighth in points (3.62/game). Graham matched her own single-season school record with 84 block assists and now ranks second on the Robert Morris career chart in both attack percentage (.332) and block assists (233). The Melbourne, FL native also earned a spot on the 2009 *ESPN The Magazine* All-District II First Team. Majoring in Nuclear Medicine Technology, Graham has compiled a near-perfect 3.99 grade point average.

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Sport	Name	School	Cl	GPA	Major
Men’s Cross Country	Timothy Werner	Saint Francis (PA)	Jr	3.58	Physical Therapy
Women’s Cross Country	Kimberly DeLoreto	Sacred Heart	Jr	3.90	Psychology
Field Hockey	Amy Hordendorf	Lock Haven	Jr	3.61	Physician’s Assistant
Football	Chris Simpson	Albany	Sr	3.97	Physics
Men’s Soccer	Daniel Bostock	Monmouth	Sr	3.59	Communications
Women’s Soccer	Ali Kliment	Monmouth	Jr	3.99	Political Science
Women’s Volleyball	Amanda Graham	Robert Morris	Jr	3.99	Nuclear Medicine Technology