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Ferris State's Mike Klobucher Named 2006 Recipient of the Jack H. McAvoy Award

BAY CITY, Mich. -- Ferris State University senior middle linebacker **Mike Klobucher** has been named recipient of the 2006 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Jack H. McAvoy Award as announced by Commissioner Tom Brown. The award is presented annually to the GLIAC football player who best combines outstanding character and leadership on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

A Grand Haven, Michigan (North Muskegon) native, Klobucher has earned a 4.0 grade point average (4.0 scale) while majoring in applied biology. He has been named to the GLIAC All-Academic football team twice and has received the FSU President's Academic Award for having the squad's highest grade point average twice. Klobucher was recently selected as a first-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American in addition to being a two-time ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV selection. He was among 17 college football players nationwide to receive a postgraduate scholarship from the National Football Foundation and was a finalist for the prestigious Draddy Trophy which is presented to the nation's top college football scholar-athlete.

Off the field, Klobucher has been involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, volunteered at the Guiding Light Mission and worked at Rescue Mission in the Muskegon (Mich.) community.

On the field, Klobucher paced Ferris State in tackles for the third consecutive season. His 92 total stops (47 solos) in 10 games presently ranks 25th among NCAA Division II players this season. The 2006 first-team All-GLIAC pick and two-time Ferris State Most Valuable Player concluded his four-year career ranking seventh among FSU's all-time tackle leaders with 389 career stops (206 solos) in 42 games.

"This award recognizes the accomplishments of our well rounded student-athletes," stated Commissioner Brown. "The McAvoy Award is not just given on the basis of athletic ability, but is given to a student-athlete who has performed well in the classroom and has a strong sense of community involvement. Mike Klobucher is a fine example of just one of the 4,000 quality student-athletes we have in the GLIAC."

Klobucher joins former Bulldogs Mo Harris, who won the McAvoy Award in 1999, and Chris Pulliams, who earned the honor in 1996. The Award is named for former Hillsdale College director of athletics and head football coach, Jack McAvoy, who was instrumental in the founding the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference (MIFC), now known as the GLIAC.

Jack H. McAvoy Award Winners	
2006	Mike Klobucher, Ferris State
2005	Matthew Shem, Northern Michigan
2004	Neil Baumgartner, Saginaw Valley State
2003	Josh Sherko, Northern Michigan Scott Stuitable, Northwood
2002	Jason Battershell, Saginaw Valley State
2001	Chris Volz, Indianapolis
2000	Alex Kowalski, Michigan Tech
1999	Mo Harris, Ferris State
1998	Jeff Fox, Grand Valley State
1997	Matt Fishburn, Wayne State Eric Tree, Michigan Tech
1996	Chris Pulliams, Ferris State