



NCAA DIVISION II CONFERENCE COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

2006-07 NATIONAL WINNERS NAMED FOR DIVISION II SCHOLAR AWARDS

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Indianapolis, IN - - Jamie Wolf of Clarion University and Mike Klobucher of Ferris State University have been named the top female and male Division II Scholar-Athletes of the Year by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association. The Division II Scholar-Athletes of the Year awards are sponsored by Disney's Wide World of Sports®Complex.

The selection of Wolf and Klobucher cap a selection process guided by the Division II Commissioners Association. Last month, 16 regional scholar-athlete award winners were named. Wolf and Klobucher were selected from a field of eight men's regional winners and eight women's regional winners.

In the eight year history of the award, Wolf gives the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) its first national award winner while Klobucher is the second Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference winner since 2003-04.

Only once have both winners been from the same conference. The 2004-05 winners, Heather Hamilton of the University of Minnesota Duluth and Aaron Graumann of Augustana (SD) College, both members of the North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, were the first national award winners to earn that distinction.

In 2003-04, Alice Duesing of Lake Superior State University and Matt Spector of Quincy University were named Division II's top scholar-athletes. During the 2002-03 voting, Douglas Hargett became the first repeat winner and provided the University of North Alabama with its third recipient in as many years. Jill Theeler of North Dakota State was the 2002 female recipient while the 2001 female winner was Emily Bloss of Emporia State. In 2000, Rachel Price of the University of North Alabama was named the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year along with the University of North Colorado's Corte McGuffey.

We are all very proud of the quality student-athletes that Division II institutions produce annually," explains Jim Naumovich, commissioner of the Great Lakes Valley Conference and president of the Division II Commissioners Association. "Disney's Wide World of Sports has helped Division II in many ways and we are grateful to Disney Sports Attractions for helping us recognize this outstanding talent."

"Involvement in Division II collegiate athletics is something we have emphasized since Disney's Wide World of Sports® Complex opened in 1997," adds Fred Schoeler, sports account manager for Disney Sports Attractions. "The Men's and Women's Tip Off Classic basketball tournaments, which we created along with the Division II Commissioners Association, are two of our top events each fall, while the scholar awards give us the opportunity to annually recognize top student-athletes for their academic and athletic achievements."

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Wolf graduated with a perfect undergraduate cumulative grade point average of 4.0 at Clarion University, earning a degree in molecular biology. A native of South Park, Pa., Wolf has accepted an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship and will attend Ohio State University to major in molecular genetics. A member of the women's diving team, she ended her four-year career as the three-time NCAA II Female Diver of the Year (2007, 2005, 2004) and won an NCAA record seven national championships in eight tries. This past season, Wolf won both the 1- and 3-meter national championships while setting the NCAA 1-meter diving record with 453.75 points. Additionally, ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA named Wolf the 2007 At-Large Academic All-America of the Year.

Klobucher also graduated with a perfect 4.0 GPA, earning his applied biology degree from Ferris State University. A football player, Klobucher helped his squad to an 8-3 overall record, 7-3 in the GLIAC. He led the team in tackles with 92 stops (47 solo) and recorded six tackles for loss. Klobucher finished 26th among Division II statistical leaders in total tackles (9.2 per game) and 31st in solo tackles (4.7 per game). For his career, he ranks seventh among Ferris State's all-time leaders with 389 career tackles in 42 contests and accumulated 20 double-figure single-game tackle performances. In 2006, he was named to the American Football Coaches' Association Division II All-America team and ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team. He also was a National Football Foundation Draddy Trophy Finalist as well as a member of the NFF's inaugural National Honor Society.

Women's regional winners along with Wolf were: Rebecca Brezovec (Wingate); Megan Brown (Florida Southern); Ana Gutierrez (Seattle); Mary Moskal (Lewis); Meggan Roberge (Saint Michael's); Sarah Shearman (Truman State); Jessica Trautwein (Minnesota St. Moorhead).

Joining Klobucher as men's regional winners were: Glen Black (Tusculum); Michael Greenwood (North Dakota); Adam Jensen (Seattle); Morten Jensen (Dowling); Ryan Meredith (Pittsburg State); Patrick Rittenauer (Barry); Chris Robson (Lock Haven).

In addition to the national and regional winners, the Division II Commissioners Association designated the following student-athletes as members of the Commissioners Honor Roll for academic and athletic achievement: Julie Anderson (Mercyhurst College); Audrey Barker (Pfeiffer University); Emily Brister (West Texas A&M); Anna-Lee Clarke (Benedict College); Brett Cook (Somona State); Natalie Dies (University of North Carolina – Pembroke); Tyler Fisher (Southwest Minnesota State University); Brittany Fannesbeck (Chaminade); Rodolfo Gamio (Lincoln); Taryn Haas (West Virginia State University); Keith Heck (Philadelphia University); Jennifer Hollas (St. Edward's); Christopher Horton-Cook (Georgia Southwestern State University); Leora Juster (UC San Diego); Josh Leading Fox (University of Central Oklahoma); Diana Lopez (Adelphi University); Mara McGill (University of South Dakota); Brian Nally (Coker College); Eric Palmer (Tuskegee University); Paul Pentz (University of Pittsburg – Johnstown); Shelby Rance (University of the Sciences in Philadelphia); Matthew Stopp (Assumption College); Andy Tremble (Lewis University); Mark Vallee (Colorado School of Mines); Stacey Vogel (Mesa State College);

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