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## **LEAGUE ANNOUNCES 2011 WHEA ALL-STAR TEAMS AT CHAMPIONSHIP BANQUET** **~ Nine of 12 All-Stars will compete in WHEA Championship this weekend ~**

**Cambridge, Mass.** -- The Women's Hockey East Association announced the league's 2011 All-Star teams on Friday night at the Royal Sonesta Hotel at the annual WHEA Championship Awards Banquet.

Boston College senior forward Kelli Stack (Brooklyn Heights, Ohio), the three-time WHEA Player of the Year, headlined the group of First-Team All-Stars as a unanimous selection, while teammate Molly Schaus (Natick, Mass.) was the First-Team goaltender on the squad. Boston University placed three student-athletes on the First-Team, which included, junior Jenn Wakefield (Pickering, Ont.), freshman Marie-Philip Poulin (Beauceville, Que.) up front and senior Catherine Ward (Montreal, Que.) as the only unanimous selection on defense. Rounding out the team was senior defenseman Courtney Birchard (Mississauga, Ont.) from the University of New Hampshire.

Providence placed two athletes on the Second-Team, which included defenseman Amber Yung (Rockville, Va.) and forward Kate Bacon (Chanhassen, Minn), while Connecticut also earned two spots with junior Alexandra Garcia (Pointe-Claire, Que.) in goal and junior Sami Evelyn (Nepean, Ont.) on the blueline. Jillian Kirchner (Frankfort, Ill.) from Boston University was also honored at the forward position, along with BC junior Mary Restuccia (Chester Springs, Pa.).

The Women's Hockey East Association is an eight-team, Division-I college hockey conference which began play in 2002-2003, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. The league also sponsors an 10 team men's league which began play in 1984-1985.

### **2011 WHEA First-Team All-Stars**

G: Molly Schaus, Boston College (Sr., Natick, Mass.)  
D: Courtney Birchard, New Hampshire (Sr., Mississauga, Ont.)  
D: Catherine Ward, Boston University (Sr., Montreal, Que.) \*  
F: Marie-Philip Poulin, Boston University (Fr., Beauceville, Que.)  
F: Kelli Stack, Boston College (Sr., Brooklyn Heights, Ohio) \*  
F: Jenn Wakefield, Boston University (Jr., Pickering, Ont.)

### **2011 WHEA Second-Team All-Stars**

G: Alexandra Garcia, Connecticut (Jr., Pointe-Claire, Que.)  
D: Sami Evelyn, Connecticut (Jr., Nepean, Ont.)  
D: Amber Yung, Providence (Sr., Rockville, Va.)  
F: Kate Bacon, Providence (Jr., Chanhassen, Minn.)  
F: Jillian Kirchner, Boston University (Sr., Frankfort, Ill.)  
F: Mary Restuccia, Boston College (Jr., Chester Springs, Pa.)

### **2011 WHEA Honorable Mention All-Stars**

G: Genevieve Lacasse, Providence (Jr., Scarborough, Ont.)  
G: Kerrin Sperry, Boston University (Fr., North Reading, Mass.)  
D: Jennifer Friedman, Providence (Jr., San Gabriel, Calif.)  
D: Meagan Mangene, Boston College (Fr., Miller Place, N.Y.)  
D: Tara Watchorn, Boston University (Jr., Newcastle, Ont.)  
F: Jennie Gallo, Maine (Sr., Castlegar, B.C.)  
F: Rachel Llanes, Northeastern (So., San Jose, Calif.)  
F: Danielle Welch, Boston College (Jr., Hastings, Minn.)

\* unanimous selections

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