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84 STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO WHEA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM ~Maine's Pam Patterson earns Top Scholar-Athlete Award~

WAKEFIELD, Mass. – The Women's Hockey East Association is pleased to announce the selection of 81 student-athletes to the 2007-08 All-Academic Team. To qualify for the team, an individual must achieve a grade-point-average of at least 3.0 in each of the two academic periods during which she was actively competing. The University of Vermont, Boston College and Northeastern posted the most honorees to this year's team with 13 apiece, followed by 12 from 2008 Frozen Four participant New Hampshire.

The league also recognized four student athletes as "Distinguished Scholars" for achieving at least a 3.0 GPA in every semester of their Hockey East careers. BC's Lee-J Mirasolo (Wakefield, Mass.), Kim Meagher (Hampden, Maine) from Maine, as well as Martine Garland (Toronto, Ont.) and Diana Saly (Edina, Minn.) of New Hampshire each earned that honor in their senior seasons.

The Top Scholar-Athlete Award (highest GPA for the season) went to Maine senior forward Pam Patterson (Miramichi, N.B.) for the second straight season, after she shared the award with two of her Black Bear teammates in 2006-2007. Patterson is joined on the 2007-08 Academic All-Star team by five student-athletes representing five different league schools, all of whom posted at least a 3.80 GPA or better. The Academic All-Star Team identifies the top GPA's broken down by position.

Boston College (13):

Gabrielle Beaudry
Meghan Fardelmann ***
Colleen Harris
Tracy Johnson **
Lee-J Mirasolo +
Stephanie Olchowski ***
Amanda Rothschild
Molly Schaus **
Kelli Stack *
Maggie Taverna **
Shannon Webster
Lindsay Wright **
Becky Zavisza **

Boston University (7):

Jennifer Arms **
Caroline Bourdeau ***
Gina Kearns
Caitlin Reddy
Sarah Russell ***
Erin Seman **
Nicki Wiart

University of Connecticut (9):

Britney Chandler
Liz Gallinaro **
Christie Houser
Jessica Lutz
Samantha Reid
Kristen Russell
Jody Sydor
Nicole Tritter
Brittany Wilson

University of Maine (11):

Abby Barton **
Jenna Cowan
Danielle Cyr
Madelene Eriksson
Jennie Gallo
Kim Meagher +
Jenna Ouellette **
Pam Patterson ***
(4.0 GPA WHEA Top Scholar-Athlete)
Amy Stech **
Genevieve Turgeon ***
Vanessa Vani **

University of New Hampshire (12):

Leah Craig **
Martine Garland +
Nicole Goguen ***
Kayley Herman
Steph Holmes **
Maggie Joyce ***
Julia Marty
Stefanie Marty
Diana Saly +
Shannon Sisk
Jenn Wakefield
Sadie Wright-Ward

Northeastern University (13):

Katy Applin **
Sydney Arbelbide
Sarah Belliveau ***
Ginny Berg
Ali Bielawski ***
Liz Chapman **
Missy Elumba **
Annie Hogan
Chelsey Jones **
Colleen Sanborn
Cassie Sperry ***
Vanessa Tamchik
Ashley Wiater

Providence College (6):

Katy Beach
Danielle Ciarletta **
Kelli Doolin
Mari Pehkonen **
Alyse Ruff
Brittany Simpson **

University of Vermont (13):

Kristi Anderson **
Caroline Donahue ***
Celeste Doucet
Sarah Ellins
Chelsea Furlani
Kate Lesniak
Jessica Murphy **
Brittany Nelson **
Kristen Olychuck
Karen Sentoff ***
Jackie Thode **
Peggy Wakeham
Frankie Williams **

07-08 WHEA Academic All-Star Team

(Top GPA's by position)
Goaltender: Amanda Rothschild, Boston College (3.95)
Defense: Jenn Arms, Boston University (3.88)
Defense: Katy Applin, Northeastern (3.98)
Forward: Pam Patterson, Maine (4.00)
Forward: Brittany Nelson, Vermont (3.96)
Forward: Nicole Tritter, Connecticut (3.87)

** - two-time honoree

*** - three-time honoree

+ - "Distinguished Scholar"
(has posted a 3.0 or better in each semester over four varsity seasons.)

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