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90 STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED ON LEAGUE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

WAKEFIELD, Mass. - Hockey East is pleased to announce that a league-record 90 student-athletes have been named to the 2008-2009 WHEA All-Academic Team in its seventh season of play, which was announced on Tuesday afternoon. Each student-athlete achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better in each of the two academic periods during which she was actively competing.

Boston College and the University of Maine set the pace academically in the conference this year with 15 honorees apiece, while Northeastern University placed 14 student-athletes on the team. Boston University and Providence College also boasted 11 honorees each.

The league also boasted a record setting eight student-athletes that received "Distinguished Scholar" status. Those earning "Distinguished Scholar" status achieved a 3.0 or better in each semester over four varsity seasons. BC's Meghan Fardelmann (Lansing, Kansas) and Stephanie Olchowski (Greenfield, Mass.) were honored with the distinction, along with Caroline Bourdeau (West Hartford, Conn.) and Sarah Russell (Tewksbury, Mass.) from Boston University. Maine's Genevieve Turgeon (Lac Beauport, Que.) was honored, as well as Northeastern's Ali Bielawski (Needham, Mass.), Missy Elumba (Cottage Grove, Minn.) and Cassie Sperry (Southlake, Texas), who completed the group of "Distinguished Scholars".

Northeastern defenseman Kate Applin (Palmer, Alaska) and Boston University blueliner Jennifer Arms (Chapin, S.C.) both earned 4.0 GPA's on the year to earn Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete honors for the first time in their Hockey East careers.

Boston College (15)

Brie Baskin
Meghan Fardelmann +
Colleen Harris **
Kiera Kingston
Katelyn Kurth
Stephanie Olchowski +
Kristin Regan
Amanda Rothschild **
Molly Schaus ***
Megan Shea
Kelli Stack **
Maggie Taverna ***
Allie Thunstrom
Shannon Webster ***
Becky Zavisza ***

Boston University (11)

Jennifer Arms * 4.00**
(Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete)

Kasey Boucher
Caroline Bourdeau +
Kelley Karnan
Gina Kearns **
Jillian Kirchner
Ashley Leichliter
Caitlin Reddy **
Sarah Russell +
Erin Seman ***
Nicole Wiart **

Connecticut (8)

Michelle Binning
Jaclyn Camardo
Nicole Camardo
Alexandra Garcia
Samantha Reid **
Kristen Russell **
Nicole Tritter **
Brittany Wilson **

Maine (15)

Abby Barton ***
Jessica Bond
Myriam Croussette
Candice Currier
Danielle Cyr **
Melissa Gagnon
Jenny Gallo **
Lexie Hoffmeyer
Ashley Norum
Jenna Ouellette ***
Amy Stech ***
Dawn Sullivan
Elyce Thomas
Genevieve Turgeon +
Vanessa Vani ***

New Hampshire (7)

Courtney Birchard
Kayley Herman **
Micaela Long
Kelly Paton
Brittany Skudder
Angela Taylor **
Jenn Wakefield **

Northeastern (14)

Lori Antflick
Kate Applin * 4.00**
(Hockey East Top-Scholar Athlete)

Ginny Berg **
Lindsay Berman
Ali Bielawski +
Missy Elumba +
Stephanie Gavronsky
Annie Hogan **
Julia Marty
Erin Reil
Cassie Sperry +
Leah Sulyma
Vanessa Tomchik **
Alyssa Wohlfeiler

Providence (11)

Katy Beach **
Danielle Ciarletta ***
Lauren Covell
Christie Jensen
Erin Normore
Mari Pehkonen ***
Arianna Rigano
Alyse Ruff **
Breanna Schwarz
Brittany Simpson ***
Amber Yung

Vermont (9)

Erin Barley-Maloney
Teddy Fortin
Chelsea Furlani **
Melanie Greene **
Molly Morrison
Brittany Nelson ***
Kristen Olychuck **
Chelsea Rapin
Ashley Walenty

HEA ACADEMIC ALL-STAR TEAM

(Top GPA's by position)

G: Amanda Rothschild, BC (3.94)
D: Jennifer Arms, Boston U. (4.00)
D: Kate Applin, Northeastern (4.00)
F: Missy Elumba, Northeastern (3.88)
F: Abby Barton, Maine (3.90)
F: Brittany Nelson, Vermont (3.95)

** (denotes two-time honoree)

*** (denotes three-time honoree)

+ (denotes "Distinguished Scholar, 3.0 GPA in each semester over four varsity seasons)

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