

Graduating Female Athlete

Lehigh Athletics Department Awards

SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – Established in 1980, this award recognizes the top graduating female athlete in the Department of Athletics deemed to have compiled the most distinctive and/or extraordinary athletic record during her Lehigh career. The recipient is to have displayed a high level of character and to have maintained at minimum a satisfactory academic record. Leadership would reflect in one or more of the following: team, athletics department, university, or community.

The winner is selected by the Athletics Department Awards Committee from nominations submitted by coaches.

2008-09 Finalists: (Winner in bold)

Sara MacIntyre (Lacrosse) - One of the most prolific goal scorers in Lehigh and Patriot League history, Sara MacIntyre scored 152 goals during her time in the Brown and White, which ranks fourth best in school history and eighth all-time in PL annals. A three-time All-Patriot League selection, Sara was the 2006 Patriot League Co-Rookie of the Year, a 2007 First-Team All-League selection and a 2008 Second-Team honoree. MacIntyre tied the Lehigh freshman record for goals scored with 47, and her 168 career points rank fourth in school history and are the second most of any active player in the Patriot League.

Sarah Serwo (Track and Field) - Sarah Serwo holds five school records, including the indoor and outdoor 800-meters, which she won the 2008 Patriot League Indoor and Outdoor Championships in. Serwo added another title to her collection by winning the 1,000-meters at the 2009 PL Indoor Championships. A three-time First-Team All-Patriot League selection, Sarah was a 2008 Academic All-American and qualified for the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Championship in the 800. She also qualified for the 2008 Indoor and Outdoor ECAC Championships, and the 2009 Indoor Championships, earning All-East recognition at the '08 outdoor competition after breaking her own school record in the 800.

Lisa Sweeney (Softball) - Arguably the greatest softball player Lehigh has ever seen, Lisa Sweeney will go down as the school's most dominating pitcher and one of its most feared hitters. Sweeney was the Patriot League Pitcher of the Year all four seasons of her career and the 2008 Player of the Year, becoming the first player to ever capture both honors in the same season. Sweeney garnered First-Team All-League and All-Region accolades in each of her four seasons and was named the 2008 ECAC Player of the Year. A 2008 Academic All-American, Lisa was named a preseason All-American by ESPN.com prior to her senior season. Sweeney established either Patriot League or Lehigh records in single season strikeouts, wins, and home runs and career marks in strikeouts, wins, and home runs.

Previous Finalists and Recipients:

2008	Kate Marvel (Softball) , Michaela Pawlewicz (Soccer), Christy Smith (Field Hockey/Lacrosse)	1995	Liz Brode, Field Hockey/Lacrosse Nina Rems, Field Hockey/Softball
2007	Gina Lewandowski (Soccer) , Betsy Balaguer (Swimming), Jen Schappert (Cross Country/Track and Field)	1994	*Meri Wall, Softball
2006	Jenny Callan (Basketball), Linda Hendrixson (Swimming), Mary Wieder (Softball)	1993	Amy Earley, Field Hockey
2005	Jessica DePalo (Basketball), Erin Iwaskiewicz (Soccer), Emily Ling (Softball)	1992	Anne Weitzman, Lacrosse
2004	Blaire Goodwin (Field Hockey), Kristen Nowicki (Tennis), Jeannette Singleton (Volleyball), Shana Treon (Softball)	1991	Susan Jindra, Track
2003	Justina Barone, Track & Field	1990	*Sherie Androlewicz, Basketball
2002	Lauren Ayres, Swimming & Diving	1989	*Gail Jacobs, Swimming
2001	Katie Spain, Track & Field	1988	*Carla Juliani, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
2000	Tara Stine, Softball	1987	Cheryl Miller, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
1999	Kimberly Freedman, Volleyball	1986	Cathy M. Engelebert, Basketball
1998	Patty Godwin, Softball	1985	Karyn Yost, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
1997	Karen Schaefer, Softball	1984	Christina C. McDonie, Swimming & Diving
1996	Kim Miller, Softball	1983	Brenda J. Sirois, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
		1982	Susan J. Schlicht, Swimming & Diving
		1981	Kimberly Powell, Field Hockey
		1980	Karen Lelinski, Basketball/Softball/Field Hockey

(*Lehigh Hall of Fame Inductee)