

Mary O. Hurley Award

Lehigh Athletics Department Awards

MARY O. HURLEY AWARD – *Named in honor of counselor Mary O. Hurley by her daughter Ruth Hurley, former Associate Dean of Students.*

This is the top department leadership award for a graduating female athlete who best represents the Lehigh traditions of leadership, character, athleticism, scholarship, service, sportsmanship, a team attitude and passion for sports.

The winner is selected by the Athletics Department Awards Committee from nominations submitted by a Lehigh Intercollegiate team with the head coach's approval.

2008-09 Finalists: (Winner in bold)

Tess McGrath (Lacrosse) – A two-time captain of the Women's Lacrosse program, Tess McGrath has been a Student-Athlete Mentor (SAM) for the last three years and also participated in the Leadership Legacies during the 2008-09 academic year. Tess served as a Peer Mentor for the last three years and is a multi-year member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. On the field, Tess is a 2009 All-Patriot League selection as she helped lead the Mountain Hawks to their most victories since 1996.

Claire Sullivan (Basketball) - Described by her coach as one of the best leaders to ever don the Brown and White, Claire Sullivan has left quite an impression at Lehigh, both on and off the basketball court. Claire has been a captain of the Women's Basketball program for the last three years, and she participated in the Leadership Legacies during the 2008-09 academic year. A member of the Dean's List every semester at Lehigh and a multi-year member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, Claire has participated in numerous C.O.A.C.H. events during her time at Lehigh and is a Presidential Scholar. The winner of the prestigious 1904 Scholarship Award, Claire is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor's Fraternity and won the 2008 Women's Basketball Scholar Athlete Award.

Lisa Sweeney (Softball) - Lisa Sweeney has made as big an impact at Lehigh with her leadership abilities as she has with her athletic talents. Sweeney has served on the Student-Athlete Council, and the Student-Athlete Executive Council since 2007, and has participated in Lehigh's award-winning C.O.A.C.H. program since 2006, serving as the Co-Chair for two years. Sweeney also served as an intern in the John A. Cable Center for Athletics Leadership this academic year, while also participating in the Naval Academy Leadership Conference.

Previous Finalists and Recipients:

	1991	Caroline Kurz, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
2008	Terry Mongan (Field Hockey/Swimming), Christine Porcaro (Rowing), Emily Roth (Track and Field)	1990 Kim Brower, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
	1989	Ann Cavanaugh, Softball
2007	Betsy Balaguer (Swimming), Mel Lepko (Field Hockey), Julie Sterrett (Softball)	1988 Liz Hamilton, Lacrosse
	1987	*Gail Jacobs, Swimming
2006	Jenny Callan (Basketball), Linda Hendrixson (Swimming), Eileen Miller (Lacrosse)	1986 Mary Weiner, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
	1985	Susan Coursen, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
2005	Jessica DePalo (Basketball), Erin Iwaskiewicz (Soccer), Kelly Kliewer (Softball)	1984 Kathleen Zeberlein, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
	1983	Diane Villwock, Field Hockey
2004	Jill Kober (Volleyball), Linsey Kokal (Swimming & Diving), Rebecca Morley (Lacrosse)	1982 Michele Ruth, Field Hockey/ Lacrosse, Swimming
	1981	Bonnie Lewis, Field Hockey/Lacrosse
2003	Stephanie Digneo, Softball	Elise Braceras, Tennis
2002	Cindy Tindall, Field Hockey	1980 Karen Lelinski, Basketball/Softball/Field Hockey
2001	Bonnie Hoffman, Softball	1979 *Nancy Barrett-Krieder, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Basketball
2000	Traci Rickert, Swimming & Diving	
1999	Molly Burckhardt, Lacrosse	1978 Lori Collmann
1998	Jessica Schmidt, Lacrosse	1977 Kathleen Benusa, Volleyball, Basketball, Lacrosse
1997	Cheryl Dede, Swimming/Field Hockey	1976 Lori Collmann
1996	Kathy Kotula, Softball	1975 Judith Manns-Kirkwood
1995	Christie Berta, Field Hockey/Softball	1974 Toni Connell
1994	Daryl Smith, Swimming	1973 Lois Biamon-Sunflower
1993	Mary Oliverie, Softball	
1992	Laura Leigh-Manuell, Field Hockey/Lacrosse	(*Lehigh Hall of Fame Inductee)