

# J. Daniel Nolan Award

## Lehigh Athletics Department Awards

**J. DANIEL NOLAN AWARD** - Established in 1961, in honor of a former Lehigh All-American quarterback, three sport athlete and Hall of Fame member Dan Nolan '57. The honoree is an outstanding male athlete enrolled in his first year who has displayed a high level of character and to have maintained at minimum a satisfactory academic record. He is selected by the Athletics Department Awards Committee from nominations submitted by coaches.

### 2008-09 Finalists: (Winner in bold)

**Cory Kent (Baseball)** - Cory Kent played a prominent role for the Lehigh Baseball team this season, leading the Mountain Hawk pitchers in wins, relief appearances, and games finished. Cory has thrown over 40 innings in 2009, striking out 24 and earning four wins during that time. He also saved one game, while posting an earned run average of 3.76. Cory threw a season-best five innings in a win over Bucknell, and he earned his first collegiate victory following an 8-7 win over Maryland-Eastern Shore.

**Joe Kennedy (Wrestling)** - The only true freshman to start for Lehigh this season, Joe Kennedy finished the 2008-09 year with a record of 20-12, including a mark of 15-8 in dual matches. The Mountain Hawks starter at 197 pounds, Kennedy had his season cut short due to injury, but not before spending the majority of it in the top-20 national rankings for a Lehigh team that won a program record 23 dual matches. Kennedy clinched Lehigh's win over No. 24 Kent State with a 3-1 sudden victory win, and he placed sixth at the highly competitive Las Vegas Duals where he faced several of the nation's top grapplers. Kennedy ended his first season in the Brown and White with nine bonus wins, including three pins and six major decisions.

**Cameron Lao-Gosney (Lacrosse)** - One of the top freshmen in the Patriot League, Cameron Lao-Gosney was a major piece of the Mountain Hawks offense in 2009, finishing third on the team in points and goals with 24 and 18, respectively. A native of Maine, Lao-Gosney earned Patriot League Rookie of the Week accolades on March 23 after playing a large role in a pair of road victories over nationally ranked foes the week prior. Cameron scored eight points for the week, including a season-best five goals versus Army. Lao-Gosney netted the game-winner in overtime in that victory over the Black Knights, and then found the back of the net twice to go along with an assist in the Mountain Hawks win against St. John's. Lao-Gosney also received national attention this season, as *Inside Lacrosse* named him one of the nation's top-20 freshmen in early April.

### Previous Finalists and Recipients:

2008	<b>Rob Keefer (Basketball)</b> , Dan McClimon (Cross Country/Track and Field), Jon Stumpf (Lacrosse)	1986	Lee Blum, Football
2007	David Craig (Wrestling), <b>Marquis Hall (Basketball)</b> , Jesse Schram (Soccer), Steve Suarez (Golf)	1985	*Daren Queenan, Basketball
2006	<b>Jason Leo (Football)</b> , Scott Robinson (Track and Field), Daniel Johnson (Swimming)	1984	*Michael Polaha, Basketball
2005	<b>Joe Ecolano (Baseball)</b> , Jon Kearney (Swimming), Joe Matteo (Baseball)	1983	*Marty Horn, Football
2004	Matt McBride (Baseball), <b>Jose Olivero (Basketball)</b> , Victor Vientos (Cross Country/Track & Field)	1982	Peter D' Agostino, Baseball
2003	John Zaszewski, Baseball	1981	Kevin Remley, Soccer
2002	Jack Muscalus, Baseball	1980	Rich Santoro, Wrestling
2001	Doug Cusick, Soccer	1979	James Reilly, Wrestling
2000	Alex L'Heureux, Cross Country, Track & Field	1977	*Darryl Burley, Wrestling
1999	Rick Golebiewski, Swimming & Diving	1977	Bruce Rarig, Football
1998	Ryan Bernholz, Wrestling	1977	Michael Brown, Wrestling
1997	Ian Eason, Football	1976	*Bill Griffin, Basketball
1996	Chris Scheier, Swimming & Diving	1975	*Mark Lieberman, Wrestling
1995	Jason Ellis, Track & Field	1974	Stellan Thoren, Track & Field
1994	Bill Closson, Wrestling	1973	*Michael Frick, Wrestling
1993	Jeff Cline, Swimming & Diving	1972	Wayne Rogers, Track & Field
1992	Rick Hepp, Wrestling	1971	Richard Dempsey, Football/Baseball
1991	Cleveland McCray, Track & Field	1970	Robert Planker
1990	Jeff Bannick, Swimming & Diving	1969	Robert Stine, Swimming & Diving
1989	Andrew S. Jones, Swimming & Diving	1968	Robert Detrick, Track & Field/Cross Country
1988	Matt Ruppel, Wrestling	1967	Corey Wolford, Football/Lacrosse
1987	Scott Layer, Basketball	1966	Francis Paquin, Basketball/Wrestling
		1965	Jon Rushatz, Wrestling
		1964	Donn Viola, Football/Baseball
		1963	Richard Smith, Football/Track & Field
		1962	Joseph Walton, Football/Track & Field
		1961	Frank Rushong Jr., Baseball/Football

(\*Lehigh Hall of Fame inductee)