

Graduating Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Lehigh Athletics Department Awards

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR – *Established in 1994 as the highest honor that can be received by a Lehigh student-athlete, this award goes to the individual graduating who epitomizes the ideals of a true scholar-athlete: exceptional academic achievement, outstanding athletic performance, and exemplary character.*

The winners are selected by the Athletics Department Awards Committee from nominations submitted by coaches.

2008-09 Finalists: (Winner in bold)

Dan Johnson (Swimming) - Dan Johnson is a three-time All-Patriot League selection and two-time Patriot League Men's Swimming and Diving Scholar Athlete of the Year. Dan earned First-Team All-League honors in 2007, 2008, and 2009, and stood on the podium as the 2008 PL Champion in the 200 Freestyle. A school record holder in four events, Johnson has his name etched atop Lehigh annals in the 50, 100, 200 freestyle and 400 free relay. Johnson maintains a 3.51 GPA as a mechanical engineering major and has made multiple appearances on the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and the Dean's List.

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. In the classroom, Serwo maintains a grade point average of 3.49 as an accounting major and is a multi-year member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and the Dean's List.

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. A multi-year member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and the Dean's List, Sweeney carries a 3.79 grade point average and is a three-time Academic All-District selection.**

Previous Finalists and Recipients:

2008 Kate Marvel (Softball), John Reese (Football), **Christy Smith (Field Hockey/Lacrosse)**
2007 Gina Lewandowski (Soccer), **Jen Schappert (Cross Country/Track and Field)**, Tom Gilbert (Swimming)
2006 Jenny Callan (Basketball), **Travis Frick (Wrestling)**, Mary Wieder (Softball)
2005 Jessica DePalo (Basketball), **Erin Iwaskiewicz (Soccer)**, Lavar Pope (Track & Field)
2004 **Brad Dillon (Wrestling)**, Tom McGeoy (Football), Shana Treon (Softball)
2003 Anne Tierney, Basketball
2002 Rob Rohn, Wrestling
2001 Bonnie Hoffman, Softball
2000 Danielle Baldwin, Basketball
1999 Nick Martucci, Football
1998 Elizabeth Brodbeck, Lacrosse
1997 Amanda Wessner, Softball
1996 *Jill Altshuler, Lacrosse, Jeff Cline, Swimming & Diving
1995 Karen Kascinski, Softball, Jason Mack, Football
1994 Gretchen Repasky, Cross Country
(*Lehigh Hall of Fame Inductee)