

Philip J. Sclar Award

Lehigh Athletics Department Awards

PHILIP J. SCLAR AWARD – *Established in 2002 in honor of the late Philip J. Sclar, the award is given to an underclassman student-worker or manager that, in the eyes of the Athletics Department, exemplifies the spirit and character of Philip J. Sclar.*

The honoree is dedicated and loyal to his or her team, and always gives the best effort possible behind the scenes in helping the team function, as Phil did with so many teams for so many years.

The award bears a monetary gift that shall be used for academic purposes in the following year. The award is selected by the Athletics Department Awards Committee from nominations submitted by administrators or coaches.

2008-09 Finalists (Winner in bold):

Brian Monetti (Track and Field) - Forced to stop competing due to injury, Brian Monetti still wanted to be involved with the track and field program, and so he shifted into a hybrid manager/student-coach role. Brian has worked extensively with the Mountain Hawks' hurdlers this year, and the coaching staff credits the team's performance in that event versus archrival Lafayette in large part due to his efforts. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Brian has not shied away from performing any task he has been assigned, including setting up equipment for practice or assisting with team travel.

Matt Pettit (Men's Basketball) - Matt Pettit became a mainstay at basketball practices and games this season, providing statistical support at practices, while also filming nearly every practice and game. As the season wore on Matt took on more of a leadership role among his fellow managers, despite being just a freshman. Matt also helped assist the program's coaches with travel coordination and other organizational duties at practice and for home games.

Will Si (Swimming and Diving) - Described by Lehigh's head coach as a savior for the swimming and diving program, Will Si single-handedly figured out the Mountain Hawks timing system, which has allowed them to run their home meets much smoother and more professionally. Coaches from opposing schools have complimented Will's work and he is now the sole operator of Lehigh's ARES system, used for timing. Along with his meet duties, Will also assists the Lehigh coaches with organizing statistics and results, and is continually searching for potential problems before they occur.

Previous Winners:

- 2008 Kaitlin Schramm, Wrestling
- 2007 Allison Campofranco, Men's Soccer
- 2006 Amanda Bergman, Men's Basketball
- 2005 Todd Simkins, Women's Basketball
- 2004 Christelle Berger, Wrestling
- 2003 Wendy Deacon, Wrestling
- 2002 Justin Metz, Baseball/Sports Information