

Lehigh Athletics Sportsmanship Award

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LEHIGH ATHLETICS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD – *Established in 2005, this award recognizes the top graduating student-athlete (male or female) in the Department of Athletics who demonstrates consistently ethical conduct, fair play, and good sporting behavior in his/her daily participation in intercollegiate athletics and has demonstrated good citizenship outside of the competitive sports setting.*

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)

Geoff Campbell (Baseball) - Geoff Campbell epitomizes what it means to play the game of baseball the right way. Geoff never argues with umpires as evidenced by his reaction to a play earlier this season in which he clearly beat a throw to first base, but was called out; Geoff simply ran back to the dugout without making a single complaint. Other coaches within the Patriot League have commented on what a class act Geoff is, and the entire Lehigh coaching staff and team agree that Campbell is the type of person everyone wants to be around due to his high level of character.

Ashley Pritchard (Rowing) - One who always encourages her teammates, Ashley Pritchard continually puts the best interest of her team in front of her own. Earlier this academic year, Ashley lost her seat in one of Lehigh's boat and in turn, wrote a congratulatory note to the teammate that had beaten her out. Despite not being a captain, Ashley holds her teammates accountable for their actions, and is a consistent uplifting presence for her teammates and coaches alike. An extremely altruistic individual, Ashley genuinely cares about the welfare of the Mountain Hawks team and is always willing to do whatever she can to benefit the entire program, without hesitation.

Melissa Rich (Basketball) - Melissa Rich constantly showed a tremendous amount of caring and concern for her opponents, sometimes to the point of being too nice. Following a foul, Melissa would be the first one to come over to a competitor and help them to their feet, while also checking to see if they were ok. During her senior season, Melissa saw her minutes reduced from years past, but that did not affect the way she mentored her younger teammates, or offered tips to the rest of the team. Melissa is highly regarded by the Mountain Hawks coaching staff as a great leader, both on and off the floor.

Previous Finalists (Winner in Bold):

2008 Christine Porcaro (Rowing), Sedale Threatt (Football), **Bryan White (Basketball)**
2007 **Robby Walsh (Lacrosse)**, Heather Hamasaki (Softball), Jim Morahan (Soccer)
2006 Greg Bosch (Track and Field), **Joe Knight (Basketball)**, Tom Weiss (Lacrosse)
2005 **Ty Esler (Tennis)**, Pat Ryan (Swimming & Diving), Shannon Trexler (Soccer)