

## A Big THANK YOU!!

To all of our alumnae who attended our Alumnae Day vs. Holy Cross:



**Front Row:** Natalie Green '08, Adrienne Blount '07, Sara Ellis '07, Jessica DePalo '05, Emily Geosits '07, Chantal St. Laurent '05, Kaela Pearce '08

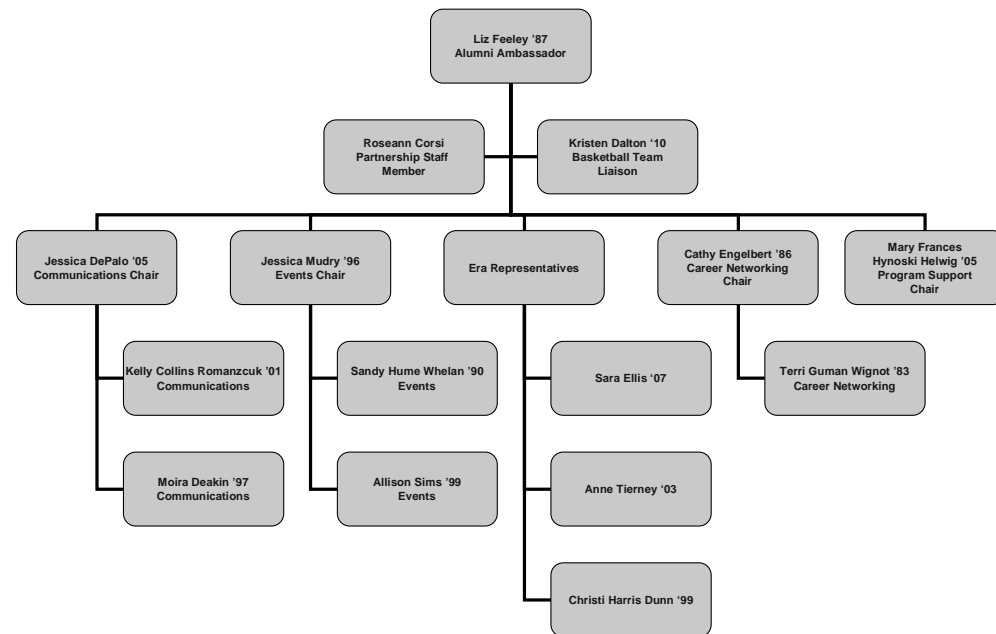
**Back Row:** Bridget Eripret (former coach), Mary Frances Hynoski-Helwig '05, Anne Tierney '03, Sue Troyan, Carli Toliver '04, Cat Nicholson '03, Moira Deakin '97, Bridget Deakin '95

**Not Shown but in attendance:** Liz Feeley '87, Marybeth Collins '98, Christi Harris-Dunn '99, Maureen Trigo DeRing '00, Amy Thomson-Moses '00, Kelly Collins Romanczuk '00, Sara Hessel '01, Dawn Gorynski '06, Lindsay Davis (former coach), Todd Simkins (former manager)

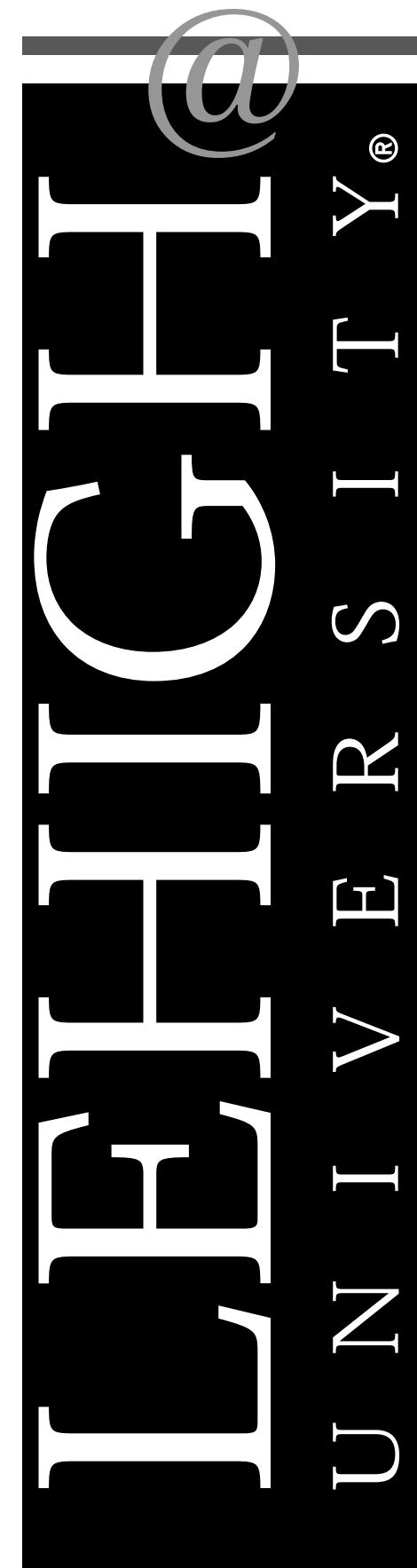
### Women's Basketball Partnership Update:

In addition to the excitement of a championship run, a collaborative effort helped launch an exciting new initiative for Women's Basketball Alumnae! The Lehigh Women's Basketball Partnership was created to serve alumnae and help them get **CONNECTED**, stay **ENGAGED**, and be **INVOLVED** with each other, the current program and our institution! The early stages of this new initiative have proven to be a winner!

#### Lehigh Women's Basketball Partnership



# Women's Basketball



## Message from Coach Troyan

April 2009

Dear Alumnae and Friends of Lehigh Basketball,

Wow!! What a year it has been for the Lehigh women's basketball program. We set the bar high this fall with some very lofty goals for our program, and as the season progressed, we seemed to check off each goal from our "bucket list". It was truly one of those memorable seasons with a very special group of young women who were willing to sacrifice personal accolades and goals for the good of the team. The first word that comes to mind when thinking of this group and all that they accomplished is "unselfish". We were led by an exceptional senior class who epitomized this philosophy in all of their actions and all of their leadership. As they would often say, "if this is going to lead to a championship and a ring, I'm all in." And all in they were!

Our seniors played a critical role in our team's success this year setting the standard in everything they did on the court, in the classroom, and in our community. They are a special group of young women who have laid the foundation for the future of this program. Claire Sullivan is the only senior who will be departing Lehigh next year as she embarks on a two year stint in Hawaii with the prestigious Teach for America program. Melissa Rich, Halston Crites, and Courtney Molinaro will all return to Lehigh next fall while attending graduate school and working towards their masters degrees. We are very fortunate that Ryan Ingalls and Tricia Smith have decided to stay at Lehigh and utilize their 5th year of eligibility while playing for the program.

Special seasons like this one only occur with the help of many people, and I want to thank our many alumnae and friends of the program for all of your support throughout the season. Your emails, your notes, your financial support, the calls, the words of encouragement and support, your attendance at our alumnae game, your attendance at games, attending dinners, watching the games on television, and attending championship games and NCAA tournament games. All of it means so much, and while you think it may be insignificant, our players were so thankful to hear from you throughout the season. It made their experience feel like they were a part of something much greater than themselves; they felt a part of the basketball family that includes our past alumnae, and in a very real sense they were playing for all of you.

As we are faced with challenging economic times across our nation, we are also feeling economic pressures on our campus and within our basketball program. Financial resources are essential to the athletic experience we are able to provide our players and it weighs into the success equation as well. We got a taste of success this season and our players are hungry for more. Our goal for next year is to be better than we were this year. But, to do this, we will need your help. Please consider contributing to our program by means of the Athletics Partnership. A pledge card is enclosed for your convenience. Your contributions give us the competitive edge we need to keep our program where we all want it to be.

We talk to our team frequently about the fact that this championship represents an accomplishment far beyond this team. It represents the efforts and work that all of our alumnae, who wore the Lehigh jersey, put into our program and what all of you continue to provide. You played such an important role in helping this season come to fruition. Please know we are all very grateful for all you have done, and all you will continue to do, to support Lehigh Basketball.

Thanks for all you do,

Sue

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

## CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECAP

Stabler Arena – March 11

Lehigh 64 Lafayette 56

### Lehigh's Bucket List of Team Accomplishments

Christmas City Classic Champions

Undefeated Season at Home at 17-0

Patriot League Regular Season Champions

Setting New School Record for wins in a Season with a 26-7 record

Patriot League Tournament Champions

NCAA Tournament Bid and #15 Seed in Tournament

Lehigh defended its home court for the 17th time by defeating archrival Lafayette and winning the school's second Patriot League Championship. Junior Alex Ross scored 21 points, including 20 in the first half, and Lehigh's defense held Lafayette to just two points in the final three minutes as the Mountain Hawks downed the archrival Leopards, 64-56.

The Leopards took possession of the ball with a chance to take the lead with just more than two minutes remaining. Lehigh watched a double-digit lead dwindle to just one and the Lafayette faithful rose to their feet in anticipation. LaKeisha Wright took the ball in the paint, guarded by Tricia Smith, when Haly Crites doubled down on Wright and forced a travel. Smith came back down the other end and drove to the hole for a clutch layup to give Lehigh a 57-54 lead.

On the next possession Erica Prosser found Emily Gratch for a layup, putting Lehigh up 59-54 with just more than a minute left. Gratch sealed the ball-game on defense less than 30 seconds later by causing a held ball to give the Mountain Hawks possession back with less than 60 seconds to play.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the energetic crowd of 2,339 fans at Stabler Arena cheered in jubilation as Lehigh celebrated its second league title in school history.



## INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ALL PATRIOT LEAGUE FIRST TEAM  
ERICA PROSSER

ALL PATRIOT LEAGUE SECOND TEAM  
ALEX ROSS

ALL PATRIOT LEAGUE ROOKIE TEAM  
ALEXA WILLIAMS

PATRIOT LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
ERICA PROSSER

PATRIOT LEAGUE COACH OF THE YEAR  
SUE TROYAN

PATRIOT LEAGUE ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM  
MELISSA RICH  
ERICA PROSSER

PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT MVP  
ALEX ROSS

## BEST IN ALL THE LAND

Lehigh finished the season ranked in the top 50 nationally in multiple categories both as a team and individually

Category	Stat	Rank
Scoring defense	56.3	40
Scoring margin	11.6	32
Field Goal pct.	43.2	38
3 pt FG pct.	35.3	37
FG pct. Defense	36.1	24
Won/lost pct	81.3	17
Assists per game	14.6	49
3-pt FG per game (Ross)	3.1	4
3-pt FG pct (Ross)	43.1	9
Assist/TO ratio (Sullivan)	1.94	19
Free Throw pct. (Prosser)	84.4	30