

Graduating Male Athlete

Lehigh Athletics Department Awards

SENIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - Established in 1979, this award recognizes the top graduating male athlete in the Department of Athletics deemed to have compiled the most distinctive and/or extraordinary athletic record during his Lehigh career. The recipient is to have displayed a high level of character and to have maintained at minimum a satisfactory academic record.

The winner is selected by the Athletics Department Awards Committee from nominations submitted by coaches.

2008-09 Finalists: (Winner in bold)

Trevor Chinn (Wrestling) - A fierce competitor on the mat, Trevor Chinn completed his Lehigh career with 91 victories, including a team-leading 29 in 2008 and 30 in 2009. A 2006 EIWA Finalist, Trevor qualified for the NCAA Championships in 2006, 2008, and 2009, and was a placewinner at the Eastern Championships in those same years, topping out with a second-place finish in 2006. Trevor served as captain of the Mountain Hawks program for the historic 2008-09 season and was the lone senior starter for a Lehigh squad that won a school record 23 matches.

Tim Diamond (Football) - A two-time First-Team All-Patriot League selection, Tim Diamond will go down as one of the top linebackers to ever play at Lehigh. Tim received All-America distinction in 2007 and 2008, leading the Mountain Hawks in tackles in both seasons and leading the Patriot League in tackles as a senior. The first Lehigh player since 1996 and 1997 to post back-to-back 100-tackle seasons, Diamond earned National Defensive Player of the Week honors from two separate outlets in October of 2007 after totaling a career-high 22 stops in a win over Harvard. Diamond is just the fourth student-athlete in Lehigh Football history to earn a pair of Archibald Johnston Cups, as the team MVP.

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.

Previous Finalists and Recipients:

2008 Joe Ercolano (Baseball), Kyle Manning (Track and Field), **John Reese (Football)**
2007 Joe Verdi (Soccer), Jose Olivero (Basketball), **John O'Reilly (Soccer)**
2006 Jeff King (Men's Lacrosse), Vaclav Malek (Track and Field), **Troy Letters (Wrestling)**, Adam Williamson (Men's Soccer)
2005 Tom Alfsen (Football), Jack Muscalus (Baseball), **Jon Trengue (Wrestling)**
2004 Brad Dillon (Wrestling), Jesse Novalis (Baseball), **Austen Rowland (Basketball)**, Francis Vincent (Track & Field)
2003 Bing Padmasankha, Swimming and Diving
2002 Rob Rohn, Wrestling
2001 Dave Esposito, Wrestling
2000 Ian Eason, Football
1999 Nick Martucci, Football
1997 Bill Closson, Wrestling
1996 Ben Talbott, Football/Baseball
1995 Brian Klingerman, Football
1995 Rick Hepp, Wrestling

1994 Dave Cecchini, Football
1993 Hassan Young, Track
1992 Bob Krizansky, Basketball
1991 Keith Petzold, Football
1990 Scott Layer, Basketball
1989 *Chris Cameron, Soccer/Lacrosse
1988 *Daren Queenan, Basketball
1987 *Peter B. Yozzo, Wrestling
1986 Paul E. Diekel, Wrestling
1985 Jeffrey A. Onorato, Baseball
1984 *John M. Shigo, Football
1983 *Darryl A. Burley, Wrestling
1982 *Colin J. Kilrain, Wrestling
1980 *James McCormick, Football
1979 *Mark Lieberman, Wrestling
(*Lehigh Hall of Fame Inductee)