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Snyder, Sumner Named PAC SAAC Scholar-Athletes of the Month for April, 2008

WEXFORD, Pa. - The Presidents' Athletic Conference has named **Leah Snyder (Toronto, Ohio/Edison South H.S.)** of Thiel College and **Derek Sumner (New Castle, Pa./Neshannock H.S.)** of Geneva College as its PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Scholar-Athletes of the Month, for April 2008.

Snyder, a senior outfielder for the Tomcat softball team, was named to the 2008 All-PAC First Team after being named to the second team in 2007. The two-time team captain helped lead Thiel to an 11-20 overall mark, the most wins since 2004. She also helped guide the Tomcats to five conference wins, the most since 2003, and led the team with 14 runs scored. Snyder maintained a 3.72 grade-point average (GPA) and graduated May 3 as an English/secondary education major with a minor in psychology and was named to the Dean's List seven times.

Sumner, a junior pitcher on the Golden Tornado baseball team, broke the school record for strikeouts in a season with 78 in less than 70 innings of work. He finished the regular season with a 6-3 record. In the classroom, Moran carries a 3.48 GPA as an elementary and special education major. Sumner has traveled to Mexico the past two summers on mission trips, helping to build churches. This summer Sumner will join Athletes in Action in Alaska to participate in the highly competitive wooden bat league, while ministering to kids across the country.

Other female nominees include Bethany track & field athlete **Chantal Stettinius**, Geneva track & field athlete **Tiffany Bear**, and Grove City softball player **Amy Fisher**. Other male nominees include Bethany baseball player **Anthony Talotta**, Grove City track & field athlete **Dan Spaulding**, and Thiel baseball player **Chris Dunham**.

Each month, SAAC members from each PAC institution are eligible to nominate two junior or senior varsity student athletes (one male, one female) from their school. All PAC Scholar-Athlete nominations must be in season, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be actively involved in their campus community.

Founded in 1955, the Presidents' Athletic Conference continues its mission of promoting intercollegiate athletics and the pursuit of academic excellence. Consisting of 10 select private institutions in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky, the PAC remains a unique organization in this day of high pressure intercollegiate athletics. With academics at the center of each member's philosophy, the PAC is built on the principle that an athletic program is a part of college life, but not an entity in itself.

The PAC annually crowns champions in 19 sports (10 men, nine women). In 2006-07, the conference had 24 teams represent the conference in postseason play, including 14 in NCAA championship events.

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