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Penn's Katy Cross & Waynesburg's Jackie Sassaman Head
2004 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Soccer Team

WALTHAM, Mass. – Senior forward Katy Cross of the University of Pennsylvania and senior midfielder Jackie Sassaman of Waynesburg College (Pa.) head the 2004 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® Women's Soccer Team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Cross, a four-time selection as first-team All-Ivy League, was named as the Academic All-America of the Year for the university division. The Ivy League Player of the Year as a sophomore, the Claremont, Calif. resident is a two-time All-America. She set school records for career goals (50), career assists (25) and career points (125). This season, Cross was the second-leading scorer in the Ivy League with 12 goals and seven assists. She is a Psychology major with a 3.95 GPA.

Sassaman, one of nine first team honorees with a perfect 4.00 GPA for their collegiate careers, was named the Academic All-America of the Year in the college division. A four-year starter who was named to the All-Presidents' Athletic Conference first-team, the Stowe, Pa. resident led her team and conference in scoring with 10 goals and 11 assists for 32 points. Sassaman is a Chemistry/Pre-Dental major at Waynesburg.

The other first-team selections who have 4.00 GPAs are Chelsea Agar of LSU (Kinesiology), Holly Azevado of Arizona State (Communications), Heather Clark of Texas-El Paso (Education), Ashley Swineheart of Miami (Ohio) (Speech Communication), Libby Willrich of Drake (International Business), Sarah St. Clair of West Virginia Wesleyan (Nursing/Pre-Med), Denise Fliesser of Tusculum (Physical Education) and Missy Swindel of Indiana (Pa.) (History/Pre-Law). With the exception of Fliesser, a junior, all are seniors.

There were ten other student-athletes who have perfect 4.0 GPAs or better who were named to either the second or third teams.

Incredibly, the average GPA for the 22 first-team selections is 3.91, with 18 of the 22 sporting grade point averages of 3.85 or better.

The University Division first team includes two repeat selections, Cross and Mississippi senior midfielder Lindley Beckman.

Six of the first-team selections led their teams to NCAA tournament berths this fall: Swindel, Erika Bohn of Notre Dame, Karen Kotofski of Frostburg State, Sarah Wall of Ohio Wesleyan, Liz Hopkins of Chapman and Jennifer Hull of Seattle Pacific.

The Academic All-America Teams program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom. Individuals are selected through voting by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America; a 2,000-member organization consisted of sports public relations professionals for colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.20 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director. Since the program's inception in 1952, CoSIDA has bestowed Academic All-America honors on more than 14,000 student-athletes in Division I, II, III and NAIA covering all NCAA championship sports.

For more information about the Academic All-America Teams program, please visit www.cosida.com or email rlipe@bentley.edu.

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First Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
F	Katy Cross *	Pennsylvania	Sr.	Claremont, Cal.	3.95, Psychology
F	Ashley Swinehart %	Miami University (Ohio)	Sr.	Worthington, Ohio	4.00, Speech Communication
F	Kelly Wilson	Texas	Sr.	Odessa, Tex.	3.86, Kinesiology
MF	Chelsea Agar %	Louisiana St.	Sr.	Courtenay, B.C.	4.00, Biochemistry
MF	Karen Bauer %	Missouri	Sr.	Geneva, Ill.	3.90, Biology
MF	Lindley Beckman *	Mississippi	Sr.	Anchorage, Ky.	3.96, Political Science
D	Holly Azevedo	Arizona State	Sr.	Folsom, Cal.	4.00, Communications
D	Heather Clark	Texas El Paso	Sr.	Alamogordo, N.M.	4.00, Education
D	Clare Rustad	Washington	Sr.	Saltspring Isl., B.C.	3.98, Biology
D	Libby Willrich	Drake	Sr.	Grimes, Iowa	4.00, International Business
GK	Erika Bohn	Notre Dame	Jr.	Brookfield, Conn.	3.63, Art Studio

Second Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
F	Melanie Kasperek	Rhode Island	Jr.	Trumbull, Conn.	3.97, Psychology
F	Jamie Perry	Saint Louis	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.90, Marketing
F	Caroline Smith	Kansas	Jr.	Edina, Minn.	3.88, Biology/Psychology
MF	Courtney Baines	Central Florida	Jr.	Indialantic, Fla.	3.90, Exceptional Educ.
MF	Annie Schefter	Notre Dame	Jr.	Yakima, Wash.	3.73, Pre-Professional Science
MF	Kristin Underwood	Drake	Jr.	Topeka, Kan.	4.00, Advertising
D	Jennifer Cross	SE Missouri	Sr.	Wildwood, Mo.	4.00, Special Education
D	Brooke Hartman	No. Dakota St.	Sr.	Victoria, Minn.	3.98, Pharmacy
D	Gillian Hatch	Virginia	Sr.	Whitefish Bay, Wis.	3.80, Psychology
D	Briana McCarty	Alabama-Birm.	Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga.	3.93, Psychology
GK	Vanessa Phillips-Bosshart	Tennessee	Jr.	Vernon, Conn.	3.81, Exercise Science

Third Team

Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
F	Amy Cochran	Vermont	So.	Keene, N.H.	4.00, Physics
F	Jen Parsons	Va. Common.	Sr.	Portugal Cove, N.F.	3.63, Forensic Sciences
F	Christine Sinclair	Portland	Jr.	Burnaby, B.C.	3.68, Life Science
MF	Kayla Lockaby	Tennessee	Sr.	Hamilton, Ohio	3.40, Marketing
MF	Joelle Sugai	Hawaii	Sr.	Aiea, Hawaii	3.78, Business
MF	Erin Walter	DePaul	Jr.	Elk Grove, Ill.	3.90, Management
D	Emma Hagen	Navy	Sr.	Annandale, Va.	3.81, Systems Engineering
D	Julie Jorgensen	Army	Jr.	Manchester, N.H.	4.12, Mathematics
D	Kara Kornfeld	Saint Louis	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo.	3.98, Elementary Education
D	Jessica Ring	Wisconsin	Sr.	Rockford, Ill.	4.00, Legal Studies
GK	Sabrina Mariani #	Central Conn.	Sr.	Quebec, Canada	3.95, Finance

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® OF THE YEAR: Katy Cross, University of Pennsylvania

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Pos.	Name	School	Yr.	Hometown	GPA/Major(s)
F	Karen Kotofski	Frostburg State	Sr.	Glen Burnie, Md.	3.713, Early Childhood Education
F	Sarah St. Clair #	West Virginia Wesleyan	Sr.	Morgantown, W.V.	4.0, Nursing/Pre-med
F	Sarah Wall	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	3.77, Pre-med/Psychology
MF	Margot Merrill-Johnson	Montana State-Billings	Sr.	Salt Lake City, Utah	3.88, History/Sociology
MF	Jackie Sassaman	Waynesburg College	Sr.	Stowe, Pa.	4.0, Chemistry/Pre-dental
MF	Carrie Schrank #	Univ. of Wisconsin-Stout	Sr.	Reedsburg, Wisc.	3.88, Graphic Design
D	Denise Fliesser	Tusculum College	Jr.	London, Ont.	4.00, Physical Education
D	Amanda Harkins	Lee University	Sr.	Nicholasville, Ky.	3.98, Communications
D	Liz Hopkins	Chapman University	Sr.	Fullerton, Calif.	3.99, Psychology
D	Missy Swindel	Indiana University of Pa.	Sr.	Toledo, Ohio	4.00, History/Pre-law
GK	Jennifer Hull	Seattle Pacific	Sr.	Eugene, Ore.	3.58, Latin American Studies/

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F	Mindy Erb	Ohio Northern	Jr.	Wapakoneta, Ohio	4.00, Early Childhood Education
F	Heather Greenwald	Rutgers-Camden	Sr.	West Deptford, N.J.	3.75, Psychology/Elementary Education
F	Sara Murray %	Truman State	Sr.	Eden Prairie, Minn.	3.88, Health Science (Pre-med)
MF	Katie Egan	The College of New Jersey	Sr.	Brick, N.J.	3.809, Health & Exercise Science
MF	Jessica Gross	Rose-Hulman Inst. of Tech.	Sr.	Crown Point, Ind.	3.95, Computer Engineering
MF	Laura Smolinski	Ohio Northern	Jr.	Mentor, Ohio	3.97, Accounting
D	Molly Bauer %	Gettysburg College	Sr.	Camp Hill, Pa.	3.75, Political Science/Intern'l Affairs
D	Jessica Lamb	Mercyhurst College	Sr.	Mentor, Ohio	4.0, Sports Marketing
D	Becky Salzbrenner	Trinity University	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	3.98, Biology
D	Kulu Yahaya	Robert Morris College	Sr.	Accra, Ghana	3.95, Accounting
GK	Charlotte Felber	Washington University	Sr.	Oak Park, Ill.	3.65, Architecture

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F	Lori Boren	Harding University	Sr.	Oak Ridge, Tenn.	3.88, Early Childhood Education
F	Lindsey Tiemeyer	Maryville University	Sr.	O'Fallon, Mo.	3.718, Accounting Information Systems
F	Michelle Wieser	Loras College	Sr.	Dubuque, Iowa	3.739, Sport Management
MF	Erin Campbell	U. of Maine at Farmington	So.	Hampden, Maine	4.00, Elementary Education
MF	Sonya Hughes	Franklin Pierce College	Jr.	Balbriggan, Ireland	3.52, Psychology
MF	Colleen Wirtz	Denison University	Jr.	Westerville, Ohio	3.75, Biology
D	Mary Balmes	St. Joseph's College	Sr.	Crown Point, Ind.	4.00, Mathematics
D	Erin Duffy	Wheaton College	Sr.	E. Longmeadow, Mass.	3.43, Psychology (Hispanic Studies)
D	Martta Makila	Franklin Pierce College	Sr.	Vantaa, Finland	3.77, Mass Communication
D	Michelle Sovern	University of Indianapolis	Jr.	Manson, Ohio	4.00, Biology/English
GK	Chelsea Truesdell	Oklahoma Christian	Sr.	Edmond, Okla.	3.94, Biology

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