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Northeast Conference Announces 2015-16 Winter Scholar-Athletes, Academic Honor Roll & Commissioner's Honor Roll

Somerset, NJ -- Two student-athletes from Robert Morris and Saint Francis U, and one each from Mount St. Mary's and Sacred Heart make up the 2015-16 Winter Scholar-Athlete award winners for the Northeast Conference (NEC).

This impressive group includes two student-athletes with perfect 4.0 grade point averages and another with a 3.99 GPA.

All scholar-athlete award winners must have earned a minimum of 60 semester hours at their institution, maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.20 and participated with distinction as a member of a varsity team.

Along with the scholar-athletes, the NEC announced its Winter Academic Honor Roll, consisting of 478 student-athletes with a 3.20 or better grade point average, a 16.2 percent increase from a year ago. There were also 134 student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, recognizing those superior student-athletes with a 3.75 or better grade point average.

Saint Francis U senior guard **Greg Brown (Odenton, MD/Archbishop Spalding)** is this year's men's basketball scholar-athlete award winner. Brown, a team captain, started all 28 games and finished second on the Red Flash with 12.8 points per game this past season. He also established new career-highs with 3.2 rebounds and a team-leading 3.3 assists per outing. He tallied 16 double-digit scoring outings and had three games with 20+ points. Brown was tabbed to the Capital One Academic All-District team at year's end. The Odenton, MD native majors in Management Information Systems and carries a 3.53 grade point average. This marks Brown's third selection to the NEC Academic Honor Roll.

Robert Morris junior guard **Anna Niki Stamolamprou (Thessaloniki, Greece/Aristotelio College of Thessaloniki)** claims women's basketball scholar-athlete honors. Stamolamprou was the driving force behind the Colonials winning their sixth NEC basketball championship and second title in her three years in Moon Township. She was named NEC Tournament MVP after averaging 17.7 points, 6.0 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.3 steals over three games. Stamolamprou was also selected to the All-NEC second team after ranking in the NEC top-10 in seven different statistical categories, including scoring (13.7, ninth), assists (3.3, tenth), made three pointers (2.12/game, fifth) and three-point percentage (.335, seventh). The three-time All-NEC and All-NEC Tournament honoree became RMU's career leader in made three-pointers with 210 after connecting for three trifectas against UConn in the NCAA Tournament. She also joined the 1,000-point club this past season, and through three years has scored 1,301 points to rank seventh on the school's career chart. Stamolamprou, who hails from Thessaloniki, Greece, is a three-time member of the NEC Academic and Commissioner's Honor Rolls. She majors in Economics and maintains a 3.75 grade point average.

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Saint Francis U senior **Sarah Ross (Crescent, PA/Moon Area)** is the 2015-16 women's bowling scholar-athlete of the year. Ross has achieved perfection in the classroom during her time in Loretto, having posted a 4.0 grade point average while majoring in Management. She has also earned a spot on the NEC Academic Honor Roll and NEC Commissioner's Honor Roll in each of her four years at SFU. Athletically, Ross was tabbed to the All-NEC second team at year's end and was named the NEC Bowler of the Week on November after she recorded the highest overall frame average (20.16) at the first NEC regular season meet. On the year, she posted a traditional average of 191.5 and 19.42 frame average.

Sacred Heart senior **Sean Ferguson (Smithtown, NY/St. John the Baptist)** was the recipient of the men's cross country scholar-athlete award this past fall and now adds indoor track and field scholar-athlete honors to his growing list of accomplishments. Following a dominant performance, Ferguson was named the Most Valuable Performer and Most Outstanding Track Performer (Distance) at the 2016 NEC Indoor Track & Field Championships in February. Ferguson accounted for 28 points at the meet, winning the 3,000 meters (8:24.06) and 5,000 meters (14:40.82) by wide margins, while finishing a close second in the mile (4:21.61). The Smithtown, NY product posted the fastest 3,000 and 5,000 meter times in the NEC this past season and qualified for the IC4A Championships in all three distance events. He was also a silver medalist in the mile at the NEC England Championships, won the 3,000 meters at the Great Dane Invitational and captured the mile at the Yale Classic. Ferguson was tabbed NEC Track Athlete of the Week on February 1. A History major, Ferguson enters the spring semester with a 3.81 grade point average. He is a four-time NEC Academic Honor Roll and NEC Commissioner's Honor Roll selection.

Robert Morris junior **April Krivoniak (Latrobe, PA/Latrobe)** earns her second scholar-athlete award of the 2015-16 season, this time in women's indoor track and field. Krivoniak, a two-sport athlete who was the 2015 NEC scholar-athlete for women's volleyball, finished second in the shot put at the NEC Indoor Track & Field Championships in February. She broke the school record with a 14.06 meter toss at the ECAC Championships and earned All-East Coast honors for the second straight year. Krivoniak, who finished among the top-four in the shot put in each of her final five meets this past season, has accounted for six of the top ten throws in program history. The Latrobe, PA native was also named NEC Field Athlete of the Week on February 2. Krivoniak, an Engineering major who carries a near-perfect 3.99 grade point average, has been named to both the NEC Academic and Commissioner's honor rolls in each of her three years at Robert Morris.

Mount St. Mary's senior **Haley Fournier (Naples, FL/Palmetto Ridge)** is this season's women's swimming and diving scholar-athlete of the year. A perfect 4.0 student-athlete, Fournier also excelled in the pool, finishing second in the 1,650 freestyle at the 2016 NEC Swimming & Diving Championships. She broke Mount program records this past winter in the 400 meter (4:26.02) and 800 meter (9:04.91) freestyle, and was a member of the 400 meter freestyle relay squad that established a new school mark (4:02.72). Fournier ended her 2015-16 campaign with five individual race victories. Fournier, who hails from Naples, FL, majors in Elementary Special Education and has distinguished herself as with four NEC Academic Honor Roll and Commissioner's Honor Roll accolades.

2015-16 Northeast Conference Winter Scholar-Athletes

Sport	Name	School	Cl	GPA	Major
Men's Basketball	Greg Brown	Saint Francis U	Sr	3.53	Management Information Systems
Women's Basketball	Anna Niki Stamolamprou	Robert Morris	Jr	3.75	Economics
Women's Bowling	Sarah Ross	Saint Francis U	Sr	4.00	Management
Men's Indoor Track & Field	Sean Ferguson	Sacred Heart	Sr	3.81	History
Women's Indoor Track & Field	April Krivoniak	Robert Morris	Jr	3.99	Engineering
Women's Swimming & Diving	Haley Fournier	Mount St. Mary's	Sr	4.00	Elementary Special Education

About The Northeast Conference

Now in its 35th year, the Northeast Conference is an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of 10 institutions of higher learning located throughout six states. Media coverage of the NEC extends to four of the largest markets in the United States - New York (#1), Pittsburgh (#23), Baltimore (#27), and Hartford/New Haven (#30). Founded in 1981 as the basketball-only ECAC Metro Conference, the NEC has grown to sponsor 22 championship sports for men and women and now enjoys automatic access to 14 different NCAA Championships. NEC member institutions include Bryant, Central Connecticut, Fairleigh Dickinson, LIU Brooklyn, Mount St. Mary's, Robert Morris, Sacred Heart, St. Francis Brooklyn, Saint Francis U and Wagner. For more information on the NEC, visit the league's official website (www.northeastconference.org) and digital network (www.necfrontrow.com), or follow the league on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Google+, all @NECsports.