



Athletes

Lowe's Senior CLASS Awards Criteria

In addition to the core requirement that the candidate be a NCAA Division 1 senior, the finalists and eventual winner will be selected based on personal qualities that define a complete student athlete. These areas of excellence are defined under the categories of Classroom, Character, Community and Competition.

Classroom: academic achievements and successfully progressing in regards to earning a degree

Character: attributes that define the candidate's personal character, including leadership skills, work ethic and integrity

Community: involvement in community and charity activities, utilizing the candidate's status as a college athlete to make an impact in worthwhile causes

Competition: achievements within the athlete's respective sport and their role in the success of the team

Women's Soccer 2009

Athletes:

Hailey Beam

Elizabeth Betterbed

Kelsey Davis

Becky Edwards

Kristi Eveland

Kim Feeney

Theresa Ferraina

Rachel Friedman

KayAnne Gummersall

Erin Guthrie

Lauren Hyde

Kim Kemper

Kasey Langdon

Lauren Lopez

Nikki Marshall

Blakely Mattern

Katrina McCrory

Courtney McMahon
Sophia Merrifield
Katie Miller
Angie Muir
Lizzy Nichols
Kelley O'Hara
Emily Peterson
Sophie Reiser
Ali Riley
Myra Sack
Katie Schoepfer
Lindsey Smart
Amanda Waugh



Hailey Beam (University of North Carolina-Charlotte)

Classroom

Beam has a 3.80 GPA with a double major in finance and marketing. She was named second-team ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American and first-team NSCAA Scholar All-American last season as well as being named the Atlantic-10 Women's Soccer Student-Athlete of the Year.

Character

Beam is the leader of a 49ers team that has won three straight A-10 regular-season and two straight A-10 Tournament titles. She has been the team captain for the past two years of a team that has made two straight NCAA Tournament appearances. Her older sister Lindsey Beam Ozimek was a Lowe's Senior Class All-American in 2007.

Community

Beam has worked numerous youth soccer clinics in the area. She worked with Toys For Tots for the past three years. This past spring she joined her teammates in helping clean up the campus in the UNC Charlotte campus clean up day. She goes to elementary schools to read to kids and has also worked on the Athletic Department's Blood Drive.

Competition

Last year Beam became the program's first consensus All-American. She was named second-team Soccer America and Soccer Buzz All-American. She earned third-team NSCAA and TopDrawerSoccer.com All-American honors. She was named A-10 Midfielder of the Year and first-team All-Atlantic 10. She has been named MVP of the A-10 Tournament in each of the last two seasons. She ranked among the nation's leaders with an A-10 leading 17 goals 13 assists and 47 points last season. Her 17 goals and 47 points were the third highest single-season total in school history. She also was named A-10 Player of the Week three times as well as to Soccer America's National Team of the Week three times. She was named to Soccer Buzz and TopDrawerSoccer.com's National Teams of the Week twice last season. She was recently named to the Hermann Trophy preseason watch list.



Elizabeth Betterbed (United States Military Academy)

Classroom

Betterbed has ranked No. 1 in class at the U.S. Military Academy since her freshman year and carries a 4.235 GPA. She heads into her final year ranked No. 1 overall in class; No. 2 academic No. 3 military and No. 8 physical. She is a two-time CoSIDA/ESPN District I academic selection and a 2008 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic first team pick. She is a three-time member of the Patriot League academic honor roll. She posted the highest GPA among women's soccer players in the league the past two years. She has made the Dean's List every semester. Her awards include the Superintendent's Award for Excellence and Meritorious Winner Mathematical Contest in Modeling and the Phi Kappa Phi Scholastic Achievement Award. She is editor for the Undergraduate Journal of Social Sciences. She is a candidate for Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year after being named to the conference academic honor roll since her freshman year.

Character

Betterbed was recently named Deputy Brigade Commander the second highest rank in the Corps of Cadets which numbers 4400. She has also held following positions in the Corps of Cadets: Team Leader First Sergeant for the Brigade Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Executive Officer for the Summer Garrison Regiment. She is well respected by her peers in the Corps of Cadets as well as by teammates on the pitch along with the Academy Administration.

Community

Betterbed is a Big Sister to a local elementary school student in nearby Highland Falls (2007-present). She volunteered at Trompo Magico Children's Museum in Guadalajara Mexico during spring of 2009 while spending a semester abroad studying Spanish at Monterrey Tecnológico as part of West Point's study abroad program (SAP). She has been a camp counselor at the Muscular Dystrophy Association camp in Gig Harbor Washington (July 2008). She taught English at Uijeongbu Community Center in South Korea (June 2008). She's a Black and Gold Leadership Forum "Core" Member (2007-present).

Competition

Betterbed heads into her third year in a starting role moving to attacking midfielder this year after playing on the defensive end of the field last year. Army's 12 shutouts in 2008 were one shy of a school record. Betterbed helped set a school and Patriot League mark of six regular-season shutouts. She was a second team Patriot League selection on defense last year along with being named to the all-tournament team after leading Army to the title and automatic NCAA bid (first in school history) following a 1-0 overtime win over host and top-seeded Navy in the championship game. Betterbed converted a penalty kick to tie in a shootout in the fifth round of the semifinals vs. Bucknell to force sudden death as Army outlasted the Bison 5-4 to advance to the championship finals. The three-year letterwinner is Army's go-to-player when game is on the line.



Kelsey Davis (University of Portland)

Classroom

Davis has a 3.43 cumulative GPA. She made the Dean's List both semesters last year (2008-09) and was a member of the WCC All-Academic Team (2008). She is a three-time WCC Commissioner's Honor Roll (3.00 GPA or better: 2007 2008 2009) selection.

Character

Davis was the Portland Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) president last year. She put together a fundraising campaign to raise more than \$6000 to adopt a room at the Ronald McDonald House. She is the team captain entering the 2009 season. She has overcome a tragic event over the summer with a positive outlook on life (her father committed suicide). She is also recovering from a broken jaw suffered while playing with the USA National Team.

Community

Davis represented UP at the WCC Soles4Souls shoe drive (helped distribute donated shoes to those in need in Las Vegas). She is a longtime volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities (making dinner for families visiting children etc.). Davis launched a fundraising campaign to "Adopt a Room" at the RMH and raised more than \$6000 in three months last season. She and her teammates then created a UP soccer-themed room at the RMH. Davis and her teammates also participated in a local parade with a youth soccer team this summer. They celebrated the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day by visiting two local elementary schools to read to kids and distribute books to the children.

Competition

Davis on the preseason Hermann Trophy watch list was called up to the senior USA Women's National Team in May 2009 (she suffered a broken jaw during an exhibition match and did not play in any counted matches). She has also played for the USA Under-23 National Team (2007-08) and competed in multiple FIFA World Cups for the USA at the youth levels (U-17 U-19 U-20). She is a two-time All-WCC selection (2007 2008) and is ranked third nationally in goals-against average in 2008 (0.41) and fifth nationally in 2007 (0.49). Her 23 shutouts ranks fifth on the UP career list (14 in 2008 was second on the single-season charts). Her team is 34-5 in her 39 career starts at UP.



Becky Edwards (Florida State University)

Classroom

Edwards is pursuing a degree in marketing at Florida State. She is a five-time member of the Dean's List earning a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the 2006 and 2007 fall semesters as well as the 2007 2008 and 2009 spring semesters. She was named to the President's List in the 2008 fall semester after earning a 4.0 GPA. A three-time member of the All-ACC Academic Team (2006 07 08) and a three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll (2006-07 07-08 08-09) honoree Edwards was named a first team Academic All-American by the NSCAA in 2008 - just the third Seminole in school history to achieve such an honor. She was also named to the NSCAA first team and CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine second team Academic All-District.

Character

Florida State head coach Mark Krikorian on the character of senior captain Becky Edwards: "Becky Edwards is one of the most exceptional student-athletes I have come across in my 16 years as a head coach at the collegiate level. She is outstanding in the classroom she is great in the community and on the soccer field she has been fantastic. Her play has certainly put her into an elite class helping the United States U-20 Women's National Team win the gold medal at the 2008 FIFA Youth World Cup as well as being a very important piece of our team over the last three years. Her class on the field has clearly shown over the last three years which has attributed to the overall success of our program. Now she will be given a little more responsibility in terms of leadership as she was named captain during her senior year. Becky has shown a tremendous amount of leadership both on the field in the classroom and in the community throughout her career at Florida State. She may be captain by title but she has always been a very good leader and teammate."

Community

Edwards has been an active participant in the community during her time at Florida State volunteering at the following events: Relay for Life Al Dunlap Donor Luncheon (Booster Function Athletic Ambassador) Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive Special Olympics and Paint It Pink during which Edwards and her Seminole teammates turned the Seminole Soccer Complex Pink by wearing pink jerseys against Wake Forest; the game helped raise \$4900 for breast cancer research in 2008.

Competition

Edwards is a 2008 NSCAA First Team All-American All-ACC second team member and NSCAA and Soccer Buzz Southeast Region first team. She garnered preseason All-America honors from Soccer America and Soccer Buzz and has been a 2008 and 2009 MAC Hermann Trophy watch list candidate. She claimed a gold medal as a member of the U.S. U-20 Women's National Team that captured the FIFA Youth World Cup in Chile. She appeared in 17 games while making 12 starts in 2008. She tallied three points on a goal and an assist in more than 1300 minutes of action. She played an integral role in the Seminole backline in 2008 that gave up just 15 goals all season the fewest allowed in the ACC and the fewest allowed in school history. She was part of a defensive unit that put together four consecutive shutout victories in league play for the first time in school history. As a three-year starter on the backline Edwards has helped FSU post 40 shutouts and the first and second lowest goals against average and fewest goals allowed in school history.



Kristi Eveland (University of North Carolina)

Classroom

Eveland will graduate from UNC's Kenan-Flagler School of Business in May 2010. She has a current GPA of 3.857 and was named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine/College Sports Information Directors of America first-team Academic All-America. She is a six-time Dean's List selection and an ACC Academic Honor Roll selection three times. She was selected to the All-ACC Academic Women's Soccer Team three seasons. In 2009 Eveland participated in the Senior Immersion Program at Kenan-Flagler Business School receiving a scholarship to attend a program in Cairo and Istanbul. She was named to the Golden Key International Honor Society in 2008 and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in 2007. She warranted membership in Sigma Alpha Lambda honor society in 2007-2009.

Character

Eveland has overcome physical injury to play in every game her first three years at UNC. She has played with a herniated disk in her lower back since her freshman year. She played her sophomore year with a stress fracture in her shin. She led a group project to increase the effectiveness of the GLOBE program a study abroad program in the Kenan-Flagler Business School. She completed CREED (2006) Rising Stars (2007) and Veteran Leaders (2008) as well as garnering top student-athlete accomplishments in the Carolina Leadership Academy. She is a member of Champions for Christ Fellowship Youth program.

Community

Eveland is a volunteer coach and trainer at UNC Women's Soccer Camp. She worked one semester with the Invisible Children Fund of Chapel Hill as a fundraiser. She was a volunteer assistant coach with Rainbow Soccer Club of Chapel Hill in 2007 and 2008. She was a Halloween volunteer at UNC's Ronald McDonald House and a volunteer for two months at the Raleigh Soup Kitchen in 2007. She has worked the past three years with the Carolina Dreams program working with children and their parents who are being treated at the North Carolina Children's Hospital in Chapel Hill.

Competition

Eveland has been a member of North Carolina's 2006 and 2008 NCAA championship teams playing in every game the past three years and missing only three starts. During that time the team has gone 27-1 19-4-1 and 25-1-2. She played on three ACC championship teams and played all 90 minutes in the 2006 and 2008 NCAA semifinal and championship games. She leads all current Tar Heels with 6820 minutes played in the past three years from her defensive position. She has started more games than any current player. She starts on defense for team that has allowed only 44 goals over the past three seasons. She was a member of the 2006 College Cup All-Tournament Team a 2006 Top Drawer Soccer third team All-America and a 2006 Soccer Buzz second team Freshman All-America.



Kim Feeney (Loyola Marymount University)

Classroom

Feeney has displayed academic excellence throughout her collegiate career. She enters her senior year carrying a 3.91 grade point average while majoring in communication studies with a minor in business. A Dean's List honoree in each of her six semesters at Loyola Marymount Feeney is a member of the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honors Society and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Additionally her performance in the classroom in the last two years has earned her places on the West Coast Conference All-Academic teams the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII teams and NSCAA All-West Region Scholar Athlete recognition. She was also the 2008-09 LMU Female Student-Athlete of the Year. In the summer of 2009 she worked as a television intern for a senior producer of Entertainment Tonight and The Insider where she pitched potential stories set up interviews and assisted on on-site location shoots. She plans to return to the company in the spring semester.

Character

As a team captain both as a junior and as a senior Feeney has shown tremendous leadership for the Lions who have posted at least 10 wins in each of her three seasons. In addition to serving on LMU's SAAC Feeney is the school's representative on the WCC SAAC acting as liaison between LMU and the seven other member universities. In this role she delivers important information keeps abreast of current issues on campus and throughout collegiate athletics and helps determine programs that will benefit all schools. On campus Feeney is a member of the LMU SAAC Executive Board holding bi-weekly meetings to discuss important issues at LMU and within athletics. Feeney also finds time to work with the Student-Athlete Mentors (SAM) program which helps freshmen adjust to college life. Lastly she is one of 10 soccer players to participate in the LMU Soccer Leadership Workshop featuring sessions that create a better understanding of what leadership means. Feeney will have her toughest leadership and adversity test during her senior year as a result of a torn ACL suffered during the spring of 2009. She spent the off-season rehabbing her knee with the determination to be back on the field by the beginning of West Coast Conference play. Until then she will be fulfilling her role as captain from the sidelines during practices and games.

Community

Feeney is one of the most active LMU student-athletes in the community. She has served on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) since 2006 spearheading several community service efforts including the annual Halloween Bowling fundraiser in which LMU student-athletes donate canned goods while spending the night bowling. In 2007 and 2008 she was a Special Games coach helping mentally handicapped individuals at the three-day event. She has organized the Beach Clean Up project in which LMU students adopted a local beach and spent their time collecting trash and documenting findings to help preserve the beach environment. She also helped renovate nearby Kentwood Elementary School bringing LMU student-athletes to the school to plant new trees clear weeds and sweep the campus. In 2009 she and several teammates held a New Horizons Service Night in which they held a prom-style event for adults with developmental disabilities. Most recently Feeney was a major catalyst for LMU's Soles 4 Souls Initiative a WCC-wide campaign in which conference member schools partnered with Zappos.com to collect new or slightly used shoes that would be sent to impoverished areas. Feeney worked on marketing endeavors and set up collection

locations all of which helped LMU collect the most shoes of any of the eight schools with more than 1500 pairs of shoes donated.

Competition

Feeney has been a starter in defense from the first game of her freshman year. Since coming to LMU the team has won 10 or more games in each of her three seasons and has posted an overall record of 32-15-10. As a junior Feeney played the most minutes of any Lion out-field player (1731) and helped the Lions to a third-place finish in the WCC the program's second-highest outright placing in school history. She was named LMU Female Student-Athlete of the Year at the end of the school year. In her first two seasons LMU posted two of the three lowest goals-against-averages in school history. In 2006 she started all 19 games and helped LMU reach the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history earning several accolades along the way including WCC All-Freshman Team and Honorable Mention All-WCC and Soccerbuzz.com fourth team Freshman All-American. She was also voted the team's Rookie of the Year and LMU's Freshman Female Athlete of the Year. In 2007 she was again Honorable Mention All-WCC as LMU tied the school record with 12 victories.



Theresa Ferraina (Loyola University (Maryland))

Classroom

Ferraina graduated with a B.A. in business (concentration in finance) in May 2009. She maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average and is currently pursuing her M.B.A. at Loyola and will play during final year of eligibility in 2009. She was named to the 2008 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America first team and the 2008 NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-East Region third team. She was also a 2007 and 2008 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District II first team selection and a two-time MAAC All-Academic. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma (national business honor society that is highest recognition any business student can receive).

Character

Ferraina shows tremendous character with her leadership -- vocal emotional and non-verbal -- of the Loyola women's soccer team. She is a full-effort player who was named team captain by her peers for 2009. On October 5 2008 Ferraina's older brother passed away after a long battle with drug addiction. During and after the ordeal she remained equally committed to her family and team. She did not miss a game instead dedicating her passionate play to the memory of her brother. Through Ferraina's play and leadership the team lost only one match for the remainder of the season. Since the passing of her brother Ferraina has remained open about his ordeals and has spoken to many who have family members going through similar situations. She has turned this tremendous negative into a positive that helps others cope with issues they may have.

Community

Ferraina is a member of SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) a group working on creating sustainable projects. She has also worked with a local Catholic grade school to teach children important life skills (time management budgeting). She has been a volunteer at Beans And Bread a soup kitchen in the Baltimore area and at Viva House the Baltimore City Catholic Worker House Of Hospitality an outreach program that fights violence and promotes the biblical promise of justice and mercy.. She volunteers at Relay For Life and the Diane Geppi-Aikens Memorial Run an event at Loyola to honor the late women's lacrosse coach. She has participated at the Breast Cancer Tournament and Women In Sports Day at Loyola. She is a summer volunteer at Wave For Hope a charitable organization near hometown in New Jersey that raises money to benefit pediatric cancer research at Cancer Institute of New Jersey.

Competition

Ferraina was a 2008 All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) first team and has been recognized as a 2009 Preseason All-MAAC Team. She tied Loyola's single-season assist record with eight in 2008 and she led the MAAC in assists and assists per game.. She led Loyola with nine goals and 26 points as well. She recorded two game-winning goals and two game-winning assists. In 2007 Ferraina tied for the team lead with eight goals including a game-tying goal during the second half of an NCAA College Cup match against Virginia. She has scored 18 goals and has 12 assists for a total of 48 points in her career. She is fourth all-time at Loyola in points tied for fourth in goals and fifth in assists.



Rachel Friedman (Western Kentucky University)

Classroom

Friedman has excelled in the classroom at Western Kentucky University while still maintaining a high level of play on the field. She will graduate in December of 2009 one semester early with a degree in exercise science. Leading up to the fall semester of 2009 she has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA. She has already gained valuable experience in the field while pursuing her undergraduate degree. For example she currently works as an intern in the athletic training room at WKU helping with treatment and prevention of injuries of other athletes. Friedman is also currently in the process of having an article review she wrote published in the International Journal of Exercise Science. Some of her academic achievements include: College of Health and Human Services Freshman Academic Achievement Award (2007); ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District (2007); President's Scholar at WKU designation (2008-2009); NSCAA/Adidas Scholar Athlete All-Region Team (2008) and ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American (2008). After finishing her undergraduate degree in December Friedman plans to stay at WKU for an extra year and a half to earn her master's degree in exercise science. After that she hopes to get some professional experience while working in a health wellness and fitness facility while working to earn a doctorate. She also plans to take part in field research while working towards her doctorate. Eventually Friedman plans on becoming a college professor and teaching in the area of exercise physiology.

Character

Whether it is working with youth during YMCA clinics pushing herself in the classroom or leading her team both by example and as a recently-elected team captain Friedman displays all the qualities you could want as a student-athlete. Her personal discipline is evident in the way she trains and her study habits. Friedman also possesses the integrity and the sense of purpose that is essential to both her individual development and the development of the soccer program at WKU. She is highly respected in her role as team leader and well liked. In a recent activity all soccer players and staff at WKU were asked to rank each person on the team on a commitment continuum. This took into account all factors of the players' commitment both on and off the field and how they represent the program in training games off-season workouts academics socially etc. Friedman ranked both at the top of the team and in the top percentile of the continuum itself. It is no coincidence that the recent successes of the WKU women's soccer program have coincided with her continued example and growth as a player and person.

Community

The majority of Friedman's community work is done with the WKU soccer team. Every fall season the team goes out to youth fields to help referee soccer games for little kids. The goal is to try to set a good example for younger kids in hopes of giving them something to look up to. Friedman and the rest of the team do not get paid for this. Also in the spring the team travels to a nearby city on multiple occasions to run a soccer clinic for kids. There are usually well over 100 kids from ages 3-11. Several hours are spent educating them on the game. While some of her community work is done with the WKU soccer team Friedman is also an active member of the community on her own time. While at home she works a great number of soccer camps with young kids to help them learn the game of soccer as well as learn to love it. Through these camps Friedman individually mentored several kids in particular before and after the camp sessions. She says she feels the kids not only learned

soccer-related skills from her but also how to be a good person.

Competition

As a defender on the WKU women's soccer team Friedman is well-known for her solid work in the backfield and her scoring runs up the sideline. She has played in all 60 matches of her collegiate career and has started every match for the last two seasons. As a junior Friedman helped lead the Lady Toppers to their best record in school history. The Sun Belt Conference recognized her valuable contributions to the Lady Toppers by honoring her as a first team all-conference player in 2008 making her one of only four Lady Toppers in school history to earn back-to-back all-conference honors. She was also named an all-region player by Soccer Buzz in 2008. For her efforts as a sophomore in 2007 for the Sun Belt Conference Champion Lady Toppers she was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference second team at the end of the season. During that season she recorded five assists in crucial Sun Belt Conference matches including two against conference rival Troy.



KayAnne Gummersall (Duke University)

Classroom

Gummersall owns a 3.245 grade point average. She is a two-time ACC Honor Roll member and was a 2008 selection for the All-ACC Academic Team. She is interested in marketing and/or public relations (outside of soccer and possibly playing in the WPS). She worked for the investment bank Merrill Lynch this summer. She would like to attend business school at some point in the future (but wants to work for a few years before).

Character

Gummersall is one of four captains in 2009 as voted on by teammates.

Community

Gummersall is one of two co-chairs for Duke's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) which is the voice for student-athletes for the ACC and NCAA. She plans and runs the monthly meetings and is in charge of Project Share and other fundraisers. She was a part of a group of students who wrote a paper/conducted an experiment before the 2008 presidential election. The paper has been submitted to some of the top polisci journals in the county. Gummersall works with her sorority Tri-Delta to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital. She helped raise money for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. She volunteered/taught/played soccer with a disabled (blind) child. She also does tutoring at Saulding Elementary participates in Read with the Blue Devils and administers clinics with the team.

Competition

Gummersall is one of the top goal scorers in Duke history. She is tied for ninth on Duke's career goals list with 23; her 34 points in 2008 is the fourth-highest total in school history. She notched 15 goals in 2008 to tie for third on Duke's single-season ledger. Along with teammate Elisabeth Redmond the duo registered 27 goals which is the highest-scoring tandem in Blue Devil history. In 2008 Gummersall was named to the Soccer Buzz second team All-Southeast Region team TopDrawerSoccer.com third team NSCAA/adidas All-Region third team and ACC first team. She helped lead Duke to the NCAA College Cup quarterfinals in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history. She has played in 63 career matches started 37 and totaled 53 career points.



Erin Guthrie (Rutgers University)

Classroom

Guthrie is acquiring a bachelor of arts degree in history with a minor in political science. She hopes to play in the Women's Professional Soccer league after college. She boasts a 3.291 cumulative GPA and has been named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team in 2006 2007 and 2008. Guthrie earned a spot on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll all three years. She was named to the Dean's List in the spring of 2009. She has been nominated for the Rutgers University History Department Honors program.

Character

Guthrie suffered an ankle injury that required surgery over the summer of 2008 giving her only three weeks to physically and mentally prepare for the season. As a captain she pushed her team to continue to work hard despite the bleak outlook. With a squad that only consisted of 11 healthy players at the start of the season two of whom were goalies she led her team to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament just four minutes away from the Elite Eight. Guthrie made a career-high 10 saves before RU fell to No. 5 Stanford 1-0. Always modest when asked about last season Guthrie said "It was easy to lead a team like last year's because they were such hard workers with nothing to lose. They wanted to win more than anything."

Community

Guthrie participated in NEA's Read Across America in 2006 and 2007. She volunteers her time to gift wrap holiday gifts raising money for local families in need. She ran in the Big Chill 5K Fundraising Run in 2006 2007 and 2008 which collects new toys for the Red Cross Salvation Army and other local charities. She has volunteered at National Girls and Women in Sports Day a clinic for local middle school children as part of a team community service activity in 2007 and 2008. She has worked as a Rutgers women soccer camp instructor in 2007 and 2008. She also works as an individual soccer trainer helping girls and boys improve their soccer skills with one-on-one instruction.

Competition

Guthrie ranks second all-time in Rutgers history in shutouts (33) and minutes played (6137) third in goals against average (.75) fifth in save percentage (.814) and sixth in saves (223). She was named to the NSCAA/adidas All-American second team as well as the All-Mid-Atlantic Region first team and was a SoccerBuzz second team All-American as a junior. She earned Soccer America second team MVP and All-BIG EAST second team honors. For the 2008 and 2009 seasons she served as team captain. She started every game and played all but 17 minutes in net during the 2008 season. She finished the season tied for 15th nationally and third in the BIG EAST in save percentage (.861) putting her ninth on the single-season charts. She ranked fourth in the BIG EAST and 17th in the U.S. in goals against average (.619) good enough for fifth on the RU single-season list (she also holds second place for her 2006 season where she maintained a .508 GAA). She ended the season with a career-high 87 saves and nine shutouts. The nine shutouts tie her for fifth on the single-season charts. She also holds first (14) and third (10) place for her 2006 and 2007 seasons respectively.



Lauren Hyde (University of Florida)

Classroom

Hyde was a 2008 NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-America third-team selection (only open to student-athletes that are juniors or above with at least a 3.30 cumulative grade point average start more than 50 percent of all matches and be a significant contributor to the team). She has a 3.60 grade point average and has been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll twice and the SEC Freshman Honor Roll in her first year.

Character

Hyde was a 2008 co-captain of Gator soccer team. Hyde's mother passed away in Hyde's senior year of high school. The oldest of three daughters Hyde's family is an extremely close unit. She spends summers with her family but it doesn't impact her preparations for the upcoming season - she always comes into preseason camp fit and ready to go. She is an example because she finds the appropriate balance between family and her responsibilities as one of the Gator leaders.

Community

Hyde has participated in following community service activities: Climb for Cancer Sports Camp (day where pediatric cancer patients participate in a day of games/activities with Gator student-athletes) and Gator Soccer's Habitat for Humanity build in spring of 2009. She has also helped the Gator soccer team prepare and serve meal at Gainesville's St. Francis House homeless shelter in spring of 2009 and she has made visits to patients at Shands Hospital.

Competition

Hyde's athletic achievements include the following honors: 2007 NSCAA/adidas All-America third team; 2008 & 2007 TopDrawerSoccer.com Team of the Season (third team); 2006 & 2007 All-Southeastern Conference first team; 2008 All-SEC second team; 2007 NSCAA/adidas All-Southeast Region first team; 2006 second team; Soccer America Freshman All-America second team and 2006 SoccerBuzz.com Freshman All-America first team. She has been an SEC All-Tournament selection in 2006. She started all but two possible matches during her Florida career (missed starts due to injury). She is the UF career leader in complete matches played by a field player (61). She led Florida in average minutes played as a freshman and sophomore.



Kim Kemper (Sacramento State University)

Classroom

Kemper has a 3.93 grade point average and will graduate in May with a degree in liberal studies with kinesiology as a concentration. Her career goal is to be an elementary school teacher/ youth soccer coach. She is a Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society member and has been on the Dean's Honor list four times. She was named to the 2008 ESPN Academic All-Region VIII second team.

Character

Kemper is a two-time Sacramento State women's soccer team captain (junior and senior years). She is also the women's soccer representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee at her school.

Community

Kemper's community service activities include: Marshall Elementary School classroom volunteer; participant in Run to Feed the Hungry 2008 Lou Gehrig's Roseville Run 2009 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure 2009 and the Shriner's Hospital Summer Solstice Run 2009. She also is a youth soccer personal trainer and has been a soccer camp counselor for three years. She is also a member of the Sac State Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Competition

Kemper was voted her team's most valuable player in 2008 as well as being selected the team's offensive MVP the past two years. She was selected to the Big Sky Conference first team twice and as a junior received the conference's Golden Boot Award recognizing her as the conference's leading scorer against other league schools. As a junior she made the Big Sky all-tournament team. She ranks fifth in school history in goals with 14 while also ranking fifth in career points with 38. She collected seven assists in 2007 tied for the most in single-season school history.



Kasey Langdon (Oklahoma State University)

Classroom

Langdon has a 3.27 grade point average. In 2008 she was named to the NSCAA/adidas College Scholar All-American (second team) and the All-South Region Team. She is a two-time first team Academic All-Big 12 and a three-time Oklahoma State Achievement Award winner. She has been on the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll six times and has also been selected to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Character

Langdon epitomizes what a student-athlete should be. She is a great leader on one of the Big 12's top teams.

Community

Langdon's activities include membership in the Nutrition Science Club and on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also volunteers for the American Red Cross.

Competition

Langdon helped guide the Cowgirls to 18 wins (school record) and their first-ever Big 12 Conference regular season championship. OSU was ranked No. 7 in the final regular-season NSCAA/adidas Soccer America and Soccer Buzz polls which tied its highest-ever national ranking. Langdon was named NSCAA/adidas All-Central Region (first team) Soccer Buzz All-Central Region (first team) All-Big 12 (first team) and the all-conference tournament team in 2008. Her 14 assists in 2008 were tops in the Big 12 fifth nationally and the second-highest single-season total in school history.



Lauren Lopez (University of North Carolina-Greensboro)

Classroom

Lopez holds a 3.94 cumulative grade point average including perfect 4.0 marks both semesters of the 2008-09 school year. Majoring in art with a concentration in painting Lopez has made the Dean's List and the Chancellor's List in each of her six semesters thus far. She is on track to graduate in December 2010 as specific painting classes needed are only offered in the fall 2010 semester. She earned Academic All-Southern Conference recognition in 2007 and 2008 and NSCAA Scholar All-South Region third team status in 2008. She was inducted into UNC Greensboro's prestigious Golden Chain Honor Society in 2008 (signifying excellence in leadership scholarship service tolerance judgment magnanimity and character). She earned the Aaron Bobb Scholarship awarded to the UNCG student-athlete with the highest grade point average. After graduating she plans to get a master's degree in art and wishes to be a college art professor. She intends to stay involved in soccer playing and/or coaching on some level.

Character

Lopez will be a team captain in 2009 and has always had a leadership role within the team. She has overcome several obstacles to excel in the classroom and on the field including tearing her ACL in her first college soccer game and being diagnosed with Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes just a week later. Dealing with diabetes is a daily struggle that includes taking a minimum of four insulin shots a day in order to regulate her blood sugars. Type 1 diabetes is a chronic disease that if not taken care of can eventually cause vision impairment loss of limbs and damage to the heart kidneys and brain. "Being a freshman in college is a hard enough transition in itself but doing so recovering from ACL reconstruction on my knee and getting used to my new life with diabetes made the experience one of the hardest of my life" Lopez said. She has dealt with the disease well maintained healthy blood sugars and has not let it adversely affect her collegiate experience on or off the field.

Community

Lopez has participated in UNCG's Relay for Life with the rest of the women's soccer team in each of her three years on the team raising funds and walking in the event. She has also volunteered with the team at the Greensboro Youth Soccer Association's First Timers Clinic coaching and working with children ages 4-6. Lopez has also been involved with the Fox 8 Gift for Kids campaign in which gifts for needy children are collected at UNCG sporting events and UNCG student-athletes donate their time at the Fox 8 Gifts for Kids warehouse assisting in the distribution of the gifts collected. She is also a member of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Competition

Lopez is a three-year starter and a two-time All-Southern Conference performer taking first team honors as a junior in 2008 after earning a spot on the second team in 2007. She was named to the Soccer Buzz All-Southeast Region third team and the Southern Conference All-Tournament team in 2008. She was sixth on the team in scoring in 2008 with 11 points on three goals and five assists all career highs. She was also part of a defense that posted 11 shutouts and a 0.79 goals against average in 2008 (16-4-3 overall record 10-0-1 SoCon). She has won three Southern Conference regular-season championships and has yet to lose a SoCon regular-season game in her career going 29-0-2 in her three years on the squad. UNCG is 45-17-6 overall in her career with a pair of NCAA

tournament appearances.



Nikki Marshall (University of Colorado)

Classroom

A sociology major Marshall has maintained a 3.41 cumulative GPA. After college Marshall hopes to become a teacher as well as a soccer coach and give back what she has learned from those who have taught and coached her.

Character

As a co-captain on this year's squad Marshall is a very respected leader. She is from a small town in Colorado and has accomplished more than she ever imagined both at the collegiate level as well as on the national level with the US youth development teams. When asked about her personal not team goal for the season Marshall responded with wanting to give out more assists an unselfish and team-oriented response.

Community

Marshall has been a four-year Student Athletic Advisory Committee(SAAC) member holding the communications chair position the last two years. She has participated in: Read with the Buffs (multiple times) when CU athletes travel to local elementary schools and read to kids a number of times a year; Holiday Angel Tree where she helped organize gifts for a number of families in the Boulder communities; Healthy Kids Day; Buffalo Hugs (visit children's hospital participated multiple times) and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. She has also participated in a number of events with the U.S. U-20 team in different countries.

Competition

As a junior Marshall became CU's all-time leader in career goals scored (33) and game-winning goals (14). She is a three-time first team All-Big 12 selection a 2007 first team All-Central Region pick the 2006 Sportswoman of Colorado 2006 Colorado Athlete of the Year 2006 Colorado Freshman Athlete of the Year 2006 SoccerBuzz first team Freshman All-America and the 2006 Big 12 Newcomer of the Year. As a freshman Marshall led team with a school record 17 goals and 37 points. She scored nine goals as a sophomore and a junior.



Blakely Mattern (University of South Carolina)

Classroom

Mattern will graduate in May 2010 with a double-major in international business and global supply chain and operations management. The South Carolina International Business program has been ranked by US News and World Report as one of the top two in the country the past six years. Mattern holds a 3.986 GPA entering her senior season with a transcript that includes only one B in all of her collegiate classes. She was named a CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine first team Academic All-American in 2008 and is a three-time SEC All-Academic Team selection. Mattern also has earned NSCAA All-Scholar Region team honors. She aspires to earn her master's degree as a graduate assistant coach after graduating with a desire to remain in the athletics field in some capacity as a career.

Character

As a two-year team captain Mattern has stated that "knowing that you have girls counting on you is a great responsibility to have and there is nothing like working for each other and seeing the growth that can come from pushing each other to be the best." Mattern's road to where she is as a senior women's soccer player hasn't always been easy. In the summer of 2008 Mattern was diagnosed with a chronic disease called alopecia an anti-immune disease where she lost most of her hair. However she states that she learned "to be a better leader and to be mentally stronger in addition to showing how much of a blessing it is just to be able to run and play soccer everyday." On the pitch Mattern has also been one to shy away from individual attention instead deflecting the successes and accolades that she earns onto her teammates.

Community

Along with her team Mattern has worked a lot in the community of Columbia doing Habitat for Humanity as well as other housing project works such as fixing and painting houses. She also volunteers each year at the Special Olympics that are held annually in Columbia. In summer 2009 Mattern began getting involved with missions work in Charlotte N.C. where she visited and volunteered at Louise's Lodge a housing center for pregnant teenagers who have been thrown out by their parents. She also volunteered at Levine Children's Hospital to visit and play with patients suffering from cancer and other terminal illnesses. Always interested in progressing the sport of women's soccer Mattern has volunteered at every South Carolina women's soccer camp since arriving on campus as a freshman and she routinely volunteers at soccer clinics held throughout the state of South Carolina.

Competition

With one season remaining Mattern already is considered one of the top players to wear a Gamecock jersey as she is the first All-America selection in program history. In 2007 Mattern became the first sophomore in the history of the Southeastern Conference (SEC) to earn the SEC Defensive Player of the Year award voted on by the league coaches. She was also invited to the U.S. U-20 National Team camp in 2008. In three seasons she has earned three All-SEC bids including two first-team nods. She is a three-time Soccer Buzz All-Region selection two-time NSCAA All-Region selection and a 2006 Freshman All-American. Mattern has started every game of her career and is on pace to break the South Carolina record for games played and games started. In three seasons at centerback Mattern has nine goals and five assists for 23 points has been team leader for the first back-to-back

NCAA Tournament bids in program history and led a defense that has created a reputation as one of the best in the nation.



Katrina McCrory (IUPUI)

Classroom

McCrory maintains a 3.74 cumulative GPA as a triple major in the IU Kelley School of Business. She is a second team Academic All-District and All-Central Region Scholar and a three-time Academic All-League pick. Twice she was named to The Summit League's Commissioner's List for Academic Excellence.

Character

After making a late decision to attend IUPUI McCrory has gone from a walk-on student-athlete to a co-captain/leader in the program. She initially thought she was going to attend Washington University in St. Louis but found out during the summer prior to her freshman year she had been denied admission. Coach Johnson took her as a preferred walk-on and she went on to earn a starting job her first season and later earn a scholarship. Last spring she was awarded the IUPUI Michael A. Carroll Scholarship (a full ride) given to one to-be senior based on community service academic prowess and athletic successes.

Community

McCrory is a two-year Community Service officer for the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC). She has performed community service hours at Gleaners food bank on two separate occasions and volunteered for the IUPUI Mid-Con conference swim meet in 2006 FC Pride soccer club in 2006 Horizon House in 2006 and Little Flower Elementary School in 2007. She has volunteered with her team at a Charity Polo Match in 2008 the Broadripple Lights Up in 2008 Dr. Sues Day at Riley Hospital for Children in 2008 and she gave blood to the Red Cross in 2007. Currently McCrory volunteers at Riley Hospital for Children once a week hosting a television show for the patients that is broadcast throughout the Clarian Hospitals. She also volunteers once a week with the College Mentors for Kids helping a first grade "little buddy." Twice she was named the Most Outstanding Jaguar from SAAC for exemplary community service.

Competition

McCrory was named first team All-Summit League in 2008 helping IUPUI to a share of its first-ever regular season league title and a school record 13 wins. She ranks fourth on the program's all-time list in career goals (12) and sixth in points (29). She enters her senior season tied for eighth on the program's all-time list in career starts with 50.



Courtney McMahon (Manhattan College)

Classroom

McMahon will graduate in May 2010 with a degree in civil engineering. She currently boasts a 3.8 grade point average. She aspires to specialize in Structural Engineering. Her academic accomplishments include: Dean's List (3.4 GPA or higher) each semester at Manhattan College accepted to Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society for top 8 percent of class) acceptance into Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honor Society) acceptance into 80th Class of Pen and Sword Society (Manhattan College Honor Society whose members have been selected on basis of distinction in the curricular and extracurricular fields of college life; has a rich tradition of influencing campus affairs and upholding its own merits) 2008 ESPN All-America Academic Team 2007 and 2008 MAAC All-Academic Team 2007 and 2008 MAAC Honor Roll.

Character

McMahon is a two-time Manhattan College women's soccer team captain event planner for Manhattan College Engineer Magazine secretary of the Manhattan College Chapter of the American Society for Civil Engineers (in this role Courtney organizes events around campus- both engineering and non-engineering related) Member of the Pen and Sword Society (the primary consideration for selection to this society is leadership throughout campus).

Community

McMahon organized team participation in the Tunnel to Towers Run in New York City (charitable run dedicated to a firefighter who passed away during the tragic 9/11 events). She participated in the 2009 New York Cares-Hands on New York Day (involves planting trees in Queens N.Y. an event organized through American Society for Civil Engineers). She provides tutoring services every week at Manhattan College which is organized through Tau Beta Pi Honor Society. She participated in the 2009 Camp Sunshine Pumpkin Festival (a charitable event supporting Camp Sunshine which provides respite joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families).

Competition

McMahon played in all 55 games during her career. She is Manhattan College's all-time assist leader (19) and ninth in career points (35). As a junior she was All-MAAC first team scored 10 points 4 goals and 2 assists and started all 18 games. In her sophomore year she dished out 5 assists including set-ups for two game-winning goals scored 2 goals and started all 18 games. As a freshman she was named to the Northeast Regional All-Freshman Team by SoccerBuzz.com. She set the program's season record for assists (12) and led the MAAC in assists.



Sophia Merrifield (Yale University)

Classroom

Merrifield has a 3.40 GPA as a double major in physics and mechanical engineering. She spent the summer working in a mechanical engineering lab at Yale doing experimental fluid dynamics. Currently Merrifield is designing an apparatus to measure 2-dimensional turbulent flows using Lagrangian particle tracking techniques. By looking at turbulent flows in a lab she hopes to help better understand weather patterns and ocean and atmospheric dynamics governed by turbulence. She is planning to publish an article on shape dynamics in turbulence this year. She has worked three summers at the University of Hawaii as a research assistant in physical oceanography doing global sea level research and examining the efficiency of tsunami warning systems internationally. She co-authored a paper submitted to the Journal of Climate in the summer before her junior year at Yale.

Character

Merrifield's post graduate plans are to earn a Ph.D. in either mechanical engineering or ocean/atmospheric physics then she hopes to work for the United Nations or a federal agency such as NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) on problems dealing with global warming and the understanding of climate and oceanic changes in the future. Her mother is currently battling her second round of breast cancer and her grandmother just beat lymphoma but now is receiving chemotherapy for colon cancer making living 5000 miles away from home difficult.

Community

Merrifield has been involved with Relay For Life at Yale for the past three years and captained a team of her own this year. In Hawaii she volunteered with Special Olympics and at a homeless shelter. She also volunteered coaching younger teams in her soccer club the Honolulu Bulls. She is a member in a society of physics students and attends lectures and meetings throughout the year. Last year she attended a conference for women in physics.

Competition

Merrifield is the 2009 Yale captain. She has started every game of her Yale career and has been named All-Ivy in each of her first three years.. She earned first team All-Ivy recognition after her sophomore season. She was named to the SoccerBuzz All-Northeast Region second team as a sophomore. She was a first team All-New England selection as a junior. She anchors Yale's defense.



Katie Miller (Marquette University)

Classroom

Miller is a double major in marketing and human resources. She has a cumulative grade point average of 3.98. She had five straight semesters of earning a perfect 4.0 GPA. She earned NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-Central Region Team Honorable Mention honors and was named to the CoSIDA and ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 5 first team in 2008.

Character

Miller excels in the classroom dominates on the field and volunteers her time in the community especially at her church. She is a team player who has fought through injury and adversity and is a selfless contributor who always puts the well-being of the team first. Three words to describe Miller are loyal faithful and selfless. She emulates Marquette's motto of "Cura Personalis" or "care for the whole person." She puts what's best for the team first and has a good balance of athletics academics and personal life. Her teammates including 16 underclassmen look up to her. She is one of the most respected players on the team and is an extension of the team to the coaching staff. She helps solve the every-day dilemmas that a young team faces when trying to find the balance between academics athletics and life.

Community

Miller is very involved not only in the Marquette community but with her church as well. She helped Marquette's initiative and participation in Kicks Against Breast Cancer Collegiate Invitational (KABC) at Solider Field in early May and helped the team raise an event-high \$5200 in support of breast cancer awareness research and treatment. She has participated in MU's TOPSoccer Day Clinic each of the last four years. TOPSoccer is an official U.S. Youth Soccer program enriching the lives of young athletes with disabilities through the game of soccer. TOPSoccer is a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities. The program is designed to bring the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl ages 4-19 who has a mental or physical disability. Outside of soccer she has volunteered for the last three years at Shoreland Community Church for Vacation Bible School. She also volunteered as a tutor at Lloyd Street School during her freshman and sophomore years. Miller has also participated in the Bowling for Kids Sake to benefit Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee each of the last three years.

Competition

Miller has fought through injury and adversity to be one of the team's top players. She has been a contributor both on and off the field since she stepped on campus in 2006. She has played in 46 games starting in 24. She has been a strong presence on MU's back line helping the Golden Eagles to record 23 shutouts over three seasons (2006 07 08). With Miller in the lineup Marquette is 26-12-8 and she has helped Marquette to earn a berth in the 2006 and 2008 NCAA Tournaments. Before a season-ending knee injury 14 games into the 2008 season Miller led the team in minutes played. For her play in 2008 she earned BIG EAST Honor Roll accolades.



Angie Muir (Butler University)

Classroom

Muir boasts a 3.831 grade point average as a secondary education major and Spanish minor. She was named to the CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine All-District V Second Team in both 2006 and 2007 and was voted to the Academic All-Horizon League Team as both a sophomore and junior. She is a member of the Horizon League's Academic Honor Roll every semester she was eligible by maintaining at least a 3.20 during her career.

Character

Head coach Tari St. John describes Muir's selflessness perseverance and leadership. "Before I had even met Angie Muir in person I knew an exceptional person was joining our team. My first indication that we had recruited somebody very special was from a story a local club coach told me about Angie. In 2004 Angie's club team was involved in a near-fatal high-speed van accident. When help arrived Angie in a severe amount of pain urged them to assist with her other teammates. 'I'm ok I'm ok. There are others that need more help than me.' As it turned out Angie urged the rescuers past her while she laid contorted in the van with a dislocated hip cracked vertebrae and a lost tooth. But Angie was right; there were others that were worse off than she. Although probably the most traumatic the van accident wasn't the only obstacle Angie faced in her collegiate career. During her freshmen season Muir endured the first of two ACL reconstructions. She came back to earn first team all-conference honors in her junior season. Riding the high of her best collegiate season she was playing some of her best soccer in the spring of her junior year. In early April 2008 she tore her other ACL. I've never seen a player respond to the news with such grace. She rehabbed throughout the early fall in an attempt to be ready by midseason but we decided it would be best for her to finish her career fully healthy. Angie a player blessed with talent was also blessed with humility. It is this combination that I believe lent herself to be a leader since her freshmen year. She was able to earn the respect of her elders through her strong work ethic and willingness to compete. At the end of her sophomore year she was voted team captain and was voted captain again as a junior and senior.

Community

Muir organized for her dorm floor to adopt a family through the United Way of Indiana. The floor raised and spent \$500 spent on the family. She also worked 15 hours a week during her second semester senior year for Kids Corner Pre School a preschool run through her alma mater Carmel High School. Her daily tasks included making lesson plans physical activities games and introducing the mainly five-year-olds to science math writing reading and health. The school had 16 students that came to school three times a week from 8 to 11 a.m. She has helped coach a youth soccer program as well. She also volunteered at her mother's preschool. Two teachers were usually utilized but when one was unavailable or had an appointment Muir would step in to assist. The curriculum would include an introduction to basic math English science etc. and a supervised free-play. She also helped at family functions such as pizza night and the annual Christmas show. She volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank and coordinated efforts for the women's soccer team to work a food drive at Lucas Oil Stadium in November 2008.

Competition

The Bulldogs' active leader in goals scored (22) assists (16) and total points (60) Muir ranks sixth

all-time in assists and points and seventh in goals. She was named to the All-Horizon League first team as a junior in 2007. She is a member of the all-league second team and newcomer team as a freshman. She has led the team in points in all three seasons she has been on the roster. She was named to the league's all-tournament team in 2006 and is a two-time Horizon League Player of the Week. She has scored seven game-winning goals in her career including a team-high four as a junior in 2007. She led the team and ranked third in the league with 10 goals and 26 points as a junior. Her six assists also paced the squad and tied her for third in the conference.



Lizzy Nichols (Harvard University)

Classroom

Nichols is a history and literature and history of art and architecture double concentrator at Harvard. She has achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.78 and will graduate from Harvard in May 2010. For the last two years Nichols has earned a spot on the prestigious Academic All-Ivy League team. In 2008 she was named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District team. Nichols attended Columbia's Paris program in art and urban studies last year and received a Weatherhead grant for thesis research in Morocco and Paris during the summer of 2009.

Character

A team captain of the Crimson in 2009 Nichols has overcome hip and head injuries at Harvard forcing her to adjust the way she played the game while the injuries healed. Remaining determined to help her team Nichols did not miss any time on the field from those injuries and has started 49 of 52 Harvard games during the last three seasons.

Community

Nichols is on the board of a Harvard student-run non-profit organization called Circle of Women which is committed to promoting women's education in the developing world. One project entitled "Project Wonkhai" involved the construction of a school for girls in Wardak Afghanistan which required raising \$120000 and working with local collaborators to oversee construction. After the building was completed Nichols the web officer of the organization helped raised money for school supplies teacher training programs and vocational training. Nichols and Circle of Women also spread awareness about the state of women's education in the developing world and the impact an educated woman may have in society. Nichols has also spent time volunteering with her teammates at a local pre-school worked with Habitat for Humanity organized soccer clinics for local children and participated in the Harvard Athletics Bench Press for Cancer. She is currently helping the organization of the Goals4Leaders program a project that will help raise funds for Coaches across Continents a non-profit organization that uses the game of soccer to teach life and leadership skills in the developing world.

Competition

A three-time All-Ivy League selection Nichols has been tabbed to the all-conference first team at defense the last two years. As a junior in 2008 Nichols was named to NSCAA All-Northeast Region for the second year and was a Soccer Buzz All-Northeast Region pick in 2007. Last fall Nichols helped the Crimson win its first Ivy League title since 1999 as she scored on a penalty kick in double overtime in the final game of the season sending Harvard to the NCAA Tournament. She also has international experience having been invited to the U.S. Under-23 National Team camp in 2009 and the Under-20 camp in 2008.



Kelley O'Hara (Stanford University)

Classroom

Through the winter quarter of 2008-09 O'Hara had a cumulative GPA of 3.400. She is a two-time Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention selection and has been named to the Stanford Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

Character

Called the team's inspirational leader by her coach O'Hara will likely be a Stanford captain this year.

Community

O'Hara regularly helps prepare food for the homeless as part of her sorority's community service project. She has helped with the Bay Area Women's Sports Initiative to inspire young female athletes become leaders on the field and in the community.

Competition

O'Hara was named to the preseason watch list for the Hermann Trophy emblematic of the nation's best collegiate player for the third consecutive year. She is a two-time second team All-American and a 2008 All-West Region first team selection. She is a two-time All-Pac-10 first team selection.



Emily Peterson (Texas A&M University)

Classroom

Peterson is a fifth-year senior who maintains a 3.89 grade point average and is a two-time member of both ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District first team and the Academic All-Big 12 first team. The Mays Business Honors Program member is a finance major and economics minor who wants to go into the investment side of banking after interning with CMC Markets and The Rock Creek Group in Washington D.C. Peterson was twice named a Texas A&M/Verizon Outstanding Athletics Scholar after maintaining a perfect 4.0 semester GPA and earned the Texas A&M/Verizon Athletic Scholar award her freshman year by maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0 over the calendar year. She was on the Dean's list and President's honor roll her medical redshirt year (2007). Peterson was the CEO of the Mays Business Titans organizing meetings delegating jobs and ensuring participant preparation of 14 students selected to study the greatest literary works in business investing and financial theory under the guidance of an industry expert. She was also in the Mays Business School Fellows Program being selected as one of 43 top business undergraduates to participate in intensive professional development program designed to strengthen team-oriented leadership abilities.

Character

Peterson was born without a left arm and has been overcoming obstacles her entire life none of which stopped her from participating in and excelling at any sport. Her parents Peggy and Dennis Peterson encouraged her to participate in whatever sports she wanted as a child. Peterson learned to handle a ball and glove like former major league pitcher Jim Abbott and played basketball through her freshman year of high school all the while playing soccer. Peterson deals with questions about her arm gracefully and is very matter-of-fact about having a prosthetic limb. Peterson starred at left back her first two seasons being named the team's newcomer of the year and defensive MVP as a freshman and sophomore respectively. She was forced to redshirt the following season after surgery for stress fractures in both feet. She worked hard to come back from her injury and when she returned the fall of her junior year a couple of early season-ending injuries by her teammates forced Peterson into a new position as a central defender. As a junior she led a back line that included three freshmen and helped A&M to its fourth appearance in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament. For everything Peterson has gone through on and off the pitch her competitive behavior and never-say-quit attitude are well-respected by her peers and coaches.

Community

Being born with one arm and excelling in sports Peterson made it a point to help children like her. So for a weekend every year Peterson volunteers at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children Hand Camp counseling parents of children with upper-limb differences and addressing difficult topics individually and to large audiences. She spoke at various elementary and middle schools about being a college athlete and the importance of making good grades. She volunteered for Helping One Student to Succeed (HOSTS) helping elementary school students for whom English is a second language by reading to explaining and motivating them in a difficult communication environment. Peterson volunteered for an event done by Up With Nets. The program focused on fighting malaria. She volunteers for youth soccer clinics and helps at Texas A&M soccer camps and works with the Junior Aggie Club during various events. Peterson was also one of 12573 Texas A&M students to

make a difference in the Bryan/College Station community in "The Big Event" where she painted raked and cleaned in the community.

Competition

In her collegiate career Peterson has helped Texas A&M become a prominent national force leading the Aggies to three Big 12 Championships a Sweet Sixteen appearance and two Elite Eight appearances in the NCAA Tournament. She garnered an All-Big 12 first team honor and two Soccer Buzz All-Central Region honors in addition to being named the team's defensive MVP twice and the newcomer of the year as a freshman. Peterson registered the most starts among the freshman class in 2005 and notched four assists and one goal in just five shots. She scored her first career goal on her first career shot and helped her team to a Big 12 regular-season and tournament championships and to the Sweet Sixteen. As a sophomore Peterson started in all but one match. She helped lead the Aggie defense to a Big-12-best 12 shutouts fired nine shots six of which were on goal and led her team to another Big 12 championship and an Elite Eight appearance. Peterson medically redshirted in 2007 and returned in 2008 as the experienced leader on a young backline. She helped the Aggies to eight shutouts and helped bring the Aggies back to the Elite Eight. In three years at A&M Peterson has played in 66 games and totaled one goal four assists 17 shots and 11 shots on goal.



Sophie Reiser (Columbia University)

Classroom

Reiser became the first player in program history to be named to the NSCAA/adidas Scholar All-America first team in 2008. She earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I first team honors and was also named to the Fall Academic All-Ivy League squad. Reiser maintains a 3.67 GPA with a double-major in political science and visual arts.

Character

Reiser was named captain by her teammates as a junior and senior. She is a vocal leader on the pitch and is a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She helped lead the team to its highest regional ranking in program history (No. 2 in the Northeast) and receive votes in the national poll for the first time. She interned for the USA World Cup committee in the summer of 2009.

Community

Reiser has participated with her teammates in the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation a non-profit charitable organization that improves the quality of life for children suffering with pediatric brain tumors by matching ill children with NCAA teams from around the country. She was a member of the women's soccer team that won the inaugural Lions Cup in 2009 an athletics department-wide program at Columbia aimed at getting teams to support one another by awarding points for community service and attendance at Columbia sporting events.

Competition

Reiser was named Ivy League Player of the Year Northeast Region Player of the Year and fourth team All-American after establishing career highs with 12 goals and 11 assists. She ranked seventh in the nation in assists per game (0.65) and 10th in points per game (2.06). She is a two-time first team All-Ivy League selection and ranks second in Columbia history in assists fourth in points and eighth in goals for a career. She enters the 2009 season with a 13-match point-scoring streak. She tied the Columbia single-game record with three assists in a contest against Long Island. She scored her first career hat-trick against Dartmouth. She is part of a senior class that has helped the Lions finish .500 or better in Ivy League play in three straight seasons the longest streak in program history.



Ali Riley (Stanford University)

Classroom

Through winter quarter 2008-09 (she carried a 4.0 for that quarter) Riley had a cumulative GPA of 3.770 as a psychology major. She was a 2008 first team Pac-10 All-Academic team member and was selected to the 2007-08 Stanford Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

Character

Riley was a 2008 team captain. In addition she is on the leadership team for the New Zealand national team. New Zealand is a perpetual underdog in every match but Riley has helped the team reach the 2007 Women's World Cup and 2008 Olympics.

Community

Riley traveled to Belize with a church group to paint a school and put on soccer clinics for children. She was counselor for Camp Harmony an overnight camp for underprivileged children from the L.A. area. With her Stanford teammates she visited the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and played with the children.

Competition

Riley is one of the top outside backs in the country. She was All-Pac-10 second team and honorable mention in 2007 and 2006 respectively. She was a starter for the New Zealand National Team at the 2007 Women's World Cup and in the 2008 Olympics.



Myra Sack (Dartmouth College)

Classroom

A government major Sack has maintained an impressive 3.61 grade point average throughout her time at Dartmouth. She has taken full advantage of Dartmouth's unique four-quarter academic system traveling to foreign countries twice. During the winter of her sophomore year she studied abroad in Barcelona Spain and in her junior winter traveled to Nicaragua to volunteer for Soccer Without Borders. After returning from a service trip to Nicaragua Sack and two teammates participated in an independent study reflecting on their experiences. The College has taken interest in using their model for other student terms abroad. Sack has received multiple awards for her success in the classroom as well as the field including: NSCAA Scholar All-America second team NSCAA Scholar All-Northeast first team and Academic All-Ivy.

Character

A 2009 team captain Sack is a woman of exceptional character - it is evident in her actions on the soccer field with teammates on campus with peers elders and youth. She is thoughtful in her actions and words and is mindful that she represents Dartmouth soccer at all times. Her coach Angie Hind says: "Myra is such a positive influence in everything she does and everyone she is around. Her relentless drive and dedication towards her academics sport and community development are quite simply astounding. I have been privileged to work with many very special young women but Myra is absolutely exceptional as a role model leader and mentor for so so many. She is the type of young women who strives constantly to make a difference - to date she has certainly made her mark. I have no doubt the impact she will make in future years will be even greater."

Community

Community service is a part of life for Sack. She was the recipient of Dartmouth's Class of 1950 Award for Community Service in 2008-09. She is constantly giving of herself to others in a variety of ways including starting her own youth sports initiative in the Dartmouth area. Sack and teammate Becky Poskin founded Athletes United a program that provides a free sports league to underprivileged local youth. Many children outside the immediate campus neighborhood lack the resources to participate in sports leagues and this provides a cost-free alternative. Dartmouth student-athletes coach teams of youth athletes with weekly practices and games in a variety of sports based on season. During the winter of 2009 Sack traveled to Nicaragua to volunteer for Soccer Without Borders an organization that seeks to improve the lives of marginalized youth through soccer and sport. Sack and her fellow coaches helped teach the local youth particularly girls life skills through activities on the soccer field. She was immersed in the local culture and also worked to prepare local teachers to continue their work in fitness sports and health education. Additionally Sack has volunteered to mentor local youth and worked with Special Olympics. At home in Pennsylvania she is in her fourth year as a volunteer coach for an AAU basketball program. She always spends time with children who attend the Dartmouth games as well.

Competition

On the soccer field Sack has made significant contributions as a starter since her freshman season. She runs the midfield from both an offensive and defensive side and does whatever her team and coaches ask of her. As a junior she brought home a multitude of awards including first team All-Ivy

and first team NSCAA All-Northeast. She was named to the Virginia Classic All-Tournament team and received her team's Fernald Cup for ability enthusiasm leadership sportsmanship and dedication to Dartmouth women's soccer. In her junior year she started all 16 games and played nearly every minute of the season leading the team in scoring with three goals and five assists for 11 points in midfield. She earned All-Ivy honorable mention accolades as both a freshman and sophomore starting 27 of 31 games played and tallying four assists in those seasons. Sack helped Dartmouth earn a national ranking as high as 13th her freshman season.



Katie Schoepfer (Pennsylvania State University)

Classroom

Schoepfer has maintained a 3.38 cumulative GPA with a 3.5 in her major. She looks forward to working with at-risk children as a career and possibly getting into social work after graduation to make a difference in children's lives. She is a two-time member of the Academic All-Big Ten team (2007 2008) as well as a CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine second team All-District selection in 2007.

Character

Schoepfer has had to overcome many injuries during her playing career. Nevertheless she has bounced back from them and become a better student-athlete because of them. She is very committed to her team and would do anything for her teammates. Her belief is to play the game the right way by showing sportsmanship whenever possible on the playing field.

Community

Schoepfer is active in a variety of community groups and events. She participates in The Second Mile a non-profit organization that gives an outlet to underprivileged and disadvantaged children. Additionally she also participates in an annual Christmas Party hosted by The Second Mile. Her work with "Penn" Pal has been an exciting experience for Schoepfer as she participates with a classroom of young people in exchanging letters. She also volunteers her time with the Centre Soccer Association with try-outs practices and showing young girls the ins and outs of soccer while helping to provide them with the opportunity to reach their goals. Schoepfer has given speeches to several different youth soccer clubs over the years to inspire young girls to believe they can achieve their dreams and work hard enough to reach their goals. Schoepfer is also active in "THON" which is what the Penn State Dance Marathon is known as in the State College area. The 48-hour event raises millions of dollars for pediatric cancer research. She is active in the Athlete Hour which lets children and their families meet various student-athletes from the Penn State athletic department for quality time.

Competition

Schoepfer has been an outstanding leader on and off the field for the Nittany Lions during her career in Happy Valley. Schoepfer has started in 65 of 78 games in the Blue and White and has amassed impressive numbers entering her senior year. She ranks in the top 10 in four offensive categories all-time in Penn State history: 5th in shots (309) 7th in goals (35) and game-winning goals (13) and 8th in points (90). She is a two-time first team All-Big Ten honoree and an NSCAA/Soccer Buzz second team All-American in 2007. Additionally Schoepfer is a member of the U.S. U-23 National Team which competed in Ireland and England this past summer.



Lindsey Smart (Utah State University)

Classroom

Smart is a three-time academic all-WAC honoree. She was selected to the NSCAA Scholar all-West Region second team in 2008. In 2007 she earned second-team CoSIDA academic all-district eight honors. She helped the Aggies win the NSCAA Team Academic Award three straight seasons.

Character

Smart is well respected by her teammates. The team voted her captain in her junior year. She relates to everyone on the team. She has the best work ethic on a team that has a very high work ethic; she always works hard whether it is on the field or in the weight room or in the classroom. She calls situations as she sees them but finds a way to put a positive spin even on tough times. She exemplifies a "can do" spirit. Smart has overcome adversity in her career. After her junior year she had surgery for compartment syndrome in both of her legs. She spent the majority of the spring on the sideline. She stayed emotionally involved with the team almost becoming another coach and was an inspiration to the team with how hard she worked to recover. She had an ambitious goal to be back for our last competition of the spring and she was able to achieve it.

Community

Smart is a Student-Athlete Mentor (SAM) which is a veteran student-athlete who has proven himself or herself as an exemplary role model. SAMs are nominated by their coaches and go through an interview and training process to be ready for their duties as a SAM in the fall. SAMs facilitate small group discussions for the Utah State 101 course each fall and serve as positive role models on and off campus. Two SAMs are assigned 10 -15 new student-athletes and act as that group's mentors throughout the semester and help assist new student-athletes in making a smooth transition to the university. In addition she serves as a peer educator and liaison to her teammates. As a captain she wanted to add a community service activity at the local Boys and Girls Club to set the tone of the school year for the team and to make sure that the team realized early on that with the honor of playing soccer at USU there also came a responsibility to give back. She is constantly volunteering to do activities for the Aggie Ambassador program which gets student-athletes out into the community and local schools. Smart plans to apply to physician assistant schools after she graduates. In order to prepare for this she spent the summer gaining her EMT certificate.

Competition

Smart has earned all-Western Athletic Conference honors three straight seasons earning second team honors in 2006 and first team honors in 2007 and 2008. She became USU's all-time assist leader last season with 14 assists. She was the 2006 WAC Freshman of the Year. She has played in all 63 matches since 2006 scoring three goals and 14 assists for 20 points.



Amanda Waugh (Central Michigan University)

Classroom

Waugh carries a 3.63 grade point average as an integrative public relations major and media design minor. The soccer team has posted the highest GPA in the nation every year she has been on the squad. She was named to the CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine District IV third team and was an Academic All-MAC selection for the first time following her junior season.

Character

Waugh has served as a team captain since her sophomore year. She took a more active role off the field in managing team conflicts in her junior year. She also helped plan team events and organize travel and lodging itineraries. She took all the visiting recruits on tours and provided them with a place to stay for the night. She served as a team liaison to answer questions recruits and their parents had after camps. She served as the team's public face again when she delivered a speech to administrators and community members on what it means to be a student-athlete. She recently was awarded the 2009 Boyden Award winner. The Boyden Award recipient is selected each spring from among those applicants who are varsity letterwinners and will be in their final year of eligibility the following fall. The award is not primarily an academic one. Instead it singles out a senior-to-be of satisfactory academic standing whose record best combines participation in a varsity intercollegiate sport with leadership ability in campus affairs and activities interests or accomplishments in the arts and community involvement.

Community

Waugh helped start a non-profit organization called Student-Athletes Leading Social Change (SALSC) this summer. She designed the logo and organization slogan and participated in conference calls during the summer as a member of the selection committee to select members of their leadership board. Her responsibilities include preparing a proposal for consideration in the group. Her proposal is launching an initiative to help provide underprivileged families access to sports through charity. Through the organization she is trying to help CMU raise enough money for her to go to Africa to help build schools and health care buildings next summer. She helped create an annual breast cancer fundraiser for her team and created a tribute page on the American Cancer Society's Web site in honor of her best friend and teammate's deceased mother.

Competition

Waugh enters her senior campaign ranked fifth on Central Michigan's career goal list with 17 tallies. She has 43 career points which ranks sixth in program history. She was named first team All-MAC in 2008 after scoring eight goals and adding six assists for a team-high 22 points. Her point total was the second highest in the conference and was the fifth-most points recorded in one season at CMU. She registered 17 points (fourth in the MAC) on seven goals (second) and three assists as a sophomore.