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Maryland's Isaiah Davis-Allen Wins 2017 Senior CLASS Award® in Men's Lacrosse

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (May 25, 2017) – Two-time first-team All-American short-stick midfielder Isaiah Davis-Allen from Maryland has been selected as the 2017 Senior CLASS Award® winner in men's lacrosse. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition. An acronym for *Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*®, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities. Davis-Allen is the second student-athlete from Maryland to win the Senior CLASS Award, following Juan Dixon who took home the award for men's basketball in 2002.

"Being named the Senior CLASS Award winner is an incredible honor," said Davis-Allen, who will lead the Terrapins against Denver in the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Final Four on Saturday. "Everybody on that list is incredible both on and off the field in their local communities. My family and our coaches at Maryland have always pushed us to not only be the best players possible, but also be the best men possible."

A two-time team captain (2016-17), Davis-Allen helped the Terps to their fourth straight Final Four and third straight Big Ten title this season, earning first-team USILA All-America honors—the only short stick midfielder to make the team—a second-team Big Ten nod and a spot on the Tewaarton Watch List. As a junior, Davis-Allen earned first-team All-America honors from both USILA and *Lacrosse Magazine* and a spot on the All-Big Ten First Team after picking up 45 ground balls, causing 11 turnovers, scoring four goals and adding one assist.

"Our staff and our university are very proud of Isaiah for winning this award," said Head Coach John Tillman. "It speaks to the type of person Isaiah is because he's certainly a tremendous player, but also so much more than that. He's one of those guys who is always looking out for members of the local community and trying to make a difference."

As committed to excellence as Davis-Allen is on the field, he maintains the same standard when other notable areas including academics, community involvement and personal character. Earning scholar-

athlete honors twice in his four years, Davis-Allen serves as a representative for all Maryland male student-athletes on the Faculty Athletic Council and as the men's lacrosse representative for both Maryland's Student Athlete Advisory Committee and Team IMPACT. When it comes to the community, Davis-Allen enjoys sharing his passion for lacrosse with fellow African-Americans by volunteering in the offseason for PG Pride Lacrosse Club, a local team close to campus largely made up of African-Americans. Other community service activities the senior enjoys include reading to children at local schools, volunteering at Johns Hopkins Hospital, volunteering for school-aged childcare and coaching for the Blackwolf and SYC lacrosse clubs.

"To reach the Final Four all four years during your college career is a rare and special feat, and Isaiah Davis-Allen has played a big role in helping his team achieve at the highest level," said Erik Miner, executive director for the Senior CLASS Award. "At the same time, he's also showed that it's possible to excel in other important areas while playing collegiate sports. We offer our sincere congratulations to Isaiah, his team and to the University of Maryland."

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Isaiah Davis-Allen, Maryland
Michael LeClair, High Point
Dylan Molloy, Brown
Sergio Perkovic, Notre Dame
Eric Scott, Yale

Senior CLASS Award Second-Team All-Americans
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Scott Firman, Syracuse
Austin Pifani, North Carolina
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ABOUT THE AWARD

An acronym for C*elebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School*, the Senior CLASS Award honors the attributes of senior student-athletes in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition. The award program is designed exclusively for college seniors who are utilizing their complete athletic eligibility, remaining committed to their university and pursuing the many rewards a senior season can bring. Premier Sports Management manages the award.

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