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UALBANY PLACES SIX ON FOOTBALL GAZETTE MID-MAJOR PRESEASON TEAM

Albany, N.Y. – The University at Albany placed six players on the Football Gazette NCAA Division I-AA Mid-Major Preseason All-America Team, as announced today by the national publication. Linebacker Colin Disch, offensive tackle Jacob Anderson and defensive tackle Michael Dungey were named to the first team. Offensive guard Sam Pagano (Colonie Central) earned second-team honors, while defensive end Andre Coleman and cornerback Ryan Chrobak were honorable mention selections.

Disch, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound inside linebacker, has already been picked by *Street & Smith's College Football Yearbook* and *Lindy's Sports Annuals* as the Northeast Conference's top defender in their preseason publications. Disch, the 2005 Football Gazette mid-major linebacker of the year, made 112 tackles last season.

Anderson was a second-team mid-major All-American and first-team All-NEC offensive tackle last year. A 6-foot-6, 300-pound senior, Anderson has made 21 consecutive starts on the line. Dungey (6-2, 275) recorded 39 tackles and 3.0 sacks en route to being named a 2005 mid-major All-America second-team defensive tackle.

Pagano, a second-team All-NEC left guard, made 11 starts for an offense that averaged nearly 174 rushing yards against conference opponents. Coleman (6-4, 290) received first-team All-NEC honors with 32 tackles and 4.5 sacks. Chrobak, who will start for the fourth consecutive season in the secondary, had 47 tackles and five pass break-ups.

UALBANY ATHLETICS UNVEILS ONLINE TICKETING SYSTEM

Albany, N.Y. – Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today that the University at Albany will now offer an online ticketing system through the department of athletics Web site (www.albany.edu/sports). UAlbany's online ticketing will offer 24-hour access to account information, the ability to pay for individual game tickets online that can be picked up at will call on the day of the event, plus a feature for checking order status.

UAlbany individual football tickets and parking are now on sale through the online system. Football ticket prices are: \$8.00, reserved; \$6.00, adult general admission; \$1.00, children general admission. A season football parking pass for the Recreation and Convocation Center lot is priced at \$15.00.



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ALLSTADT & LOTMORE LEAD 120 UALBANY ATHLETES ON A-EAST HONOR ROLL

Boston, Mass. – University at Albany track and field athletes **Andy Allstadt** and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Bishop Maginn) lead a group of 120 Great Dane student-athletes who have been named to the 2005-06 America East Conference Winter-Spring Academic Honor Roll, as announced by the league office on Thursday afternoon. Allstadt and Lotmore were also named America East Scholar-Athletes in men's indoor and women's outdoor track and field, respectively, as chosen by a committee of athletic administrators and NCAA faculty representatives.

Allstadt, who was recently one of 29 men awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, was also named to the 2005-06 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America men's track and field national second team. In addition, Allstadt earned most outstanding track performer honors at the 2006 conference indoor championship, capturing both the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs. Lotmore posted second-place finishes in both the 5,000- and 10,000-m runs to help the Great Danes to their first-ever America East Conference women's outdoor team championship.

The conference honor roll recognizes student-athletes who earn grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. UAlbany also had 55 student-athletes on the Commissioner's Honor Roll after posting a GPA of 3.50 or better during the 2006 spring semester. Seven athletes recorded a 4.0 GPA during the spring, including Allstadt, softball standouts **Katrina Dunning** and **Amber Maisonet**, and men's lacrosse player **Mike Ammann**.

The Great Danes captured five conference championships in the winter and spring seasons. Men's basketball, men's indoor and outdoor track and field, softball, and women's outdoor track and field are the reigning America East champions for UAlbany. Men's track and field led UAlbany honor roll honorees with 24 student-athletes, while men's lacrosse totaled 19.

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<u>Baseball:</u> Brad Daniels, Sean Donovan, Pat DuFrayne, Pete Eichner, Giorgio Fuda, Chris Hecht, Jeff Kaier, Chris Ott, Steve Sayre, Cory Warrings, Mark Suchowiecki, Steve Wyland. <u>Men's Basketball:</u> David Bauman, Jon Iati, Jamar Wilson, Kirsten Zoellner.

Women's Basketball: Kristin Higy, Asha Jordan, Sharon Majors, Kelly Martinson, Sherri Mikus, Kirsten Peterson, Gia Sanders, Jen Schumacher.

Women's Golf: Amanda McPhee, Samantha Williams.

Men's Lacrosse: Mike Ammann, Steve Ammann, A.J. Babnik, Dan Barnes, Eric Dunne, Matthew Green, Paul Guzzone, Andrew Maini, Shane Moriarty, Mark Phelan, Frank Resetarits, Greg Shondel, Corey Small, Marc Smith, Jim Stankard, Merrick Thomson.

Women's Lacrosse: Mel Brasor, Stacy Brown, Jane Bush, Julie Bush, Kristin Cioffi, Jen Daly, Kate Fontana, Courtney Hill, Domenica Lo Re, Katie Neer, Katelyn Primomo, Rory Redmond, Mackenzie Riegel, Meg Rinier, Leslie Russell, Brittany Scott, Sarah Spillett, Teresa Strano, Sara Wolf.

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Softball: Leslie Busch, Katrina Dunning, Julie Gannon, Laura Gremillion, Amber Maisonet, Ali Meacham, Kelly Ogden, Ashley Rios, Leanne Tillman.

Women's Tennis: Amanda Hall, Aimee Kern, Lisa Klarmann, Kerry Levis, Courtney Michels, Kyle Steller, Christina Suarez, Kim Weltman, Kim Westcott.

Men's Track & Field: Andy Allstadt, Anthony Basile, Joe Belokopitsky, Gered Burns, Renauld Buck, Peter Chesser, Iain Cox, Coron Espey, Stephen Evans, Chase Frazer, Ray Gilman, Jimmy Henn, Raphael Jean-Baptiste, Chris Jimenez, Bryan Lasky, Michael Lynch, Andrew Overbaugh, Mike Reynolds, Anthony Robibero, Chris Rua, Mitchel Troise, Andres Vives, Kyle White, Eric Zorilla.

Women's Track & Field: Adanna Andrews, Anisha Andrews, Heather Angel, Sarah Charles, Patty Diedrich, Arina Gerasimova, Jenn Gurrant, Melissa Lee, Alyssa Lotmore, Valerie Maignan, Candice Mann, Amy Morrison, Jenna Ortman, Jessica Ortman, Aleksandra Palak, Jenn Russell, Natasha Torres.



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America East Cites Over 1,100 Student-Athletes for Honor Roll, 16 Scholar-Athletes

BOSTON — A total of 1174 student-athletes have been named to the 2005-06 America East Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll for earning grade-point averages of 3.0 or higher, including America East Scholar-Athletes **Brendon Hitchcock** (Binghamton baseball), **Martin Klimes** (Vermont men's basketball), **Jessica Smith** (Stony Brook women's basketball), **Jeff Wolniewicz** (Binghamton men's golf), **Juliana Carrillo** (Hartford women's golf), **Kevin McKeown** (Binghamton men's lacrosse), **Marrisa Trachtenberg** (Stony Brook women's lacrosse), **Brittany Cheney** (Maine softball), **Brian Koizim** (Binghamton men's swimming & diving), **Lidija Breznikar** (Boston U. women's swimming & diving), **Tal Meir** (Stony Brook men's tennis), **Lya Kushnirovich** (Binghamton women's tennis), **Andy Allstadt** (Albany men's indoor track & field), **Marisa Ryan** (Boston U. women's indoor track & field), **Adam Grossman** (UMBC men's outdoor track & field) and **Alyssa Lotmore** (Albany women's outdoor track & field).

Of that total, 496 student-athletes were named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll, acknowledging grade-point averages of 3.5 or higher during the most recent athletic season. These student-athletes join 541 student-athletes, including 261 with grade-point averages of 3.5 better, named to the America East Fall Academic Honor Roll, giving the conference more than 1,800 student-athletes with grade-point averages above 3.0 in the 2005-06 academic year.

Binghamton had the most representatives named to the Academic Honor Roll as 154 Bearcat student-athletes were selected. Vermont (144), Maine (140), Stony Brook (139) and UMBC (130) rounded out the top five. New Hampshire (127), Albany (120) and Boston U. (120) were separated by just three student-athletes, while Hartford boasts an even 100. The New Hampshire women's track & field team amassed 42 student-athletes on the Academic Honor Roll, the highest total of all institutional sports.

Maine featured 69 student-athletes named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll to lead all institutions. Vermont (67), Binghamton (62), Albany (58) and UMBC (58) were others well-represented by student-athletes with grade-point averages of 3.5 or better. The Maine women's swimming & diving squad had 18 student-athletes on Commissioner's Honor Roll, the highest total of all institutional sports.

The student-athletes were members of teams in the 16 championship sports which America East offered in the winter and spring seasons including men's and women's basketball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's track and field (both indoor and outdoor), men's and women's tennis, men's and women's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, softball and baseball. Member institutions of America East Conference for the 2005-06 winter/spring season included University at Albany, Binghamton University, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), University of New Hampshire, Stony Brook University and University of Vermont.

The scholar-athletes were selected by a committee of athletic administrators and NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives that chose an honoree in each of the 16 winter/spring championship sports. Each honoree was a starter or prominent reserve and carries a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.20.

Maine had the highest percentage of student-athletes named to the Academic Honor Roll as 140 of its 233 student-athletes (60.09 percent) in winter/spring sports received that distinction. Hartford (54.64), Vermont (53.93), New Hampshire (52.48), Binghamton (51.68) and Stony Brook (50.92) were other schools with more than half their student-athletes named to the Academic Honor Roll.

Hitchcock, a SUNY Chancellor Scholar-Athlete, was named to the America East Spring All-Academic Team, CoSIDA Academic All-District squad and was a member of Binghamton's accounting team that placed second in country in national competition. On the field, the junior was named first team all-conference for the second-straight season and led the Bearcats in batting average (.363) and runs batted in (46) and is already Binghamton's career leader (Division I) in hits, RBI and average heading into senior season.

Klimes was selected to the first America East Men's Basketball All-Academic Team and was also honored as a NACDA National Scholar-Athlete and a member of the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District I Team. The junior is a four-time member of America East Academic Honor Roll and is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma national business honor society. For the second straight season, Klimes started at center for UVM and helped lead the sixth-seeded Catamounts to their fourth-straight trip to the America East Men's Basketball Championship game. Klimes was named to the America East All-Conference Third Team, the America East All-Defensive Team and the America East All-Championship Team.

Smith, a three-time member of the America East Winter/Spring Honor Roll, was named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District I second team for the second-straight season and to the inaugural America East Women's Basketball All-Academic Team. As a player for the Seawolves, the junior is a three-time America East All-Conference selection and enters 2006-07 season ranking second among active players in America East with 1,229 career points, which is good for 47th all-time in the league.

Wolniewicz, a SUNY Chancellor Scholar-Athlete, was a member of the America East Golf All-Academic Team. He helped lead the Binghamton men's golf team to its third NCAA bid in the last five years and was named first team PING all-region for the third-straight year.

An America East Academic Honor Roll and Commissioner's Honor Roll selection in 2005, Carillo was Hartford's representative for the 2006 NCAA Leadership Convention in Orlando, Fla. She has played in 20 career golf tournaments for the Hawks and was an all-conference selection in 2005 after finishing third at the America East Championship.

One of America East's premier men's lacrosse goalies, Binghamton's McKeown is also a SUNY Chancellor Scholar-Athlete, a USILA Scholar All-American, and a member of the America East Men's Lacrosse All-Academic Team. He has earned third-straight America East all-conference honors and was the America East Player of the Year and an All-American in 2004.

Trachtenberg, a 2006 America East Woman of the Year finalist, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Stony Brook in May 2006. She was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society, Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society and was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Nominee. A two-time America East All-Conference selection for women's lacrosse, Trachtenberg also garnered the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award.

Cheney won the Dean Smith Academic Award for most outstanding student-athlete at Maine and was named an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America First-Team selection and a member of the America East Softball All-Academic Team in 2006. She has been named to the America East Academic Honor Roll four times and a Maine Scholar-Athlete three times. On the diamond, she was a three-time All-America East First-Team selection and finished second in school history for most hits in a single season with 61 in 2006.

Binghamton's Koizim won the school's top academic honor, the ECAC Merit Medal, and had the highest cumulative GPA of any Binghamton athlete. Koizim helped lead the Bearcats to a runner-up finish at the America East Championship, while capturing three league titles, two runner-up finishes and a third-place showing.

Breznikar was a Dean's List student in five out of six semesters, most recently posting a 4.0 in the spring semester of 2006. A three-time member of America East's Commissioner's Honor Roll, Breznikar was also a member of the America East All-Academic Team, while holding three school records in the pool.

A four-time member of America East's Commissioner's Honor Roll, Meir is a member of the Society of Distinguished Scholar-Athletes. Meir helped lead the Seawolves to their first America East Championship and first NCAA berth in 2006 as he garnered all-conference second-team honors at No. 1 singles and was named to both the all-tournament team and the America East First-Team at No. 1 doubles with teammate Michael Crooks.

Kushnirovich was a member of the inaugural America East Women's Tennis All-Academic Team. She also produced second-best wins total (27) in Binghamton's history with 27-9 singles record and was first team all-conference in singles and doubles.

Allstadt received the UAlbany Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award and the Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award for second straight year. The Great Dane was the 2006 America East Indoor Champion in the 3,000- and 5,000-meters, enroute to being the Outstanding Track Performer of the Year at the conference championship.

Ryan, a member of the ESPN The Magazine Academic All District Team, was enrolled in Boston University's extremely competitive accelerated medical program, through which she will complete her bachelor's degree and medical degree, overlapping the two programs, in seven years. She finished 10th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA East Regional Outdoor Championships and was second at the America East Cross Country Championship. Ryan also set a new America East Indoor 3,000-meter record at the conference's indoor championship.

UMBC's Grossman was named to the ESPN The Magazine Men's Track & Field/Cross Country Third Team and was also an America East Track & Field Scholar-Athlete for the 2003-04 Indoor, 2004 Outdoor, 2004-05 Indoor and the 2005 Outdoor seasons. He is a three-time defending America East indoor 55-meter dash champion and two-time outdoor 100-meter dash champion.

Lotmore was featured on America East Commissioner's and UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Rolls, while also being named to the America East All-Academic squad. She finished ninth in the 5,000-meter run and set a school record of 16:46.68 at the 112th Penn Relays and also posted a second-place showing in the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter runs at the America East Outdoor Championship. Lotmore has made consecutive trips to the NCAA East Regionals in the 5,000-meter.

For more information on the America East Academic Awards Program, including the complete list of all honor roll recipients, log on to the conference's official website www.AmericaEast.com.



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CHRIS BLAIS RECEIVES CAPITAL DISTRICT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP La Salle Institute Graduate Will Be Honored at Giants Media Day on July 26

Albany, N.Y. – Chris Blais is the recipient of the Capital District Student Scholarship, sponsored by New York Giants Football, Inc. and the University at Albany, as Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy announced today. A native of Troy, N.Y., Blais will be recognized as part of a welcome program at Giants Media Day on Wednesday, July 26.

The Giants Media Day program is scheduled for 11:45 a.m. under a tent on the UAlbany campus' Dutch Quad Field. Giants head coach Tom Coughlin and City of Albany Mayor Jerry Jennings will speak at the program.

Blais, who will attend UAlbany in the fall and play football, was named the 2005 *Troy Record* Defensive Player of the Year as a senior at La Salle Institute. He was selected to the all-area first team after accounting for 81 tackles and six interceptions from his cornerback position. He was also picked to the *Daily Gazette* all-area second team. A four-sport athlete, Blais competed in basketball, track and lacrosse during his scholastic career.

Blais, who plans to study physical therapy and will play outside linebacker for the Great Danes, led La Salle to a Section II championship with an 8-3 record in 2005. His parents are Donald and Eileen Blais. He has two brothers, Jared and Michael.

The Capital District Student Scholarship provides Blais with a monetary award equivalent to the tuition costs of four years at the University at Albany. The Giants are training on the UAlbany campus for the 11th consecutive summer. The first practice sessions will be held on Friday, July 28 and continue through Wednesday, August 23.

GIANTS CAMP NOTES: Giants training camp parking passes will be available at UAlbany's Athletic Merchandise Store, located in the Recreation and Convocation Center Lobby ... the daily parking fee is \$5.00, while a parking pass for all training camp practice sessions is \$15.00 ... the ticket information line is 518-442-4522 ... Dutch Quad Lot is the primary parking facility for the public ... the Giants Fan Information Line (518-442-7369) provides general and ticket information, an updated daily schedule, and directions to the University at Albany campus ... the training camp schedule can be accessed through www.giants.com or <a href="www.giants.co



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MELISSIA PATTERSON NAMED ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

Albany, N.Y. – University at Albany head women's basketball coach Trina Patterson announced today that Melissia Patterson has been hired as assistant coach. Patterson was previously the head coach at the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Patterson spent eight years with the Mount St. Joseph program, where she led the Lions to a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championship and a first-ever NCAA Division III tournament appearance in 2002-03. She shared the HCAC coach of the year honors as her squad posted a 19-10 record, the most wins since 1996. During her tenure, she served on the NCAA Division III Ranking Committee as the Great Lakes Regional Representative.

Patterson was previously the head coach at Cheyney University, a NCAA Division II school in Pennsylvania, for two seasons. She began her coaching career as an assistant on the Cheyney staff. In addition, Patterson was a four-year letterwinner at the University of Louisville from 1985-89.

A member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and Black Coaches Association (BCA), Patterson earned a B.S. in urban studies from Louisville. She received a master's degree in education administration and supervision from Cheyney.



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UALBANY'S ANDY ALLSTADT AWARDED AN NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP Indianapolis, Ind. – UAlbany track and field athlete **Andy Allstadt** has been awarded one of 58 postgraduate scholarships by the NCAA. The scholarships were presented to 29 men and

29 women who competed in sports during the 2006 spring season and excelled both athletically and academically throughout their careers.

Allstadt, who earned a B.S. in biology from UAlbany in 2005, is currently pursuing his master's degree in biodiversity, conservation and policy. He owns a 3.94 grade point average as a graduate student and received his second consecutive Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award earlier this year. He was also named to the 2005-06 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America men's track and field national second team and earned UAlbany's Presidential Scholar-Athlete Award, given to the senior male student-athlete with the highest GPA.

A two-time UAlbany tri-captain, Allstadt won his second straight America East Conference 10,000-meter run title in May to lead the Great Danes their second consecutive team championship. It was the third time in the last four years that the distance runner has taken home the outdoor title in the event. Allstadt also owns the school's 10,000m record, which he set at the 2005 IC4A Championships en route to earning All-East honors. He was also named the most outstanding track performer at the 2006 America East Indoor championships, capturing both the 3,000- and 5,000-meter runs.

The NCAA awards a total of 174 postgraduate scholarships of \$7,500 each annually to student-athletes who have earned distinction on and off the playing field. The student-athlete must carry a minimum 3.2 GPA and must also perform with distinction in his/her sport and intend to continue work as a graduate student.

THREE UALBANY PLAYERS ON PRESEASON MID-MAJOR I-AA ALL-AMERICA TEAM Hatboro, Pa. – Three University at Albany football players have been selected to The Sports Network 2006 Preseason Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America Team. Linebacker Colin Disch, offensive tackle Jacob Anderson and defensive tackle Michael Dungey are members of the 28-player squad.

Disch, a 6-foot-1, 220-pound junior, recorded 112 tackles, including 15 for losses, with 4.5 sacks, three pass break-ups and one interception. Disch, the 2005 Northeast Conference defensive player of the year, earned mid-major All-America and first-team all-conference honors for the second consecutive season one year ago. *Street & Smith's College Football Yearbook* and *Lindy's Sports Annuals* have picked Disch as the NEC's top defender in their preseason publications.

Anderson, a 6-foot-6, 300-pound right tackle, was named second-team mid-major All-American and first-team All-NEC last season. Anderson, who has started 21 consecutive games, blocked for an offense that improved as the year progressed and allowed the Great Danes to win five of their last six games.

Dungey, a 6-foot-2, 275-pound junior, made 39 tackles, including nine hits for a loss and 3.0 sacks, en route to being named to the 2005 mid-major All-America second team. He led a defense that ranked among the NCAA I-AA leaders in rushing defense (11th), scoring defense (11th) and total defense (15th).



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COLIN DISCH ON THE SPORTS NETWORK'S PRESEASON I-AA ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Hatboro, Pa. – University at Albany's Colin Disch has been named to The Sports Network's Division I-AA Preseason All-America Football Team, as announced today by the national wire service. Disch, an honorable mention selection, and Michael Caputo of St. Francis, Pa., were the lone Northeast Conference players chosen.

Disch, the 2005 NEC defensive player of the year, recorded 112 tackles, including 15 for losses, with 4.5 sacks, three pass break-ups and one interception from his inside linebacker position. Disch, a mid-major All-American and first-team all-conference choice for the second consecutive season, led a UAlbany defense that ranked among the NCAA leaders in scoring against, rushing yards allowed and total defense.

UALBANY LACROSSE ATHLETES ON IWLCA DIVISION I ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Albany, N.Y. – UAlbany has placed three student-athletes on the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Division I Academic Honor Roll. Kate Fontana, Jen Daly and Leslie Russell are among a group of 141 Division I athletes that the IWLCA has recognized.

Fontana, a junior midfielder from East Syracuse, N.Y., has a 3.70 cumulative grade point average in criminal justice with a minor in biology. Fontana, who was named first-team All-America East Conference for the second straight year, totaled 34 goals and 10 assists, plus led the nation in ground balls (4.94 pg) and caused turnovers (3.13 pg).

Daly, a junior goalkeeper from Stowe, Pa., posted a 3.83 GPA in mathematics. She also earned first-team all-conference honors. Daly, the school's career saves leader with 545, had a 9.39 goals against average with a .530 save percentage last spring. Russell, who has a 3.82 GPA in biology, is a junior from Liverpool, N.Y. She appeared in nine games as a midfielder.