



IWLCA Announces Annual Awards
Nineteen players recognized for excellence on and off the field

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The IWLCA has announced that 19 student-athletes have earned significant awards from the organization for the 2008 season, including Brooke Shinaberry from Vanderbilt, Carolina Marrero from New Haven, and Nicole Starner from York, the IWLCA Community Awareness Award recipients. Three other student-athletes, Jessica Bill from Drexel, Mallory Poole from C. W. Post, and Sue Ackermann from Salisbury, were named the IWLCA Scholar-Athletes for their respective divisions, while 13 players earned Player of the Year honors for their respective positions.

Bill, a senior attacker from Drexel, is an architectural engineering major who led her team with 39 goals and 46 points in 2008. A second-team All-CAA honoree, she was named a 2008 CAA Commissioner's Cup recipient.

Poole, a member of the United States national women's lacrosse team, was the ECC Player of the Year and the NYCAC Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete of the Year. A member of the IWLCA Academic Honor roll from 2005-2007, Poole was a member of the 2008 NCAA All-Tournament Team. A physical education major, she will represent the USA at the 2008 Prague Cup.

Ackermann led the nation in scoring with 82 goals and 70 assists for 152 points, the second-highest single-season total in Division III history. A member of the Phi Epsilon Kappa Physical Education honors fraternity, Ackermann was the 2008 Scholar-Athlete Award recipient at Salisbury and the 2008 Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year. A first-team All-American in 2007 and 2008, Ackermann had a GPA of 4.0 during the spring of 2008.

Shinaberry volunteered at Blood:Water Mission, helping raise awareness of the need for clean blood and water for Villages in Africa. Specifically, she worked with the 1000 Wells Project, updating the database, researching possible partners, and creating presentation materials to explain the development model to participants and donors. Shinaberry is also one of the founders of KIWODEA, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping build a school and orphanage in a village in Tanzania. A volunteer at the League for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the Millersville, Md. native worked in the after school program with children who are deaf or hard of hearing by helping with homework, playing with them, or communicating through sign language. The senior keeper also worked with the Lost Boys of the Sudan program and was a volunteer with the Youth Ministry at her church, as well as an assistant with the SEC Food Drive and the SAAC Holiday Party and Field Day.

Marrero, a freshman at New Haven, was a mentor at Washington Elementary School during the 2007-2008 academic year. She contributed to a number of events, including the Hammerfest Triathlon, Diabetes Expo, MS Walk, Christopher Martin Christmas Run and the Breast Cancer Network of Strength Mother's Day Walk. Marrero also volunteered at the New Haven Soup Kitchen, LlifeHaven, a temporary shelter for women, as well as the New Haven Diaper Bank.

Starner served as the President of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee in 2007-2008, spearheading a number of projects for the organization. Starner helped organize

Christmas with the Community, in which every athletic team at York was paired with a family from the surrounding area and helped with purchasing food and gifts for their respective families. Starner also oversaw the Ferguson Elementary Project, in which student-athletes went to the school each Friday to teach physical education class, a necessity after the physical education department at the school was cut due to financial constraints. Starner was responsible for the organization of the York participants and was also the liaison between the York student-athletes and the school administration. The senior also directed the Pennies for the Poor campaign, in which athletic teams collected pennies for a donation to a local charity. Starner's work resulted in a donation of \$2,175 from the York teams.

Positional Players of the Year:

Division III:

Defense: Kat Michaels, Washington & Lee

Midfield: Katie Ceglarski, Gettysburg

Attack: Karen Doane, TCNJ

C. Markland Kelly Goalie of the Year: Sarah Tilbor, Washington & Lee

Division II:

Defense: Katy Crouse, West Chester, and
Kim Williams, C. W. Post

Midfield: Jessica Blickenstaff, Lock Haven*

Attack: Stephanie Kienle, West Chester

C. Markland Kelly Goalie of the Year: Erin Cavanaugh, Limestone

Division I:

Defense: Christy Finch, Northwestern*

Midfield: Dana Dobbie, Maryland

Attack: Hannah Nielsen, Northwestern

C. Markland Kelly Goalie of the Year: Sarah Waxman, Penn*

**Earned the same honor in 2007*