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ECAC Announces 2008-09 Division III South Women's Basketball All-Stars, Player of the Year, and Rookie of the Year

CAPE COD, Mass. – DeSales University senior guard LeighAnn Burke has been chosen as the 2008-09 ECAC Division III South Women's Basketball Player of the Year for the second consecutive year, in a vote by the coaches of ECAC member institutions. Burke led the Bulldogs to a 23-5 record and the Division III NCAA tournament. The repeat Freedom Conference Player of the Year and WBCA First Team All-American scored 20.4 points per game and led the Bulldogs in assists, steals, and three-pointers made.

Alexandra Chili of Muhlenberg College earns 2008-09 ECAC Rookie of the Year honors as she helped lead the Mules to a 26-4 record and an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. Chili was a Second Team All-Centennial Conference member while leading the Mules in scoring (16.0 ppg) and setting school records for points in a season (480) and three-pointers made (96). The freshman also led the nation with an average of 3.2 three-pointers per game.

Joining Burke on the first team is Megan Kopecki, the Landmark Conference Player of the Year from the University of Scranton, who scored in double figures in 30 of her 31 games played. Also earning first team honors is Emily Hays from Washington & Jefferson College. Hays, a senior forward, was the PAC Player of the Year and helped lead the Presidents to their highest win total with 24.

Also getting recognition on the ECAC first team is Lauren Boyle of Muhlenberg College and Kathryn Stockbower from Swarthmore College. Boyle, a senior guard, was a All-Centennial Conference first team member for the third consecutive year, averaging 14 points and 3.5 rebounds per game. Stockbower, a 2007-08 second team All-ECAC member, receives first team honors this year. She was Centennial Conference Player of the Year scoring 17.7 points and pulling down 13.6 rebounds per game.

Kim Ratick, named a 2007-08 second team all-ECAC member, highlights this year's second team. A junior guard, she averaged 14.5 points per game for DeSales. Joining Ratick on the second team are: Kim Vennera from Delaware Valley College, Claudia McDowell of Juniata College, Kristen Camuso of Centenary College, and Maggie Gibson from Washington & Jefferson College.

About the ECAC

The Eastern College Athletic Conference is the nation's largest athletic conference and only multi-divisional conference, with 319 member institutions and over 122,000 student-athletes ranging from Maine to North Carolina and westerly to Illinois. The ECAC publicizes the achievements of over 750 student-athletes annually through the postseason all-stars. In women's basketball, the ECAC awards one Division II all-star team and four regional Division III all-star teams (New England, Upstate, Metro, and South).

2008-09 ECAC Division III South Women's Basketball All-Stars

Player of the Year

LeighAnn Burke	Sr.	G	DeSales
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Rookie of the Year

Alexandra Chili	Fr.	G	Muhlenberg
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First Team

LeighAnn Burke	Sr.	G	DeSales
Megan Kopecki	So.	G	Scranton
Lauren Boyle	Sr.	G	Muhlenberg
Emily Hays	Sr.	F	Washington & Jefferson
Kathryn Stockbower	So.	F	Swarthmore

Second Team

Maggie Gibson	Jr.	F	Washington & Jefferson
Kim Vennera	Jr.	G	Delaware Valley
Claudia McDowell	Sr.	G	Juniata
Kristen Camuso	Jr.	G	Centenary
Kim Ratick	Jr.	G	DeSales