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## 2010 NECVA ALL-DIVISION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

JERSEY CITY, NJ...Junior outside hitter **Justin Brubaker** (Telford, PA) of Philadelphia Biblical University was selected as the Western Division Player of the Year for an unprecedented third consecutive season while senior hitter **Phil Tully** (Huntington Station, NY) of Vassar College earned Metro Division Player of the Year accolades for the second time in three years, and those two players headlined the 2010 North East Collegiate Volleyball Association All-Division teams, in voting conducted within each of the 44-team conference's five divisions—the CUNYAC, GNAC, Metro, New England and Western. **Brubaker** is the first player in the history of the conference to be a divisional player of the year three times.

In the GNAC Division senior setter **Zack Hansen** (Shelton, CT) of Rivier College took home top honors while Endicott College senior middle hitter **A.J. Witkofsky** (Scotia, NY) claimed the player of the year distinction in the New England Division. Baruch College sophomore outside hitter **Sequiel Sanchez** (San Sebastian, Puerto Rico), who was the 2009 New England Division Rookie of the Year when playing for Elms College, claimed his second major divisional award of his career, taking the accolades in the CUNYAC.

In all, 73 student-athletes—one shy of the league record—were named either First or Second-Team All-Division this season or earned a major divisional honor. Those players named to a divisional First-Team will be eligible for NECVA All-Conference honors, which will be announced at the league's annual banquet during this weekend's NECVA Tournament, on Saturday, April 10 on Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

For the third consecutive year, Hunter College claims the CUNYAC's Rookie of the Year with this season's distinction going to freshman middle blocker **Braien Otsla** (Brooklyn, NY). **Taylor Lindner** (Cheshire, CT) is the GNAC Rookie of the Year as a middle hitter. In the closest three-way race for Rookie of the Year in any division in conference history, Vassar College setter **John Konow** (Chicago, IL) claimed the Metro Division Rookie of the Year. In the New England Division, MIT outside hitter **Matt Hohenberger** was a unanimous winner while the Western Division had co-Rookies of the Year. SUNYIT middle hitter **Jeffrey Coon** (Cheektowaga, NY) and D'Youville College opposite **Chris Temple** (Highwood, IL) shared Western honors.

**Allison Stack**, in her fourth year as head coach of Baruch College, is CUNYAC Coach of the Year for the first time after leading the Bearcats to a #4 national ranking while becoming the first team in that division's history to be ranked #1 in the NECVA conference poll. **Chris Wright** of Emmanuel College is the GNAC Coach of the Year after the fifth-year coach led the Saints to an 11-1 league record and a school-record 26 wins. First-year head coach **Antonia Sweet** of Vassar College is the Metro Division Coach of the Year. The Brewers went undefeated in the division for the second time in three years and improved their all-time Metro record to 25-2.

**Tim Byram** of Endicott College and **Paul Dill** of Massachusetts Institute of Technology were voted the New England Division co-Coaches of the Year. **Byram** wins the honor for the second straight season after leading the Gulls to back-to-back divisional regular season titles. **Dill**, who was the divisional winner in 2007, led the Engineers to a 28-7 regular season mark. In the Western Division, Medaille College's **Keith Koch** is the Coach of the Year for the first time after guiding the Mavericks to as high as a #2 ranking in the NECVA conference poll, and an unblemished regular season divisional record in his sixth season.

Five players—**Zacarias Ripoll-Cid** (Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic) of Hunter, **Ivan Andujar** (Carolina, Puerto Rico) and **Radu Wyrwas** (Bialystok, Poland) of Baruch, **Michael Townsend** (Beaverdam, VA) of Emmanuel, and **Witkofsky** of Endicott—earned All-Division honors, either First or Second Team, for the fourth time in their four-year careers, with

Ripoll-Cid claiming his fourth consecutive First-Team All-CUNYAC distinction. Tully of Vassar was named First-Team All-Metro for the third straight season; the Brewers were not league members during his rookie season.

Four juniors—Brubaker, Pablo Oliveira (Uberlândia, Brazil) of Baruch, Jared Andreozzi (Barrington, RI) of Rivier and Matt Talamantes (Los Angeles, CA) of Newbury College, each took home All-Divisional honors for the third consecutive season to open their careers.

2010 NECVA ALL-CUNYAC DIVISION				
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Sequiel Sanchez (Baruch College)				
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Braien Otsla (Hunter College)				
COACH OF THE YEAR: Allison Stack (Baruch College)				
FIRST-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Sequiel Sanchez <sup>1</sup>	Baruch College	SO	OH	San Sebastian, Puerto Rico
Eric Barty <sup>1</sup>	Hunter College	SO	MB/OPP	Jamaica, NY
Zacarias Ripoll-Cid <sup>123</sup>	Hunter College	SR	S/OH	Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
Johnny Santana <sup>4</sup>	City Tech	SO	OH	Dominican Republic
Pablo Oliveira <sup>12</sup>	Baruch College	JR	OH	Uberlândia, Brazil
Ivan Andujar <sup>135</sup>	Baruch College	SR	S	Carolina, Puerto Rico
Santos Rivera	Baruch College	JR	OPP	Carolina, Puerto Rico
SECOND-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Christopher Newcomb	Hunter College	JR	OH/OPP	Waimea, Kauai, HI
Eryk Kowalski <sup>3</sup>	Baruch College	JR	MB	Zabno, Poland
Nate Martin	Lehman College	JR	S	Carleton, MI
Arturo Cabrera, Jr.	York College (NY)	FR	OH/OPP	Rio, Brazil
Marcin Polak <sup>3</sup>	Hunter College	JR	OPP	Brooklyn, NY
Radu Wyrwas <sup>234</sup>	Baruch College	SR	S	Bialystok, Poland
2010 NECVA ALL-GNAC DIVISION				
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Zach Hansen (Rivier College)				
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Tyler Lindner (Rivier College)				
COACH OF THE YEAR: Chris Wright (Emmanuel College)				
FIRST-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Matt Ferreira <sup>12</sup>	Rivier College	SR	MH	Lincoln, RI
Zack Hansen <sup>12</sup>	Rivier College	SR	S	Shelton, CT
Jared Andreozzi <sup>15</sup>	Rivier College	JR	OH	Barrington, RI
Curtis Abram <sup>4</sup>	Emmanuel College	JR	OH	San Luis Obispo, CA
Brendan McGourn <sup>1</sup>	Lasell College	SO	S	Southington, CT
Spencer Parker	Lasell College	FR	OH	Newington, CT
SECOND-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Michael Townsend <sup>156</sup>	Emmanuel College	SR	OH	Beaverdam, VA
Thomas Belton	Mount Ida College	JR	SH	Springfield, MA
Tyson Rietz	Emmanuel College	JR	OH/OPP	Granite Bay, CA
Taylor Lindner	Rivier College	FR	MH	Cheshire, CT
Keoni Rabaino <sup>4</sup>	Emmanuel College	JR	MB	Tucson, AZ
Micah Aiu	Lasell College	SO	OPP	Honolulu, HI
2010 NECVA ALL-METRO DIVISION				
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Phil Tully (Vassar College)				
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: John Konow (Vassar College)				
COACH OF THE YEAR: Antonia Sweet (Vassar College)				
FIRST-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Phil Tully <sup>12</sup>	Vassar College	SR	H	Huntington Station, NY
SteFan PremDas	Stevens Institute of Technology	JR	OPP	Hollywood, FL
Jake Moore <sup>4</sup>	SUNY New Paltz	SR	OH	Cortlandt Manor, NY
Kevin Stross	SUNY New Paltz	SO	MB	Port Washington, NY

Matthew Elgin	Vassar College	FR	MH	Farmington, NY
Paul Konopacki	Ramapo College	SO	MB	Monroe Township, NJ
Matt Scott	Ramapo College	SR	S	Edison, NJ
Kurt Backlund <sup>+</sup>	Ramapo College	SR	L	Old Bridge, NJ

**SECOND-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Austin Bryant	New Jersey City University	SO	OPP	Virginia Beach, VA
Steve Vahalla	Ramapo College	FR	OH	Bloomfield, NJ
Evan Fredericksen <sup>+</sup>	Vassar College	JR	H	Menlo Park, CA
Timothy Karl	Stevens Institute of Technology	JR	MH	Williamsville, NY
Brandt Grobeis	Stevens Institute of Technology	JR	S	Livingston, NJ
Christian La Du	Vassar College	FR	L/DS	Wessthampton, NY

**2010 NECVA ALL-NEW ENGLAND DIVISION**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR: A.J. Witkofsky (Endicott College)**

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Matt Hohenberger (MIT)**

**co-COACHES OF THE YEAR: Tim Byram (Endicott College) and Paul Dill (MIT)**

**FIRST-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Matt Hohenberger	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	FR	OH	St. Louis, MO
Mark Thomas <sup>15</sup>	Newbury College	SR	OH	Wilbraham, MA
John Emery <sup>1</sup>	Endicott College	SR	OH	Westford, MA
A.J. Witkofsky <sup>156</sup>	Endicott College	SR	MH	Scotia, NY
Mike Demyttenaere <sup>+</sup>	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	SR	MH	Brussels, Belgium
Matt Talamantes <sup>24</sup>	Newbury College	JR	S	Los Angeles, CA
Eric Reuland	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	SR	L	Laguna Niguel, CA

**SECOND-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Joshua Aberly <sup>+</sup>	Newbury College	SR	OH	Palatine, IL
David Thomas	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	SO	OH	Carlsbad, CA
Chris Shannon	Daniel Webster College	SO	OH	Ronkonkoma, NY
James Sliva	Endicott College	SR	MB	Monroe, CT
Lowell Jesmer	Wentworth Institute of Technology	JR	MH	Rochester, NY
Ben Foster <sup>+</sup>	Endicott College	SR	S	Penfield, NY
Tim Lee	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	JR	S	Natick, MA
Michael Biuso	Newbury College	JR	L	South Setauket, NY

**2010 NECVA ALL-WESTERN DIVISION**

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Justin Brubaker (Philadelphia Biblical University)**

**Co-ROOKIES OF THE YEAR: Jeffrey Coon (SUNYIT) and Chris Temple (D'Youville College)**

**COACH OF THE YEAR: Keith Koch (Medaille College)**

**FIRST-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Justin Brubaker <sup>12</sup>	Philadelphia Biblical University	JR	OH	Telford, PA
Ryan Murdie <sup>15</sup>	Medaille College	SR	OH	Kenmore, NY
Leandro Dueck <sup>+</sup>	Philadelphia Biblical University	SR	OH	Lititz, PA
Andy Nawotka	Medaille College	SR	MB	Grand Island, NY
Justin Reesor <sup>+</sup>	Eastern Mennonite University	SR	MH	Stouffville, Ontario
Drew Dillon <sup>+</sup>	Philadelphia Biblical University	JR	S	Mount Joy, PA
Ryan Maxwell	Medaille College	JR	S	Amherst, NY
Dan Jackson <sup>+</sup>	Medaille College	JR	L	Hamburg, NY

**SECOND-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Hans Schroeder	Nazareth College	JR	OH	Kenmore, NY
Nick Johnson	Medaille College	SO	OPP	Buffalo, NY
Jeremy Sajdak	D'Youville College	JR	OH	Rochester, NY
Brett Peters	D'Youville College	JR	MB	Warsaw, NY
Robert Kraft	Nazareth College	FR	MB	Waretown, NJ
Erin Kelly	Medaille College	FR	MB	Clifton Springs, NY
Dan Mowery	Nazareth College	FR	L	Phelps, NY

**LEGEND**

<sup>1</sup> = First-Team All-Division, 2009

<sup>2</sup> = First-Team All-Division, 2008

<sup>3</sup> = First-Team All-Division, 2007

<sup>4</sup> = Second-Team All-Division, 2009

<sup>5</sup> = Second-Team All-Division, 2008

<sup>6</sup> = Second-Team All-Division, 2007