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Bentley Wins 2008-2009 Northeast-10 Presidents' Cup

Mystic, Conn. - Bentley University has claimed the 2008-2009 Northeast-10 Presidents' Cup as announced by the Northeast-10 Conference Monday evening at the conference's end of the year awards banquet in Mystic, Conn.

Bentley registered 165 points to win the Presidents' Cup for the first time since the 2002-2003 academic year. This marks the eighth time overall that the Falcons coveted the award including a four-year run from 1995-1996 through 1998-1999.

Bentley had consistent success throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, finishing in the top five in 14 sports (Baseball, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Women's Indoor Track & Field, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Swimming & Diving, Women's Swimming & Diving, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis and Volleyball).

Bentley claimed the Northeast-10 Regular Season Title in men's basketball for a record fifth-straight season. The Falcons went on to win the Northeast-10 Championship in field hockey for the first time since 2002.

Stonehill College finished second overall in the Presidents' Cup standings after collecting 152.5 points. The Skyhawks finished first in men's tennis, women's tennis and tied for first place in women's lacrosse. Southern Connecticut State University earned 139 points to finish third in the Presidents' Cup standings just ahead of the University of Massachusetts Lowell with 138.5 points. Merrimack College rounds out the top five with 131 points.

The rest of the field includes in order, Le Moyne College (116.5), Southern New Hampshire University (112.5), the College of Saint Rose (107.5), Assumption College (106), University of New Haven (100.5), American International College (95), Franklin Pierce University (93), Saint Anselm College (86), Saint Michael's College (85) and Pace University (58).

2008-2009 Presidents' Cup Standings

<u>School</u>	<u>Points</u>
1. Bentley	165
2. Stonehill	152.5
3. Southern Connecticut	139
4. UMass Lowell	138.5
5. Merrimack	131
6. Le Moyne	116.5
7. Southern New Hampshire	112.5
8. Saint Rose	107.5
9. Assumption	106
10. New Haven	100.5
11. American International	95
12. Franklin Pierce	93
13. Saint Anselm	86
14. Saint Michael's	85
15. Pace	58

The Presidents' Cup is presented annually to signify overall athletic excellence in the Northeast-10 Conference and is awarded to the institution that compiles the most points based on the placement at the conclusion of the regular season of each of its programs which compete in league championships. Points for men's and women's cross country, men's and women's swimming & diving, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field and men's golf are awarded based on placement in respective conference championships.

With 15 member institutions the Northeast-10 is the second largest NCAA Division II athletic conference in the nation. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

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All Time Presidents' Cup Winners

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>	<u>Third Place</u>
2008-09	Bentley	Stonehill	Southern Connecticut
2007-08	Bryant	Bentley	Stonehill
2006-07	Bryant	Bentley	Stonehill
2005-06	Stonehill	Bryant	Bentley
2004-05	Bryant	Bentley	Stonehill
2003-04	Bryant	Bentley	UMass Lowell
2002-03	Bentley	Bryant	UMass Lowell
2001-02	Bentley	Bryant	Southern Connecticut
2000-01	Bentley	Merrimack	Assumption
1999-2000	Merrimack	Bentley	Assumption
1998-99	Bentley	Merrimack	Saint Anselm
1997-98	Bentley	Quinnipiac	Merrimack
1996-97	Bentley	Quinnipiac	Merrimack
1995-96	Bentley	Quinnipiac	Saint Anselm
1994-95	Springfield	Bentley	Quinnipiac
1993-94	Springfield	Bentley	Quinnipiac
1992-93	Springfield	Bentley	Quinnipiac
1991-92	Springfield	Bentley	Quinnipiac
1990-91	Springfield	Bentley	Merrimack
1989-90	Springfield	Bentley	Merrimack
1988-89	Springfield	Bentley	Bryant
1987-88	Springfield	Bentley	Bryant
1986-87	Springfield	Bryant	Bentley
1985-86	Springfield	Bryant	Saint Anselm