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## *Northeast-10 Announces Third Annual Winter Sportsmanship Award Recipients*

**South Easton, Mass.** – The Northeast-10 Conference has announced the recipients of its third annual Winter 2009 Sportsmanship Awards. The awards program, which honors one team from each of the conference's 23 championship sports that has exemplified the spirit of sportsmanship and generally conducted themselves with a higher degree of integrity, character and class.

The Northeast-10 awards one team from its 23 championship sports with a 'Team Sportsmanship Award' at the end of each season's championship segment. The awards are decided upon by a vote of each of the conference teams head coach, team captain and Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative in their respective sports.

Bentley University received a share of this year's Sportsmanship Award in women's swimming & diving with Le Moyne College. This marks the third straight year that the Falcons have been honored. The Bentley women's swimming & diving team joins the Le Moyne College women's soccer team as the only two teams to receive the sportsmanship award in each year the award has been given.

The Saint Michael's College men's basketball team and the Stonehill College ice hockey team repeat as sportsmanship award recipients in their respective sports.

The rest of the field is made up of all first-time recipients of the Sportsmanship Award. Saint Anselm College earned honors in the sport of women's basketball, while Saint Michael's received the sportsmanship award in men's swimming & diving. Stonehill also received the sportsmanship award in women's track & field, while Assumption and Bentley shared the honor in men's track & field.

In June, one of the 15 conference institutions will receive the 'David R. Brunk Institution of the Year Sportsmanship Award' as voted on by the conference Senior Women Administrator (SWA) council. Last year, Stonehill was selected as the award recipient.

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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## 2009 Winter Sportsmanship Award Recipients

Men's Basketball - Saint Michael's

Women's Basketball - Saint Anselm

Ice Hockey - Stonehill

Men's Indoor Track & Field - Assumption & Bentley

Women's Indoor Track & Field - Stonehill

Men's Swimming & Diving - Saint Michael's

Women's Swimming & Diving - Bentley & Le Moyne