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TEWAARATON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2016 NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS, PRESENTED BY US LACROSSE

WASHINGTON, May 24 — The Tewaaron Foundation has announced the recipients of the 10th annual Tewaaron Native American Scholarships, presented by US Lacrosse. Awarded to one male and one female student each year, the scholarship honors high school students of Haudenosaunee / Iroquois heritage who exemplify high character, leadership, and academics both on and off the lacrosse field. Applicants are asked to submit an essay describing what the sport of lacrosse means to them as a Native American, as well as two letters of recommendation and a high school transcript.

The 2016 scholarship winners are Jade Haumann, Seneca Nation, Wolf Clan; and Emerson Shenandoah of the Mohawk Nation, Snipe Clan.

Jade is a citizen of the Seneca Nation who resides at the Onondaga Nation and is a senior at Onondaga Central High School in Nedrow, N.Y. She will graduate high school in June 2016 and will attend and play lacrosse at Keuka College this fall. She is ranked sixth in her high school class and has been recognized as a Member of the National Honors Society for her high academic achievement. Jade embraces all that lacrosse has given her and the opportunities that the game provides native youth like her. Jade is proud to walk in the footsteps of strong Haudenosaunee women lacrosse players and strives to be a positive role model for her family and community. Her accomplishments are typified by the numerous leadership positions that Jade has held in academic organizations and athletic teams.

Emerson Shenandoah is a citizen of the Mohawk Nation who resides at the Onondaga Nation. He has maintained a 3.7 GPA and will graduate from LaFayette High School in June, 2016 with a New York State Regents Diploma. Emerson is also a member of the National Honors Society and has played four years of varsity lacrosse—earning 1st Team All-League honors in 2015. Emerson embraces lacrosse as a team sport where “everyone has a part to do”, and as a gift from the Creator that provides good medicine, tradition, and honor. In the fall, Emerson will attend and play lacrosse at Cornell University.

“We’re proud of our partnership with the Tewaaron Foundation, as well as the opportunity to provide college scholarship support to Iroquois student-athletes,” said Steve Stenersen, President and CEO of US Lacrosse. “We hope that more high school players of Iroquois descent will aspire to this opportunity in the years to come.”

Each scholarship recipient is awarded \$10,000 for education — \$5,000 for each of their

first and second years in college. The Tewaaraton Foundation also covers travel expenses for winners and parents to attend the Tewaaraton Award Ceremony presented by Under Armour, which will take place on June 2 in Washington, D.C.

More information on the Tewaaraton Award and previous scholarship winners can be found at www.Tewaaraton.com.

For more information on the Tewaaraton Award, how to donate to this non-profit or to attend this exciting event, visit Tewaaraton.com. Like and follow The Tewaaraton Foundation at Facebook.com/Tewaaraton, Twitter.com/Tewaaraton and Instagram.com/Tewaaraton.

About The Tewaaraton Foundation

Founded at the University Club of Washington DC and first presented in 2001, the Tewaaraton Award is recognized as the preeminent lacrosse award, annually honoring the top male and female college lacrosse player in the United States. Endorsed by the Mohawk Nation Council of Elders and U.S. Lacrosse, the Tewaaraton Award symbolizes lacrosse's centuries-old roots in Native American heritage. The Tewaaraton Foundation ensures the integrity and advances the mission of this award. Each year, the Tewaaraton Award celebrates one of the six tribal nations of the Iroquois Confederacy – the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora – and presents two scholarships to students of Native American descent. To learn more about The Tewaaraton Foundation, please visit www.tewaaraton.com.

About US Lacrosse

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