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## TEWAARATON AWARD NOMINEES ANNOUNCED

**WASHINGTON, April 25, 2012** – The Tewaaron Foundation has announced the 2012 Tewaaron Award men's and women's nominees, presented by Panama Jack. Twenty five women and 25 men were selected as nominees, from which the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Tewaaron Award 10 finalists (5 women, 5 men) will be selected and honored May 31, 2012, at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The men's award nominees include players from 20 schools, including 2011 winner Steele Stanwick (Virginia) and representatives from 18 of the current top 20 teams in the April 23 USILA Men's Division I Poll. Salisbury University's Sam Bradman the lone Division III representative. Five schools had two players nominated, including Johns Hopkins (Pierce Bassett, Tucker Durkin), Loyola (Scott Ratliff, Michael Sawyer), Princeton (Tyler Fiorito, Tom Schreiber), Massachusetts (Anthony Biscardi, Will Manny) and Virginia (Colin Briggs, Stanwick). Men's nominees are as follows:

*Pierce Bassett, Goalie - Johns Hopkins University*  
*Peter Baum, Midfield - Colgate University*  
*Jesse Bernhardt, LSM - University of Maryland*  
*Anthony Biscardi, Midfield - University of Massachusetts*  
*Sam Bradman, Midfield - Salisbury University*  
*Colin Briggs, Midfield - University of Virginia*  
*CJ Costabile, Long Stick Midfield - Duke University*  
*Kevin Cunningham, Attack - Villanova University*  
*Tucker Durkin, Defense - Johns Hopkins University*  
*Billy Eisenreich, Attack - Bucknell University*  
*Tyler Fiorito, Goalie - Princeton University*  
*Marcus Holman, Attack/Midfield - University of North Carolina*  
*Austin Kaut, Goalie - Penn State University*  
*John Kemp, Goalie - University of Notre Dame*  
*Roy Lang, Midfield - Cornell University*  
*Will Manny, Attack - University of Massachusetts*  
*Kiel Matisz, Midfield - Robert Morris University*  
*Mark Matthews, Attack - University of Denver*  
*Brian Megill, Defense - Syracuse University*  
*Mason Poli, Defense - Bryant University*  
*Scott Ratliff, LSM - Loyola University*  
*Michael Sawyer, Attack - Loyola University*  
*Tom Schreiber, Midfield - Princeton University*  
*Steele Stanwick, Attack - University of Virginia*  
*Garrett Thul, Attack - United States Military Academy*

The women's award nominees include players from 17 schools, including 2011 winner Shannon Smith (Northwestern) and representatives from 16 of the current top 20 teams in the April 24 IWLCA Division I

Poll. Maryland (Kari Ellen Johnson, Iliana Sanza, Katie Schwarzmann) and North Carolina (Kara Cannizzaro, Becky Lynch, Laura Zimmerman) led all schools with three nominees each. Schwarzmann and Smith have been nominated for a second straight year.

*Dana Cahill, Goalie - Penn State University*  
*Kara Cannizzaro, Midfield - University of North Carolina*  
*Ally Carey, Midfield - Vanderbilt University*  
*Kitty Cullen, Attack - University of Florida*  
*Brittany Dashiell, Midfield - University of Florida*  
*Emma Hamm, Attack - Duke University*  
*Kristin Igoe, Midfield - Boston College*  
*Karri Ellen Johnson, Attack - University of Maryland*  
*Becky Lynch, Attack - University of North Carolina*  
*Alayna Markwordt, Attack - Ohio State University*  
*Alyssa Murray, Attack - Syracuse University*  
*Josie Owen, Attack - University of Virginia*  
*Marlee Paton, Midfield - Loyola University*  
*Sarah Plumb, Midfield - Dartmouth College*  
*Iliana Sanza, Defense - University of Maryland*  
*Katie Schwarzmann, Midfield - University of Maryland*  
*Shannon Smith, Midfield - Northwestern University*  
*Jessi Steinberg, Attack - Cornell University*  
*Maggie Tamasitis, Attack - University of Notre Dame*  
*Mary Teeters, Goalie - Towson University*  
*Sophia Thomas, Midfield - Georgetown University*  
*Taylor Thornton, Defense - Northwestern University*  
*Michelle Tumolo, Attack - Syracuse University*  
*Kim Wenger, Midfield - Duke University*  
*Laura Zimmerman, Midfield - University of North Carolina*

Five men's and five women's finalists will be announced May 10 and invited to the Tewaaron Award Ceremony. The original men's and women's watch lists, were announced Feb. 15 with additions made March 20 and April 3 and were ultimately comprised of 82 men's players and 57 women's players.

"We congratulate these 50 elite student-athletes on their remarkable accomplishments thus far this season," said Jeff Harvey, chairman of the Tewaaron Foundation. "With the help of our selection committees, we look forward to announcing this year's finalists next month." The selection committees are comprised of 12 men's and ten women's current and former coaches.

For more information on the Tewaaron Award, please visit [www.tewaaron.com](http://www.tewaaron.com). Like and follow The Tewaaron Foundation at [www.facebook.com/Tewaaron](https://www.facebook.com/Tewaaron) and [www.twitter.com/tewaaron](https://www.twitter.com/tewaaron).

### **About The Tewaaron Foundation**

First presented in 2001, the Tewaaron Award is recognized as the pre-eminent 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 US Lacrosse, the Tewaaron Award symbolizes lacrosse's centuries-old roots in Native American heritage. The Tewaaron Foundation ensures the integrity and advances the mission of this award. Each year, the Tewaaron 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 Iroquois descent. To learn more about The Tewaaron Foundation, please visit [www.tewaaron.com](http://www.tewaaron.com).

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