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TEWAARATON AWARD FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

WASHINGTON, May 9, 2013 – The Tewaaron Foundation has announced the 2013 Tewaaron Award men's and women's finalists lists, presented by Panama Jack. Five men and five women were selected as finalists and will be invited to Washington, D.C. for the 13th annual Tewaaron Award Ceremony, May 30 at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian.

The five men's finalists are University of North Carolina attackman Marcus Holman, Syracuse University midfielder JoJo Marasco, Cornell University attackman Rob Pannell, Princeton University midfielder Tom Schreiber and University at Albany attackman Lyle Thompson.

The five women's finalists are University of Maryland attacker Alex Aust, University of North Carolina midfielder Kara Cannizzaro, Syracuse University attacker Alyssa Murray, University of Florida goalie Mikey Meagher and University of Maryland midfielder Katie Schwarzmann.

Returning finalists include Pannell (2011) and Schwarzmann (2011 finalist, 2012 winner). Nine of the 10 finalists will compete in this month's NCAA lacrosse championships, at the conclusion of which the selection committees will vote on and select this year's winners.

"It is the ultimate achievement for these 10 finalists to have been recognized by the game's very best coaches on the Tewaaron Selection Committees," said Jeffrey Harvey, chairman of The Tewaaron Foundation. "They are all worthy of the sport's ultimate award, and we could not be more excited to have this group come to Washington, D.C., on May 30."

The Tewaaron Award annually honors the top male and top female college lacrosse player in the United States. Finalists were selected from a pool of 25 men's and 25 women's nominees. The selection committees are comprised of 12 men's and 10 women's current and former college coaches.

Brief bios of the men's finalists:

Marcus Holman recorded an ACC-best 74 points in the regular season, becoming North Carolina's all-time leading scorer in the process. His 4.93 points per game rank fourth nationally. A senior attackman from Baltimore, Md., Holman was named ACC Offensive Player of the Year, first-team All-ACC and the ACC Tournament Most Outstanding Player.

JoJo Marasco, the 2013 Big East Midfielder of the Year and a unanimous first-team All-Big East selection, paced Syracuse in points (53) and assists (35) during the regular season, the latter breaking Paul Gait's program record. A senior from Yorktown Heights, N.Y., Marasco led the Orange to the top seed in the NCAA Tournament.

2011 Tewaaron Award finalist **Rob Pannell** ranks third and fourth in the nation in points (5.36) and assists (2.93) per game, respectively. A senior from Smithtown, N.Y., Pannell earned Ivy League Player of the Year and first-team All-Ivy honors. He is currently the third-leading scorer in men's Division I history (332 points), and holds the Cornell and Ivy League all-time scoring records.

Midfielder **Tom Schreiber** led Princeton in scoring for a third consecutive season, tallying a team-best 32 assists and 60 points. A junior from East Meadow, N.Y., Schreiber earned his third first-team All-Ivy League selection and recorded at least three points in every contest this season, ranking second and third in the Ivy League in assists (2.13) and points (4.00) per game, respectively.

The first Native American to be named a Tewaaron Award finalist, Albany sophomore midfielder **Lyle Thompson** leads the nation in points (108) and assists (62) per game. A member of the Onondaga Nation, he was named America East Player of the Year, first-team All-America East and the America East Tournament Most Outstanding Player. Thompson's 108 points this season rank third in NCAA men's Division I history, trailing all-time leader Steve Marohl (1992) by six points.

Brief bios of the women's finalists:

A senior attacker from Sterling, Va., Maryland's **Alex Aust** has recorded a team-high 60 goals and 48 assists this season. Her 108 points and 5.68 points per game both rank second nationally. Aust earned her second All-ACC selection and was named to the ACC All-Tournament Team en route to leading the undefeated Terrapins to the No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Versatile midfielder **Kara Cannizzarro** led North Carolina in goals (45), points (60) and caused turnovers (25), while ranking second on the team in groundballs (28) during the regular season. A senior midfielder from Cazenovia, N.Y., Cannizzarro earned her second All-ACC selection and was named to the ACC All-Tournament Team.

Syracuse junior **Alyssa Murray** ranks among the nation's Top 10 in goals (56), points (90) and points per game (4.74). Murray, an attacker from West Babylon, N.Y., earned Big East Attack Player of the Year honors, was a unanimous selection to the All-Big East First Team and was a Big East All-Tournament team selection. She currently sits in the Orange's top five in career goals, assists and points.

Mikey Meagher, the ALC Goalie of the Year, leads a Florida defense that ranks second in the nation, allowing just 6.58 goals per game. Her 6.61 goals against average is second-best nationally, and she ranks fifth in save percentage. A senior from Liverpool, N.Y., Meagher has registered 104 saves on the season and has posted a record of 47-8 in her four years as a Gator.

The reigning Tewaaron Award winner, Maryland's **Katie Schwarzmann** earned her second straight ACC Offensive Player of the Year and ACC Tournament Most Outstanding Player honors this year. A four-time All-ACC performer, the senior from Sykesville, Md., enters the postseason with 74 points (51 goals, 23 assists), ranking second on the Terrapins. Schwarzmann, a member of the 2013 U.S. Women's National Team, also has tallied a team-leading 33 groundballs and 16 caused turnovers.

Media credentials are available for the Tewaaron Award Ceremony in the News and Press section of www.tewaaron.com. Credential requests are due by Tuesday, May 28.

For more information on the Tewaaron Award or to attend the ceremony, visit www.tewaaron.com. Like and follow The Tewaaron Foundation at www.facebook.com/tewaaron and www.twitter.com/tewaaron, respectively.

About The Tewaaron Foundation

First presented in 2001, the Tewaaron 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 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

scholarships to two students of Iroquois descent. To learn more about The Tewaaron Foundation, visit www.tewaaron.com.

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