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5th Annual Tewaaron Outstanding Native American Scholarship Announced

Washington, D.C. – Over the past four years, The Tewaaron Award has proudly given over \$40,000 in scholarships to Native American high school lacrosse players through its Tewaaron Outstanding Native American Scholarship Program. These \$5,000 scholarships are awarded annually on a highly competitive basis to one Native American female and one Native American male lacrosse player. All awards are not only based on the student’s athletic performance, but also on their merit, academic achievement and ambition.

“The Greater Washington Sports Alliance is honored to carry on this remarkable tradition. The future and vast potential of our youth is a central mission to the everyday workings of the Sports Alliance. Without financial opportunities like the Tewaaron Outstanding Native American Scholarship, which afford the chance for young adults to attend an institute of higher education, I believe we severely disadvantage our leaders of tomorrow,” stated Robert Sweeney, President of the Greater Washington Sports Alliance.

One of the primary goals of the Tewaaron Outstanding Native American Scholarship is to honor Native American roots, which is why the selection committees weighs heavily on the essay portion of the application, which asks the applicants to articulate what lacrosse means to them as a Native American player.

“The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian is extremely proud of The Tewaaron Award winners past, present and future and is honored to host them at the nation’s foremost Native American museum,” said Kevin Gover, director of the museum. “The outstanding achievements of these young men and women honor their tribal communities, their schools, and their sport.”

The selection committees, one for the male award and one for the female award, are comprised of past Tewaaron winners, retired collegiate coaches and exemplary members of the Native American community. The two winners will be invited to attend the Tewaaron Award Ceremony to be part of the celebration in Washington, D.C. on June 3rd, 2010 and to accept their award.

For more information on the Tewaaron Award, tickets to the ceremony, or for a Tewaaron Outstanding Native American Scholarship application please visit: www.tewaaronaward.org.

About The Tewaaron Award:

The Tewaaron Award was formally established in August of 2000 with the inaugural presentation taking place at The University Club of Washington DC in June of 2001. Honoring the Native American heritage, the Tewaaron Trophy symbolizes lacrosse's centuries-old roots in Native American history. Tradition dictates that each year the Tewaaron Award celebrates one of the six tribal nations of the Iroquois Confederacy: the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and the Tuscarora. Today, the Tewaaron Trophy is recognized as the pre-eminent lacrosse award honoring the nation's top male and female collegiate lacrosse player for their extraordinary achievements on the field. www.tewaaronaward.org.

About Greater Washington Sports Alliance:

Established in 2003, The Greater Washington Sports Alliance (GWSA) is a regional non-profit sports commission created to foster economic development and civic pride through the power of sports. The Sports Alliance's mission encompasses the attraction of sporting events to the region, the promotion of the regional professional, collegiate and amateur franchises, the support of youth investment organizations and the branding of Washington, D.C. as a world class sports destination. For more information please visit www.gwsportsalliance.com.

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