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THE TEWAARATON FOUNDATION SUPPORTS THE NCAA'S DECISION ON EARLY RECRUITING

WASHINGTON - Last week the NCAA Division I Council passed legislation prohibiting college lacrosse coaches from contacting potential student-athletes until Sept. 1 of their junior year of high school. The Tewaaron Foundation wholeheartedly supports the ruling, submitted jointly by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) and the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IMLCA), and endorsed by US Lacrosse.

Effective immediately, these substantial changes will eliminate the recent trend of non-binding verbal early commitments for high school freshmen and sophomores and even some eighth-grade students. The proposal affects lacrosse only.

"We commend the IWLCA and IMLCA for their leadership in addressing the issue of early recruiting," said Jeff Harvey, chairman of the Tewaaron Foundation. "This decision by the NCAA allows players and their families to make informed college decisions. Student-athletes can now focus on their academics and the unique experiences of being a high school athlete. We truly appreciate the NCAA for recognizing the need to rectify this process."

In their 2015 annual meetings, both the IWLCA and IMLCA voted to recommend that college coaches be banned from contacting prospective student-athletes and their families before Sept. 1 of their junior year of high school. In December of 2015, the Tewaaron Foundation joined U.S. Lacrosse in supporting the recent recruiting recommendations made by the collegiate men's and women's lacrosse coaches associations.

In a partnership with U.S. Lacrosse, the Tewaaron Foundation annually awards two Tewaaron Native American Scholarships to one male and one female high school student of Haudenosaunee/Iroquois heritage who exemplify high character, leadership and academics both on and off the lacrosse field. These scholarships, presented by U.S. Lacrosse, have awarded more than \$120,000 since its inception in 2006.

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About The Tewaaron Foundation

Founded at the University Club of Washington, DC and 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 U.S. 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 Native American descent. To learn more about The Tewaaron Foundation, please visit www.tewaaron.com.

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