



Department Awards Banquet held; Schiedermayer & Rasmussen are Athletes of the Year

April 30, 2012 – The Macalester Athletic Department held its annual Awards Banquet at the Kagin Commons Friday night (April 27) and presented numerous awards and honors to several deserving student-athletes.

The M Club Female Athlete of the Year award was presented to **Holly Schiedermayer** (*Sr., Waupaca, Wis.*) from the basketball and track & field teams, and the M Club Male Athlete of the Year was presented to **Taylor Rasmussen** (*Jr., Egan, Minn. / Eastview*) from the soccer team.

Macalester's Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are **Catherine Flint** (*Palo Alto, Calif. / Henry Gunn*) from water polo (Dorothy Michel Award) and **Garrett Salzman** (*Glendale, Calif. / St. Francis*) from baseball (George E. Scotten Endowed Prize).

The Macalester Junior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are **Alexa Simpson** (*St. Elizabeth, Jamaica / Hampton School*) from women's track & field (Dorothy Michel Award) and **Taylor Rasmussen** (David Primrose Award).

The Piper Awards were presented to the male and female athletes of the year in each class. These honors went to:

Senior Male Athlete of the Year – **Robert Williams** (*West Covina, Calif. / Northview*) (baseball)
Senior Female Athlete of the Year – **Grace Fleming** (*Northampton, Mass.*) (swimming)
Junior Male Athlete of the Year – **Pierce Peters** (*Glenwood, Minn. / Minnewaska Area*) (basketball)
Junior Female Athlete of the Year – **Rosie Glenn-Finer** (*San Francisco, Calif. / Lick-Wilmerding*) (soccer)
Sophomore Male Athlete of the Year – **Ross Bronfenbrenner** (*San Anselmo, Calif. / Marin Academy*) (baseball)
Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year – **Cleo Nagy** (*Eugene, Ore. / Henry D. Sheldon*) (softball)
First-Year Male Athlete of the Year – **Jole Miller** (*Missouri Valley, Ia.*) (football)
First-Year Female Athlete of the Year – **Irene Gibson** (*Carmel, Ind.*) (track & field)

Other major Macalester departmental award winners include:

Rider Cup Dual Sports Award (Male) – **Mike Adams** (*Jr., Chippewa Falls, Wis.*) (football / track)
Dual Sport Excellence in athletics, academics and community service
Rider Cup Dual Sports Award (Female) – **Holly Schiedermayer** (*Sr., Waupaca, Wis.*) (basketball / track)
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Service to the Department Award – **Steve Cox '72** (M Club President)

Department Academic Team Award (highest team GPA)

Men – **Swimming & Diving** (3.52 gpa)

Women – **Cross Country** (3.60 gpa)

All Mac seniors received the M Club blankets and recognition was given to all Academic All-MIAC recipients and All-MIAC performers.

2011-12 Athletic Dept. Awards

M Club Male Athlete of the Year

Taylor Rasmussen - Soccer

A two-time Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) scoring champ, forward Taylor Rasmussen was once again a dynamic goal-scoring threat while leading the Scots to a 10-7-1 record. Rasmussen netted 14 goals and picked up All-North Region honors for the second year in a row. He'll head into his senior year with 32 career goals at Macalester, third on the school's all-time chart.

M Club Female Athlete of the Year

Holly Schiedermayer – Basketball / Track & Field

Holly Schiedermayer placed third in the high jump in last spring's conference track meet and will be among the top contenders for a high finish again in a couple weeks. In basketball, Schiedermayer improved in each of her four seasons and put it all together with an outstanding 2011-12 campaign. She became Mac's main offensive threat and at season's end ranked fourth in the MIAC in scoring average (15.2), second in rebounding (7.9) third in shooting percentage (.521) and eighth in blocked shots.

Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year

George Scotten Award

Garrett Salzman – Baseball

Garrett Salzman is a biology major and has accumulated a 3.85 GPA at Macalester. He was last year's junior male Scholar-Athlete of the Award and an Academic All-District selection, while also making the All-MIAC baseball team. Salzman is batting .305 while attempting to help lead the Scots to a third straight winning season and fourth straight year at .500 or better. His career batting average is .330 with 73 runs driven in.

Senior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Dorothy Michel Award

Catherine Flint

Water polo standout and team captain Catherine Flint majors in both geography and educational studies and approaches graduation with a 3.61 GPA at Mac. Flint has earned College Water Polo Association academic honors and is a multiple-time all-conference performer. She led the Scots to nine wins in their final 11 games and finished her career as the program's No. 3 all-time goal producer. Flint was Macalester's top player again in 2012 and finished with 74 goals, 78 steals, 26 assists and 38 ejections drawn.

Junior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year

David Primrose Award

Taylor Rasmussen - Soccer

Macalester's first CoSida Academic All-American in seven years, Taylor Rasmussen carries a 3.85 cumulative grade point average and majors in applied mathematics and statistics. On the field, Rasmussen claimed his second straight MIAC goal-scoring crown and netted 14 goals to lead Macalester to another winning record. He will head into his senior season with 32 career goals – sixth on Mac's all-time list.

Junior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Dorothy Michel Award

Alexa Simpson – Track & Field

Alexa Simpson is graduating in just three years with a double major in applied mathematics and economics, and carries a 3.52 grade point average. A top sprinter for the track & field squad over the last three years, Simpson is enjoying another strong campaign. In the winter indoor season she was the leadoff runner on Mac's second-place MIAC 800-meter relay team and so far this outdoor season is ranked in the top five in the conference in the 100- and 200-meter dash events.

THE PIPER AWARDS (Athletes of the Year by Class)

Senior Male Athlete of the Year

Robert Williams - Baseball

After topping the MIAC as a junior in total bases and ranking second in runs batted in, catcher Robert Williams put together another excellent season. With just two regular-season games remaining, Williams is batting .417 with 30 RBI and a .575 slugging percentage. He has 17 multi-hit games. Williams is among Mac's all-time career leaders in hits (188), batting average (.376) and runs driven in (132).

Senior Female Athlete of the Year

Grace Fleming – Swimming & Diving / Water Polo

This year's Senior Female Athlete of the Year is four-year swimming and polo standout Grace Fleming. In her senior season, Fleming placed fifth at the MIAC championships in 1650-yard freestyle and broke a school record when taking fifth in the 200-yard freestyle. She also helped the Macalester water polo squad win nine of 11 games to close out the campaign.

Junior Male Athlete of the Year

Pierce Peters - Basketball

Pierce Peters passed the 1,000-point career scoring plateau in January and was the team's leading point producer in 17 games. He was once again one of the league's elite all-around players, finishing the season ranked second in the MIAC in scoring (18.1 ppg.), seventh in rebounding (6.4), second in free throw percentage (.873), sixth in three-pointers made (1.8), fifth in three-point accuracy (.407), second in blocked shots (1.5) and 10th in steals (1.3).

Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Rosie Glenn-Finer - Soccer

A three-year starting goalkeeper for Macalester, Rosie Glenn-Finer recorded 12 shutouts in 18 starts and was among the national leaders with a stellar 0.59 goals against average. She gained All-MIAC and All-North Region status after leading the Scots to an 11-6-2 overall record and 7-3-1 league mark. Glenn-Finer has played 41 matches in net in her Macalester career, posting a 24-12-4 record, 23 shutouts and a 0.73 GAA.

Sophomore Male Athlete of the Year

Ross Bronfenbrenner - Baseball

After sitting behind a senior-dominated outfield as a frosh, Ross Bronfenbrenner stepped into a prominent role near the top of the batting order, helping the Scots go 19-18 and 9-9 in the MIAC heading into this week's regular-season finale. One of the MIAC's fastest players, Bronfenbrenner is a perfect 15-for-15 in stolen bases and leads the squad with four triples. He's third on the team with a .333 batting average and second with 25 runs scored.

Sophomore Female Athlete of the Year

Cleo Nagy - Softball

Center fielder Cleo Nagy made the all-conference team as a first-year and has made dramatic improvement as a sophomore. Nagy has belted a school-record nine home runs and led the Scots to their first winning season since 1997 as Macalester made a big move up the league standings. In addition to hitting nine homers, Nagy batted .360 with 26 runs driven in and a team-best .648 slugging percentage.

First-Year Male Athlete of the Year

Jole Miller - Football

It didn't take long into the season for safety Jole Miller to join the starting lineup, and once he did, provided a big impact the rest of the way while helping the Scots post their best defensive scoring numbers since 1998. Miller led the team in interceptions with five and was also in on 50 tackles. He also won Macalester's Defensive Player of the Game award three times in nine weeks.

First-Year Female Athlete of the Year

Irene Gibson – Women's Track & Field

In her first year in collegiate competition, sprinter Irene Gibson came from off the pace to win the 600-meter dash at the MIAC indoor championships on her home track. She won the race by just 1/100 second and became Macalester's first indoor conference champ since 1997 with a school-record performance. She also helped Mac take second in the 800-meter relay. Heading closer towards the MIAC outdoor meet, Gibson is ranked high in both the 400-meter and 800-meter events.