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Ken B. Jones Award winners announced
Pitt State’s Meredith, Truman’s Shearman earn top student-athlete honors

(KANSAS CITY, Mo.) -- All-America selections in football and volleyball were honored with Ken B. Jones Awards for MIAA Student-Athlete of the Year Thursday (May 31) at the Downtown Marriott Hotel’s Basie Ballroom.

Ryan Meredith, a senior defensive end for the Pittsburg State University football team, became the first male from his school to win the award in eight years. It is the sixth time a Pitt State student-athlete has earned the honor, but the first for a male since Brian Moorman won back-to-back awards in 1998 and 1999. Meredith’s win marks the sixth time a football performer has claimed the award -- the second time in as many seasons and the third in four years.

Senior outside hitter Sarah Shearman of Truman State University became the second Bulldog woman to win the award in three years -- soccer player Sara Murray won in 2005. Three winners have come from Truman -- Jason Reinberg was the first in 2000.

The awards are named for the MIAA’s first full-time commissioner, who retired in 1997 after 16 years of service to the conference. Jones passed away in May 2004.

An 11-member panel of athletics directors, sports information directors, senior women’s administrators, and faculty athletics representatives – including a representative from each school – selects the winners. Judging is done in four areas for each nominee, 2006-07 Athletic Accomplishments, 2006-07 Academic Accomplishments, 2006-07 Campus/Community Service and Career Athletic, Academic and Service Achievements.

Voting took place in mid-May. To be nominated, a student-athlete must have a 3.00 cumulative grade-point average as of April 1, and complete at least their junior season of eligibility in the 2006-07 season.

– winners bios to follow –

MIAA Ken B. Jones Student-Athlete of the Year Award Winners

Men
1993-94 Michael Obertop, SBU, Tennis
1994-95 Bob Poisal, UCM, Baseball
1995-96 Michael Dritlein, WU, Football
1996-97 Aaron Christensen, UCM, Baseball
1997-98 Brian Moorman, PSU, Football/Track & Field†
1998-99 Brian Moorman, PSU, Football/Track & Field
1999-2000 Jason Reining, TSU, Basketball
2000-01 Matt Meyr, MSSU, Baseball &
Clint Steiner, UCM, Football
2001-02 Tucker Woolsey, NWMSU, Track & Field
2002-03 Mark Eori, SBU, Tennis*
2003-04 Tyler Paull, ESU, Football
2004-05 Clint Prange, NWMSU, Track & Field
2005-06 Josh Lamberson, NWMSU, Football
2006-07 Ryan Meredith, PSU, Football

Women
1993-94 Becky Wilson, UMR, Cross Country/Track & Field
1994-95 Shaily Lundien, MSSU, Softball
1995-96 Jenny Pracht, PSU, Basketball
1996-97 Deandra Dubrava, ESU, Volleyball/Track & Field*
1997-98 Nikki Olberding, WU, Basketball
1998-99 Julie Cobb, UCM, Softball &
Deandra Dubrava, ESU, Track & Field
1999-2000 Leslie Dudley, PSU, Basketball
2000-01 Emily Bloss, ESU, Basketball
2001-02 Jeanette Mott, PSU, Cross Country/Track & Field
2002-03 Sarah Wuerzt, ESU, Track & Field
2003-04 Kate Hamara, UMR, Cross Country/Track & Field
2004-05 Sara Murray, TSU, Soccer
2005-06 Kristin Anderson, UCM, Indoor Track & Field
2006-07 Sarah Shearman, TSU, Volleyball

*=won as a junior †=unanimous selection

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All student-athletes were seniors in 2006-07, unless noted as a junior with an asterisk. Scoring on a 3-2-1 basis.
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Men's Winner
Ryan Meredith
Senior • Pittsburg State
Football • Bartlesville, Okla.
Management major • 3.915 cumulative GPA

2006-07 Athletics Accomplishments: Earned All-MIAA honors for a fourth consecutive season, garnering second-team all-conference recognition... Named to the second-team All-Southwest Region squad by Don Hansen's Football Gazette... Recorded 61 tackles (26 solo) with 9.5 tackles-for-loss and 6.0 quarterback sacks, helping Pitt State post a 10-2 record and claim a 35-27 victory in the 2006 Mineral Water Bowl over 23rd-ranked Bemidji State University... Ranked in a tie for third place in the MIAA in quarterback sacks... Set the MIAA single-season high by recording 3.5 quarterback sacks in the Mineral Water Bowl on Dec. 2, earning Defensive MVP honors for the NCAA-sanctioned Division II postseason bowl game.

2006-07 Academic Accomplishments: Named the 2006 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® of the Year for College Division Football... Earned first-team CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® honors for a third straight year... A 2006 National Finalist for the Draddy Trophy (Academic Heisman)... A 2006 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete, receiving an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship... Garnered MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll recognition for a third straight year... Earned All-A-Scholastic Honors during the Fall 2006 semester... Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Pittsburg State in December with a 3.915 GPA in management.

2006-07 Campus/Community Service: Served as President of the PSU chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, organizing weekly meetings and activities... Spoke at several area high schools for FCA Youth Rallies... Led the college-aged Bible Study for his church... Also served in the nursery and on the worship team throughout the year... Involved in the 2006 Pittsburg YMCA Youth Football Clinic, sponsored by the PSU Football Team... A member of PSU’s Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society... Spoke at the Uniontown (Kan.) High School Baccalaureate, prior to the school's graduation ceremony.

Career Athletics, Academics and Service Accomplishments: A two-time NCAA Division II All-America defensive end — earned first-team All-America honors from Daktronics and second-team All-America honors from Football Gazette in 2004, helping the Gorillas post a 14-1 record and reach the NCAA-II National Championship Game; earned honorable mention All-America honors from Football Gazette in 2005, helping Pitt State post a 10-4 record and reach the NCAA-II National Quarterfinals... A four-time All-MIAA performer (just the fourth PSU player in school history to earn All-MIAA honors in all seasons)... Earned honorable mention All-MIAA in 2003, first-team All-MIAA in 2004-05, second-team All-MIAA in 2006... Recorded 243 career tackles (126 solo) with 57.5 tackles-for-loss and 32.5 quarterback sacks in 53 career games... Ranks third all-time at PSU in career QB sacks... 2005-06 Ken B. Jones Award Runner-up... A three-year first-team CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American® (2004-06)... A three-year member of the MIAA Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll (2004-06)... Two-year member of the MIAA All-Academic Team (2005-06)... Four-year President of the PSU chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (2003-06)... Highly involved in the chapter’s daily activities throughout college years, with numerous speaking engagements... A five-year member of the PSU FCA Chapter... Volunteered at a Bible Camp in Wisconsin in the Summer of 2005, helping with camp maintenance and upkeep... Also active in Pittsburg’s YMCA Youth Football Clinics the past five years (2002-06).