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Bentley's Ritchie Named Women's Lacrosse Player of the Year

South Easton, Mass. – Bentley University senior midfielder *Alyssa Ritchie (North Andover, Mass.)* has been named the 2009 Northeast-10 Women's Lacrosse Player of the Year as voted by the conference's head coaches.

Ritchie put together a record setting senior year as the former freshman of the year currently leads the Northeast-10 in total points with 93 and goals with 66. She finished the year averaging 3.67 goals and 5.17 points per game and is nationally ranked in the top 10 among Division II leaders. Ritchie helped lead Bentley to the Northeast-10 Championships for the fourth straight season as the Falcons finished with a record of 9-9 and 7-3 in the Northeast-10. Ritchie finished her collegiate career tied for the all-time Northeast-10 scoring lead with 326 points and is Bentley's all-time leader in goals (198), assists (128) and points (326). In addition, Ritchie was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the fourth straight season.

Stonehill College junior defender *Jackie Craig (Rocky Point, N.Y.)* was selected the 2009 Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year. She helped lead the Skyhawk defense hold opponents to only 8.36 goals per game, which is second-best in the Northeast-10. The Stonehill defense is also averaging 13.93 caused turnovers per game. Craig currently has 33 groundballs, 25 caused turnovers and 38 draw controls. In addition, Craig was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team for the second straight season.

The University of New Haven goalkeeper *Maureen Spellman (Trumbull, Conn.)* and Southern New Hampshire midfielder *Emily Mongeau (Westborough, Mass.)* have been named Co-Northeast-10 Freshmen of the Year.

Spellman currently ranks atop the conference leader board in goals against average (8.36) and save percentage (.472), while recording 111 saves in goal for the Chargers. She is also ranked in the top five among Division II leaders in goals against average and in the top 20 in save percentage. In addition to her Freshman of the Year accolade, Spellman was also honored as the conference's Goalkeeper of the Year and was named to the All-Northeast-10 First Team and All-Rookie Team.

In her first year of collegiate action, Mongeau is currently ranked second on the team with 33 goals, while recording two assists for 36 total points. She has also picked up 35 groundballs and recorded 50 draw controls which ranks her fifth among the conference leaders. Mongeau was also named to the All-Northeast-10 Second Team as well as the All-Rookie team.

New Haven head coach Jen Fallon was voted the 2009 Northeast-10 Coach of the Year by her peers. Fallon, in her third year at the helm in New Haven, guided the Chargers to a share of the Northeast-10 Regular Season Title and the top seed in the NE-10 Championship. New Haven finished conference play with a 9-1 record and are currently 14-3 overall. This is the second straight season that Fallon has been honored as coach of the year. Last year, she received the honor as a member of the East Coast Conference.

With 15 member institutions the Northeast-10 is the second largest NCAA Division II athletic conference in the nation. Its 23 championship sports provide athletic opportunities for over 5,500 student-athletes, the largest such program of any Division II conference.

2009 Northeast-10 Conference Women's Lacrosse All-Conference Teams

First Team	Yr.	Pos.	School	Hometown
Mary Maloney	Sr.	Attack	Stonehill	Great River, N.Y.
Michaela Rocha	Sr.	Attack	Saint Anselm	Rye, N.H.
Lauren Stille	So.	Attack	Franklin Pierce	North Quincy, Mass.
Ashley Ferrandiz	So.	Midfield	New Haven	West Sayville, N.Y.
Mallory Ferrandiz	Sr.	Midfield	New Haven	West Sayville, N.Y.
Jaclyn Griffin	Jr.	Midfield	Bentley	Barrington, Ill.
Michelle Kelly	Sr.	Midfield	Stonehill	Mendham, N.J.
Alyssa Ritchie	Sr.	Midfield	Bentley	North Andover, Mass.
Jackie Craig	Jr.	Defense	Stonehill	Rocky Point, N.Y.
Liz Lyons	So.	Defense	Merrimack	Westwood, Mass.
Julie Kraus	Sr.	Defense	So. New Hampshire	Derry, N.H.
Maureen Spellman	Fr.	Goalkeeper	New Haven	Trumbull, Conn.
Second Team	Yr.	Pos.	School	Hometown
Brigid Brady	Sr.	Attack	New Haven	Islip Terrace, N.Y.
Liza Gross	Jr.	Attack	Stonehill	Loundonville, N.Y.
Elizabeth Parent	Sr.	Attack	So. New Hampshire	Hinesburg, Vt.
Lucretia Joy	Sr.	Midfield	So. New Hampshire	Portland, Maine
Lauren Leddy	Sr.	Midfield	Merrimack	Sea Girt, N.J.
Emily Mongeau	Fr.	Midfield	So. New Hampshire	Westborough, Mass.
Kelly Pasquantonio	Jr.	Midfield	Merrimack	Plainville, Mass.
Meghan Smith	Fr.	Midfield	Saint Anselm	Pittsford, N.Y.
Aubrey Duncan	Fr.	Defense	New Haven	Patchogue, N.Y.
Kristine Lambracht	Jr.	Defense	New Haven	White House Station, N.J.
Kayleigh Farrell	Sr.	Defense	Saint Anselm	Nashua, N.H.
Justine Ferland	Sr.	Goalkeeper	Stonehill	Portsmouth, N.H.
All-Rookie	Yr.	Pos.	School	Hometown
Jillian Bolduc	Fr.	G	Franklin Pierce	Atkinson, N.H.
Mary Pasquantonio	Fr.	M	Merrimack	Plainville, Mass.
Aubrey Duncan	Fr.	D	New Haven	Patchogue, N.Y.
Sarah Magnone	Fr.	A	New Haven	Yardley, Pa.
Maureen Spellman	Fr.	G	New Haven	Trumbull, Conn.
Meghan Smith	Fr.	M	Saint Anselm	Pittsford, N.Y.
Emily Mongeau	Fr.	M	So. New Hampshire	Westborough, Mass.
Leyla Kuz-Dworzak	Fr.	A	Stonehill	Norwalk, Conn.

Players of the Year: Alyssa Ritchie, Bentley

Co-Freshmen of the Year: Maureen Spellman, New Haven and Emily Mongeau, So. New Hampshire

Defensive Player of the Year: Jackie Craig, Stonehill

Goalkeeper of the Year: Maureen Spellman, New Haven

Coach of the Year: Jen Fallon, New Haven