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OAC Announces 2005 Volleyball Special Awards and All-OAC Teams

Capital's Briggs Named OAC Coach-of-the-Year

Thirteenth-year Head Coach **Pam Briggs** has been chosen by her colleagues as the 2005 OAC Coach-of-the-Year.

Briggs led the Crusaders to their first-ever OAC Tournament title last weekend and will take the Crusaders to Wittenberg this weekend for the school's first NCAA Tournament appearance. Briggs coached the team to a school-record 32 wins this year and will look to add to that total in the NCAA's. In 13 years at the helm, Briggs has compiled a 277-156 overall record and a 71-45 OAC mark.

This is Briggs' third OAC Coach-of-the-Year award (2005, 2002 and 1995).

Capital's Hampson is Named the OAC Player-of-the-Year

in honor of Sheila Wallace-Kovalchik

Capital sophomore middle hitter **Jessie Hampson (Lancaster)** has been chosen by the league coaches as the 2005 OAC Player-of-the-Year. Hampson becomes the third Crusader to win this award. Nici Workman won back-to-back OAC Player-of-the-Year awards in 2002 and 2003 and Carrie Ferguson took home this honor in 1995.

Hampson, who was leading the nation in blocks per game (1.90) through games of October 30, set the single-season school records for block assists and total blocks with 158 and 204, respectively. Hampson is also second on the team with 368 kills and leads the squad and the OAC with a .379 hitting percentage.

Hampson earned All-OAC honors for the first time this season.

Baldwin-Wallace's Selgo Named OAC Freshman-of-the-Year

Baldwin-Wallace's **Rachel Selgo (Grand Rapids, MI/West Catholic)** has been chosen by the League coaches as the 2005 OAC Freshman-of-the-Year. She is the second straight Yellow Jacket to be awarded this honor and is the third B-W player to be named Freshman-of-the-Year in the seven-year history of the award.

Selgo led the Yellow Jackets with 413 blocks (3.33 bpg) and was second on the team with 488 digs. She also tallied 41 kills and 29 aces. Selgo was ranked in the OAC top-15 in kills and digs.

Ohio Northern's Kanuckel Named OAC Libero-of-the-Year

Ohio Northern junior **Karlee Kanuckel (Warsaw/River View)** was selected by the OAC coaches as the 2005 OAC Libero-of-the-Year. Kanuckel was also named to the All-OAC First Team, capturing all-Conference honors for the third time in her career.

In 2005, Kanuckel became the OAC and ONU all-time leader in career digs, breaking the mark that was held by her sister, Hannah, from 2001-04. Kanuckel's 2,585 career digs rank sixth all-time in NCAA Division III. She also broke her own single-season digs record, tallying 932 so far in 2005.

The OAC Player-of-the-Year award is funded by Sheila Wallace-Kovalchik, who was the head coach at ONU from 1973-90, and is maintained by Ohio Northern. The Libero-of-the-Year award is co-sponsored by Kate Witte, head coach of Ohio Northern, and Bea Zicha, head coach of Muskingum in honor of Helen Witte Bartels and John M. Zicha.



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2005 All-OAC Volleyball Teams

Selected by the league coaches

First Team

<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Angie Camp, Baldwin-Wallace	Jr.	S	Norwalk/St. Paul
Jordan Centers, Capital	Jr.	OH	Norwalk/St. Paul
Jessie Hampson, Capital	So.	MH	Lancaster
Karlee Kanuckel, Ohio Northern ~#	Jr.	L	Warsaw/River View
Erika Roof, Ohio Northern *!+	Sr.	S	Springfield/Shawnee
Christina Siegel, Heidelberg *!	Sr.	MH	North Olmsted

Second Team

Ashley Gentry, Capital	Sr.	MH	Sandusky/Perkins
Jessica Gromes, Muskingum	Jr.	S	Navarre/Canton Central Catholic
Kelsey Hills, Baldwin-Wallace ~	So.	OH	Toledo/St. Ursula Academy
Jennifer Lilly, Capital ~	Sr.	OH	Johnstown/Northridge
Rachel Selgo, Baldwin-Wallace	Fr.	OH	Grand Rapids, MI/West Catholic
Marie Zumberger, Capital	Jr.	L	DeGraff/Fairlawn

Honorable Mention

Niki Csak, John Carroll	Jr.	OH	Brooklyn Hts./Cuyahoga Hts.
Jessica Ehmer, Mount Union	So.	MH	Massillon/Perry
Lindsay Gerard, Ohio Northern	Sr.	MH	Concord/Riverside
Amanda Hawkins, Muskingum	Jr.	MH	Olmsted Falls
Sara McGinnis, Ohio Northern	Jr.	OH	Springfield/Shawnee
Heather Meyer, Otterbein ~	Jr.	OH	Galloway/Westland
Kayli Tyson, Mount Union	Fr.	S	Olmsted Falls
Laura Waddle, Otterbein	So.	MH	Washington CH/Miami Trace

Key:

*2004 First Team \$2004 Second Team ~2004 Honorable Mention
 !2003 Second Team #2003 Honorable Mention +2002 Second Team