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> Southern New Hampshire University Earns 2001-2002 Northeast-10 Academic Achievement Award UMass Lowell's Montgomery, Assumption's Schlesinger Named Northeast-10 Scholar-Athletes of the Year

South Easton, Mass. – Southern New Hampshire University of Manchester, NH has been named the recipient of the Northeast-10 Conference Academic Achievement award for the 2001-2002 academic year.

The award is determined by the conference's faculty athletic representatives in calculating the average grade point average for the entire student body of the 15 member institutions from the previous academic year (2001-2002). That average is compared to the average grade point average of all student-athletes competing in the 20 conference-sanctioned championship sports. Each respective institution's academic standing is then determined by subtracting the average grade point average for the entire student body for that determined for the student-athlete population.

Southern New Hampshire edged the University of Massachusetts Lowell and last year's award winner Saint Anselm College for the honor.

Robert Montgomery, a football standout at UMass Lowell, and field hockey standout Heather Marie Schlesinger of Assumption College, have been named the 2001-2002 Northeast-10 Conference Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year, respectively. The announcement was made by Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner David R. Brunk.

"I congratulate Robert Montgomery and Heather Schlesinger on their achievements," Brunk said. "The Northeast-10 Conference takes pride in its strength academically and our winners epitomize the well-rounded student-athletes on our campuses who successfully integrate athletics and academics."

Montgomery, a native of Lowell, Mass. who majored in Plastics Engineering, posted a 3.81 grade point average, while enjoying a strong season for the River Hawks as a center.

Montgomery was a 2001 Verizon Division II All-American and two-time District I Academic All American. He was a six-time Dean's List member, was inducted into the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Society, was the recipient of the Dean's Scholarship for Academic Excellence, earned the UMass Lowell Alumni Association Department Recognition Award,

Montgomery was also a three-time recipient of the National Student-Athlete Day Academic Award, and earned the 2001 Nils V. "Swede" Nelson Award by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston.

A captain for the River Hawks football team this past season, Montgomery was a four-year starter on the offensive line, playing in 39 of 43 possible games.

Schlesinger, a native of North Ferrisburg, Vt., was an eight-time Dean's List student and graduated this past Spring with a 3.83 GPA having majored in Biology and Chemistry and minored in Music.

Schlesinger received the Crown and Shield Award for Academic Excellence and Community Service, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in May and received the George C. Marshall Award for Leadership, and was selected as Battalion Commander of her ROTC unit.

On the field, Schlesinger was a standout defender, earning team most valuable player honors, and was a All Northeast-10 First Team Selection, National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFCHA) First Team All-American, NFCHA North/South Senior All-Star and ECAC Division II First Team All-Star.

Schlesinger was accorded gold conference academic achievement honor roll status three times, earned National Field Hockey Coaches Association all-academic team three straight years and is an alternate winner for an N.C.A.A. Post Graduate Scholarship. In addition she was named to the Omicron Kappa Delta National Honor Society for Leadership and Volunteerism in 2000.

The Northeast-10 has also released its 2001-2002 Commissioner's Honor Roll, which is attached. Each institution is honored with a gold, sliver and bronze scholar athlete list. Each Gold Scholar finished in the top five percent for grade point average among student athletes. Silver Scholars finished in the top six through ten percent and bronze scholars placed among the top 11 through 15 percent.

The Northeast-10 is one of the nation's largest and most diverse NCAA Division II playing conferences. It sponsors 20 championship sports including baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, field hockey, men's golf, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's outdoor track and field, men's and women's volleyball.

Members of the Northeast-10 are American International College, Assumption College, Bentley College, Bryant College, Franklin Pierce College, Le Moyne College, The University of Massachusetts Lowell, Merrimack College, Pace University, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael's College, The College of Saint Rose, Southern Connecticut State University, Southern New Hampshire University, and Stonehill College.

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2001-2002 Northeast-10 Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GOLD SCHOLARS	L COLLEGE	ASSUMPTION COLLEGE GOLD SCHOLARS	
Pam Bouchard	Tennis	Andrea Gomez	Cross Country
Keri Downs	Field Hockey	Allison Reyell	Soccer
Cortney Cuncic	Soccer	James Newman	Tennis
Christal Murphy	Basketball	Kelly Dunn	Volleyball
Usha James	Soccer / Lacrosse	Anna Mattson	Volleyball
Kate Murdock	Soccer / Lacrosse	Mary Wood	Soccer
Elise Dionne	Soccer Soccer	Kerrie Sullivan	
Jessel Brizan	Soccer		Cross Country
		Heather Schlesinger	Field Hockey
Fernando Fialho	Soccer	Jeffrey Cicero	Baseball
Guershon Cherilien	Football	Nicole Santosuosso	Tennis
Luciano Goncalves	Soccer	Eric Naglieri	Golf
Peter Leacu	Soccer	Danielle LeComte	Soccer
Justin Kean	Lacrosse	Laura Ottaviani	Volleyball
		Chantal Blais	Softball
SILVER SCHOLARS		Laura Peterson	Lacrosse
Sheri Benton	Soccer / Lacrosse		
Michelle Ransom	Basketball	SILVER SCHOLARS	
Jen Bresciani	Volleyball	Sean Kenney	Tennis
Priya Gomes	Soccer / Lacrosse	David Jervasi	Tennis
Carla Cardaropoli	Field Hockey / Lacrosse	James Wood	Football
Meg McCormack	Field Hockey / Lacrosse	Nicole Gallant	Basketball
Sheila Reichstine	Soccer	Shamus Mruk	Lacrosse
Jessica Ballentine	Field Hockey	Christopher Colabello	Baseball
Ricardo Funch	Soccer	Maria DiPietro	Cross Country
Ryan Lussier	Baseball	Anthony Villella	Football
Mike Shea	Lacrosse	Laurie DelGrego	Softball
Michael Borghese	Football	Teresa Landgraf	Lacrosse
David Garcia	Soccer	Lesley Simmons	Soccer
		Robert Coleman	Football
BRONZE SCHOLARS		Katie Mulvihill	Softball
Amber Radomski	Tennis / Softball	Carrie Sharron	Softball
Kristen Patterson	Basketball, Soccer, Softball		
Tina Teixeira	Basketball	BRONZE SCHOLARS	
Melissa Cuthbert	Field Hockey / Softball	Shahar Golan	Basketball
Andrew Heald	Soccer	Colin Sullivan	Cross Country
Josh Rossini	Soccer	Tara Czeski	Basketball
Brian Smith	Football	Katelyn Kerrigan	Soccer
Hector Cariello	Soccer	Michael Kelley	Football
Corey Pelkey	Lacrosse	Matthew McDonald	Cross Country
Cesar Juca	Soccer / Tennis	Greta van der Linden	Field Hockey
Joe Simone	Soccer	Emily Bleich	Volleyball
Samuel Gil Alfaro	Basketball	Karyn Leipold	Field Hockey
Chris McDonald	Football	Grainne Lanigan	Cross Country
		Christopher Crowell	Golf
		Patrick Devine	Baseball
		Melissa McLaughlin	Cross Country
		Ryan Fitzgerald	Baseball
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BENTLEY COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS Christopher Yong Soccer Jennifer Walker Field Hockey Ivan Eskildsen Tennis Marcella Matthews Softball

Cross Country / T & F Russell Patterson

Michael Griffith Baseball Jennifer Picardo Softball Michael Wedel Golf Anthony Colletti Lacrosse Kevin Rowley Baseball Justin Clark Track & Field Sean Rov Track & Field Lisa Patterson Track & Field Michael Killam Cross Country / T & F Cross Country / T & F

Erika Barber Julie Lamson Soccer **Barrett Alston** Tennis

Brian Shaughnessy Cross Country / T & F

SILVER SCHOLARS

Ilona Romanek Lacrosse Kevin Heimlich Golf Nicholas Mesite Lacrosse Kurt Flionis Golf Kara O'Neil Basketball Lauren Ferraro Lacrosse Erik Swenson Golf Erin Brownell Lacrosse

Cross Country / T & F Lauren Newell

Kurt Brannigan Football Erin Cavanaugh Volleyball

Cross Country / Lacrosse Kelley Brocato

Andrea Cassarino Soccer

Melissa Moorman Cross Country / T & F Justin McGown Football Laurie Gatherum Softball Kristen LaFontaine Soccer Abigail Everitt Basketball

Tennis

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Kristen Nava

Harold Mateo Track Steve Sasportas Soccer

Julie Doherty Cross Country / T & F Alison Drake Track Shawn Kelly Track Jenny Wendel **Tennis** Danielle Parsons Soccer Brian Nash Lacrosse Sarah Benson Soccer Jordan Benjamin Lacrosse Erin Daly Softball Shane Kelly Track Brad Simas Lacrosse

Jonathan Schacher Golf Alicia Cabrera Field Hockey Zachary Flanders Football Gregory Ranieri **Tennis**

BRYANT COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS

Kerry Beach Volleyball Antonio Diaz-Albertini Football Jason Eddy Cross Country Jennifer Eldridge Field Hockey Thomas Fischetti Soccer Tricia Guertin Basketball Kristen Harmon Soccer Melissa Kendall Tennis

Michelle Lewis Field Hockey / Lacrosse Andrew Melfi Cross Country / T & F

Carly Muise Softball Christopher Pisciotta Lacrosse

Christina Quirke Cross Country / T & F

Kimberly Rekart Soccer Catherine Sbarra Lacrosse Jean Wall Field Hockey Justin Williams Football Gregory Wolyniec Football Megan Wright Soccer Jaime Bess Field Hockey

SILVER SCHOLARS

Rachel Bessette Soccer Peter DiMartino Football Daniel Falcucci Golf David Falcucci Golf Jonathan Feinman Soccer Elizabeth Gunn Field Hockey Greg Horowitz Lacrosse Lauren Kogut Tennis

Rebecca Lamothe Soccer / Lacrosse

Michael Maksymiw Baseball Matthew Monroe Soccer Laurie Pilotte Basketball Jeanette Rulli Volleyball Jessie Weber Basketball Field Hockey Kristen Patat Volleyball Melissa Wright

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Kimberly Bebyn Cross Country / T & F Kara Buban Basketball Nicholas Celone Football

Stephen Dube Baseball Kathryn Hudak Volleyball Scott Kennedy Football Michelle Stevens Basketball Clinton Stonacek Soccer Track and Field Asa Williams

Michael Williams Basketball

Vincent Piarulli Cross Country / T & F

Jason Paine Football

LE MOYNE COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS Kelly Dearing Cross Country Kathleen Monaco Cross Country Cross Country Jill Tetreault Cross Country **Dustin Lackey** Volleyball / Softball Julie Edmunds Cross Country Kerry Read Martha Morini Cross Country Regan Burns Basketball Tricia Schafer Cross Country

SILVER SCHOLARS

Candace Scruggs Soccer Todd Cook Soccer Daniel Schultz Cross Country Rebecca Milczarski Tennis Michael Ciaccia Golf Volleyball Sarah Brown Denise Appleman Cross Country Neil Reidy Golf Cross Country

Stephen Vowles

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Carrie Bennett Softball Timothy Cobb Cross Country Helena Heppeler Soccer Sabrena Smiel Softball Erin Kenah Cross Country Betsy Gay Tennis Jillian Adams Basketball Lindsey Woodward Soccer Erin Morris Soccer

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS LOWELL

GOLD SCHOLARS

Shannon Seidel Track & Field Danielle Joyce Track & Field Volleyball Alicia Bogacz Uri Grunwald Basketball Sarah Coy Soccer Volleyball Andrea Turner Stephanie Longchamps Field Hockey Jason Wright Track & Field Michael Regan Baseball Jennifer Washkevich Soccer Elizabeth Odian Soccer Elad Inbar Basketball Sarah Ouellet Field Hockey Martha Marsden Field Hockey

SILVER SCHOLARS

Jane Callahan Volleyball Sarah Udvardi Basketball Field Hockey Alysia Morgan Erin Miller Volleyball Amy Morin Soccer

Jonathan Murphy Cross Country / T & F

Pella Anderson Softball Jason Matos **Tennis** Leo Fontaine Track & Field Amy Beauchesne Cross Country / T & F

Jessica Koschmann Soccer Seamus Brackett Football Crystal Hopkin Soccer Eyal Leib Basketball

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Nicole LeBlanc Field Hockey Kristin Rathbone Soccer

Tanva LaTraverse Cross Country / T & F Cross Country / T & F Caitlin McCarthy

Meaghan Leary Soccer Marielle Christofi Track & Field Erik Strand Basketball

Elizabeth Gorecki Track & Field, Soccer Carly Hopkin Soccer

Track & Field Adam Johnston Field Hockey **Emily Davis**

Nathaniel Jenkins Cross Country / T & F Keri Noves Field Hockey

MERRIMACK COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS Nicholas Gerteisen Cross Country Laura Laprade Soccer **Tennis** Katherine Rourke Panos Voulgaris Football Courtney Costa Softball Dianne Yacovone Tennis Amy O'Connell Basketball Kerry Moniz Lacrosse Laura Kraby Field Hockey Bianca Rossetti Cross Country Kara Alexander Soccer Lisa DeChambeau Soccer Lori Perella Lacrosse Molly Garber Basketball

SILVER SCHOLARS

Caroline Edgar Soccer John Maguire Football Sean Ryan Tennis Jennifer Junkins Soccer Rvan Leen Soccer Christian Nupp Basketball Eamonn Sullivan Football Jackie Gatta Cross Country Joseph Raymond **Tennis** Eileen Brosnihan Basketball Courtney Frangioso Field Hockey Michelle Sutherland Volleyball Field Hockey / Lacrosse Jamie Barberi

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Elizabeth Arnold Lacrosse Justin Astor Football Matthew Winick Football Stephanie Rocco Field Hockey Sean Lawton Baseball Kristopher Ireland Baseball Morgan McEwen Basketball Jonathan Garro Football Martin Ambroz Soccer Frank Novogratz Football Katie Spellissy Volleyball

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS Sarah Rhomberg Field Hockey Meghan Briggs Lacrosse Brian McKernan Cross Country Clare Rubino Field Hockey Jen Carey Field Hockey Allison Pinsince **Tennis** Allyson Deluicario Lacrosse Jeff Farragher Football Amy Ruggiero Soccer Victoria Eddy Soccer Michael Besserer Tennis Delia Morrissev Softball Erin Thorpe Cross Country Patrick Hannon Football Sean Burke Cross Country Veronica Gesel Cross Country Kathleen Lucier **Tennis**

SILVER SCHOLARS

Brian Kelso Football Football Erol Senel Matthew Greeley **Tennis** Todd Micklovich Soccer Kerry Treacy Field Hockey Karen Kane **Tennis** Noreen Conaughton Lacrosse Justin Peledge Football Justin Poltak Football Chris Conroy Basketball Ian Brown Cross Country Kate Marszewski Field Hockey Ally Maslowski Lacrosse Allison Pearson Softball Erica Christopher Softball Allison Halsev Basketball Marissa Caron Volleyball

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Karen Reagan **Tennis** Ryan Schmidt **Tennis** Brianne Mallaghan Soccer Maureen Perry **Tennis** Kristin Scalia Soccer Shannon McGinn Soccer Tom Cronin Golf Andrea Osganian Lacrosse Rhett Darak Football Kimberly Kohlenbush Field Hockey Jeanette Nicolett **Tennis** Christopher Farley Football Jane LaRocque Soccer Katelynn O'Connell Lacrosse Jeff MacDonald Golf

Chris Ambrose Cross Country
Andrea Tortolano Softball

SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS

Amanda Frost Softball Christina Bolduc Tennis Erin Redmond Lacrosse Sara Pope Soccer / Softball Stephen Marko Cross Country Heather Chamberlain Softball Rebecca Gates Soccer Heather McMorris Cross Country Beth Murray Softball Angela Potts Field Hockey Corinna Desilets Soccer Ben Schersten Cross Country

SILVER SCHOLARS

Matthew Hannon Cross Country Field Hockey Juliet Rose Rebecca Tomsich Basketball Erica Moltisanti Lacrosse Holly Upper Volleyball Julie Kelley Cross Country Christine Dalv Field Hockey Padraic Springuel Cross Country Kathrvn Harrison Tennis

Alexa Huckins-Noss Field Hockey / Lacrosse

Courtney Kelley Cross Country Rebecca Bayer Tennis

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Amber McHugh Soccer Stephanie Robbins Volleyball Richard Collins Cross Country Jonathan Curley Lacrosse Jilby Danis Field Hockey Azar Sharipov Soccer Sol Dostillo **Tennis** Courtney Breen Field Hockey Tara McCuin Soccer Stefcia Dziubek Softball Adam Johnson Basketball Jessica Ritz Cross Country

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

GOLD SCHOLARS

Lori Rubino Field Hockey / Lacrosse

Rebecca Roy Basketball
Justina Marinaccio Lacrosse
Christine Parsons Soccer

SILVER SCHOLARS

Keely Fitzgerald Soccer
Jodi Quaranta Soccer
Meghan Salvestrini Soccer
Natalie Sobalsky Soccer

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Leigh Powers Field Hockey
Brigitte Metzger Basketball
Michael Bronson Football
Krista Baron Field Hockey

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY

GOLD SCHOLARS

Kara Dufour Cross Country Kelly Sorfleet Basketball Stephen Lavolpicelo Basketball Angela Jennings Volleyball Tyson Chartier Lacrosse Julie Hautanen Tennis Amy Stilphen Basketball Brian Larrabee Basketball Mounir Tajiou Soccer Denise Nicoletta Soccer

SILVER SCHOLARS

Rvan Paradise Baseball Marcus Lovgren **Tennis** Kristen Moran Softball Lindsey Cochran Cross Country Jennifer Crecca Basketball Vanessa Cedrone Basketball Matthew Wiesinger Basketball Lise Laczek Volleyball Clint Borrill Soccer Summer Carter Volleyball

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Jaime Davidson Cross Country Robrecht Vanrykel Soccer Haley Tozier Volleyball William Forbes Baseball Nicole Marston Volleyball Eric Jay Soccer Brendon MacMahon Soccer Travis Scheyd Golf

Jaclyn Davidson Cross Country Heather Peterson Soccer

STONEHILL COLLEGE

GOLD SCHOLARS

Heather Alfield Volleyball Robert Sparkes Cross Country Field Hockey Heather Roy Patrick Long Track & Field Melissa Chesarone Volleyball Carissa Medeiros Lacrosse Jessica DiDio Tennis Amanda Moody Track & Field Kelli O'Brien Tennis Julie Aresco Field Hockey Danielle Fournier Track & Field Chisten Uttlev Track & Field Jennifer Burge Softball Brianna Coppinger Volleyball Mary Hill Softball

SILVER SCHOLARS

Christopher Eynatian Track & Field Catherine Monahan Track & Field Ronald Heald Baseball Kristan Strout Basketball Brian Wietecha Soccer Tina Baio Soccer Michelle Prizeman Soccer Amanda Stubbs Lacrosse Courtney Frye Soccer Soccer Kristy Zamagni Adria Dennison Soccer Holly Soper Soccer Joshua Cordeira Track & Field Lindsay Farragher Softball Julie Collins Soccer

BRONZE SCHOLARS

Laura Weldon Cross Country
Justine Shemeth Soccer
Jamie Daniel Track & Field
Megan King Track & Field

Melissa Brown Cross Country / T & F

Ashley Sanders Soccer Amy Pelletier Soccer Cynthia Pultz Field Hockey Matthew DiVito Track & Field Sotirios Pintzopoulos Track & Field Meghan O'Hara Field Hockey Dennis Deveney Football Karen McAuley Tennis **Brandan Towers Tennis**