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## ALL-TCCC SOFTBALL TEAM ANNOUNCED

- **Endicott's Merry MacDonald Selected Player of the Year**
- **Salve Regina's Sarah Jakiela Honored as Pitcher of the Year**
- **Regis's Caitlin Luquet Chosen Rookie of the Year**
- **University of New England's Megan Gaedje Recognized as Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year**
- **Wentworth's Bob Long Named Coach of the Year**
- **Wentworth Institute of Technology Earns Team Sportsmanship Award**

Student-athletes from eleven different institutions in The Commonwealth Coast Conference were represented on the 2009 All-TCCC Softball Team, it was announced today by Commissioner Gregg M. Kaye. In addition to the all-conference team, winners of five major individual awards and the team sportsmanship award were also selected. Endicott College junior **Merry MacDonald** was named TCCC Player of the Year, Salve Regina University junior **Sarah Jakiela** were picked as TCCC Pitcher of the Year, Regis College freshman **Caitlin Luquet** was chosen TCCC Rookie of the Year, University of New England's **Megan Gaedje** was honored as TCCC Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year, Wentworth's **Bob Long** was honored as TCCC Coach of the Year, and **Wentworth Institute of Technology** was the recipient of the Team Sportsmanship Award.

Voting for the All-TCCC team and each of the major awards was conducted among TCCC softball coaches.

Joining MacDonald (third base), Gaedje (outfield), and Jakiela on the first team were infielders **Meghan Sargent** (C, Endicott), **Lauren Tobey** (C, Curry), **Trish Breault** (1B, Western New England), **Sarah Spaziano** (2B, Endicott), **Jenna Lazar** (SS, Endicott), outfielders **Megan Downey** (Endicott) and **Christina Farese** (Western New England), designated player **Alysia DiMuzio** (Curry), and utility player **Sarah Lempicki** (Western New England).

Second-team selections included infielders **Lauren Lombardo** (C, Nichols), **Casey Shanley** (1B, Endicott), **Erica Castro** (2B, Roger Williams), **Kristen Jackman** (3B, Curry), **Hannah Pirez** (SS, Roger Williams), outfielders **Michelle Caprice** (Roger Williams), **Ashley Robidoux** (Nichols), and **Ashley Wright** (Endicott), designated player **Jacqueline Tierney** (Eastern Nazarene), pitcher **Jaclyn Doolin** (Roger Williams), and utility player **Sarah Boyda** (Anna Maria).

Receiving honorable mention along with Luquet (outfield) were infielders **Ashley Gott** (C, Univ. of New England), **Bridget Souza** (C, Wentworth), **Hope Benjamin** (1B, Regis), **Krista Kelley** (2B, Wentworth), **Sara Barnes** (3B, Western New England), **Kim Cabral** (SS, Wentworth), **Lauren Webb** (SS, Univ. of New England), outfielders **Haley Hovhanessian** (Endicott), **Mary Moroski** (Anna Maria), and **Ashley Paolini** (Regis), designated player **Ashley DePasquale** (Univ. of New England), pitcher **Laura Bower** (Western New England), and utility player **Rachel Cavella** (Regis).

MacDonald, a junior third baseman from Braintree, Mass., has been a tremendous all-around performer for an Endicott team that entered the TCCC tournament sporting a 33-6 overall record and an almost-perfect 23-1 mark in conference-play. During TCCC play, MacDonald led all conference players with a staggering .506 batting average, while also leading the league in hits (40, tied), total bases (72) and slugging percentage (.911). She ranked second in runs scored (34), home runs (9), RBI (33) and on-base percentage (.536).

Jakiela, a junior from Meriden, Conn., enjoyed a stellar campaign in the circle for Salve Regina. Pitching all but 7-2/3 of her team's innings during conference play, Jakiela led all TCCC hurlers in virtually every statistical category. In TCCC play, she topped all pitchers with 16 wins, compiled a league-best 1.26 ERA and struck out a conference-high 229 batters in 156 innings pitched. Jakiela also led the league in opponents' batting average (.179), appearances (23), games started (23) and complete games (21). She ranked third with five shutouts.

Luquet, a freshman outfielder from Walnut Creek, Calif., was a strong addition for Regis College, as she led the Pride in virtually every offensive category during her inaugural campaign. In all games played, Luquet batted .407 with four home runs, 24 RBI, 21 runs scored and a .620 slugging percentage. Her .406 batting average in conference play ranked eighth in the league.

Gaedje, a senior outfielder from Tolland, Conn., has been a solid contributor for a UNE squad that advanced to the TCCC tournament as the #6 seed. An applied exercise science major who sports a 3.57 grade point average, Gaedje enjoyed a solid season for the Nor'easters, batting .385 with two home runs and 22 RBI. In addition to ranking third on her team in batting average and RBI, Gaedje also stole a TCCC-best 22 bases. She is a three-time TCCC All-Academic Team member and was honored at National Student Athlete Day.

Long performed a tremendous job leading the Leopards to a 9-23 overall record and a 7-17 mark in conference play as he returned to the head coaching post at Wentworth after a brief hiatus to concentrate exclusively on men's soccer, which he has coached since 1997. His team's performance might seem misleading, but nine total wins and seven conference victories is a dramatic improvement for a team that won a total of eight games over the past three seasons combined, a stretch in which the team was winless in conference play.

## 2009 ALL-TCCC SOFTBALL TEAM

### FIRST TEAM

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Student-Athlete</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>
C	Meghan Sargent	Endicott	Senior
C	Lauren Tobey	Curry	Senior
1B	Trish Breault	Western New England	Sophomore
2B	Sarah Spaziano	Endicott	Junior
3B	Merry MacDonald	Endicott	Junior
SS	Jenna Lazar	Endicott	Junior
OF	Megan Downey	Endicott	Junior
OF	Christina Farese	Western New England	Junior
OF	Megan Gaedje	Univ. of New England	Senior
DP	Alysia DiMuzio	Curry	Senior
P	Sarah Jakiela	Salve Regina	Junior
UT	Sarah Lempicki	Western New England	Freshman

### SECOND TEAM

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Student-Athlete</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>
C	Lauren Lombardo	Nichols	Junior
1B	Casey Shanley	Endicott	Senior
2B	Erica Castro	Roger Williams	Freshman
3B	Kristen Jackman	Curry	Senior
SS	Hannah Pirez	Roger Williams	Freshman
OF	Michelle Caprice	Roger Williams	Junior
OF	Ashley Robidoux	Nichols	Sophomore
OF	Ashley Wright	Endicott	Sophomore
DP	Jacqueline Tierney	Eastern Nazarene	Sophomore
P	Jaclyn Doolin	Roger Williams	Freshman
UT	Sarah Boyda	Anna Maria	Sophomore

### HONORABLE MENTION

<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Student-Athlete</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Class</b>
C	Ashley Gott	Univ. of New England	Freshman
C	Bridget Souza	Wentworth	Sophomore
1B	Hope Benjamin	Regis	Sophomore
2B	Krista Kelley	Wentworth	Senior
3B	Sara Barnes	Western New England	Freshman
SS	Kim Cabral	Wentworth	Senior
SS	Lauren Webb	Univ. of New England	Junior
OF	Haley Hovhanessian	Endicott	Sophomore
OF	Caitlin Luquet	Regis	Freshman
OF	Mary Moroski	Anna Maria	Freshman
OF	Ashley Paolini	Regis	Senior
DP	Ashley DePasquale	Univ. of New England	Senior
P	Laura Bower	Western New England	Senior
UT	Rachel Cavella	Regis	Sophomore

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

<b>PLAYER OF THE YEAR</b>	Merry MacDonald, Endicott
<b>PITCHER OF THE YEAR</b>	Sarah Jakiela, Salve Regina
<b>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR</b>	Caitlin Luquet, Regis
<b>SENIOR SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR</b>	Megan Gaedje, Univ. of New England
<b>COACH OF THE YEAR</b>	Bob Long, Wentworth
<b>TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD</b>	Wentworth Institute of Technology