



## CAPITAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE

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### St. Mary's Senior Lauren Carrier Named CAC Women's Soccer Player Of The Year Stevenson Fr. Stephanie Eyler And SMC Coach Brianne Weaver Also Honored

YORK, Pa. - St. Mary's senior **Lauren Carrier** was named Player of the Year, **Brianne Weaver** was named Coach of the Year and seven Seahawks earned post-season berths on the 2008 All-CAC Women's Soccer Team.

Carrier earns her second career first-team All-CAC nod and was selected by the conference coaches as the 2008 Player of the Year. She is the third Seahawk to earn CAC Women's Soccer Player of the Year recognition in the last seven years, joining Brooke Barcheski (2002) and **Katie Klotz** (2006) in that exclusive group.

Weaver, the third-year mentor at SMC who guided her team to the first CAC title and NCAA Tournament bid in team history, was tabbed by her peers as the 2008 CAC Coach of the Year. She joins Mike Sweeney (1992) and Mark Mermelstein (2002) as St. Mary's coaches to be honored by the CAC coaches.

Klotz was one of three teammates to join Carrier on the 2008 All-CAC first team. It is the third time in four years Klotz was picked by the CAC coaches as a first-team all-star defender. Senior goalie **Marie Oben** and junior midfielder **Sophia Esparza** joined Carrier and Klotz on the All-CAC first team. Oben was a second-team all-star in 2006 while Esparza has been named to the top CAC post-season team in each of her three seasons at SMC. Esparza was also the 2006 CAC Rookie of the Year.

The Seahawks also placed three players on the second-team all-star squad, including senior **Taylor Cervenka**, junior **Karisa Carroll** and freshman **Bridget McGovern**. Cervenka is a repeat choice on the All-CAC team.

Stevenson's **Stephanie Eyler**, who broke the CAC record for goals in a season (21), was selected as the CAC Rookie of the Year. Eyler earned first-team All-CAC honors while sophomore **Allison Humphries** gained second-team recognition for the Mustangs, who earned a berth in the ECAC South post-season tournament.

Mary Washington and Salisbury each placed four players on the 2008 All-CAC team while York had three players make the squad.

UMW senior **Hannah Pearson** repeated as a first-team honoree and was joined on the top squad by **Marianne Dubinski**. Second-team recognition for the Eagles went to senior **Lauren Harkness** and freshman **Amy Olson**.

Salisbury, which finished atop the pack in the regular season, placed senior **Kelli Salter** on the all-star first team while senior **Katie Marshall**, junior **Hillary Grove** and senior keeper **Gena Goodson** are second-team picks. Grove and Goodson were making their second-straight appearance on the CAC post-season team.

All three York all-stars - senior **Jill Stanley**, **Kali Macgregor** and junior **Lauren Stewart** - are first-team All-CAC players this season. Macgregor is making her third all-star appearance, including second as a first-team pick, while Stanley moves up to first team this season after two-straight years on the All-CAC second-team.

Wesley senior **Gina Orrben** and Hood freshman **Jennifer Fischer** were both named to the All-CAC team for the first time, each earning second-team recognition.

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### 2008 All-CAC Women's Soccer Team

<u>First Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>Previous All-CAC Honors</u>
Lauren Carrier	Sr.	For	St. Mary's	Crownsville, Md./Old Mill	1st in '06
Stephanie Eyler	Fr.	For	Stevenson	Thurmont, Md./Catocin	
Jill Stanley	Sr.	For	York	Stewartstown, Pa./Kennard-Dale	2nd in '07, 2nd in '06
Sophia Esparza	Jr.	Mid	St. Mary's	Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair	1st in '07, 1st & ROY in '06
Hannah Pearson	Sr.	Mid	Mary Washington	Annandale, Va./W.T. Woodson	1st in '07
Lauren Stewart	Jr.	Mid	York	West River, Md./Southern	
Marianne Dubinski	Fr.	Def	Mary Washington	Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg	
Katie Klotz	Sr.	Def	St. Mary's	Bowie, Md./Our Lady of Good Counsel	1st & POY in '06, 1st in '05
Kali Macgregor	Sr.	Def	York	Rockville, Md./Acad. Holy Cross	1st in '07, 2nd in '06
Kelli Salter	Sr.	Def	Salisbury	Marlton, N.J./Cherokee	
Marie Oben	Sr.	GK	St. Mary's	Glenn Dale, Md./St. Mary's (Annapolis)	2nd in '06

<u>Second Team</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>Previous All-CAC Honors</u>
Bridget McGovern	Fr.	For	St. Mary's	Wrentham, Mass./King Philip Reg.	
Amy Olson	Fr.	For	Mary Washington	Crofton, Md./Arundel	
Gina Orrben	Sr.	For	Wesley	Hockessin, Del./A.I. DuPont	
Taylor Cervenka	Sr.	Mid	St. Mary's	Damascus, Md./Damascus	2nd in '07
Allison Humphries	So.	Mid	Stevenson	Bel Air, Md./John Carroll	
Katie Marshall	Sr.	Mid	Salisbury	Middletown, Del./William Penn	
Karisa Carroll	Jr.	Def	St. Mary's	Long Island, N.Y./Ward Melville	
Hillary Grove	Jr.	Def	Salisbury	Hagerstown, Md./North Hagerstown	1st in '07
Jennifer Fischer	Fr.	Def	Hood	Montgomery Village, Md./Gaithersburg	
Lauren Harkness	Sr.	Def	Mary Washington	Fairfax, Va./Oakton	
Gena Goodson	Sr.	GK	Salisbury	Lexington Park, Md./Great Mills	2nd in '07

**2008 CAC Athlete of the Year:** Lauren Carrier, St. Mary's  
**2008 CAC Rookie of the Year:** Stephanie Eyler, Stevenson  
**2008 CAC Coach of the Year:** Brianne Weaver, St. Mary's (first time)