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Green, Graves, McCracken Named Butler's Outstanding Senior Athletes

Trio headlines Butler athletic awards recognition for 2007-08

Seniors **Mike Green** (Philadelphia, Pa.), **A. J. Graves** (Switz City) and **Paige McCracken** (Pittsboro) have been named recipients of Butler's top athletic recognition for 2007-08. The three student-athletes topped the list of Butler athletic department special awards/scholarships presented for achievement during the past year.

Green and Graves, starting guards on the Butler men's basketball team, shared Butler's Most Outstanding Male Athlete Award. The two helped lead the Bulldogs to the most successful two-year period in Butler basketball history, including a school- and Horizon League-record 30-4 mark this past season. Green led the Bulldogs in scoring, rebounding and assists in 2007-08, and he was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Horizon League and in the Horizon League Tournament. Graves, who was the league's preseason Player of the Year, finished his career as Butler's third all-time leading scorer and in second place on Butler's all-time lists for free throw shooting and three-point field goals. Both players were named first team All-League and both were selected to the 2008 Mid-Major All-America squad.

McCracken, a two-year All-Horizon League golfer, was chosen as Butler's Most Outstanding Female Athlete. She was the Horizon League individual women's golf champion a year ago, after finishing in a tie for third in the league tournament two years ago. She's finished first or second for the Bulldogs in seven of the 10 meets in which she's competed this year, and she was the overall tournament medalist at the recent Cardinal Classic Women's Golf Tournament. McCracken leads the team with 12 sub-80 rounds this year.

Butler also recognized a pair of first-year athletes with the Frank "Pop" Hedden Award, which honors the outstanding male and female freshman student-athletes. The male winner was men's basketball player **Matt Howard**

(Connersville), while women's tennis player **Gabriella Bobrowski** (Niles, Ill.) was the female winner. Howard was further honored with a Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle Scholarship, presented for outstanding athletic achievement. The female Hinkle Scholarship winner was volleyball player **Porshia Allen** (Chicago, Ill.).

Junior **Matt Sokolowski** (Ft. Wayne), a pitcher on the baseball team, and junior **Lindsay Schluge** (Greenwood), an outfielder on the softball team, were named recipients of the Helen Tewksbury Scholarship for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership and athletics. Junior **Ryan Kruszka** (Elwood, Ill.), another baseball pitcher, and sophomore **Molly Casperson** (Neeenah, Wis.), a top performer on the women's tennis team, were chosen to receive the Dean Herbert F. Schwomeyer Scholarship, given for outstanding athletic and academic achievement.

Sophomore **Morgan Cox** (Rolling Prairie), a member of the women's soccer team, was named recipient

of the Catherine Sabrina DeBrosse Scholarship, which recognizes the passion, dedication and positive attitude of a Butler female student-athlete. It is presented in honor of the late daughter of J. J. and Emily DeBrosse.

Senior **Cassie Freeman** (Fishers), a member of the women's basketball team, was honored as recipient of the Horizon League Sportsmanship Award for exhibiting outstanding character in the field of athletics. The men's tennis (3.283) and women's cross country (3.475) teams earned the Horizon League "Raise Your Sights" Academic Award for compiling the highest cumulative grade point averages of all Butler squads, and the football team received the Horizon League Community Outreach Award for the highest number of community service hours. The "Shining Star" Award, presented by the Butler Division of Student Affairs for a demonstrated commitment to academics, sportsmanship, school spirit and service to Butler and the Indianapolis community, was given to the football and volleyball teams.

2007-08 Butler Athletic Award Winners

Most Outstanding Male Athlete: Mike Green (Men's Basketball), A. J. Graves (Men's Basketball)

Most Outstanding Female Athlete: Paige McCracken (Women's Golf)

Frank "Pop" Hedden Outstanding Freshman: Matt Howard (Men's Basketball), Gabriella Bobrowski (Women's Tennis)

Paul D. "Tony" Hinkle Scholarship: Matt Howard (Men's Basketball), Porshia Allen (Volleyball)

Helen Tewksbury Scholarship: Matt Sokolowski (Baseball), Lindsay Schluge (Softball)

Dean Herbert F. Schwomeyer Scholarship: Ryan Kruszka (Baseball), Molly Casperson (Women's Tennis)

Catherine Sabrina DeBrosse Scholarship: Morgan Cox (Women's Soccer)

Horizon League Sportsmanship Award: Cassie Freeman (Women's Basketball)

Horizon League Community Outreach Award: Football

Horizon League "Raise Your Sights" Academic Award: Men's Tennis, Women's Cross Country

"Shining Star" Award: Football, Volleyball