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2009 NECVA ALL-DIVISION AWARDS ANNOUNCED

JERSEY CITY, NJ...Sophomore outside hitter **Justin Brubaker** (Telford, PA) of Philadelphia Biblical University is the lone repeat winner, while sophomore **Wojciech Jakubiak** (Poland) of Hunter College, **Matt Ferreira** (Lincoln, RI) of Rivier College, **Andrew Cranford** (Bel Air, MD) of Stevens Institute of Technology and **Alberto Bravo** (Toa Baja, Puerto Rico) of Elms College have been selected as the five North East Collegiate Volleyball Association Divisional Players of the Year for the 2009 season, in voting conducted within each of the 43-team conference's five divisions—CUNYAC, GNAC, Metro, New England and Western. **Cranford**, who was named Metro Player of the Year for the first time, completes his career at Stevens as a four-time First-Team All-Metro selection while **Brubaker** takes the Western Player of the Year for the second straight season. **Bravo** earns the New England Player of the Year after being that division's Rookie of the Year in 2008.

In all, a record 74 student-athletes were named either First or Second-Team All-Division this season. Those players named to a divisional First-Team will be eligible for NECVA All-Conference honors, which will be announced at the league's annual banquet during this weekend's NECVA Tournament, on Saturday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For the second straight year Elms and Hunter are the home of their division's Rookie of the Year winners. The five Rookie of the Year winners are **Eric Barty** (Jamaica, NY) of Hunter, **Brendan McGourn** (Southington, CT) of Lasell College, **Kevin Stross** (Port Washington, NY) of SUNY New Paltz, **Sequiel Sanchez Velez** (San Sebastian, Puerto Rico) of Elms and **Billy Gimello** (Hauppauge, NY) of Nazareth College.

Craig Kolek, who was New England Division Coach of the Year in 2005 and 2006, wins the GNAC Division Coach of the Year for 2008 after his team ended the regular season on a 29-match winning streak and a 32-1 record, as well as the #1 seed in the NECVA Tournament. **Don Vanderbeck**, who won the NECVA Conference Coach of the Year award in 1995 and 1996, takes the Metro Division Coach of the Year honor for the first time since the award was split amongst the divisions in 2005. Second-year coach **Eder Mathelier** of New York City College of Technology wins the CUNYAC Coach of the Year after the Yellow Jackets went 16-9 and vaulted into third place in the division this year. **Tim Bryam** of Endicott College led the Gulls to a 21-11 regular season and the club's first New England Division title and is the New England Division Coach of the Year for the first time. **Cal Wickens** has built Nazareth College into a national power in a short amount of time, and for the second time in three seasons, he was selected the Western Division Coach of the Year.

Four players—**Dan Coleman** (Millis, MA) of Endicott, **Cranford** of Stevens, **Shane Donohue** (Freehold Township, NJ) of Ramapo and **Danial Levent** (Forest Hills, NY) of Baruch College—earned All-Division honors, either First or Second Team, for the fourth time in their four-year careers.

Juniors **Ivan Andujar** (Carolina, Puerto Rico) of Elms, **Zacarias Ripoll** (Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic) of Hunter, **Michael Townsend** (Beavertown, VA) of Emmanuel College, **A.J. Witkofsky** (Scotia, NY) of Endicott and **Radu Wyrwas** (Bialystok, Poland) of Baruch, each took home All-Divisional honors for the third consecutive season to open their careers.

2009 NECVA ALL-CUNYAC DIVISION**PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Wojciech Jakubiak (Hunter College)****ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Eric Barty (Hunter College)****COACH OF THE YEAR: Eder Mathelier (New York City College of Technology)****FIRST-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Wojciech Jakubiak ¹	Hunter College	SO	OH	Poland
Danial Levent ¹⁷⁸	Baruch College	SR	OPP	Forest Hills, NY
Pablo Oliveira ¹	Baruch College	SO	OH	Uberlândia, Brazil
Kevin Edwards ¹	City Tech	SO	OPP	Trinidad & Tobago
Zacarias Ripoll ¹²	Hunter College	JR	S/OH	Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
Eric Barty	Hunter College	FR	MBB/OPP	Jamaica, NY
Jerin Kallickal	Hunter College	FR	OH/MB	Kerala, India
Matt McKee	Baruch College	FR	MB	Bay Shore, NY
Miguel Pena	Hunter College	SR	L/OPP	Las Vegas, NV

SECOND-TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Kwan Tong Ma ¹	Brooklyn College	SR	OH	Brooklyn, NY
Shandu Foster	Hunter College	SR	MB	Long Island City, NY
Radu Wyrwas ¹²	Baruch College	JR	S	Bialystok, Poland
Johnny Santana	City Tech	FR	OH	Dominican Republic
Christopher Aviles ¹	City College of New York	SO	OH	New York, NY
Jonathan Cruz	Lehman College	SO	OH	Bronx, NY

2009 NECVA ALL-GNAC DIVISION**PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Matt Ferreira (Rivier College)****ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Brendan McGourn (Lasell College)****COACH OF THE YEAR: Craig Kolek (Rivier College)****FIRST-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Michael Townsend ⁶⁷	Emmanuel College	JR	OH	Beavertown, VA
Sean Lauro ⁷	Johnson & Wales University	SR	OH	West Roxbury, MA
Brendan McGourn	Lasell College	FR	S	Southington, CT
Jared Andreozzi ⁶	Rivier College	SO	OH	Barrington, RI
Matt Ferreira ¹	Rivier College	JR	MH	Lincoln, RI
Zack Hansen ¹	Rivier College	JR	S	Shelton, CT
Kyle O'Neill	Rivier College	JR	OH/L	Long Beach, NY

SECOND-TEAM

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Curtis Abram	Emmanuel College	SO	OH	San Luis Obispo, CA
Keoni Rabaino	Emmanuel College	SO	MB	Tucson, AZ
Petar Yanakiev	Johnson & Wales University	FR	OH	Varna, Bulgaria
David Rogers	Lasell College	SR	OH	Belchertown, MA
Austin Soucy	Rivier College	SO	OH	Tolland, CT
Scott Wright	Rivier College	SR	MH	Salem, NH

2009 NECVA ALL-METRO DIVISION**PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Andrew Cranford (Stevens Institute of Technology)****ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Kevin Stross (SUNY New Paltz)****COACH OF THE YEAR: Don Vanderbeck (Ramapo College)****FIRST-TEAM**

NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Shane Donohue ¹⁷⁸	Ramapo College	SR	OH	Freehold Township, NJ
Phil Tully ¹	Vassar College	JR	H	Huntington Station, NY
Joe Trinsey ⁶	Stevens Institute of Technology	SR	OH	Wilmington, DE
Tomas Bochicchio ²⁶	Stevens Institute of Technology	SR	OH	St. James, NY
Andrew Cranford ¹²³	Stevens Institute of Technology	SR	MH	Bel Air, MD
Steve Micucci ⁶	Vassar College	SR	MH	Millis, MA

Jairo Sierra ⁶	Ramapo College	SR	S	Fair Lawn, NJ
Michael Bertucci	Stevens Institute of Technology	SR	L	Gibbsboro, NJ
SECOND-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Nick Chan	Bard College	FR	OH	Victor, NY
Dan Liberto	SUNY New Paltz	JR	OPP	Rush, NY
Kevin Rodgers ¹	New Jersey City University	SR	OH	Clifton, NJ
Evan Fredericksen	Vassar College	SO	H	Menlo Park, CA
Tom Kohler ⁷	Ramapo College	SR	MB	East Brunswick, NJ
TC Elsasser ⁶	Ramapo College	SR	MB	Barneget, NJ
Jake Moore	SUNY New Paltz	SR	MH	Cortlandt Manor, NY
John Kessenich ¹	Vassar College	SR	S/H	Chicago, IL
Scott Leserman	Vassar College	SR	L/OH	Manhattan Beach, CA
Kurt Backlund	Ramapo College	JR	L/DS	Old Bridge, NJ
Chris Edra	New Jersey City University	SO	L	Edison, NJ
2009 NECVA ALL-NEW ENGLAND DIVISION				
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Alberto Bravo (Elms College)				
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Sequiel Sanchez Velez (Elms College)				
COACH OF THE YEAR: Tim Byram (Endicott College)				
FIRST-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Alberto Bravo ¹	Elms College	SO	OH	Toa Baja, Puerto Rico
Sequiel Sanchez Velez	Elms College	FR	OH	San Sebastian, Puerto Rico
John Emery	Endicott College	JR	OH	Westford, MA
Javier Feliciano	Wentworth Institute of Technology	SO	OH	San Juan, Puerto Rico
Mark Thomas ⁶	Newbury College	JR	MH	Wilbraham, MA
A.J. Witkofsky ^{6/7}	Endicott College	JR	MH	Scotia, NY
Ivan Andujar ²⁶	Elms College	JR	S	Carolina, Puerto Rico
Marc Carrasco	Elms College	SR	L	Tucson, AZ
SECOND-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Brent Feldman	Endicott College	FR	OPP	West Palm Beach, FL
Bryan McDermand ⁶	Newbury College	SR	OH	Palatine, IL
Joshua Aberly	Newbury College	JR	OPP	Palatine, IL
Mike Demyttenaere	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	JR	MH	Brussels, Belgium
Scott Pollom ⁷	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	SR	MH	Indianapolis, IN
Ben Foster	Endicott College	SR	S	Penfield, NY
Matt Talamantes ¹	Newbury College	SO	S	Sylmar, CA
Dan Coleman ^{13/7}	Endicott College	SR	L	Millis, MA
2009 NECVA ALL-WESTERN DIVISION				
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Justin Brubaker (Philadelphia Biblical University)				
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Billy Gimello (Nazareth College)				
COACHES OF THE YEAR: Cal Wickens (Nazareth College)				
FIRST-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
Justin Brubaker ¹	Philadelphia Biblical University	SO	OH	Telford, PA
Billy Gimello	Nazareth College	FR	OH	Hauppague, NY
Ryan Murdie ⁶	Medaille College	JR	OPP	Kenmore, NY
Kelvin Rolle ⁷	Nazareth College	SR	MH	Henrietta, NY
Ryan Johnsen	Nazareth College	SR	MH	Hamburg, NY
Frank Leahy ¹⁷	Nazareth College	SR	S	Smithtown, NY
Chris DeHority ¹	Nazareth College	SR	L	Rochester, NY
SECOND-TEAM				
NAME	SCHOOL	YR	POS.	HOMETOWN
J.R. Jackson ⁸	Stevenson University	SR	OH/MH	Havre de Grace, MD
Joe Petzoldt ^{6/7}	Nazareth College	SR	OH	Phelps, NY
Leandro Dueck	Philadelphia Biblical University	JR	OH	Lititz, PA
Frankie Coto ¹	Eastern Mennonite University	SO	MH	Miami, FL
Justin Reesor	Eastern Mennonite University	JR	MH	Stouffville, Ontario
Drew Dillon	Philadelphia Biblical University	SO	S	Mount Joy, PA

Dan Jackson	Medaille College	SO	L	Hamburg, NY
<u>LEGEND</u>				
¹ = First-Team All-Division, 2008				
² = First-Team All-Division, 2007				
³ = First-Team All-Division, 2006				
⁶ = Second-Team All-Division, 2008				
⁷ = Second-Team All-Division, 2007				
⁸ = Second-Team All-Division, 2006				