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NCAC Volleyball Special

**ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL SQUAD ANNOUNCED;
WOOSTER'S RILEY SELECTED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

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CLEVELAND -- Wooster senior **KateLynn Riley (Westlake, OH/Westlake)** has been named Player of the Year to highlight the 2009 All-North Coast Athletic Conference volleyball selections.

Riley, a 5-7 middle hitter/outside hitter, led the North Coast in kills per set (4.25), blocks (1.06 per set) and points (5.18). She led the Fighting Scots to a third-place finish in the conference with a 12-4 league mark, 21-9 overall. She earns first-team recognition for the second straight season.

Denison senior **Holly Leonard (Evanston, IL/Evanston Township)** was selected as Libero of the Year for the first time. She earned her second consecutive second-team nod and led the league in digs with 5.93 per set. Ohio Wesleyan freshman **Meg Weissenberger (Toledo, OH/Central Catholic)** was voted Newcomer of the Year and was an honorable mention choice. The only freshman voted to the All-NCAC squad, Weissenberger finished fifth in the conference with 3.01 kills per set and fourth in points (3.49 per set).

Joining Riley as repeat first-team selections are Hiram senior **Randa Jackson (South Euclid, OH/Brush)** and Wittenberg senior **Erin Slattery (Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston)**. Slattery was the NCAC Newcomer of the Year in 2006 and both she and Jackson were first-team choices in 2008. Allegheny senior **Caitlin Solan (Acme, PA/Geibel)** moved up to the first team after earning second-team accolades last season, and Wittenberg senior **Kate Snead (Westerville, OH/South)** is on the top squad after being voted honorable mention a season ago. Wittenberg sophomore **Kate Sumner (Dublin, OH/Watterson)** makes her debut on the All-NCAC squad as a member of the first team.

Hiram head coach **Ellen Dempsey** was voted NCAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time. She guided the Terriers to a second-place finish with a 14-2 conference mark and a 22-9 overall record. Dempsey, who earned coach of the year honors in 2001, 2003 and 2005, has a career record of 216-94 in nine years as Hiram's mentor and is 348-233 overall in her 17-year career.

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2009 ALL-NCAC VOLLEYBALL

CLEVELAND -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2009 season through balloting by the NCAC volleyball coaches.

FIRST TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Randa Jackson *	Hiram	Sr.	5-9	MH	South Euclid, OH/Brush
KateLynn Riley *	Wooster	Sr.	5-7	MH/OH	Westlake, OH/Westlake
Erin Slattery *	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-4	S	Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston
Caitlin Solan #	Allegheny	Sr.	5-10	OH	Acme, PA/Geibel
Kate Snead \$	Wittenberg	Sr.	5-11	MH	Westerville, OH/South
Katie Sumner	Wittenberg	So.	5-9	MH	Dublin, OH/Watterson

Player of the Year: KateLynn Riley, Wooster

Libero of the Year: Holly Leonard, Denison

Newcomer of the Year: Meg Weissenberg, Ohio Wesleyan

Coach of the Year: Ellen Dempsey, Hiram

SECOND TEAM	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Lizzi Beal \$	Wooster	So.	5-8	S	Bowling Green, KY/Greenwood
Amy Cox	Wittenberg	Jr.	5-11	S/RS	Newark, OH/Catholic
Holly Leonard #	Denison	Sr.	5-3	DS	Evanston, IL/Evanston Township
Mary Myers \$	Kenyon	So.	5-10	RS	Lebanon, OH/Ursuline Academy
Kristi Opfer	Hiram	So.	6-1	MH	Garrettsville, OH/Garfield
Lauren Strowder	Denison	So.	5-7	OH	Cleveland Hts., OH/Cleveland Hts.
Amanda Wysk	Oberlin	Jr.	6-9	OH	Big Bend, WI/Mukwonago

HONORABLE MENTION	School	Yr.	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Shaina Bryan	Hiram	So.	5-9	OH	South Euclid, OH/Brush
Caileigh Hughes	Allegheny	Jr.	5-8	S	Newark, OH/Catholic
Rita Kaplon #	Oberlin	Sr.	5-7	S	Yellow Springs, OH/Science Hill
Jordan Leopold	Allegheny	Jr.	5-10	OH	Valencia, PA/Mars
Keeley McAnnis-Entenman \$@	Earlham	Sr.	5-11	MB	Portland, OR/Grant
Meg Weissenberger	Ohio Wesleyan	Fr.	5-6	OH	Toledo, OH/Central Catholic

Key: *1st team 2008; # 2nd team 2008; \$ honorable mention 2008; @ honorable mention 2007