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National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) Releases Outreach and Degree Completion Honor Rolls for 2006-07 Academic Year: *Fifty-nine Schools Are Recognized for their Outstanding Programs*

Orlando, FL...January 25, 2008 – The National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) today announced the honorees of the Outreach Honor Roll and Degree Completion Honor Roll, both for the 2006-07 academic year. Of the 224 member colleges and universities across the country, 59 members stood out for their outstanding programs and dedication to their student-athletes and college communities.

Each summer, statistics are requested from NCAS members outlining their athletic department's time and impact in the community as well as the number of student-athletes they provide tuition assistance to after their athletic eligibility has expired in order to assist their degree completion and graduation. Based on the numbers collected, honor rolls are compiled recognizing the top 15-20 percent of the NCAS membership.

At the top of the Outreach Honor Roll for 2006-07 is Florida State University which reportedly worked with and donated game tickets to 156,750 youth in the Tallahassee area. The University of Nebraska came in a close second with 151,350 youth reached, followed by the University of Maryland with 131,697 youth.

The University of Oklahoma topped the Degree Completion Honor Roll for 2006-07 with 81 student-athletes who they kept on scholarship after their athletic eligibility had expired or who they allowed to return to school after previously leaving before completing their degree requirements. The Ohio State University trailed Oklahoma by 11 student-athletes, followed by the University of Kentucky, who reported 57 student-athletes.

The full Honor Roll lists are available in the Appendix.

The National Consortium for Academics and Sports evolved in response to the need to "keep the student in the student-athlete." The NCAS was established by Dr. Richard E. Lapchick and since its inception in 1985, NCAS member institutions have proven to be effective advocates for balancing academics and athletics. By joining the NCAS, a college or university agrees to bring back, tuition free, their own former student-athletes who competed in revenue and non-revenue producing sports and were unable to complete their degree requirements. In exchange these former student-athletes agree to participate in school outreach and community service programs addressing social issues of America's youth.

Each school will be acknowledged on January 28, 2008 at the Founders Luncheon (11:45-1:45 pm) of the NCAS Annual Conference at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL. The top school on each honor roll will receive a plaque, while each school will receive a certificate of recognition. For more information about the NCAS or the Annual Conference, please visit www.ncasports.org or contact Jessica Bartter at jbartter@bus.ucf.edu or 407-823-4884.

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APPENDIX

SCHOOL	DCP TOTAL
University of Oklahoma	81
The Ohio State University	70
University of Kentucky	57
Texas A&M University	49
University of Texas at Austin	46
University of Nebraska	45
Temple University	35
University of California, Los Angeles	34
Indiana University	34
Auburn University	33
University of Maryland	32
University of Florida	30
Michigan State University	29
University of Wisconsin, Madison	29
California State University, Fullerton	26
University of Alabama	25
University of Louisville	25
University of Houston	23
University of Central Florida	23
Abilene Christian University	23
Florida State University	22
Georgia State University	22
Middle Tennessee State University	21
The Pennsylvania State University	18
Rutgers University	16
University of Illinois, Chicago	15
Oklahoma State University	15
California State University, Northridge	15
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	13
Lynn University	13
Eastern New Mexico State University	13
California State University, Long Beach	11
University of Cincinnati	10

SCHOOL	OUTREACH TOTAL
Florida State University	156,750
University of Nebraska	151,350
University of Maryland	131,697
University of Louisville	90,000
University of Alabama	48,450
University of California, Los Angeles	42,500
University of Massachusetts, Boston	41,327
University of Notre Dame	35,000
University of Central Florida	25,375
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	20,500
Michigan State University	20,000
Rutgers University	20,000
University of Connecticut	18,500
University of Illinois, Chicago	15,000
Northern Arizona University	12,250
Texas A&M University	11,500
Canisius College	10,000
Lehigh University	9,909
University of Houston	9,250
Fairfield University	9,050
University of Rhode Island	9,000
University of Cincinnati	7,500
The Pennsylvania State University	7,300
Oklahoma State University	6,790
California State University, Dominguez Hills	6,500
University of Kentucky	6,500
Temple University	6,000
Tulane University	6,000
University of Florida	5,500
College of The Holy Cross	5,000
Indiana University	5,000
The Ohio State University	4,000
University of Mississippi	4,000
Marist College	3,900
Georgia State University	3,400
La Salle University	3,306
Augusta State University	3,000
Duke University	3,000
University of Pittsburgh	2,556
New York University	2,500
Gonzaga University	2,400
St. Andrews Presbyterian College	2,220
University of California, San Diego	2,200
Texas Woman's University	2,183
St. Cloud State University	2,050
Drexel University	2,000
St. John's University	1,898
California State University, Northridge	1,500
University of Denver	1,500