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Philadelphia University Joins Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference

PHILADELPHIA, PA (May 4, 2004) — President James P. Gallagher announces that Philadelphia University will join the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), beginning in the fall of 2005. In doing so, the University and its 11 NCAA Division II-sponsored athletic programs will be leaving its current conference affiliate, the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference (NYCAC), where it has served as a member since 1991. President Gallagher also added that the men's soccer program will remain NCAA Division I and a member of the Atlantic Soccer Conference.

“This is an outstanding opportunity for our student athletes and the athletic department as a whole,” said Gallagher, who noted that Philadelphia University's athletes have been honored for academic excellence by the NCAA and *USA Today*. “We have worked very hard in developing working relationships with the members of the CACC and we look forward to being part of this outstanding conference.”

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While the majority of the schools participating in the NYCAC are located on the Long Island-area of New York, the CACC provides institutions with a much closer proximity to the Philadelphia University campus. As a result, Philadelphia University student athletes will benefit from the change in a number of ways, including spending less time on the road. In addition to Philadelphia University, members of the CACC include:

Bloomfield College (N.J.)

Holy Family University (Pa.)

Caldwell College (N.J.)

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Dominican College (N.Y.)

Nyack College (N.Y.)

Felician College (N.J.)

Teikyo Post University (Conn.)

Georgian Court University (N.J.)

University of the Sciences (Pa.)

Goldey-Beacom University (Del.)

Wilmington College (Del.)

“While the location of competing schools within the NYCAC was initially a major factor in our decision to make a move,” said Director of Athletics Tom Shirley, “we also recognized that the CACC, which is in the final phase of becoming an official NCAA Division II conference, will undoubtedly be one of the top leagues in the country.

“Being part of NYCAC has been a tremendous experience for our student athletes and programs, and we appreciate everything that membership has afforded us over the last 12 years,” Shirley added, “but the chance for the move to CACC is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Philadelphia University.”

“The CACC will provide our programs with many new challenges,” said Head Men’s Basketball Coach Herb Magee, who recently concluded his 37th year leading the program. “We are very excited about the prospects and in further building the local rivalries that have been cultivated in recent years.”

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Philadelphia University, founded in 1884, is a private university with 3,500 part- and full-time students from 38 states and 42 countries. The University offers more than 40 undergraduate and graduate degree programs leading to the bachelor of science, bachelor of architecture, master's degrees and a doctoral degree. Academic programs encompass architecture, design, business, engineering, textiles, fashion, science and health. Philadelphia University's offers 11 intercollegiate sports competing at the NCAA Division II level; men's and women's basketball and tennis, men's baseball and golf, and women's field hockey, lacrosse, softball, volleyball and soccer. Men's soccer competes at the Division I level.

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