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18 STANFORD WOMEN'S SWIMMERS AND DIVERS NAMED TO PAC-10 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS

Cardinal leads the Pac-10 in swimmers honored for their work in the classroom

STANFORD, Calif. – Again showing that the program excels both in the pool and in the classroom, a conference-best 18 members of the Stanford women's swimming and diving team were honored on the 2009 Pacific-10 Conference All-Academic teams, as announced by Commissioner Tom Hansen. To be eligible for selection to the academic team, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.0 overall grade-point average and be either a starter or significant contributor.

Leading the way for the Cardinal women was first-team selection **Andrea Axtell**, who last month was named the Pac-10 Women's Swimming and Diving Scholar Athlete of the Year. Axtell, who is currently a research assistant for a clinical research group in vascular medicine at Stanford, earned first-team Pac-10 All-Academic status all four years during her Cardinal career.

Junior **Whitney Spence** was a first-team Pac-10 All-Academic selection for the second consecutive year, while four Stanford student-athletes earned first-team status for the first time: junior **Meredith Ayres**, junior **Elaine Breeden**, senior **Madeline Rovira** and junior **Carmen Stellar**.

Representing Stanford on the Pac-10 All-Academic second team were sophomore **Kate Dwelley**, junior **Nilasha Ghosh**, junior **Kelley Hug**, sophomore **Kerry Kraemer**, junior **Julia Smit**, sophomore **Liz Smith** and senior **Laura Wadden**.

The following Cardinal student-athletes garnered honorable mention Pac-10 All-Academic accolades: sophomore **Meg Hostage**, junior **Michele Liu**, senior **Sarah Ohr**, junior **Caitlin Reynolds** and junior **Stefanie Sutton**.

Stanford enjoyed another successful season in 2008-09, bringing home NCAA Championships hardware for the third consecutive year under head coach **Lea Maurer** by virtue of its fourth place finish in College Station, Texas. The Cardinal was also honored as the top-ranked dual meet team in the country by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) after posting a perfect 20-0 record in head-to-head competition.

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