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**Sprinters Jackson, Peters receive May honors  
from the Association of Division III Independents**

Shanda Jackson, a sprinter from Lincoln University (Pennsylvania), and Jason Peters, a sprinter from Nebraska Wesleyan University, were named today as the recipients of the Association of Division III Independents Student-Athlete of the Month awards for May.

Jackson, a sophomore from East Orange, NJ, capped a terrific month of May by being named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships. The two-time reigning 55-meter dash indoor champion, Jackson won the 100-meter dash (11.66), finished third in the 200 (23.92) and helped the 4 x 100-meter relay team to a second-place finish (46.42). Overall, Lincoln finished sixth with 34 points, the Lady Lions' highest finish since 2001. Jackson's time of 11.66 seconds was a Division III season best. Jackson went undefeated in the 100-meter dash in the month of May. She won the 100-meter dash at the University of Delaware Invitational (11.94) and won the 100-meter dash at the ECAC Championship meet (12.11). Jackson also was a member of the winning 4 x 100-meter relay team (48.66) where she helped Lincoln finish second overall as a team.

Peters, a sophomore business administration major from Lincoln, NE, competed in three events on May 6 at the Great Plains Athletic Conference (NAIA) Track & Field Championships and came away with two titles and a runner-up finish in helping Nebraska Wesleyan to its 18th consecutive men's outdoor league crown. Peters won the 200 (21.83) and was a member of the winning 4 x 100-meter relay team (41.53). He also finished second in the 100 (10.85). For his efforts, he was named GPAC Men's Outdoor Athlete of the Year by scoring more individual points (20.5) than any other male

competitor at the conference meet. During the last chance qualifier meet at Augustana College (Ill.) May 19, Peters ran a provisional qualifying mark in the 200 (21.79), and though he did not compete individually at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships, he did earn All-America honors May 27 as anchor on the 4 x 100 relay, which placed sixth (41.18) and helped the Prairie Wolves take ninth in the final team standings.

The Association of Division III Independents consists of 19 Division III independent institutions that have joined together to recognize student-athletes at independent institutions, and to provide exempted postseason championship competition in nine sports in 2005-06. The Association recognizes outstanding athletic achievements of its student-athletes on a weekly, monthly and annual basis. For the second year, the Association provided statistical services for its members in seven sports. In addition, it also selected All-Independent teams at the conclusion of nine sports this year.

All student-athletes from the Association's 19 members were eligible for the award. Each school was allowed to nominate its top performing male and female student-athletes from May. The award recipients were selected after a vote of the Association's Student-Athlete Recognition Committee.

More information about the Association of Division III Independents is available at <http://www.d3independents.org>.

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