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SU Honors Students Receive Faculty Association Awards

Two students in the Shippensburg University Honors Program have received the 2011 Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties/Shippensburg University (APSCUF/SU) Student Awards.

Kristen Brooks, a senior international management and marketing major from Lancaster, PA, earned the APSCUF/SU Dr. William Knerr John L. Grove College of Business Student Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Service.

Brooks is captain of the university field hockey team and president of the Shippensburg chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has received several national and regional awards in recognition of her athletic and academic achievements, including the 2009 and 2010 NCAA Elite 88 Award, which is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative gradepoint average participating in an NCAA championship tournament.

Kristen Imboden, a senior elementary education major from Lansdale, PA, received the APSCUF/SU Dr. Sally McGrath College of Education and Human Services Student Award for Outstanding Scholarship and Service.

Imboden is president of the Honors Student Organization and a member of Kappa Delta Phi, the international education honors society. She is a leader of the Honors Program's "Reach Out" service-learning project in the Dominican Republic, and she has been selected to make a presentation on the curricular materials that she developed for the project at the 2011 Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Portland, Maine. Imboden has also chaired "Ship Trip," a semi-annual event that the Honors Program hosts for at-risk youth that is designed to introduce them to college life and inspire them to attend college.

APSCUF/SU provides yearly awards of \$500 each to outstanding students from each of the university's three academic colleges. The APSCUF/SU awards emphasize the importance that the faculty place on recognizing the accomplishments of students at the university.

Brooks and Imboden were chosen from nearly two dozen entrants in the competition, which was open to all juniors and seniors with a 3.3 GPA or higher. Applicants were evaluated on leadership and volunteer activities and were required to submit an essay explaining how Shippensburg faculty members have influenced the quality of their college experience. 2 of 1

"We're very proud of Kristen Brooks' and Kristen Imboden's exemplary undergraduate records of scholarship, leadership, and service," said Dr. Kim Klein, director of the SU Honors

Program. "They are truly deserving of these awards, and we thank APSCUF for its efforts to recognize talented undergraduate students at Shippensburg University."

The Honors Program at Shippensburg University provides an outstanding undergraduate experience that emphasizes scholarship, leadership, and service. The program includes 175 students who benefit from small classes, outstanding instruction, exciting research, study abroad, and internship opportunities, and special social and cultural activities. For more information, visit www.ship.edw/honors.