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## TEN WCHA MEMBER-TEAM PLAYERS AMONG NOMINEES FOR 2010 PATTY KAZMAIER MEMORIAL AWARD

**GROUP ANNOUNCED BY USA HOCKEY INCLUDES BSU'S TOMCIKOVA, UM'S RATY, SCHLEPER & WEST,  
UMD'S BLAIS & FRIDFINNSON, OSU'S LANGAN & SPOONER, SCSU'S HOGAN & NELSON**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - A total of 45 players have been nominated for the 2010 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award, presented annually to the top player in women's college hockey, it was announced today by USA Hockey. Nominations for the award, which is presented by The USA Hockey Foundation, were made by NCAA Division 1 women's ice hockey head coaches.

The award is named in honor of the late Patty Kazmaier, who was a four-year varsity letter-winner and All-Ivy League defenseman for Princeton University from 1981-86. An accomplished athlete who helped lead the Tigers to the Ivy League Championship in three consecutive seasons (1981-84), Patty Kazmaier-Sandt died on Feb. 15, 1990, at the age of 28, following a long struggle with a rare blood disease.

Among the 45 nominees are 10 players from Western Collegiate Hockey Association-member teams. They are: **Emmanuelle Blais**, F, Sr., Univ. of Minnesota Duluth; **Laura Fridfinnson**, F, Jr., Univ. of Minnesota Duluth; **Caitlin Hogan**, F, Sr., St. Cloud State Univ.; **Hokey Langan**, F, Fr., Ohio State Univ.; **Felicia Nelson**, F, Sr., St. Cloud State Univ.; **Noora Rätty**, G, Fr., Univ. of Minnesota; **Anne Schleper**, D, So., Univ. of Minnesota; **Natalie Spooner**, F, So., Ohio State Univ.; **Zuzana Tomcikova**, G, So., Bemidji State Univ.; and **Emily West**, F, Jr., Univ. of Minnesota.

NCAA Division 1 women's ice hockey coaches will also select the top-10 finalists from among the group of 45, with the announcement taking place March 2. A 13-member selection committee will choose the three finalists (announced March 9), as well as the award recipient.

Held in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Frozen Four, the 2010 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award will be presented at a brunch ceremony on March 20 at the University of Minnesota's McNamara Alumni Center at 10 am CT. Tickets to the 2010 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award ceremony may be purchased by calling 719-538-1184, or by e-mailing or faxing a completed ticket form, which can be found at PattyKaz.com. Individual seats are \$75, while tables of 10 are available for \$700.

Twenty-four teams are represented among the nominees, as well as each of the four NCAA Division 1 women's ice hockey conferences. For more information, please visit PattyKaz.com.

### 2010 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award Nominees (Name, Position, Yr, School (Hometown))

Cristin Allen\*, D, Sr., Univ. of Connecticut (Pickering, ON); Melissa Anderson\*, F, Sr., Boston Univ. (Langley, BC); Jenni Bauer, G, Jr., Niagara Univ. (St. Catharines, ON); Vicki Bendus, F, Jr., Mercyhurst College (Wasaga Beach, ON); Courtney Birchard, D, Jr., Univ. of New Hampshire (Mississauga, ON); **Emmanuelle Blais**, F, Sr., Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (Lasalle, QC); Bailey Bram, F, So., Mercyhurst College (Ste. Anne, MB.); Kate Buesser, F, Jr., Harvard Univ. (Wolfeboro, NH); Leanna Coskren, D, Jr., Harvard Univ. (Walpole, MA); Lauren Dahm\*, G, Jr., Clarkson Univ. (Baldwinsville, NY); Brianna Delaney, F, So., Robert Morris Univ. (Stittsville, ON); Kate Dunlop, F, Sr., Sacred Heart Univ. (Flesherton, ON); Lauren Fontaine, F, Jr., Sacred Heart Univ. (Windsor, ON); Laura Fortino, D, Fr., Cornell Univ. (Hamilton, ON); **Laura Fridfinnson**, F, Jr., Univ. of Minnesota Duluth (Arborg, MB); Laura Gersten, D, Sr., Rensselaer (Queensbury, NY); **Caitlin Hogan**, F, Sr., St. Cloud State Univ. (Oakdale, MN); Christina Kessler, G, Sr., Harvard Univ. (Oakville, ON); Bray Ketchum, F, Jr., Yale Univ. (Greenwich, CT); Genevieve Lacasse, G, So., Providence College (Scarborough, ON); **Hokey Langan**, F, Fr., Ohio State Univ. (Chatham, ON); Micaela Long, F, Sr., Univ. of New Hampshire (South Boston, MA); **Felicia Nelson**, F, Sr., St. Cloud State Univ. (St. Paul, MN); Sara O'Malley, F, Jr., Robert Morris Univ. (Guelph, ON); Sarah Parsons, F, Sr., Dartmouth College (Dover, MA); Kelly Paton, F, Sr., Univ. of New Hampshire (Woodstock, ON); **Noora Rätty**, G, Fr., Univ. of Minnesota (Espoo, Finland); Lauriane Rougeau, D, Fr., Cornell Univ. (Beaconsfield, QC); Liza Ryabkina, F, Jr., Harvard Univ. (Kharkiv, Ukraine); Jesse Scanzano, F, Jr., Mercyhurst College (Montreal, QC); Florence Schelling, G, So., Northeastern Univ. (Oberengstringen, Switzerland); **Anne Schleper**, D, So., Univ. of Minnesota (St. Cloud, MN); Lucy Schoedel\*, G, Sr., Syracuse Univ. (Ithaca, NY); Britney Selina, F, Sr., Clarkson Univ. (Thornhill, ON); Britni Smith, D, Sr. St. Lawrence Univ. (Port Perry, ON); Jaclyn Snikeris, G, Jr., Yale Univ. (Downingtown, PA); **Natalie Spooner**, F, So., Ohio State Univ. (Scarborough, ON); Katie Stewart, F, Sr., Colgate Univ. (Exeter, ON); Dominique Thibault\*, F, Sr., Clarkson Univ. (L'Orignal, ON); Allie Thunstrom, F, Sr., Boston College (Maplewood, MN); **Zuzana Tomcikova**, G, So., Bemidji State Univ. (Bratislava, Slovakia); Amanda Trunzo\*, F, Jr., Dartmouth College (Andover, MN); Sonja van der Blik, G, Jr., Rensselaer (Toronto, ON); **Emily West**, F, Jr., Univ. of Minnesota (Colorado Springs, CO); Catherine White, F, So., Cornell Univ. (Brampton, ON). \*2009 Patty Kazmaier Memorial Award nominee.