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### **Seven Finalists Named For 2006 Hockey Humanitarian Award**

**Mpls., Minn.** – The Hockey Humanitarian Foundation today announced seven outstanding student athletes who were selected as finalists for the 2006 Hockey Humanitarian Award.

The finalists, listed in alphabetical order, are:

Janelle Armitage	Sr.	University of Connecticut
Eric Leroux	Sr.	Princeton University
Drew Miller	Jr.	Michigan State University
Mason Oakes	Sr.	Lawrence University
Jaime Sifers	Sr.	University of Vermont
Chris Trick	Sr.	University of Notre Dame
Lindsay Williams	Jr.	Clarkson University

The finalists were selected by the Hockey Humanitarian Award Executive Committee from a group of 18 nominees. Each of the finalists have exhibited a strong commitment to their communities, their teams and their studies. Among the highlights of their many humanitarian endeavors:

**Janelle Armitage** organized a winter coat and clothing drive, organized a team effort to purchase gifts for teen home and organized a fund drive to aid an arena employee whose home was burned down. **Eric Leroux** spent 10 weeks in Kenya working with the Foundation for Sustainable Development and six weeks in Ecuador working in a community malaria clinic. At Princeton he founded a team initiative named PUCK (Providing Underprivileged Communities and Kids) and the Princeton World Health Initiative.

**Drew Miller** created the Spartan Buddy Program which sends students to visit children with severe or terminal illnesses. Miller is a Pen Pal to a local elementary classroom and has worked with the Children's Miracle Network, Teams For Toys and the Special Olympics. **Mason Oakes** works with multiple Boys and Girls Clubs and is very involved in the Appleton, Wisconsin community including food drives and volunteering at retirement homes.

**Jaime Sifers** is the team liaison with the Jarred Williams Foundation which helps families with a chronically ill child, helped raise \$20,000 to improve the lives of children, women and families at risk as well as working with the King Street Youth Center. **Chris Trick** oversees the community service activities of the Irish hockey team and organized the "Buddy Walk" in addition to organizing the Robinson Center Kid's Skate. **Lindsay Williams** oversees the weekly community service efforts of the Clarkson women's hockey team and works with the Helping Hands for less fortunate families. Williams has raised money for holiday dinners and organized the "Skate With The Knights".

For more detailed information on the community service and humanitarian deeds of the 2006 finalists, visit [www.hockeyhumanitarian.org](http://www.hockeyhumanitarian.org).

The 11th recipient of the Hockey Humanitarian Award will be selected from this group of finalists and named in a ceremony held in conjunction with the Hobey Baker Award and NCAA Skills Competition on Friday, April 7th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during the 2006 NCAA Frozen Four.

The Hockey Humanitarian Award is awarded annually to college hockey's finest citizen and seeks to recognize college hockey players, Division I or Division III, male or female, who give back to their community in the true humanitarian spirit. It's been said of the Hockey Humanitarian Award that we seek not to celebrate Hall of Fame athletes, but rather Hall of *Fame human beings*.

*"In the end, it's not how many times you touch the puck,  
but how often you touch a life."*