ENCY Nominee's for…
"Male Comeback Athlete of the Year"

Definition: The male athlete who has suffered hardship or injury, but through determination and effort, has succeeded despite his circumstances.

Nominee: Dave Duda **Sport:** Men's Basketball **Class:** Senior
Applicable Info: One year after tearing his ACL, Dave came back and played in all 25 games for the Crusaders as a senior. He started 24 of those games, averaging 4.9 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per game (second on the team). He was third on the team in minutes played. The co-captain finished his ENC career in a fitting way: he scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds during ENC's win over Wentworth on Senior Day.

Nominee: Matt Woodley **Sport:** Men's Soccer **Class:** Sophomore
Applicable Info: Matt suffered a 2nd degree Medial Collateral Ligament damage in the fourth game, game of the season against Gordon College, a double over time 1-1 tie. This was the second time in two years he sustained an early season injury, potentially season ending. This was also the second time Matt aggressively completed a 4-5 week rehabilitation program and returned successfully to action.

The presence of his previous injury weighed on Matt's mind and spirit, but he was persistent and overcame any discouragement. He attended practices and games motivating himself everyday to work through the frustration and patiently wait for the results. He was intent and focused on returning. After missing 10 games, over half the seaosn, and with a brace on his leg and some normal discomfort, he worked his way back into the starting line up for the last 4 games.

Nominee: Craig Dix **Sport:** Baseball **Class:** Junior
Applicable Info: Craig has an on going shoulder injury that he has had to overcome. He has dislocated or subluxed it on numerous occasions, one of which caused him to miss a large portion of the season last year. He has had a few surgeries, which have included reconstruction and placing multiple screws within the joint. Craig had spent all summer /fall rehabbing the injury and has started many games at 2nd base for the crusader baseball team.

Nominee: Phil LaFountain **Sport:** Men's Tennis **Class:** Senior
Applicable Info: Phil got sick just before Easter with a potentially fatal virus that affected his skin, joints and internal organs. He spent numerous hours in the hospital with over a 104 degree fever and significant pain. After several medical tests he was cleared to return to campus. Once back he rejoined the tennis team and despite having his skin peeling off his hands and feet, Phil requested to have them taped by the trainer so that he could continue to play. He played every match in tremendous pain winning crucial points for the team to round out his final collegiate season. He earned the admiration and respect of his teammates, opponents and other coaches.

ENCY Nominee's for…
"Female Comeback Athlete of the Year"

Definition: The female athlete who has suffered hardship or injury, but through determination and effort, has succeeded despite her circumstances.

Nominee: Maria Pousson **Sport:**Women's Soccer **Class:**Senior
Applicable Info: Maria loves to play the game and would not have missed a minute this season if she had not come down with a serious illlness, shingles. But Maria battled back and, though not 100%, finished her career as a senior at ENC and demonstrated that she was one of the heart and soul members of this team.

Nominee: Jami Swedick **Sport:**Volleyball, W. Basketball, Softball **Class:**Sophomore
Applicable Info: Jami had an ankle injury that caused her to miss most of the volleyball season and then suffered a head injury that caused her to miss the end of basketball season. Playing three sports is a large commitment and Jami has a role on all three teams. During, each of her injuries Jami continued to show up to practice everyday, (knowing she wasn't playing), to support her teammates. Jami remained positive throughout the whole year, which in most cases is hard for athletes to do when they have to sit out.

Nominee: Hannah Rauchfuss **Sport:**Softball **Class:**Sophomore
Applicable Info: Played through a bad arm injury last season that really hindered her play but cam back this season to improve her batting average by over .200 points. Currently batting .293. Also has been a more solid 1st baseman with a fielding percentage of .965 on 171 chances this season.