Garnish Scholar Awards To Be Presented

Eight student-athletes will be recognized for their contributions both on and off the field in ceremonies at halftime today.

The elite eight will receive Garnish Scholar Awards in recognition of academic achievement and contributions to the varsity athletic program.

These awards are named in memory of Lyle “Spike” Garnish, former manager and trainer of the athletic teams on the River Campus.

The eight student-athletes are: Megan Barritt (women’s soccer), John Breedy (football), Elizabeth Conway (women’s track and field), Jeff Joss (men’s basketball), Amy Kelmenson (women’s soccer), Jacquelyn Staple (women’s swimming and diving), Tim Sweeney (men’s basketball), and Daniel Quinn (men’s track and field).

To qualify for a Garnish Scholar Award, a student must compile a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.70 (out of 4.00) through the junior year and be a significant contributor to the team he or she plays on.

These eight athletes have played key roles in the success of the varsity athletic programs.

The men’s basketball team reached the NCAA Division III Final Four last season, had a final record of 24-6, and was ranked #6 in the final poll conducted by d3hoops.com. The Yellowjackets open the season on November 22 in the Palestra with the Chuck Resler Invitational Tournament.

Women’s track and field finished third at the New York State Championships outdoors and 15th at the ECAC outdoor championships. Indoors, the Yellowjackets maintained its national ranking, finished sixth at the State meet and 28th at the ECAC meet.

The men’s track and field program was second at the New York State outdoor championships and seventh at the ECAC championships. Indoors, the Yellowjackets were fifth at States, 28th at ECACs.

Women’s soccer won the University Athletic Association championship last fall and competed in the NCAA Division III tournament. This year, the Yellowjackets have been ranked in the NSCAA Top 25 poll for much of the year. (Rochester hosts long-time rival William Smith College at 7 pm at today’s football game.)

The women’s swimming and diving team finished third at the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association championships last winter. Rochester, which was 6-4 in dual meets last year, opens the dual meet season next week at Rensselaer. The home season gets underway on November 2 with the annual Harvest Relays. Rochester will host the UCAA Championships in the Speege-Wilbraham Aquatic Center (across from the pool) on December 6-7.

Megan Barritt (l), Liz Conway (c), and Tim Sweeney (r) are three of the eight student-athletes who will receive Garnish Scholar Awards at halftime today.