NEAC Accepts Three Institutions for Conference Membership

GANSEVORI, N.Y. – The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) has accepted three new institutions for membership, as Bryn Athyn College and Pennsylvania College of Technology will both be added as full-member schools, while Cedar Crest College will join as an associate member for the sport of women’s swimming and diving.

Bryn Athyn College and Pennsylvania College of Technology will both become full conference members during the 2014-15 academic year, which will give the NEAC 14 full-member institutions at that time. Current member Penn State Harrisburg will depart the conference on July 1 to join the Capital Athletic Conference, leaving the current full membership total at 12 institutions for 2013-14.

Bryn Athyn College, located on a 130-acre campus just outside of Philadelphia in Bryn Athyn, Pa., offers 10 of the 17 NEAC-sponsored sports, including men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s soccer and women’s volleyball, while also sponsoring men’s ice hockey. Men’s golf, another conference-sponsored sport, is also projected to be added in 2014-15.

Bryn Athyn College is a small, private, coeducational, liberal arts college established in 1877. Dedicated to a New Church approach to education and life, the college’s institutional mission seeks to enhance students’ civil, moral, and spiritual life, as well as to contribute to human spiritual welfare. Bryn Athyn’s student body consists of about 250 students from 16 countries.

The campus features a 60,000 square foot athletic field house, an outdoor ice hockey pavilion, a six-court tennis facility, two grass game fields, and a grass practice field. The college also broke ground on a third grass field this past April that will be used as an additional game and practice field, and will also retrofit the hockey pavilion with synthetic turf to be used as an accessory practice facility during the offseason.

For more information on Bryn Athyn College, please visit its website here.

Pennsylvania College of Technology, located in Williamsport, Pa., features 11 conference-sponsored sports that includes baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, softball and men’s and women’s tennis, while sponsoring 15 sports overall (men’s and women’s archery, women’s golf and men’s wrestling). The college also offers multiple club sports, including men’s lacrosse and men’s volleyball, which are both projected to be elevated to varsity status in the future.

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Pennsylvania College of Technology, which became an affiliate of The Pennsylvania State University in 1989, is a public institution providing comprehensive, hands-on technical education at the baccalaureate and associate degree levels. The college enrolls nearly 6,000 students in bachelor, associate, and certificate programs relating to more than 100 different career areas, while also managing the state’s largest worker training program through its Workforce Development and Continuing Education unit.

The campus is home to the Field House practice facility, the 1,500-seat Lewis H. Bardo Gymnasium and a fully-enclosed, 500-seat outdoor grass field equipped with an audio system and lights. Additionally, the Penn College baseball team plays its home games at the city-owned Bowman Field, the second oldest minor league baseball park in the nation and home to the Single A Williamsport Crosscutters. The city-owned Elm Park, a fully-lit, three-field complex, is also home to Penn College softball.

For more information on Pennsylvania College of Technology, please visit its website [here](#).

"The NEAC is excited about the quality of these two programs and about the compliment of sports they will bring to the conference while strengthening the southern region of the conference," said NEAC Commissioner Candice Murray. “The uniqueness of both institutions continues to demonstrate the NEAC’s commitment to diversity and excellence. We welcome them and are excited about the future.”

Cedar Crest College will immediately join the NEAC for the 2013-14 season. Located in Allentown, Pa., the all-women’s college is home to the Rodale Aquatic Center, which features an eight-lane, 25-yard competition pool and a complimenting therapeutic pool that also serves as a warm-up area. The facility also features men’s and women’s locker rooms, a multi-purpose room, on-deck bleachers and on- and off-deck observation areas.

Founded in 1867, Cedar Crest College is dedicated to the education of the next generation of women leaders by preparing the whole student for life in the global community. The college currently has nearly 1,600 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs.

The addition of Cedar Crest College will bring the conference sponsorship of women’s swimming and diving to six teams.

"Cedar Crest College helps strengthen our women’s swimming and diving sponsorship while also bringing a state-of-the-art aquatics facility into the conference, which will in time provide better opportunities for the NEAC Championship event," said Murray. “We are eager for their participation and look forward to this new partnership.”

For more information on Cedar Crest College, please visit its website [here](#).
The North Eastern Athletic Conference has twelve NCAA Division III member institutions which include: Cazenovia College, College of St. Elizabeth, Gallaudet University, Keuka College, Lancaster Bible College, Pennsylvania State University - Abington, Pennsylvania State University - Berks, SUNY Cobleskill, SUNY Institute of Technology, SUNY Morrisville State College, Wells College, and Wilson College. Bryn Athyn College and Pennsylvania College of the Technology will both join the conference as full members in 2014-15. Associate members are: Cedar Crest College (W Swimming), Hilbert College (M Lacrosse), Medaille College (M&W Lacrosse) and Rutgers University - Camden (M Golf & M Tennis). The North Eastern Athletic Conference has partnered with the North Atlantic Conference in the sports of men's and women's tennis. For more information, please visit www.neacsports.com