

An Inside Look at

LEHMAN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

LEHMAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO 2004-2005 STUDENT ATHLETES WITH AWARDS BANQUET

The stars were out in full force this week, as the Lehman College athletic department paid tribute to all of the student athletes who participate on the seventeen varsity teams with the 53rd annual Athletic Awards Dinner. The dinner was held in the Music Building on the beautiful Bronx campus and was truly a night to remember.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Male and Female Athletes of the Year. Men's basketball player Sekani Francis was the male recipient, while cross country star Amy Ruston was the female recipient.

Francis, a 6'10" junior center, led the men's basketball team to a 21-7 record, and was named the CUNY conference's Most Valuable Player. His team leading 18.7 points per game, and 11.2 rebounds per game also earned him a place on the Metropolitan Sports Writer's All-star squad.

"To be named the Male Athlete of the Year is truly an honor," said Francis.

"All of our athletes have shown a commitment to Lehman, and this is a great way to acknowledge their achievements."

"This honor is something that I can share with my teammates and coaches."

Ruston, a freshman from New Hampshire, captured the CUNY conference Cross Country championship, while also placing first in the NCAA Atlantic Region finals. These honors helped her become the CUNY conference's Most Valuable Runner.

Men's swim star Darnell James and senior men's basketball player Miguel Jorge were honored with the prestigious President's Award. The President's Award is the highest honor bestowed a Lehman College athlete, and is giving to a member of the athletic department who exemplifies commitment to Lehman College athletics.

James, was named the CUNY conference Swimmer of the Year, and set many Lehman records in just his freshman campaign. Regarded as one of the best swimmers to emerge at Lehman, James led the Lightning to a second place finish in the CUNY championships.

Miguel Jorge led the men's basketball team to the ECAC post-season tournament. While leading the Lightning to powerhouse status, the 6'4" senior scored his 1,000th career point, and sank a buzzer beater to advance Lehman past Division III power New York University to advance to the ECAC semi-finals.

"This annual event gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation for the hard work of our student-athletes," said Lehman College's Director of Athletics, Dr. Martin L. Zwiren. "All of our athletes have shown a commitment to Lehman, and this is a great way to acknowledge their achievements."

In other awards, Lehman College public safety director Jerry Matthews was honored with the Pedro Vialet award, while long time statistician Taft Gardner was awarded the Charlie Greenberg Award. Cross Country athlete Daniel Gurdak was presented the Charlie Greenberg Memorial Scholarship.



Senior Miguel Jorge



Freshman Amy Ruston



Freshman Darnell James

-Dr. Martin L. Zwiren, Ed.D.