

2011 MTEF SOFTBALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Newark, DE – July 18, 2011 – The McKenzie Travis Educational Foundation is proud to announce the 2011 winners of the McKenzie Travis College Softball Scholarship Fund.

The McKenzie Travis Scholarship Fund, established by John and Jody Travis in the memory of their daughter McKenzie who was killed in a car accident in 2006, provides financial assistance to college and college-bound female softball players throughout the nation.

The 2011 scholarship winners with a Delaware connection are: Jennifer Chappius (Padua Academy), Kristin Cooper (Sussex Central High School), Emily Jump (Polytech), Karina Twining (Goldey Beacom College), Katie Warrington (Wilmington University) and Nikki Gayle (Caravel Academy).

Out of state scholarship winners consist of: Alexa Campbell, Stephanie Hammond, and Sarah McGowan from Pennsylvania; Rachel Layton, Sara Chamberlain, Danielle DeFeo, and Jessica Fanty from New Jersey; Jamie Sarubbi, Michelle Abolt, Christiana Galella, Melissa Kelly, Megan Michie, and Sarah Salamone from New York; Johnnie Abell, Kaci Frick, and Rose Shaver from Maryland.

Since its inception in 2006, when five scholarships were awarded, the METF has been able to increase annually the assistance it offers female athletes. This year's fund was able to award 20 athletes with \$2,500 each, one winner (Rachel Layton) with \$5,000 and one winner (Jamie Sarubbi) with \$7,500 in financial assistance

In addition to being a member of a high school or college level softball team, scholarship eligibility requirements include a minimum cumulative 2.5 G.P.A., participation in the Delaware Invitational Tournament, and exceptional community/volunteer service. A non-biased committee aids in the selection of the scholarship recipients and the ideal candidates are well-rounded, charismatic and compassionate.

A complete list of eligibility requirements and an application for the 2012 scholarship will be available January 2012 at www.mckenzie-travis-educational-foundation.com.

From the age of two as a benchwarmer for her sisters' (Jessica and Dana) teams, McKenzie Travis was involved in softball in some capacity or another. Over a ten-year span, she played recreationally for Midway and Holy Angel's CYO Teams, competitively for Midway Orange Crush and Delaware Orange Crush and was a four-year varsity starter for Newark High School.

John Travis has been involved with women's fast-pitch softball in Delaware for more than 20 years, both as a coach and as Director of the Delaware Invitational Tournament (www.delawareinvitational.com). The DIT is held each year in July and serves as a showcase for college-bound female high school softball players throughout the East Coast.

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