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## **SCAC ANNOUNCES 2009 ALL-TOURNAMENT SOFTBALL TEAM**

**SAN ANTONIO, Texas** – Led by all-America pitcher Megan Soultz, 19th-ranked DePauw University earned the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Championship after defeating Rhodes College, 8-0, in the conference championship game. It was the second straight SCAC softball title for the DU Tigers.

For her efforts, Soultz was an unanimous selection to the 2009 SCAC all-tournament squad – one of only two student-athletes to appear on all six ballots. In the championship game, Soultz allowed just one hit in recording her 13th shutout of the season.

Soultz went 3-0 during the tournament, striking out 15 batters while posting an ERA of 0.00. Batters who faced Soultz hit just .194 against the junior right-hander in 19.0 innings of work as she gave up just three walks all weekend. A native of Carmel, Ind., Soultz improved to 23-7 for the year while making her second straight appearance on the SCAC all-tournament softball team.

Blair Wallace, a first-year outfielder of Southwestern University, was the only other unanimous selection to the 2009 all-tournament squad. Wallace led the Pirates over the weekend – hitting .500 while going 5-for-10 from the plate with one run scored. An Abilene, Texas native, she finished the weekend with a .600 slugging percentage while posting a .545 on-base percentage.

By being selected to this year's squad, DePauw's Rachel Gill becomes just the seventh player in league history to be named to three SCAC all-tournament teams. Gill hit .444 (4-for-9) from the plate – driving in two runs while scoring two of her own. The senior catcher was perfect defensively on the weekend (18-for-18) with a 1.000 fielding percentage. Gill joins Maggie Blackburn of Centre (05, 07-08), Robin Rockco of Millsaps (02-04), Amy Owensby of Sewanee (02-04) and Shannon George (99-00, 02), Kyle Schumacher (99-01) and Erin Mulvey (05-07) – all of Trinity – as the only three-time SCAC all-tournament members.

Another noteworthy individual effort came from Millsaps College's Kasey Thibodeaux, a repeat member of the team from a year ago. Thibodeaux hit .333 (2-for-6) for the week while posting an on-base percentage of .429.

DePauw led the way with five selections to the 2009 SCAC All-Tournament Team while Hendrix College, Rhodes College and Southwestern all had two honorees. Millsaps and Rhodes both had one selection.

### **2009 SCAC Softball All-Tournament Team**

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Tournament Stats</u>
C	Rachel Gill, DePauw	.444 (4-9) – 1 2B, 2 RBI, 2 runs
1B	Jaclyn Herrera, Hendrix	.417 (5-12) – 1 HR, 3 RBI, 1 run
2B	Emma Minx, DePauw	.500 (5-10) – 1 2B, 1 RBI, 3 runs
SS	Brianne Weeks, DePauw	.500 (6-12) – 2 RBI, 1 run
3B	Katelyn Gola, Southwestern	.273 (3-11) – 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 SB
OF	Blair Wallace, Southwestern	.500 (5-10) – 1 run, 1 2B
OF	Karen McPherson, Trinity	.417 (5-12) – 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 runs, 1 SB
OF	Carolyn Bartlett, DePauw	.375 (3-8) – 2 RBI, 3 runs
DP	Rebekah Moore, Rhodes	.462 (6-13) – 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 run
UT	#Sara Bowen, Rhodes	.250 (4-16) – 2 2B, 4 RBI
	#Kasey Thibodeaux, Millsaps	.333 (2-6) – 1 RBI
P	Megan Soultz, DePauw	3-0 – 19.0 IP, 0 ER, 0.00 ERA, 15 K, 3 BB, .194 Opp BA
P	Liz Vaughan, Hendrix	2-1 – 25.0 IP, 5 ER, 1.40 ERA, 7 K / .500 (6-12) 1 run 1 2B

#Tied for final All-Tournament spot at that position.