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KALVERT HEADLINES SKYLINE ALL-CONFERENCE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

New York, NY – Senior Victoria Kalvert of the Polytechnic Institute of NYU has been named the 2011 Skyline Conference Women's Volleyball Player of the Year in voting conducted by the league's 10 head coaches.

In addition, the coaches selected Helen Putriment of The Sage Colleges as Rookie of the Year and Mike Strano of Mount Saint Mary as Coach of the Year. The Team Sportsmanship Award went to SUNY Maritime College.

Kalvert, a senior middle hitter from Missouri City, TX, capped a stellar career with a superb senior campaign. An all-around talent, she shined in leading NYU-Poly to a 7-2 regular season record in the Skyline, averaging 3.4 kills, 4.7 digs, and 1.0 blocks per game in league play, with a hitting pct. of .333. She led the Conference in total kills and kills per game. She recorded 15 double-doubles (5 in league play) for the 23-15 Fighting Blue Jays, winners of the 2011 Skyline Tournament.

Putriment, an outside hitter from Troy, NY, had a standout rookie season, finishing second in the league in kills and kills per game (3.6). In conference action, Putriment had a stellar .305 hitting percentage, while also averaging 2.8 digs per game. Overall, she netted 3.7 digs per game.

Strano guided Mount Saint Mary to an outstanding season, as the Knights finished a perfect 9-0 league mark and 19-11 overall. At one point, the Knights ran off 15 consecutive victories. Strano, in his ninth year at Mount Saint Mary, has a sparkling record within the Skyline Conference of 57-21.

The 2011 All-Conference First Team consists of outside hitters Putriment and Holly Sahner of Farmingdale State; setters Sarah Palladino of Farmingdale State, Lauren Halverson of Mount Saint Mary, Kristina Giordano of Old Westbury, and Corey Loupee of NYU-Poly; and libero Renee Reynes of Mount Saint Vincent.

The Second Team is composed of outside hitters Mary Ann Raftery and Taylor Woegens of Mount Saint Mary, Dominique Cunningham of Farmingdale State, and April Bennett of St. Joseph's-L.I.; middle hitters Ashley Greene of Old Westbury and Melissa O'Connell of St. Joseph's-L.I.; and libero Kelsey Wilson of Sage.

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2011 SKYLINE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

FIRST TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>Cl.</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Helen Putriment	The Sage Colleges	OH	Fr.	Troy, NY
Holly Sahner	Farmingdale State	OH	Jr.	Dix Hills, NY
Kristina Giordano	Old Westbury	S	Sr.	Huntington Station, NY
Lauren Halverson	Mount Saint Mary	S	Jr.	Patchogue, NY
Corey Loupee	NYU-Poly	S	Jr.	Crown Point, IL
Sarah Palladino	Farmingdale State	S	Fr.	Lindenhurst, NY
Renee Reynes	Mount Saint Vincent	L	Sr.	Bronx, NY

SECOND TEAM

April Bennett	St. Joseph's-L.I.	OH	So.	Hampton Bays, NY
Dominique Cunningham	Farmingdale State	OH	Sr.	Amityville, NY
Mary Ann Raftery	Mount Saint Mary	OH	Jr.	Long Beach, NY
Taylor Woegens	Mount Saint Mary	OH	Fr.	Bogota, NJ
Ashley Greene	Old Westbury	MH	Sr.	Bay Shore, NY
Melissa O'Connell	St. Joseph's-L.I.	MH	Sr.	Amityville, NY
Kelsey Wilson	The Sage Colleges	L	Sr.	Schenectady, NY

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Victoria Kalvert, NYU-Poly

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR: Helen Putriment, The Sage Colleges

COACH OF THE YEAR: Mike Strano, Mount Saint Mary

TOURNAMENT MVP: Alexis Walker, NYU-Poly

TEAM SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Maritime