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### Weber, Calisch Named 2009 Peterson/LeClere Award Winners

RIPON, WIS. -- Carroll University senior **Michelle Weber** and Grinnell College senior **Samuel Calisch** have been named the 2009 Ruth Peterson and Roy W. LeClere Award winners, respectively. The Peterson/LeClere Awards are presented to the Midwest Conference female and male student-athletes who posted the highest grade point averages during their junior years, while lettering in at least two league sports.

**Ruth Peterson** is the former Commissioner of the Midwest Athletic Conference for Women, who went on to serve as the Co-Commissioner of the MWC. Peterson, who was a Beloit College alum and employee, passed away in October of 2006. **Roy W. LeClere** was a collegiate sports enthusiast whose passion for the MWC led friends and co-workers to originally sponsor the award as a memorial in his honor. Weber is the first Carroll Pioneer to win the Peterson award since Dawn Huber in 2000-01, while Calisch is the second consecutive Grinnell Pioneer to win the LeClere Award after Henry Reich did so a year ago

Weber, a business administration major, maintained a 3.938 grade point average as a junior. The cross country and track and field athlete is currently a six-time Academic All-Conference honoree and will have a perfect nine Academic All-Conference awards under her belt by the end of this year. A two-year captain in cross country, Weber has run to three all-conference statuses. Additionally, she is a three time conference champion in the distance medley relay and she and her teammates currently hold the Carroll record in that event.

Calisch, a mathematics major, finished his junior year with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. In addition to excelling in the classroom, Calisch is also a standout on the Pioneers' cross country and indoor track and field teams. Calisch has seen the most success as a member of the cross country team. He earned all-conference status in his collegiate debut season, while running on a conference championship team, a title Grinnell has captured during all four of his seasons. Calisch has earned a total of three all-conference honors, including a runner-up performance in 2008. This performance helped the Pioneers earn just the third perfect score in league meet history. In that same year, Calisch also ran to an All-Region finish and was an NCAA national meet participant. Calisch is currently a five-time Academic All-Conference award recipient and ranks 20th on the Pioneers' All-Time 8K cross country chart.

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Grinnell College's  
Samuel Calisch



Carroll University's  
Michelle Weber

#### --Past Peterson/LeClere Award Winners--

Year	Ruth Peterson	Roy W. LeClere
2009-10	Michelle Weber, Carroll	Samuel Calisch, Grinnell
2008-09	Lisa Ritland, Lawrence	Henry Reich, Grinnell
2007-08	Catherine Marinac, Lawrence	Russell Geisthardt, Lawrence
2006-07	Emma Reuschel, Illinois College	Andrew Winters, St. Norbert
2005-06	Martha Dantuma, Ripon	Anthony Welty, Monmouth
2004-05	Casey Moore, Knox	Dustin Meyer, Illinois College
2003-04	Jessica Moser, Lawrence	Mike Poremba, Carroll
2002-03	Karin Kedrowski, Ripon	Brandon Johnson, Lake Forest
2001-02	Julie Kacmarcik, Ripon	Joe Zemaitis, Lake Forest
2000-01	Dawn Huber, Carroll	Bradley Rudhoff, Grinnell
1999-00	---	---
1998-99	Martha Vest, Illinois College	Jason Kesslering, Knox
1997-98	Tina Keck, Illinois College	Andrew Broadwell, Grinnell/ Ryan Stufflebeam, Knox
1996-97	Jaylyn Bunning, Beloit	Kevin Lannon, St. Norbert
1995-96	Brenda Erdman, Beloit/ Terry Vieth, Knox	Todd Wenck, Coe
1994-95	Christine Stanton, Monmouth	Josh Rosen, Beloit
1993-94	Leslie Combs, Knox	---
1992-93	Linda Guckenberger, Carroll	Brent Sands, Cornell/ Kyle Dettbarn, Cornell
1991-92	Kimber Houston, Illinois College	Brian Kendall, Knox
1990-91	Colene McElmeel, Cornell	Eric Kirchman, Knox
1989-90	Laura Rosene, Knox	Brent Thurness, Monmouth
1988-89	Kathy Shimon, St. Norbert	Todd Hawkins, Illinois College/ Jeff Zucchi, St. Norbert
1987-88	Tammie Nelson, Monmouth	Bob Monroe, Knox
1986-87	Marla Clay, Monmouth	Jim Robidoux, Coe
1985-86	Angela Grable, Illinois College	Jim Montana, Knox/ Rick Roberts, Knox
1984-85	---	Brad Lentz, Cornell
1983-84	Karen Friedrich, Monmouth	Curt Brown, Cornell
1982-83	---	John Ward, Cornell

