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## **Matthews nominated for NCAA Woman of the Year Award**

**LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA. (June 12, 2009)** – Lincoln University of Pennsylvania graduate and three-sport standout **Jordean Matthews (Pleasantville, NJ/Pleasantville)** has been nominated for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year award.

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Matthews, who ran track, played volleyball and softball, received her degree in Mass Communications from Lincoln on May 3rd. Recently, Matthews became the first African-American female in the 54-year history of the ECAC-SIDA organization to receive an award during its annual banquet when she was presented with the distinguished Bill Esposito Award.

“I extend congratulations to Jordean on her accomplishments,” Lincoln University President Dr. Ivory V. Nelson said. “In achieving this distinguished award, Jordean demonstrates her commitment to excellence on the field of athletic competition and in the classroom. Her success brings recognition to Lincoln University's commitment to provide opportunities for students to reach their full potential.”

The NCAA Woman of The Year award honors senior student-athletes for their collegiate achievements in service, leadership, athletics and academics. Matthews best exemplifies these qualities and a commitment to each of the four areas. Matthews is the second Lincoln student-athlete in the last three years to be nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year. Ashley Parker, who is also from Pleasantville and a former teammate of Matthews, was the first female from a HBCU to be named a finalist for the award in 2007.

“It feels good to be nominated for this award,” Matthews said. “I am really excited to be blessed with the opportunity to even be considered for such an honor. Also knowing that someone I grew up with was in the same position I am in two years ago is a good feeling.”

Academically, Matthews won the award for the Highest GPA on the Volleyball team. Matthews also received the Frank DeCosta Endowed Scholarship Award for academic excellence.

A four-time track and field All-American, Matthews holds four school records: indoor long jump, outdoor triple jump, indoor and outdoor 4 x 400-meter relay teams. She was a member of Lincoln's national championship 4 x 400-meter indoor and outdoor relay teams in 2006. She was a member of the Lady Lions track team that finished fifth in the 2007 NCAA Division III championship meet.

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