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Central New York Athletes Recognized ***Believe to Achieve Sports Awards Ceremony*** ***Held at the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce***

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK – The Syracuse Sports Corporation and the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce will conduct the **Spring 2008 Believe to Achieve awards ceremony** in the Board Room at the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, **July 10th, 2008 at 3:00 pm.**

The awards recognize meritorious contribution to the Central New York Sports Community. Believe to Achieve was founded by Gary Bugenhagen, Syracuse Sports Corporation member and former Syracuse University football player. This event is sponsored by Hunt Real Estate ERA and The Pen and Trophy Center.

David Holder, President of the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau, states, “This initiative is an example of the depth of our sports community. The presentation of these awards marks the hard work and commitment of individuals and teams whose contributions to Central New York are immeasurable. These awards really mean something to the recipients; that is evident at the ceremony”.

Fall, winter, and spring sporting seasons each feature five classifications, which include Class 1 – Individual Male and Female; Class 2 - Active Coaches in Central New York; Class 3 - Active Male and Female Teams in Central New York; Class 4 - Individual, Adult Division; Class 5 – Excellence in Sportsmanship.

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The Spring 2008 award recipients include:

Class 1 – Individual Male Athlete Award

Andre Britton / Track and Field / Henninger High School

Class 1 – Individual Female Athlete Award

Jessica Phillips / Softball / Cicero-North Syracuse High School

Class 2 - Coach Award (multiple winners)

Tom Dotterer / Head Varsity Baseball Coach / CBA

Class 3 – Male Team Award

OCC / Mens Varsity Tennis

Class 3 – Female Team Award

Obreza Trucking Bowling Team

Class 4 Adult Open / Class 5 Excellence in Sportsmanship Award

John Rathbun / Section III Executive Director

This event is open to the public. Media are encouraged and will be accommodated.

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