Cortland’s Jen Hemedinger and Adam Haas Named SUNYAC Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

SUNY Cortland senior women’s tennis player Jen Hemedinger (Binghamton/Chenango Forks) and junior football defensive tackle Adam Haas (East Aurora/St. Francis) have been named State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award winners for the 2005 fall season. Hemedinger receives the award for the second straight season. Haas is the inaugural football award recipient.

The award is given to one student-athlete in the conference from each sport who has the highest cumulative grade point average among all first-team or second-team all-conference selections. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have completed at least three semesters. The Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award recognizes a combination of academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement within the SUNY system at the Division I, Division III and junior college levels.

Hemedinger is a special education and childhood education major with a 3.77 overall grade point average. She has been part of the winning third doubles team at the SUNYAC Women's Tennis Championships each of the past two seasons, helping the Red Dragons win league titles both years. Hemedinger finished the 2005 fall season with a 15-2 doubles record and 7-5 singles mark.

Haas is a childhood education major with a 3.53 overall grade point average. He was named the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Defensive Player of the Year after leading the Red Dragons with 10.5 sacks and 14.5 total tackles for loss (the SUNYAC does not sponsor football). He finished fourth on the team with 53 tackles. Cortland finished the season 7-3 and was NJAC co-champion with a 5-1 mark.