

## **PITT NURSING STUDENT JOE CIAMPOLI NAMED 2008 EMMA W. LOCKE MEMORIAL AWARD WINNER**

Joe Ciampoli, a Pitt Nursing senior, was named the 2008 Emma W. Locke Memorial Award winner during Pitt's annual Honor's Convocation.

Established in 1946 by Charles A. Locke in memory of his mother, the Emma W. Locke Award is presented annually to a graduating senior in recognition of high scholarship, character, and devotion to the ideals of the University. The student must have at least a 3.85 GPA and plan to continue his or her education after graduation.

"Joe is one of our top nursing students," commented Susan Albrecht, the associate dean of the School of Nursing. "He carries one of the highest GPA's in his class and his clinical instructors are constantly commending him on his professionalism and critical thinking skills when it comes to providing care to others."

In addition to excelling academically, Ciampoli is an outstanding student athlete who has successfully spent four years participating in collegiate wrestling. He has been named to the athletic director's high honor roll each year he has been at Pitt, and his name is a mainstay on the plaque hanging above the Academic Support Services for Student-Athletes Center listing the Pitt student-athletes who have achieved a 4.0 GPA within the past academic year.

In 2007, Ciampoli's leadership in the classroom helped the Panther wrestlers earn the distinction of Pitt's top male academic team. In addition to his responsibilities on the mat and in the classroom, Ciampoli is also a wrestling team representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the hand selected group of student-athletes that represent the voice of the student-athlete body. He is also active in the greater Pittsburgh community, participating in Children's Hospital visits, and assisting his team with an annual clinic and life skills presentation given in conjunction with the Panther PAWS (Pitt Athletes Working with Students) program sponsored by Pitt's Community Leisure Learn.

"Joe embodies the very best of what it means to truly be a student-athlete," noted Pitt's Athletic Director Steve Pederson. "He is also a shining example of the type of student-athletes we have at Pitt. Not only is he an outstanding student, but Joe is a key contributor to our wrestling team and an active member in the community."

After completing his undergraduate studies, Ciampoli plans to work in the cardiothoracic ICU at Altoona Regional Hospital in his native Altoona, PA, then apply to the University of Pittsburgh's Nursing Anesthesia graduate program.