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### **Wisconsin's Brittany Ammerman receives 2015 Hockey Humanitarian Award**

BOSTON – The Hockey Humanitarian Award Foundation today announced that University of Wisconsin senior Brittany Ammerman is this year's recipient of the BNY Mellon Wealth Management Hockey Humanitarian Award. Ammerman was presented the award in a ceremony at Matthews Arena in Boston as part of the events surrounding the 2015 NCAA Men's Frozen Four on Friday.

This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Award, which recognizes college hockey student-athletes -- Division I or III, male or female -- who make significant, lasting contributions to their communities in true humanitarian spirit. BNY Mellon Wealth Management, which is a top-ten wealth manager, has been lead sponsor of this award since 2008.

On the ice, Ammerman has helped her team win the 2011 NCAA Championship, two WCHA playoff titles and two regular-season crowns. A gifted forward, Ammerman scored the 10<sup>th</sup> most goals (12<sup>th</sup> in total points) in Wisconsin team history. "Brittany is a hardworking, dedicated individual," said Badger Coach Mark Johnson. "Each year, she has strived to improve herself both on and off the ice. She is a go-getter; from a coach's perspective, you love to have athletes that take charge."

Ammerman's biggest off-ice accomplishment took place half way across the globe in Africa, where she founded the Nikumbuke Women's Soccer League, a round-robin soccer program in rural Kenya. The League was formed in 2013, after a visit by Ammerman and 11 other Badgers who were participating in the "Health by Motorbike" program.

"It's a great honor," Ammerman, a native of River Vale, New Jersey, said. "I'm really appreciative of the recognition not only for myself but also for the women in Kenya that I work with. It's important to show that you can be a great student-athlete in your sport and in the community, and being the recipient of this award demonstrates that."

To fund the League, Ammerman undertook an aggressive fundraising program, tapping U.S. Olympian and world-renowned soccer player Julie Foudy for both advice and support. To date, Ammerman has collected more than \$30,000 to pay for uniforms, shoes and other equipment for the growing league, which now boasts seven teams from different Massai villages.

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“Brittany is a wonderful example of the power of passionate leadership and the dedication to help others. I’ve been in awe watching Brittany navigate through a great senior hockey season, school and organizing a soccer league in Kenya,” Foudy, now an ESPN soccer analyst and reporter, said. “She has not only fundraised the entire league’s uniforms and gear, she has raised enough to sustain it for future years.”

Ammerman returned to Kenya last month to help deliver equipment and watch the first Nikumbuke World Cup.

In addition to her work in Kenya, Ammerman volunteers weekly at the Capitol Lakes Senior Center in Madison, WI. She has also been involved with National Night Out, the Ronald McDonald House, the American Cancer Society and the American Family Children’s Hospital.

Ammerman is the second Badger to receive the BNY Mellon Wealth Management Hockey Humanitarian Award. UW men’s hockey standout Erik Raygor received the award in 1998.

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*“In the end, it’s not how many times you touch the puck, but how often you touch a life.”*



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