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UAA Football-Playing Members Receive Affiliate Member Status in Presidents' Athletic Conference and Southern Athletic Association

The University Athletic Association is pleased to announce the acceptance of its four football-playing members as affiliate members in the sport of football in the Presidents' Athletic Conference and the Southern Athletic Association.

Carnegie Mellon University and Case Western Reserve University will join the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) as football affiliate members beginning in the 2014-15 academic year. The University of Chicago and Washington University will join the newly-formed Southern Athletic Association as affiliate members in the sport of football beginning with the 2015 season.

As a result of the cooperative efforts of the three conferences the four UAA schools will continue to play each other once they begin their affiliate memberships. Carnegie Mellon, Case, Chicago, and Washington will continue as full members of the University Athletic Association.

"We have been working hard for several years to address the challenges of maintaining a consistent, reliable football schedule against institutions with similar academic and athletic standards and program philosophies given that we have four football-playing members," commented UAA Executive Secretary Dick Rasmussen. "The affiliation of our members with the PAC and SAA is a win-win for everyone, especially our student-athletes. These affiliations will provide our institutions and our student-athletes the kind of consistent and challenging football schedule we have been seeking."

The members of the UAA currently play a coordinated football schedule with members of the North Coast Athletic Conference in which members of both conferences fill most of the non-conference dates in each other's respective schedules. That unique agreement began in 2008 and will continue through the 2012 season when the NCAC, recently expanded to ten members, will move to a full, round robin schedule.

"I know Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Chicago, and Washington are honored to be affiliated with the PAC and the SAA as football-playing members," stated Rasmussen, "All four institutions bring storied football histories with them and will contribute strongly to the positive, overall athletic experiences of the PAC and SAA student-athletes, as they have always done within the UAA."