



The Blue Ribbon

Winter 2018

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! Athletic Academic Advising and the Department of Athletics are proud to share our Blue Ribbon Newsletter. This annual publication highlights the academic achievements of DePaul student-athletes during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Detailed in this newsletter are the numerous academic accolades received by our DePaul student-athletes last year including:

The program as a whole recorded a 3.453 GPA.

Eight of fifteen teams earned the highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.

83.2% of our student-athletes were named to the 2016-2017 BIG EAST All-Academic Team.

2017-2018 is off to a great start as well, in the Fall Quarter:

169 student-athletes (81.3%) earned over a 3.0.

124 student-athletes (59.6%) earned over a 3.5.

34 student-athletes (16.3%) earned a 4.0.

We are very proud of these accomplishments and know that many of you play an important role in the academic success of our student-athletes. Student-athletes work hard to balance the rigors of academics and the demands of their sport. The assistance they receive from faculty and staff on campus is greatly appreciated and we wish to thank you for your tremendous support.

To celebrate these accomplishments, we ask that you join us in honoring our BIG EAST All-Academic Team at our annual halftime ceremony during the men's basketball game versus Creighton on February 7th at 8 p.m. The game will be at the beautiful new Wintrust Arena and the first 125 faculty or staff who use code "AAANIGHT" to purchase their game tickets will receive a "Playing Possessed" shirt at halftime of the game. If you already have tickets, but plan to participate in the halftime ceremony, please [RSVP here](#).

Our departments work hard every day to make DePaul Athletics something of which the university community can be proud and to build affinity. We hope you know how grateful we are for your continued commitment to our student-athletes' efforts both in the classroom and in competition. We hope you can join us at an athletic event in the near future—the student-athletes would love to see you at one of their competitions.

If we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Jean Lenti Ponsetto
Director of Athletics

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate".

Kate O'Brien, Ph.D.
Associate Athletic Director
for Academic Advising and Life Skills Programs

Athletic Director's Honor Roll and Dean's List Fall 2017

To be named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll, student-athletes must earn a term GPA of 3.0 or greater. To be named to the Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must earn a term GPA of 3.5 or higher—those named to the Dean's List for Fall are denoted with *



Women's Basketball

Tanita Allen
Dee Bekelja
Deja Cage
Kelly Campbell*
Rebekah Dahlman*
Jolene Daninger*
Marte Grays
Rachel McLimore
Claire McMahon*
Ashton Millender*
Lauren Prochaska*
Vinisha Sherrod
Chante Stonewall*



Men's Basketball

James Anderson
Eli Cain
Jalen Coleman-Lands
Joseph Hanel*
Peter Ryckbosch*
Pantelis Xidias*
Jason Malonga*
Max Strus
Marin Maric



Men's Tennis

Christopher Casati*
Alex Galoustian*
Conor O'Meara
Fran Tonejc*
Tripp Tuff
Luuk Wassenaar*
Tamas Zador*



Golf

Perry Chong*
Ronald Griggs*
Joseph McCarthy*
Charles Spencer-White
Frederick Thomas*
Robert Thomas*
Kyle Vincze*



Volleyball

Isabelle Banez*
Rachel Breault*
Haley Bueser*
Caitlyn Coffey
Kathleen Dolan*

Avarie Evans-Allen
Kelsey Horvath
Dominika Kowalska*
Jameson Marie-Rose-MacPhie*
Ashley Tamara
Marshall*
Brittany Maxwell*
Myah Reed
Mackenzie Savage*
Summer See*
Madeline Torti*



Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Alexia Brooks
Terece Brown*
Simone Carr
Rutendo Chimbaru*
Rebecca Chouinard*
Katerina Cirone*
Kaitlen Crawford
Ariel Davis*
Lizzie DeJoie*
Emily Eller*
Parker English
Jessica Harris*
Margaret Hastings
Gabrielle Howard*
Siarah Jones*
Caroline Kurdej*
Dylan Marshall*
Caroline Muller*
Kelsey Oliva
Sabrina Olsen*
Courtney Pickering*
Miranda Rea
Jessica Sanborn*
Arlene Sisson*



Women's Tennis

Lenka Antonijevic*
Aspasia Avgeri*
Keisha Clousing*
Marija Jovicic*
Pati Lancranjan
Milica Tesic*



Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Christopher Ahlers*
Matthew Almeranti
Babajide Bamgbose
Chris Cadet
Kyle Decker*
Conor Fagan*
Henry Harper*
Aaron Harris*
Isaac Jimenez
Scott Jonske*
Christopher Korabik*
John Korte
Evan Lowry
Jeremy Lozano
Dominic Marshall*
Kyle Mastrangeli*
Charles McIntyre*
Alex Murray
Adam Nelson
Joshua Pearson*
Paul Pecorin*
Daniel Peterson*
James Ryan*
Daniel Toomey*
Brendan Van Voorhis*



Softball

Erin Andris*
Pearl Barroso*
Haydn Christensen*
Jessica Cothorn
Madison Fisher
Celeste Franco*
Kennedy Garcia*
Morgan Greenwood*
Maranda Gutierrez*
Skylor Hilger*
Cara Jimenez*
Sabrina Kuchta*
Kayla Landwehrmier*
Megan Leyva*
Kristen Moore*
Katherine Polucha
Alysia Rodriguez*
Angela Scalzitti*
Brianna Viles*



Women's Soccer

Kristina Barczak*
Jacqueline Batliner*
Alexa Ben*
Abigail Callahan*
Kassandra Cerda*
Franny Cerny*
Lucy Edwards*
Elizabeth Endy*
Jade Eriksen-Russo*
Lauren Frasca*
Madeline Frick
Avery Hay*
Chelsey Henry*
Mikaela Hoard*
Sydney Hunt*
Sonia Johnson*
Vanessa Nigg*
Elizabeth Parrilli*
Blerina Saipi*
Jessica Schmidt*
Morgan Turner*
Gwendolyn Walker*
Adrian Walker



Men's Soccer

Cameron Beezley*
Joshua Bowser
Konstantin Brkovic*
Nicolas Cardona*
Max de Bruijne*
Zachary El-Shafei
Luc Fougere*
Austin Harrell*
Henry Hilling
Timothy Iskra
Philipp Koenigstein*
Sasa Labovic
Quentin Low
Michael Mojarro*
Edwin Perry*
Caleb Pothast*
Anton Sell
Bryan Simons*
Kyle Smith*
Stijn van der Slot*
Hans Wuestling*

Reverend John R. Cortelyou Award Winners

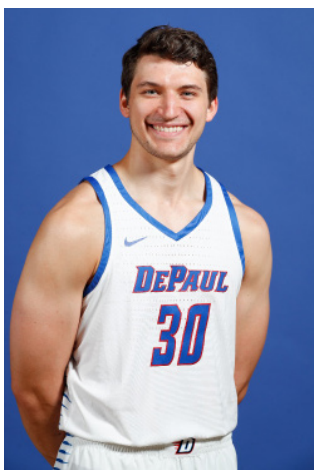
Paige Skorseth from women's cross country/track & field and Peter Ryckbosch from men's basketball topped the 2016-2017 senior class with their outstanding GPAs and received the Reverend John R. Cortelyou Awards.

Paige Skorseth



- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 4.0 Cumulative GPA
- Health Sciences Major, Biological Science Minor
- Named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll Every Quarter
- Named to the DePaul University Dean's List Every Quarter
- Four-time member of the BIG EAST All-Academic Team

Peter Ryckbosch



- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 3.994 Cumulative GPA
- Health Sciences Major, Biological Science minor
- Named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll Every Quarter
- Named to the DePaul University Dean's List Every Quarter
- Five-time member of the BIG EAST All-Academic Team
- Currently enrolled in the Master's Entry to Nursing Practice Program

Six Programs Honored with NCAA Public Recognition Award

Women's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's golf, softball and volleyball were all recognized by the NCAA for having multi-year Academic Performance Rate (APR) scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

4.0 Club Fall 2017

Christopher Ahlers—Men's Cross Country
Lenka Antonijevic—Women's Tennis
Aspasia Avgeri—Women's Tennis
Kristina Barczak—Women's Soccer
Cameron Beezley—Men's Soccer
Rachel Breault—Volleyball
Konstantin Brkovic—Men's Soccer
Terece Brown—Women's Track & Field
Rutendo Chimbaru—Women's Track & Field
Rebecca Chouinard—Women's Track & Field
Dylan Christensen—Softball
Katerina Cirone—Women's Track & Field
Keisha Clousing—Women's Tennis
Kyle Decker—Men's Track & Field
Elizabeth Endy—Women's Soccer
Micah Fitzgerald—Softball
Lauren Frasca—Women's Soccer
Kennedy Garcia—Softball
Maranda Gutierrez—Softball
Austin Harrell—Men's Soccer
Aaron Harris—Men's Tennis & Field
Sydney Hunt—Women's Soccer
Sonia Johnson—Women's Soccer
Marija Jovicic—Women's Tennis
Christopher Korabik—Men's Cross Country
Jake Pecorin—Men's Cross Country
Lauren Prochaska—Women's Basketball
Peter Ryckbosch—Men's Basketball
Jessica Sanborn—Women's Track & Field
Mackenzie Savage—Volleyball
Jessica Schmidt—Women's Soccer
Summer See—Volleyball
Frederick Thomas—Men's Golf
Robert Thomas—Men's Golf
Fran Tonejc—Men's Tennis
Gwendolyn Walker—Women's Soccer

2016-2017 BIG EAST All-Academic Team

A record-setting 170 DePaul student-athletes were named to the 2016-2017 BIG EAST All-Academic Team. The 2016-2017 total surpassed the previous high of 166 set in 2009-2010.

Women's Basketball

Tanita Allen
Meredith Bennett-Swanson
Deja Cage
Kelly Campbell
Jacqueline Grant
Marte Grays
Jessica January
Claire McMahon
Ashton Millender
Lauren Prochaska
Brooke Schulte
Chante Stonewall
Meghan Waldron

Men's Basketball

Eli Cain
Rolando Currington
Brandon Cyrus
Algevon Eichelberger
Joseph Hanel
David Leitao
Peter Ryckbosch
Max Strus

Men's Tennis

Christopher Casati
Timothy Corwin
Nathan de Veer
Alex Galoustian
Conor O'Meara
Fran Tonejc
Tripp Tuff
Tamas Zador

Golf

Jonathan Goldstein
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Jonathan Hewett
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Charles Spencer-White
Frederick Thomas
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Kyle Vincze

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Caroline Kurdej
Sabrina Olsen
Courtney Pickering
Miranda Rea
Jessica Sanborn
Lauren Sharp
Paige Skorseth
Courtney Tedeschi

Volleyball

Claire Anderson
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Haley Bueser
Alexa Chanos
Caitlyn Coffey
Kathleen Dolan
Kelsey Horvath
Dominika Kowalska
Jameson MacPhie
Ashley Marshall
Brittany Maxwell
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Morgan Greenwood
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Cara Jimenez
Sabrina Kuchta
Kayla Landwehrmier
Megan Leyva

Nicole Pihl
Alysia Rodriguez
Angela Scalzitti
Brianna Viles
Marissa Zoch

Women's Tennis

Florence Abbott
Aspasia Avgeri
Keisha Clousing
Pati Lancranjan
Yuliya Shupenia
Milica Tesic
Ana Vladutu

Women's Track & Field

Shianne Baggett
Alexia Brooks
Simone Carr
Rebecca Chouinard
Kaitlen Crawford
Ariel Davis
Laura Edwards
Emily Eller
Corinne Franz
Gabrielle Howard
Morgan Maize
Dylan Marshall
Caroline Muller
Jade Nolan
Shayna Nwokenkwo
Arlene Sisson
Jessica Watkins

Men's Cross Country

Alex Campanella
Noah Deck
Regen Hatcher
Christopher Korabik
Sergio Llanes
Steven McEville
Jake Pecorin
Daniel Peterson

James Ryan
Salomon Wright

Men's Track & Field

Matthew Almeranti
Scott Arsenault
Babajide Bamgbose
Charles Bottoms
Kyle Decker
Sebastian Feyersinger
Aaron Harris
Scott Jonske
Evan Lowry
Dominic Marshall
Kyle Mastrangeli
Mackenzie Melto
Adam Nelson
Joshua Pearson
Andrew Rocco
Jack Wagner

Women's Soccer

Alexa Ben
Abigail Callahan
Kassandra Cerda
Franny Cerny
Lucy Edwards
Elizabeth Endy
Lauren Frasca
Madeline Frick
Ana Greik
Avery Hay
Kelli Hubly
Sydney Hunt
Sonia Johnson
Vanessa Nigg
Elizabeth Parrilli
Danielle Pitaro
Abigail Reed
Blerina Saipi
Jessica Schmidt
Adrian Walker

Men's Soccer

Kevin Beyer
Joshua Bowser
Konstantin Brkovic
Max de Bruijne
Zachary El-Shafei
Austin Harrell
Philipp Koenigstein
Sasa Labovic
Daniel Lojek
Quentin Low
Ryan Martire
Simon Megally
Michael Mojarro
Caleb Pothast
Jacob Scheper
Anton Sell
Kyle Smith
Stijn van der Slot
Hans Wuestling

The 2017-2018 Captains' Council



from left to right

Angela Scalzitti, Softball | President
Jarvis Friend, Men's Track & Field | Vice President
Chris Korabik, Men's Cross Country | Secretary
Lauren Prochaska, Women's Basketball | Treasurer

The captains from each team meet monthly to discuss issues in intercollegiate athletics and to provide feedback to the athletic administration. This group is extremely influential in the decision-making process on campus, within the conference and nationwide. In addition to their leadership, this group spearheads community service activities for student-athletes.

2016-2017 Academic Accomplishments by Team



Women's Basketball

- Brooke Schulte was named BIG EAST Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year.
- Jessica January received BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Recognition.
- Women's Basketball finished second in the national championship academically according to Inside Higher Ed, based on this year's 64-team field.
- Women's Basketball was ranked #14 in the Women's Basketball Coaching Association (WBCA) Team Academic Poll.
- Jessica January was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American. She is the first women's basketball student-athlete to earn first team honors.
- Brooke Schulte was selected to the NACDA Division I-AAA Scholar-Athlete team.
- Highest Women's Basketball GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.



Men's Basketball

- Billy Garrett Jr. was named the BIG EAST Men's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and received BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Recognition.
- Billy Garrett Jr. was named to the NACDA Division I-AAA Scholar-Athlete Team.
- Men's Basketball received a National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Award.
- Three Men's Basketball student-athletes were named to the NABC Honors Court: R.J. Curington, Billy Garrett Jr., Joe Hanel, and Peter Ryckbosch.



Women's Soccer

- Women's Soccer received the United Soccer Coaches, formerly the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), Team Academic Award for the 15th consecutive year.
- Alexa Ben (second team) and Abby Reed (third team) were named NSCAA Scholar All-Americans and selected to the NSCAA Scholar All-Region first team.
- Abby Reed was a first team CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree.



Men's Soccer

- Simon Megally was named a DePaul 2016-17 BIG EAST Institutional Scholar-Athlete of the Year recipient.
- Highest Men's Soccer GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Men's Soccer received the United Soccer Coaches, formerly the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), Team Academic Award for the 10th consecutive year.
- Simon Megally was named an NSCAA Scholar All-American second team honoree and first team NSCAA Scholar All-Region Selection.

2016-2017 Academic Accomplishments by Team (continued)



Women's Tennis

- Highest Women's Tennis team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Women's Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the 10th consecutive year.
- Yuliya Shupenia was named a DePaul 2016-17 BIG EAST Institutional Scholar-Athlete of the Year recipient.
- The ITA recognized seven individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2016-2017 academic year: Aspasia Avgeri, Keisha Clousing, Marina Cozac, Pati Lancranjan, Milica Tesic and Ana Vladutu.



Men's Tennis

- Men's Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the eighth time in nine years.
- The ITA recognized seven individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2016-2017 academic year: Timothy Corwin, Alex Galoustian, Yahn Gawrit, Fran Tonejc, Tamas Zador and Nathan de Veer.



Volleyball

- Highest Volleyball GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Volleyball earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 10th consecutive year.



Golf

- Golf was named a Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) All-Academic team.
- Johnathan Hewett was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar.

2016-2017 Academic Accomplishments by Team (continued)



Women's Cross Country/Track & Field

- Highest Women's Cross Country and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field team GPAs in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Women's Cross Country and Track & Field earned All-Academic Team distinction from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).
- 4th Highest Women's Track & Field GPA in the nation.



Men's Cross Country/Track & Field

- Men's Cross Country and Track & Field earned All-Academic Team distinction from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA).



Softball

- Highest Softball team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Softball was recognized by The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) for having the 16th highest GPA in the nation for Division I softball teams.
- The NFCA recognized 12 individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2016-2017 academic year—the most by any BIG EAST school: Erin Andris, Dylan Christensen, Haydn Christensen, Madison Fisher, Celeste Franco, Morgan Greenwood, Skylor Hilger, Cara Jimenez, Sabrina Kuchta, Nicole Pihl, Angela Scalzitti, and Brianna Viles.

Letter from the Captains' Council

Dear DePaul Community,

DePaul has a rich tradition of holding our student-athletes to a higher standard. It is simply not enough for us to make the grades and excel in our respected sport. We have a unique opportunity to emerge as leaders within the student body. Student-athletes embrace this role with the support of our faculty and staff. DePaul's Vincentian service and values have laid a foundation that allows our athletics community to promote and execute these standards. We pride ourselves on upholding the Vincentian values and continue to ask ourselves "what must be done?" We are aware and grateful of everything this school has provided us. It is now our responsibility to give back to the surrounding areas and preach what DePaul is all about.

Once a month, representatives from each athletics team gather and implement ways to positively impact not only DePaul, but also those who need it the most. Many different service initiatives take place throughout the course of the year. At the beginning of each academic year, we make hundreds of blankets and deliver them to the children at the Saint Vincent De Paul Center. We organize our annual dodgeball event that teams up with other groups on campus to raise money to donate to charity. This summer is the Special Olympics 50th anniversary. We are looking forward to working with these outstanding athletes. Our goal is to donate the money we raise from our dodgeball event and give it to the Special Olympics. Teams put on free sports clinics for unprivileged youth and volunteer at the Chicago Marathon, DemonTHON, Misericordia, the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Soup Kitchen, and Vincentian Service Day among many others. It is also very important to us that we continue to actively engage with other student groups on campus like SGA, Blue Crew etc. This allows us to reach a bigger audience and have a greater influence on our university. The members of the 2017 Captains' council and the many before them, provided us with an extraordinary blueprint that will allow the members of 2018 to easily and effectively promote our Vincentian values.

Sincerely,

Angela Scalzitti
Softball
Captains' Council President

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2016-2017 Quick Statistics

84%

Over 84% of our student-athletes earned a 3.0 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll

56%

Over 56% of our student-athletes earned a 3.5 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Dean's List

5%

Over 5% of our student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 each quarter

3.453

2016-2017 Athletic Department GPA



Our 2016-2017 Student-Athletes

26 States and 18 Countries

Our student-athletes come to DePaul from 26 states and 18 countries

6 Colleges and 49 Majors

Our student-athletes are enrolled in six of DePaul's ten colleges and are pursuing 49 different majors.

33.7%	College of Science and Health
28.8%	Driehaus College of Business
15.1%	College of Communication
10.2%	College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
6.3%	College of Education
5.9%	College of Computing & Digital Media

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