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, and this edition reflects achievements during the 2018-2019 academic year, as well as fall 2019:

• The program as a whole recorded a 3.462 GPA
• Two teams earned the highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference—Softball and Women’s Tennis
• A record 177 student-athletes (83.1%) were named to the 2018-2019 BIG EAST All-Academic Team

In addition to last year’s achievement, student-athletes have continued academic excellence in the 2019-2020 fall quarter:

• 172 student-athletes (81.9%) earned over a 3.0
• 128 student-athletes (61.0%) earned over a 3.5
• 31 student-athletes (14.8%) earned a perfect 4.0

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

We ask that you join us in honoring our BIG EAST All-Academic Team at a halftime ceremony during the men’s basketball game versus Xavier on Tuesday, February 4th at 8 p.m. at Wintrust Arena. The first 50 faculty or staff to RSVP will receive two complimentary tickets and dinner prior to the game at Pizano’s Pizza and Pasta starting at 6 p.m. RSVP Here.

For those faculty and staff who do not attend dinner or receive tickets, discounted game tickets will be available for purchase online with the discount promo code “AAANIGHT.” All faculty and staff in attendance will be invited to the court at halftime to participate in our recognition ceremony.

We work hard each day to make DePaul Athletics something of which the university community can be proud, and thank you in advance for your continued support of our student-athletes. We look forward to seeing you on February 4 or at another athletic event in the near future--our 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.

Jean Lenti Ponsetto
Director of Athletics

Kate O’Brien, Ph.D.
Associate Athletic Director
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## Athletic Director’s Honor Roll and Dean’s List Fall 2019

Athletic Director’s honor roll must earn a term GPA of 3.0 or greater. Dean’s List must earn a term GPA of 3.5 or higher.

*Dean’s List honorees appear in bold

### Men’s Basketball
- Flynn Cameron
- Brendan Favre
- Darius Hall
- Jason Malonga
- Sullivan Menard
- Romeo Weems
- Pantelis Xidias

### Golf
- Perry Chong
- Nik Gatmaytan
- Conor Glennon
- Ronnie Griggs
- Noah Kolar
- Campbell Wolf

### Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Chris Ahlers
- Kyle Casper
- Joe Davies
- Zachary Debela
- Paul Monteone
- Alex Murray
- Adam Nelson
- Michael Parry
- Antonio Pavloski
- Anthony Perry
- Ryan Taylor
- Jarel Terry
- Brendan Van Voorhis

### Softball
- Erin Andris
- Pearl Barroso
- Jessica Cothern
- Madison Fisher
- Grace Frazier
- Maranda Gutierrez
- Skylor Hilger
- Erin Hooker
- Riley Holmgren
- Cara Jimenez
- Brooke Johnson
- Payton Lundberg
- Tori Meyer
- Gabrielle O’Riley
- Kate Polucha
- Angela Scalzitti
- Taylor Young

### Volleyball
- Claire Anderson
- Isabelle Bane
- Sasha Bolla
- Donna Brown
- Elana Brueggemann
- Isabell De La Rosa
- Katie Dolan
- Avari Evans-Allen
- Mireya Garcia
- Natalie Hayward
- Brittany Maxwell
- Bailey Nelson
- Mattison Norris
- Emme Price
- Mariah Robinson
- Mackenzie Savage

### Women’s Basketball
- Dee Bekelja
- Kelly Campbell
- Kayla Caudle
- Deja Church
- Joli Daninger
- Alexa Held
- Sonya-Ann Morris
- Hannah Purcell
- Keimari Rimmer
- Chante Stonewall
- Marisa Warren

### Women’s Tennis
- Layo Adelakun
- Lenka Antonijevic
- Aspasia Avgeri
- Hristina Dokic
- Marija Jovicic
- Yuliya Kizelbasheva
- Alina Kuzmenkova
- Madelyn Yergler

### Men’s Soccer
- Michael Anderson
- Cameron Beezley
- Justin Bohlig
- Josh Bowser
- Matthew Brickman
- Brayden Callipari
- Max de Bruijne
- McRay Drong
- Zachary El-Shafei
- David Gripman
- Grant Herbek
- Daniel Iscra
- Timmy Iscra
- Joseph McGee
- Drew Nuelle
- Eddie Perry
- Youssef Ramadan
- Robert Rao
- John Richards
- Brian Schwake
- Jacob Seeto
- Kyle Smith

### Women’s Soccer
- Jackie Batliner
- Kristin Boos
- Sarah Cohen
- Jade Erikson-Russo
- Mollie Eriksson
- Avery Hay
- Sydney Hunt
- Jessica Lazo
- Nathalia Lopez
- Megan Malecha
- Samantha McKibben
- Elena Milam
- Ellie Mink
- Maria Nordness
- Sydney Parker
- Kayla Petroskey
- Bina Saipi
- Jadyn Scholler

### Men’s Tennis
- Chris Casati
- Lars Minsaas
- Boris Spanjaard
- Fran Tonejc
- Vito Tonejc
- Tripp Tuff
- Luuk Wassenaar
- Tamas Zador

### Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Esther Aldana
- Charlotte Anderson
- Sandra Bitashinwa
- Olivia Borowiak
- Teree Brown
- Ericka Burgess
- Tori Carroll
- Lorie Cashdollar
- Rutendo Chimbaru
- Rebecca Chouinard
- Kaitlen Crawford
- Ariel Davis
- Noelle DeJaynes
- Lizzie DeJoie
- Maret Elgren
- Jade Gates
- Violet Harper
- Jessica Harris
- Margaret Hastings
- Alexa Havon
- Isabel Ingram
- Chasady Johnson
- Alicia Jones
- Siarah Jones
- Mackenzie Mescher
- Kindle Miles
- Kiara Pauli
- Courtney Pickering
- Talia Saleh
- Isabella Uscila
- Kiersten Walker

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*Note: The list above is not exhaustive and includes only the names mentioned.*
Reverend John R. Cortelyou Award Winners
Awarded to the male and female student-athlete who earned the highest GPA in the senior class:

Emily Eller
Female student-athlete from Women’s Track and Field
- 3.862 Cumulative GPA
- B.A. in Journalism
- DePaul University Athletic Director’s Honor Roll Every Quarter
- DePaul University Dean’s List Every Quarter
- BIG EAST All-Academic Team in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019

Kyle Decker
Male student-athlete from Men’s Track and Field
- 3.992 Cumulative GPA
- B.S. in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Medicine and Health and a minor in Chemistry
- DePaul University Athletic Director’s Honor Roll Every Quarter
- DePaul University Dean’s List Every Quarter
- BIG EAST All-Academic Team in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019
- DePaul University Athletics 4.0 Club 9 out of 11 Quarters
- Attending Medical School at Loyola University Chicago

NCAA Public Recognition Award
Awarded to teams by the NCAA for having multi-year Academic Performance Rate (APR) scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports. For 2018-2019 five teams were recognized:

- Women’s Basketball
- Men’s Golf
- Men’s Tennis
- Softball
- Women’s Cross Country

4.0 Club Fall 2019
- Chris Ahlers—Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Michael Anderson—Men’s Soccer
- Aspasia Avgeri—Women’s Tennis
- Jackie Batliner—Women’s Soccer
- Brayden Callipari—Men’s Soccer
- Tori Carroll—Women’s Track & Field
- Kyle Casper—Men’s Track & Field
- Ariel Davis—Women’s Track & Field
- Jade Eriksen-Russo—Women’s Soccer
- Jaylen Grigsby—Men’s Track & Field
- Maranda Gutierrez—Softball
- Jessica Harris—Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Grant Herbek—Men’s Soccer
- Sydney Hunt—Women’s Soccer
- Timmy Iscra—Men’s Soccer
- Isabel Ingram—Women’s Track & Field
- Marija Jovicic—Women’s Tennis
- Yuliya Kizelbasheva—Women’s Tennis
- Alina Kuzmenkova—Women’s Tennis
- Lars Minsaas—Men’s Tennis
- Paul Monteleone—Men’s Track & Field
- Bailey Nelson—Volleyball
- Maria Nordness—Women’s Soccer
- Joshua Pearson—Men’s Track & Field
- Anthony Perry—Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Hannah Purcell—Women’s Basketball
- Robert Rao—Men’s Soccer
- Angela Scalzitti—Softball
- Fran Tonejc—Men’s Tennis
- Tripp Tuff—Men’s Tennis
- Morgan Turner—Women’s Soccer
A record-setting 177 DePaul University student-athletes were named to the 2018-2019 BIG EAST All-Academic Team. This total surpassed the previous high of 172 in 2017-2018.

Men's Basketball
Flynn Cameron
John Diener
Jason Malonga
Paul Reed
Lynik Shreiner
Max Strus
Pantelis Xidias

Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
Christopher Ahlers
Babajide Bamgbose
Chris Cadet
Kyle Casper
Joseph Davies
Noah Deck
Kyle Decker
Conor Fagan
Matthew Gagen
Henry Harper
Scott Jonske
John Korte
Shane Knanishu
Eamon Kuhne
Henry Larkin
Benjamin Litwin
Jeremy Lozano
Alexander Lucking
Dominic Marshall
Kyle Mastrangeli
Paul Monteleone
Alex Murray
Adam Nelson
Antonio Pavloski
Joshua Pearson
Anthony Perry
Daniel Peterson
Andrew Rocco
Ryan Taylor
Brendan Van Voorhis

Men's Golf
Grant Boyson
Perry Chong
Carlo Gatmaytan
Ronald Griggs
Joseph McCarthy
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas
Campbell Wolf

Men's Soccer
Justin Bohlig
Matthew Brickman
Brayden Callipari
Max de Bruijne
Sadra Golzarian
Harry Hilling
Timothy Iscra
Michael Mojarro
Andrew Nuelle
Edwin Perry
Robert Rao
John Richards
Anton Sell
Bryan Simons
Kyle Smith
Matthew Solem
Patrick Watkins

Men's Tennis
Christopher Casati
Conor O'Meara
Boris Spinaard
Vito Tonejc
Fran Tonejc
Tripp Tuff
Luuk Wassenaar
Tamas Zador

Softball
Erin Andris
Pearl Barroso
Jessica Cotthem
Krista Dalgarn
Madison Fisher
Morgan Greenwood
Maranda Gutierrez
Natalie Halvorson
Skylor Hilger
Riley Holmgren
Cara Jimenez
Gabrielle O'Reiley
Katherine Polucha
Alysia Rodriguez
Angela Scalzitti
Brianna Viles
Taylor Young

Women's Basketball
Tanita Allen
Kyras Bekelja
Kelly Campbell
Rebekah Dahlman
Jolene Daninger
Marie Grays
Alexa Held
Nadege Jean
Courtney Krol
Ashton Millender
Sonya Morris
Chante Stonewall
Amaya Stovall

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Esther Aldana
Dylan Armstrong
Alexia Brooks
Teree Brown
Ericka Burgess
Lorie Cashdollar
Rutendo Chimbaru
Rebecca Chouinard
Kaitlen Crawford
Ariel Davis
Laura Edwards
Maret Elgren
Emily Eller
Jade Gates
Jessica Harris
Margaret Hastings
Isabel Ingram
Kate Jacobs
Siarah Jones
Caroline Kurdej
Mackenzie Mescher
Caroline Muller
Halle Nash
Courtney Pickering

Women's Golf
Grant Boyson
Perry Chong
Carlo Gatmaytan
Ronald Griggs
Joseph McCarthy
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas
Campbell Wolf

Women's Golf
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Joseph McCarthy
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas
Campbell Wolf

Women's Soccer
Kristina Barczak
Jacqueline Batliner
Franny Cerny
Sarah Cohen
Jade Eriksen-Russo
Mollie Erikson
Madeline Frick
Avery Hay
Chelsey Henry
Mikaela Hoard
Sydney Hunt
Jessica Lazo
Ellie Mink
Mira Nepomuceno
Vanessa Nigg
Sydney Parker
Elizabeth Parrilli
Blerina Saipi
Mary Tierney
Morgan Turner
Gwendolyn Walker
Adrian Walker
Brooke Weitzel

Women's Tennis
Lenka Antonijevic
Aspasia Avgier
Keisha Clousing
Hristina Dokić
Marija Jovicic
Alina Kuzmenkova
Mišica Tescić
Madelyn Yergler

Representatives from all 15 teams meet monthly to discuss issues in intercollegiate athletics and provide feedback to the athletic administration. This group provides input into the decision-making process on campus, within the conference and nationwide. In addition to their leadership, Captains' Council spearheads community service activities for student-athletes.
2018-2019 Academic Accomplishments by Team

Men’s Basketball
• 4th Consecutive National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Award
• Max Strus:
  • Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA) Scholar-Athlete Team presented by ARMS Software
  • First team Google Cloud Academic All-District honoree
• Jason Malonga:
  • National Association of Basketball Honors Court

Women’s Basketball
• Recorded a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR)
• Women’s Basketball Coaches Association Top 25 Academic Poll (13 out of the last 14 years)
  • #17 with a team GPA of 3.561
• Marte Grays:
  • BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award
  • DI-AAA ADA Scholar-Athlete Team presented by ARMS Software
  • Senior CLASS Award Candidate: Recognizes achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition

Women’s Soccer
• 17th Consecutive United Soccer Coaches Academic Team Award
• Franny Cerny:
  • BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award
  • Senior CLASS Award Candidate: Recognizes achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition
• Morgan Turner:
  • United Soccer Coaches All-Scholar First Team for North/Central Region
  • 2018 Google Cloud Academic All-District Women’s Soccer Team

Men’s Soccer
• 12th Consecutive United Soccer Coaches Academic Award
2018-2019 Academic Accomplishments by Team (continued)

Women’s Tennis
• Highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
• 12th Consecutive Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team Award
• ITA Academic Scholar-Athletes
  • Lenka Antonijevic
  • Aspasia Avgri
  • Marija Jovicic
  • Alina Kuzmenkova
  • Milica Tesic
• Recorded a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR)
• 12th Consecutive Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team Award
• Keisha Clousing
  • Midwest Region’s ITA Cissie Leary Sportsmanship Award

Men’s Tennis
• Recorded a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR)
• ITA All-Academic Team Award (10 out of the last 11 years)
• ITA Academic Scholar-Athletes
  • Christopher Casati
  • Fran Tonejc
  • Luuk Wassenaar
  • Conor O’Meara
  • Tripp Tuff
  • Tamas Zador

Volleyball
• 12th Consecutive American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award

Golf
• Earned 11th Consecutive Golf Coaches Association of America All-Academic Team Honors
• Recorded a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR)
• Charlie Spencer-White
  • Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar
2018-2019 Academic Accomplishments by Team (continued)

**Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field**
- 10th consecutive U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Team
- Kyle Decker
  - BIG EAST Postgraduate Leadership Award (unanimously selected by the BIG EAST Conference Academic Affairs Committee)
  - BIG EAST Institutional Scholar-Athlete
  - BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award
- Noah Deck
  - BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award

**Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field**
- Women’s Cross Country recorded a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR)
- 10th consecutive U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Team
- USTFCCCA All-Academic:
  - Jade Gates
  - Caroline Muller
  - Kiersten Walker
  - Caroline Kurdej
  - BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award

**Softball**
- 7th Consecutive NFCA academic team GPA award
- Ranked #11 in the nation with a team GPA of 3.760
- Highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
- Recorded a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR)
- NFCA All-America Scholar Athletes:
  - Erin Andris
  - Jessica Cothern
  - Madison Fisher
  - Morgan Greenwood
  - Maranda Gutierrez
  - Natalie Halvorson
  - Skylor Hilger
  - Gabby O’Riley
  - Alysia Rodriguez
  - Angela Scalzitti
  - Brianna Viles
Dear DePaul Community,

DePaul student-athletes strive to embody the saying, “Here, we do.” We continually strive for excellence in our various sports, in academics and in upholding DePaul’s Vincentian values. In all our endeavors, we aim to respect and preserve human dignity, serve underprivileged populations and continuously amplify the voices of those who have not traditionally been heard.

As Captain’s Council members, we continually strive to improve the college experiences of our fellow student-athlete peers. We are a student-led organization of team captains who meet monthly to discuss and initiate community service projects, serve as student-advisories on administrative matters and partake in social justice initiatives. We participate in various community service events all year round as the entire student-athlete body and as individual teams. During our fall quarter orientation, the student-athlete body made hundreds of blankets to be distributed to the children at the Saint Vincent de Paul center. A few of the events our teams volunteer at include the Chicago Marathon, Lakeview Pantry, DEMONthon and Vincentian Service Day. In addition, student-athletes utilize their talents by facilitating sports clinics for children from various backgrounds.

During the fall quarter, as part of our social justice initiatives, Captain’s Council participated in the NCAA Diversity and Inclusion Social Media campaign. The focus of the campaign was to highlight the core values and multiple identities of student-athletes, creating connections across campuses and committing to take action in furthering inclusive excellence. As part of the campaign, members of Captain’s Council created videos with students and student organizations around campus to showcase what diversity and inclusion meant to them as well as the action they planned on taking to be intentionally inclusive in their spheres of influence.

As the school year progresses, Captain’s Council will continue leading service initiatives and will strive to uphold our Vincentian values to ensure the betterment of our community. We will be hosting a competitive dodgeball event for charity in collaboration with various student organizations during winter quarter.

Sincerely,
Rutendo Chimbaru
Captain’s Council President
Women’s Track and Field

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