



The Blue Ribbon

Winter 2019

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 each year, and this edition covers the 2017-2018 academic year:

- The program as a whole recorded a 3.455 GPA
- Four teams earned the highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
- 172 of our student-athletes were named to the 2017-2018 BIG EAST All-Academic Team

In addition to last year's achievement, student-athletes have continued academic excellence in the 2018-2019 Fall Quarter:

- 184 student-athletes (85.6%) earned over a 3.0
- 130 student-athletes (60.5%) earned over a 3.5
- 40 student-athletes (18.6%) earned a perfect 4.0

We are very proud of these accomplishments, and we know that many of you have played 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 such tremendous support.

We ask that you join us in honoring our BIG EAST All-Academic Team at a half-time ceremony during the men's basketball game versus Butler on January 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Wintrust Arena. The first 50 faculty or staff to RSVP will receive dinner prior to the game at Pizano's Pizza and Pasta starting at 6 p.m. (2106 S. Indiana) and tickets to the game for themselves and one guest.

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 half time to participate in our recognition ceremony, and the first 125 faculty and staff who join us on the court will get a free shirt!

Our departments work hard each day to make DePaul Athletics stand out by making positive contributions to the university community. We want to thank you in advance for your continued support of our student-athletes' efforts both academically and athletically. 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.

Jean Lenti Ponsetto
Director of Athletics

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 2018

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 appear in bold.

Men's Basketball

Flynn Cameron
John Diener
Devin Gage
Jason Malonga
Olufemi Olujobi
Paul Reed
Lyrik Shreiner
Max Strus
Pantelis Xidias

Golf

Grant Boyson
Perry Chong
Nik Gatmaytan
Ronald Griggs
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas
Campbell Wolf

Men's Soccer

Justin Bohlig
Brayden Callipari
Max de Bruijne
Luc Fougere
Isaac Friendt
Sadra Golzarian
Henry Hilling
Timothy Iscra
Michael Mojarro
Andrew Nuelle
Edwin Perry
Robert Rao
John Richards
Anton Sell
Bryan Simons
Kyle Smith
Matthew Solem
Patrick Watkins
Trevor Wilson

Men's Tennis

Christopher Casati
Conor O'Meara
Boris Spanjaard
Fran Tonejc
Vito Tonejc
Tripp Tuff
Luuk Wassenaar
Tamas Zador

Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Christopher Ahlers
Babajide Bamgbose
Dominic Bruce
Chris Cadet
Kyle Casper
Kolani Cole
Noah Deck
Kyle Decker
Conor Fagan
Matthew Gagen
Henry Harper
Francis Hauser
Scott Jonske
Shane Knanishu
John Korte
Eamon Kuhne
Henry Larkin
Benjamin Litwin
Jeremy Lozano
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

Softball

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

Volleyball

Claire Anderson
Isabelle Banez
Donna Brown
Isabell De La Rosa
Kathleen Dolan
Mireya Garcia
Natalie Hayward
Dominika Kowalska
Ashley Marshall
Brittany Maxwell
Mattison Norris
Emma Price
Mariah Robinson
Mackenzie Savage
Madeline Torti

Women's Basketball

Tanita Allen
Dee Bekelja
Kelly Campbell
Rebekah Dahlman
Jolene Daninger
Marte Grays
Alexa Held
Nadege Jean
Courtney Krol
Ashton Millender
Sonya-Ann Morris
Chante Stonewall
Amaya Stovall

Women's Soccer

Kristina Barczak
Jacqueline Batliner
Franny Cerny
Sarah Cohen
Jade Eriksen-Russo
Mollie Jae Eriksson
Madeline Frick
Angelina Gendreau
Avery Hay
Chelsey Henry
Sydney Hunt
Jessica Lazo
Ellie Mink
Mira Nepomuceno
Vanessa Nigg
Sydney Parker
Elizabeth Parrilli
Blerina Saipi
Mary Tierney
Morgan Turner

Adrian Walker
Gwendolyn Walker
Brooke Weitzel

Women's Tennis

Lenka Antonijevic
Aspasia Avgeri
Keisha Clousing
Hristina Dokic
Marija Jovicic
Alina Kuzmenkova
Milica Tesic
Madelyn Yergler

Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field

Esther Aldana
Dylan Armstrong
Sandra Bitashimwa
Alexia Brooks
Terece Brown
Ericka Burgess
Lorie Cashdollar
Rutendo Chimbaru
Rebecca Chouinard
Kaitlen Crawford
Ariel Davis
Laura Edwards
Maret Elgren
Emily Eller
Parker English
Jade Gates
Jessica Harris
Margaret Hastings
Isabel Ingram
Kate Jacobs
Siarah Jones
Caroline Kurdej
Mackenzie Mescher
Caroline Muller
Halle Nash
Kelsey Oliva
Courtney Pickering
Miranda Rea
Talia Saleh
Emma Stephens
Isabella Uscila
Kiersten Walker
Jessica Watkins
Valrie Whitted

Reverend John R. Cortelyou Award Winners

Elizabeth Endy from women's soccer and Austin Harrell from men's soccer received the 2017-2018 Reverend John R. Cortelyou Award given to the male and female student-athlete who earned the highest GPA in the senior class.

Elizabeth Endy



- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 4.0 Cumulative GPA
- Double Major in Accountancy Honors and Finance
- 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 Currently working as an Advisory Consultant for Deloitte

Austin Harrell



- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
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Six Programs Honored with NCAA Public Recognition Award

Women's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's golf, softball and men's tennis 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 2018

- Christopher Ahlers—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Esther Aldana—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Aspasia Avgeri—Women's Tennis
- Kristina Barczak—Women's Soccer
- Jacqueline Batliner—Women's Soccer
- Justin Bohlig—Men's Soccer
- Ericka Burgess—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Kyle Casper—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Franny Cerny—Women's Soccer
- Rutendo Chimbaru—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Rebecca Chouinard—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Jessica Cothorn—Softball
- Jolene Daninger—Women's Basketball
- Max Janjan de Bruijne—Men's Soccer
- Kyle Decker—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
- John Diener—Men's Basketball
- Kathleen Dolan—Volleyball
- Mollie Jae Eriksson—Women's Soccer
- Conor Fagan—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Sadra Golzarian—Men's Soccer
- Maranda Gutierrez—Softball
- Chelsey Henry—Women's Soccer
- Sydney Hunt—Women's Soccer
- Isabel Ingram—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Timothy Iscra—Men's Soccer
- Kate Jacobs—Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Marija Jovicic—Women's Tennis
- Dominic Marshall—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Brittany Maxwell—Volleyball
- Andrew Nuelle—Men's Soccer
- Andrew Rocco—Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
- Blerina Saipi—Women's Soccer
- Angela Scalzitti—Softball
- Anton Sell—Men's Soccer
- Max Strus—Men's Basketball
- Robert Thomas—Golf
- Morgan Turner—Women's Soccer
- Brianna Viles—Softball
- Pantelis Xidias—Men's Basketball

2017-2018 BIG EAST All-Academic Team

A record-setting 172 DePaul student-athletes were named to the 2017-2018 BIG EAST All-Academic Team. The total surpassed the previous high of 170 set just last year.

Men's Basketball

James Anderson
Joseph Hanel
Jason Malonga
Paul Reed
Peter Ryckbosch
Max Strus
Pantelis Xidias

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
Andrew Rocco
James Ryan
Brendan Van Voorhis

Golf

Perry Chong
Carlo Gatmaytan

Ronald Griggs

Joseph McCarthy
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas
Frederick Thomas
Kyle Vincze

Men's Soccer

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

Men's Tennis

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

Softball

Erin Andris
Pearl Barroso
Haydn Christensen
Jessica Cothorn
Madison Fisher
Celeste Franco
Grace 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

Volleyball

Claire Anderson
Isabelle Banez
Rachel Breault
Haley Bueser
Caitlyn Coffey
Isabell De La Rosa
Kathleen Dolan
Avarie Evans-Allen
Kelsey Horvath
Dominika Kowalska
Jameson MacPhie
Ashley Marshall
Brittany Maxwell
Myah Reed
Mackenzie Savage
Summer See
Madeline Torti

Women's Basketball

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

Women's Cross Country

Track & Field

Alexia Brooks
Terece Brown
Abigail Callahan
Simone Carr
Rutendo Chimbaru
Rebecca Chouinard
Katerina Cirone
Kaitlen Crawford
Ariel Davis
Lizzie DeJoice
Laura Edwards
Emily Eller
Elizabeth Endy
Jade Gates
Jessica Harris
Margaret Hastings
Gabrielle Howard
Siarah Jones
Caroline Kurdej
Caroline Muller
Kelsey Oliva
Sabrina Olsen
Courtney Pickering
Miranda Rea

Jessica Sanborn
Kiersten Walker
Jessica Watkins

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
Adrian Walker
Gwendolyn Walker

Women's Tennis

Lenka Antonijevic
Aspasia Avgeri
Keisha Clousing
Marija Jovicic
Alina Kuzmenkova
Elisabeta Lancranjan
Milica Tesic

The 2018-2019 Captains' Council



from left to right

Kyle Decker, Men's Track & Field | President

Avery Hay, Women's Soccer | Vice President

Sasa Labovic, Men's Soccer | Secretary

Morgan Greenwood, Softball | 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.

2017-2018 Academic Accomplishments by Team



Men's Basketball

- Joe Hanel and Max Strus were named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court.



Women's Basketball

- Women's Basketball was ranked #15 in the Women's Basketball Coaching Association Academic Top 25.
- Mart'e Grays was named to the 2018 Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete Team.



Women's Soccer

- Women's Soccer received the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for the 16th consecutive year.
- Alexa Ben was DePaul's 2017-2018 BIG EAST Female Institutional Scholar-Athlete of the Year, a Senior CLASS Award first team honoree and named to the United Soccer Coaches All-North/Central Region Scholar first team.
- Elizabeth Endy was named a second team CoSIDA Academic All-American and a first team CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree.



Men's Soccer

- Earned the highest men's soccer team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
- Men's soccer received the United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award for the 10th consecutive year.

2017-2018 Academic Accomplishments by Team (continued)



Women's Tennis

- Earned the highest women's tennis team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
- Pati Lancranjan was awarded the BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Men's Indoor Track & Field.
- Women's Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the 11th consecutive year.
- Aspasia Avgeri, Marija Jovicic, Pati Lancranjan and Milica Tesic were named 2018 ITA Scholar-Athletes for earning a 3.5+ GPA during the 2017-2018 academic year.



Men's Tennis

- Earned the highest men's tennis team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
- Alex Galoustian was awarded the BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Men's Tennis.
- Men's Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the 9th time in ten years.
- Student-athletes Alex Galoustian, Fran Tonejc, Luuk Wassenaar and Tamas Zador were named 2018 ITA Scholar-Athletes for earning a 3.5+ GPA during the 2017-2018 academic year.



Volleyball

- Volleyball earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 11th consecutive year.



Golf

- Charlie Spencer-White, Bobby Thomas and Freddy Thomas were named Srixon/Cleveland All-American Scholars for 2017-2018.
- Golf earned a Golf Coaches Association of America All-Academic Team award for the 10th straight year and President's Special Recognition status for a cumulative team GPA above 3.5 for the academic year. The Blue Demons have been recognized by the GCAA every year since the awards began in 2009.



Men's Cross Country/Track & Field

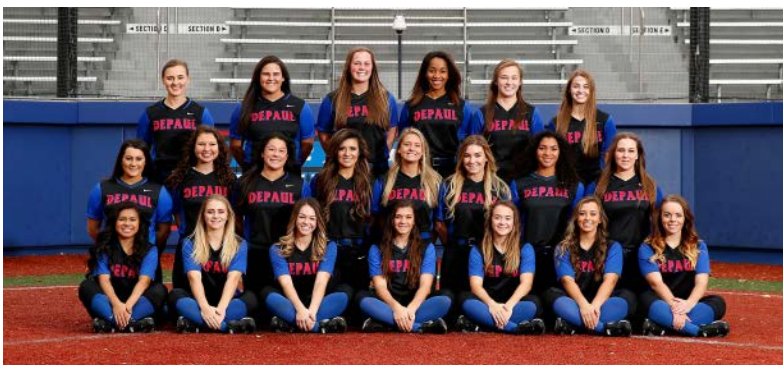
- Men's cross country was honored by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association with an All-Academic Team award for the 9th time in 11 years.
- Kyle Decker was awarded the BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Men's Indoor Track & Field.
- Men's track & field was honored by the USTFCCA with an All-Academic Team award.
- Kyle Decker earned Google Cloud CoSIDA Academic All-District first team and Academic All-American third team honors for the second time.

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field

- Women's cross country was honored by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association with an All-Academic Team award for the 11th consecutive year. The team's 3.74 GPA earned them 8th place in the nation—they have appeared in the Top 25 nine of the last eleven years.
- Women's track & field was honored by the USTFCCA with an All-Academic Team award.
- Alexia Brooks was named to the 2018 Division I USTFCCA All-Academic Team.

Softball

- Earned the highest softball team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference
- Softball earned the 10th highest GPA in the nation from the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA).
- 17 student-athletes were named NFCA All-America Scholar Athletes: Erin Andris, Pearl Barroso, Haydn Christensen, Madison Fisher, Celeste Franco, Kennedy Garcia, Morgan Greenwood, Maranda Gutierrez, Skylor Hilger, Cara Jimenez, Sabrina Kuchta, Kayla Landwehrmier, Megan Leyva, Pat Moore, Alysia Rodriguez, Angela Scalzitti and Brianna Viles.
- Morgan Greenwood earned Google Cloud CoSIDA Academic All-District first team and Academic All-American third team honors.



Letter from the Captains' Council

Dear DePaul Community,

DePaul produces some of the most talented, well-versed members of society by endowing students with a holistic college experience consisting of a well-rounded education and engrained exposure to service in a diverse urban setting. Our student-athletes sit on the forefront of these principles as we often emerge as leaders among the student population; therefore, we are held to certain standards to represent DePaul at its truest and best.

As the president of Captains' Council, a student-group of appointed leaders within DePaul Athletics, I take pride in knowing that our athletes embody the Vincentian values that set DePaul apart from other institutions. Inspired by the lives of Saint Vincent de Paul and Saint Louise de Marillac, the Vincentian values are founded in service for underserved populations, respect for humanity, and call to social justice. Under these hallmarks, our student-athlete advisory group aims to make active and meaningful changes to DePaul's community.

Appointed captains from each sport meet monthly to discuss and implement service projects, community outreach and administrative involvement. From as early as orientation, where we make hundreds of blankets for the children at the Saint Vincent de Paul Center, our student-athletes maintain constant involvement in local and global projects throughout the year. This past summer, we sent ten student athletes on a service-immersion trip to the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos orphanage in the Dominican Republic. There, they volunteered a week of their time to serve while gaining cultural competency through immersion and reflection. Locally, our teams organize free sports clinics for underprivileged youth, and volunteer at the Chicago Marathon, DemonTHON, the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Soup Kitchen, and Vincentian Service Day, among many others.

In addition to our service initiatives, Captains' Council has been active in addressing social justice this fall. During the first week of October, the NCAA held a National SAAC Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign which was aimed at embracing and exposing the different identities that student-athletes carry, while de-stigmatizing stereotypes surrounding student-athletes. As part of the program, we developed a series of videos and poster-art highlighting DePaul's resources for inclusion, our diverse student-athlete population, and the importance of inclusion. We were able to reach out to other student groups on campus, such as the Black Student Union, Latinx Cultural Center, LGBTQA Center and Mission and Ministry to get their perspectives on what diversity and inclusion means to them.

Recently, we participated in the conference-wide "It's on Us" campaign, which aims to address sexual assault and relationship violence. To contribute to the campaign, we developed a brief video that displays the subtler signs in relationship violence via social media, as well as a successful example of bystander intervention.

As we enter the new year, Captains' Council will remain active as our largest charity event takes place in the upcoming month. Here, we reach out to student groups on campus and ask them to join us in raising money while enjoying a fun tournament of competitive dodgeball. While we continue to make strides towards a richer community at DePaul, Captains' Council will continue to carry over the same sincerity and grounding principles in service that have enabled us to be successful.

Kyle Decker - Men's Track and Field
Captains' Council President

2017-2018 Quick Statistics

93.3%

93.3% of our teams earned a 3.0+ GPA for the academic year.

60.6%

60.6% of our student athletes earned a 3.5 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Dean's List.

83.2%

83.2% of our student athletes earned a 3.0 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Athletic Director's Honor Roll.

5.3%

5.3% of our student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 each quarter.

3.455

 2017-2018 Athletic Department GPA

Our 2018-2019 Student-Athletes

23 States and 15 Countries

Our student-athletes come to DePaul from 23 states and 15 countries

6 Colleges and 63 Majors

Our student-athletes are enrolled in six of DePaul's ten colleges and are pursuing 63 different majors.

- 28.4% College of Science and Health
- 26.5% Driehaus College of Business
- 17.7% College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- 13.5% College of Communication
- 8.4% College of Computing & Digital Media
- 5.6% College of Education

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