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
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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

Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Christopher Ahlers
- Babajide Bambose
- 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 Cothren
- Krista Dalgar
- 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
- Isabel 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 Tennis
- Lenka Antonijevic
- Aspasia Avgeri
- Keisha Clousing
- Kristina Dokic
- Marija Jovicic
- Alina Kuzmenkova
- Milica Tesic
- Madelyn Yergler

Men’s Tennis
- Christopher Casati
- Conor O’Meara
- Boris Spanjaard
- Fran Tonejc
- Vito Tonejc
- Tripp Tuff
- Luuk Wassenaar
- Tamas Zador

Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
- Esther Aldana
- Dylan Armstrong
- Sandra Bitashimwa
- Alexia Brooks
- Terece Brown
- Ericka Burgess
- Lori 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
- Sirah 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
- Valerie 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
- 4.0 Cumulative GPA
- Double Major in Accountancy Honors and Economics
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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 Behlig—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 Cothern—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 Galtzarian—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 Scalzi—Women’s Soccer
- Angela Scalzi—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

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.
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 Athlers
Matthew Almeranti
Babajide Bangboso
Chris Cadet
Kyle Decker
Conor Fagan
Henry Harper
Aaron Harris
Isaac Jimenez
Scott Jonke
Christopher Korabik
John Korte
Evon Lowry
Jeremy Lozano
Dominic Marshall
Kyle Mastrangoli
Charles McIntyre
Alex Murray
Adam Nelson
Joshua Pearson
Paul Pecorin
Daniel Peterson
Andrew Rocco
James Ryan
Brendan Van Voorhis

Golf
Perry Chang
Carlo Gatmaytan
Ronald Griggs
Joseph McCarthy
Charles Spencer-White
Robert Thomas
Frederick Thomas
Kyle Vince

Men's Soccer
Pantelis Xidias
Brianna Viles
Women's Soccer
Morgan Turner
Max Strus
Women's Tennis
Angela Scalzitti
Blerina Saipi
Men's Cross Country/Track & Field
Andrew Rocco
Andrew Nuelle
Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Dominic Marshall

Women's Basketball
Tania Allen
Kyras Bekelja
Deja Cage
Kelly Campbell
Robaksh Dinhman
Jolene Daninger
Marte Grays
Rachel McInmore
Claire Mccmahon
Ashton Millender
Lauren Prochaska
Chante Stonewall

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field
Track & Field
Avery Hay
Women's Soccer
Kristina Barczak
Jacqueline Batliner
Alexa Ben
Abigail Callahan
Kassandra Cerdas
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 Parril
Blenna Saip
Jessica Schmidt
Morgan Turner
Adrian Walker
Gwendolyn Walker

Women's Tennis
Lenka Antonijevic
Aspasia Avgieri
Keisha Clousning
Marjia Jovicic
Alina Kuzmenkova
Elisabeta Lancerjan
Milica Tesic

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.

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

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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.
2017-2018 Academic Accomplishments by Team (continued)

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 USTFCCCA 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 USTFCCCA with an All-Academic Team award.
- Alexia Brooks was named to the 2018 Division I USTFC-CCA 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 enriched 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 Pequenos 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, such as 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 student-athlete advisory group aims to make active and meaningful changes to DePaul’s community.

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

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

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

3.455 2017-2018 Athletic Department GPA