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Dear DePaul Community,

As the university settles into the 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 2015–2016 academic year.

Detailed in this newsletter are the numerous academic achievements received by our DePaul student-athletes last year. The program as a whole recorded a 3.460 GPA. Six teams earned the highest GPA in the BIG EAST Conference for their respective sport—women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, men's soccer, softball, women's tennis and volleyball—the most in the conference. Additionally, both our women's basketball and softball teams were among the best in the country academically. Women's basketball ranked #21 in the country and softball was #7 for the 2015–2016 academic year out of all Division I women's basketball and softball programs respectively. We are especially pleased that 83.2% of our student-athletes were named to the 2015–2016 BIG EAST All-Academic Team by earning a 3.0 or higher GPA for the year.

2016–2017 is off to a great start as well. 178 student-athletes were named to the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll (3.0 or higher term GPA) and 127 to the DePaul University Dean’s List (3.5 or higher term GPA) after Fall Quarter. 45 earned perfect 4.0s.

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

To celebrate these accomplishments, we ask that you join us in honoring our BIG EAST All-Academic Team at our annual half-time ceremony during the men’s basketball game versus Georgetown on January 31st.

Our departments work hard every day to make DePaul Athletics something of which the university community can be proud. We want to thank you in advance for your continued support of 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.

Sincerely,

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 2016

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 noted with *.

Men’s Basketball
Eli Cain
Levi Cook
Rolando Curington
Brandon Cyrus
Algevon Eichelberger
Joseph Hanel
David Leitao
Peter Ryckbosch
Max Strus

Men’s Soccer
Kevin Beyer
Joshua Bowser
Konstantin Brkovic
Max de Bruin
Zachary El-Shafei
John Freitag
Austin Harrell
Henry Hilling
Philipp Koenigstein
Aleksander Labovic
Daniel Lojek
Quentin Low
Ryan Martire
Simon Megally
Michael Mojarrad
Caleb Pothast
Jacob Schepers
Anton Sell
Kyle Smith
Peyton Smith
Stijn van der Slot
Spencer Ward
Trevor Wilson
Hans Wuestling

Men’s Tennis
Christopher Casati
Timothy Corvin
Nathan de Veer
Alex Galoustian
Yahn Gavrit
Conor O’Meara
Fran Tonejc
Tripp Tuff
Tamas Zador

Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field
Matthew Almeranti
Scott Arsenault
Babajide Bambose
Charles Bottoms
Alex Campanella
Noah Deck
Kyle Decker
Sebastian Feyersinger
Aaron Harris
Scott Jonake
Trevor Kintyht
Christopher Korabik
Sergio Llanes
Evan Lowry
Jeremy Lozano
Dominic Marshall
Kyle Mastrangelo
Steven McEvilly
Mackenzie Melto
Adam Nelson
Joshua Pearson
Jake Pecorin
Daniel Peterson
Conner Rafferty
James Ryan
Salomon Wright

Softball
Erin Andris
Haydn Christensen
Dylan Christensen
Jessica Cothern
Krista Dalgarn
Madison Fisher
Michael Fitzgerald
Celeste Franco
Kennedy Garcia
Morgan Greenwood
Skylor Hilger
Cara Jimenez
Sabra Kuchta
Kayla Landwehrmier
Megan Levy
Nicole Pihl
Alyssa Rodriguez
Angela Scalzitti
Brianna Viles
Marissa Zoch

Volleyball
Claire Anderson
Rachel Breault
Haley Bueser
Alexa Chano
Caitlyn Coffey
Kathleen Dolan
Kelsey Horvath
Dominika Kowalska
Jameson MacPhie
Ashley Marshall
Brittany Maxwell
Myah Reed
Mackenzie Savage
Madeline Torti

Women’s Basketball
Tanita Allen
Meredith Bennett-Swanson
Deja Cage
Kelly Campbell
Amarah Coleman
Jacqueline Grant
Marte Graves
Jessica January
Claire McMahon
Ashton Millender
Lauren Prochaska
Brooke Schulte
Chante Stewart
Robert Wilson
Rachael Winer
Fiona Wright

Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
Alexa Ben
Abigail Callahan
Kassandra Cerda
Franny Cerny
Lucy Edwards
Elizabeth Endy
Lauren Frasco
Ana Grek
Avery Hay
Kelli Hubly
Sydney Hunt
Sonia Johnson
Jaimie Leas
Elizabeth Parrilli
Danielle Pitaro
Abigail Reed
Blirena Sajiri
Jessica Schmidt
Adrian Walker

Women’s Tennis
Florence Abbott
Aspasia Avgieri
Keisha Clousung
Marina Cozac
Patricia Lancranjan
Yuliya Shupenia
Milica Tese
Ana Vladuta

Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
Batya Beard
Simone Carr
Rebecca Chouinard
Katerina Ciron
Kaitlen Crawford
Ariel Davis
Laura Edwards
Emily Eller
Corinne Fran
Jessica Harris
Alexia Harvey
Gabrielle Howard
Caroline Kurdej
Morgan Maize
Dylan Marshall
Caroline Muller
Jade Nolan
Shayna Nwokenkwo
Sabrina Olsen
Courtney Pickering
Miranda Rea
Jessica Sanborn
Lauren Sharp
Arlene Sisson
Page Skorseth
Courtney Tedesch
Jessica Watkins

Join us for the Annual Half-Time Ceremony honoring DePaul’s BIG EAST All-Academic Team during the men’s basketball game versus Georgetown.

Tuesday, January 31  |  8 p.m.
ALLSTATE ARENA , ROSEMONT, IL

Please visit facstaffacademicnight.eventbrite.com for more information.
Reverend John R. Cortelyou Award Winners
Gena Lenti from softball and Adrian Halimi from golf topped the 2015-2016 senior class with their outstanding GPAs and received the Reverend John R. Cortelyou Awards.

Gena Lenti
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 4.0 Cumulative GPA
- Health Sciences Major
- Environmental Studies, Biological Sciences and Applied Psychology Minors
- Named to the DePaul University Athletic Director’s Honor Roll Every Quarter
- Named to the DePaul University Dean’s List Every Quarter
- Named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Named DePaul’s 2015-2016 BIG EAST Institutional Female Scholar-Athlete and earned a $2,000 scholarship toward graduate or professional studies

Adrian Halimi
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 3.988 Cumulative GPA
- Finance and Accountancy Double Major
- Named to the DePaul University Athletic Director’s Honor Roll Every Quarter
- Named to the DePaul University Dean’s List Every Quarter
- Named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Named DePaul’s 2015-2016 BIG EAST Institutional Male Scholar-Athlete and earned a $2,000 scholarship toward graduate or professional studies

Six Programs Post Perfect Academic Progress Rates
Women’s basketball, men’s cross country, men’s golf, softball, women’s tennis and volleyball each recorded perfect rates and were recognized with Public Recognition Awards from the NCAA for having multi-year Academic Performance Rate scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.
2015-2016 BIG EAST All-Academic Team

A total of 159 DePaul student-athletes were named to the BIG EAST All-Academic Team for the 2015-2016 academic year. The 2015-2016 total is the third-highest since DePaul joined the BIG EAST Conference.

**Men's Basketball**
Oumar Barry
Eli Cain
Rolando Curington
Cory Dolins
William Garrett
Erten Gazi
Joseph Hanel
David Leitao
Frederick Scott
Peter Ryckbosch

**Men's Cross Country**
Joseph Atria
Alex Campanella
Andrew Diehn
Regen Hatcher
Christopher Korabik
Jeremy Lozano
Jake Pecorin
Daniel Peterson
James Ryan

**Men's Tennis**
Timothy Corwin
Nathan de Veer
Ivan Divkovic
Jan-Willem Feijzer
Paul John
Kyle Johnson
Sten Leusink
Conor O'Meara

**Men's Track and Field**
Matthew Almeranti
Scott Arsenault
Charles Bottoms
Noah Deck
Kyle Decker
Aaron Harris
Kyle Hedge
Jarvis Hill
Isaac Jimenez
Evan Lowry
Mackenzie Melto
Scott Midgett
Blake Thompson
Brandon Threats

**Women's Basketball**
Tanita Allen
Meredith Bennett-Swanson
Jacqueline Grant
Brandi Harvey-Carr
Jessica January
Chanise Jenkins
Elri Liebenberg
Megan Podkowa
Lauren Prochaska
Brooke Schulte
Meghan Waldron

**Women's Cross Country**
Katerina Cirone
Jessica Harris
Caroline Kurdej
Miranda Rea
Jessica Sanborn
Lauren Sharp
Paige Skorseth
Courtney Tedeschi

**Women's Soccer**
Alexa Ben
Kassandra Cerda
Franny Cerny
Lucy Edwards
Elizabeth Endy
Lauren Frasca
Madeleine Frick
Alejandra Godinez
Kelli Hubly
Sonia Johnson
Vanessa Nigg
Danielle Pitaro
Abigail Reed
Brianna Ryce
Jessica Schmidt
Elise Wyatt
Gini Yost

**Women's Tennis**
Marina Cozac
Jarret Fisher
Patricia Laranjans
Rebecca Mitrea
Yuliya Shupenia
Zaina Sufi
Milica Tesic
Ana Vladutu

**Women's Track and Field**
Simone Carr
Sarah Chappell
Julie Damhro
Ariel Davis
Laura Edwards
Emily Eller
Taylor Farley
Corinne Franz
Alexia Harvey
Gabrielle Howard
Mashayla Kirsky
Caroline Muller
Shayna Nwokonkwo
Nora Smith
Jessica Watkins
Taylor Whittier
Sophia Wilson

**Women's Volleyball**
Rachel Breault
Haley Bueser
Alexa Chanos
Caitlyn Coffey
Saige Gallop
Tyler Graham
Kelsey Horvath
Callie Huebener
Dominika Kowalska
Randi Leath
Jameson MacPhie
Brittany Maxwell
Myah Reed

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.
2015–2016 Academic Accomplishments by Team

Men’s Basketball
• Men’s Basketball received a National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Award.
• Four Men’s Basketball student-athletes were named to the NABC Honors Court: Rolando Curington, Cory Dolins, Billy Garrett Jr. and Peter Ryckbosch.

Women’s Basketball
• Women’s Basketball was ranked #21 in the Women’s Basketball Coaching Association (WBCA) Team Academic Poll.
• Megan Podkowa and Jessica January were named CoSIDA Academic All-Americans—1st time two women’s basketball student-athletes were named Academic All-Americans in the same year. Podkowa’s second-team honor is the highest CoSIDA academic honor in program history.
• Jessica January was named the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA) Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year—only the 2nd in program history.
• Megan Podkowa joined Jessica January on the DI-AAA ADA Scholar-Athlete Team.
• Megan Podkowa was named BIG EAST Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and earned a $2,000 scholarship toward graduate or professional studies.

Men’s Soccer
• Highest Men’s Soccer GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
• Men’s Soccer received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 8th consecutive year.
• Simon Megally was named to the NSCAA’s Scholar All-Region Second Team.

Women’s Soccer
• Women’s Soccer received the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Academic Award for the 13th consecutive year.
• Elise Wyatt was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team and All-District First Team and was selected to the NSCAA Scholar All-America Third Team and NSCAA All-Region First Team.
• Alexa Ben was named a second-team Academic All-District by CoSIDA.
Volleyball
• Highest Volleyball GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
• Volleyball earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the ninth consecutive year.

Golf
• Frederick Thomas was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.
• Golf was named to the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) All-Academic team.
• Johnathan Hewett was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar.

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).

Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
• Highest 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).
• 12th Highest Women’s Track & Field GPA in the nation.
Men's Tennis

- Men’s Tennis was recognized by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) as an All-Academic Team for the seventh time in eight years.
- The ITA recognized seven individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2015–2016 academic year: Timothy Corwin, Jan-Willem Feilzer, Paul John, Sten Leusink, Maxim Renke, Kyle Johnson and Ivan Divkovic.

Softball

- Highest Softball team GPA in the BIG EAST Conference.
- Softball was recognized by The National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) for having the seventh highest GPA in the nation for Division I softball teams.
- Gena Lenti was named a 2015–2016 BIG EAST Institutional Female Scholar-Athlete Scholarship recipient.
- Morgan Maize was recognized with the 2015–2016 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Softball.
- The NFCA recognized 12 individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2015–2016 academic year—the most by any BIG EAST school: Cherelle Chambers, Dylan Christensen, Ellie Forkin, Kali Gardner, Morgan Greenwood, Gena Lenti, Morgan Maize, Nicole Pihl, Alysia Rodriguez, Angela Scalzitti, Naomi Tellez and Stefanie Troja.

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 ninth consecutive year.
- Rebeca Mitrea was selected by BIG EAST as an NCAA Woman of the Year Nominee and received the 2015–2016 BIG EAST Scholar-Athlete Sport Excellence Award for Women’s Tennis.
- The ITA recognized seven individual student-athletes for each achieving grade point averages higher than 3.5 during the 2015–2016 academic year: Marina Cozac, Jarret Fisher, Patricia Lancranjan, Rebeca Mitrea, Yuliya Shupenia, Zaina Sufi and Milica Tesic.
Dear DePaul University Community,

The role of a student-athlete goes beyond that of either a student or an athlete. We cannot be complacent to simply show up to classes and meet exemplary grade standards, nor to singularly excel as competitors in our sports. While we have done both of these things, year after year, it is not enough. We have a responsibility to fill a larger niche. Our status and commitment to excellence places us as student leaders amongst the DePaul student body. Thus, it falls to us to embrace, preach, and carry out the Vincentian mission of service that already permeates the university. We understand the importance of giving back to our surrounding community as it has provided so much for us.

At our monthly meetings, Captains’ Council discusses ways in which we can maximize our impact at DePaul and in the surrounding environs. Social outreach and community service initiatives take many forms within the athletic department. At the beginning of every school year, we make and deliver blankets to those in need. Every year, we help spearhead the “Be the Match Donor Drive,” which helps people in need of bone marrow transplants by registering potential donors. We have started an annual dodgeball tournament, bringing together a diverse group of student organizations to raise money for charities. Teams volunteer at the Chicago Marathon, DemonTHON, Misericordia, the Saint Vincent de Paul Parish Soup Kitchen, and Vincentian Service Day among many others. We engage with student leader groups around campus to further use our influence to have a lasting positive impact on our university. The year 2016 and those prior laid a foundation that we plan to build on in 2017 as we continue to bring the Vincentian values to the world.

Sincerely,
Timothy Corwin
Men's Tennis
Captains’ Council President

Letter from the Captains’ Council

2015–2016 Quick Statistics

79%
Over 79% of our student-athletes earned a 3.0 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Athletic Director’s Honor Roll (80.7% in Fall, 79.2% in Winter and 83.6% in Spring).

54%
Over 54% of our student-athletes earned a 3.5 or greater each quarter and were named to the DePaul University Dean’s List (58.4% in Fall, 54.5% in Winter and 61.2% in Spring).

13%
Over 13% of our student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 each quarter (17.3% in Fall, 13.9% in Winter and 18.9% in Spring).

3.46
2015–2016 Athletic Department GPA.

Our 2016–2017 Student-Athletes

27 States and 16 Countries
Our student-athletes come to DePaul from 27 states and 16 countries.

6 Colleges and 46 Majors
Our student-athletes are enrolled in six of DePaul’s ten colleges and are pursuing 46 different majors.

- 31.4% College of Science and Health
- 30.0% Driehaus College of Business
- 16.4% College of Communication
- 10.6% College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences
- 6.3% College of Education
- 5.3% College of Computing & Digital Media

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