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MISSION STATEMENT

The Atlantic 10 Conference is committed to providing quality competition among its member institutions, while furthering academic integrity and promoting positive behavior among student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans.

The Conference shall work with all its member institutions to provide services that will enhance institutional resources and offer a quality experience to all student-athletes, while upholding the standards established by the Conference and the NCAA.

**Great People. Great Places.
Extraordinary Opportunities.**

ABOUT THE ATLANTIC 10

The Atlantic 10 Conference was founded in 1975 and consists of 14 diverse members across eight states and Washington, D.C. The mission of the Atlantic 10 is to provide an enhanced student-athlete experience through 21 nationally competitive championship sports. The basketball-centric conference is committed to integrity, educational excellence and providing quality equitable championship experiences for its student-athletes, coaches and support staff. The membership consists of Davidson College, the University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Fordham University, George Mason University, The George Washington University, La Salle University, the University of Massachusetts, the University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, St. Bonaventure University, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Louis University and Virginia Commonwealth University. For more information, visit www.atlantic10.com.

COMMISSIONER'S WELCOME

Throughout its history, the Atlantic 10 Conference has been successful in the classroom and on the playing fields and courts because of the commitment of its member institutions. This success, combined with innovation and new experiences, made 2016-17 a year to remember for the A-10.

We celebrated academic success in the fall with a 91 percent Graduation Success Rate (GSR), marking the sixth straight year the Atlantic 10 average GSR posted a score of 89 percent or higher, including an incredible 11-point jump in the men's basketball GSR, from 75 to 86. We had a record 3,582 student-athletes selected for the Commissioner's Honor Roll in the fall and spring semesters combined. These student-athletes all achieved a 3.5 or better GPA. In the spring, the NCAA honored 68 A-10 teams across all sports with Public Recognition as part the Academic Progress Rate (APR) program, ranking the Atlantic 10 in the top five of all conferences with the Ivy League, Patriot League, the ACC and the Big Ten.

A strong showing from our fall Olympic sports, both during the regular season and at the championships, was capped by three of our championships, women's soccer, men's soccer and volleyball being nationally televised, while the cross country championship, broadcast on the A-10 Network, again featured ground-breaking drone footage.

The A-10 is constantly looking to the future for ways to enhance the league and the student-athlete experience. Following the conference's strategic plan implementation, we began two new initiatives, including a spring championships festival and a Leadership Summit. The festival provided the opportunity to bring the student-athletes from men's and women's tennis and men's golf together at first-class venues in Orlando, Fla. The summit, held in April in Washington, D.C., brought together 28 outstanding men's and women's basketball student-athletes for two days of leadership training. The summit was facilitated by the staff of Forward Progress, which provided two days of leadership and life skills training. It was a great success and our member institutions can be proud of the outstanding young men and women leading our basketball programs.

In keeping with our goal of innovation, the conference gained national media recognition with the announcement that Facebook Live would carry 15 A-10 men's basketball games, and became the first conference to supplement the league's robust television agreement with Facebook Live. The games resulted in over 1 million views and allowed for cross-promotion with new fans on the social media giant.

The Men's Basketball Championship moved to PPG Paints Arena for 2017 and was embraced by the Pittsburgh community. The league broke its ticket revenue record, surpassing the \$1 million mark for the first time in A-10 history with \$1.17 million in sales over five days of competition. Rhode Island earned its first A-10 title in 18 years, and advanced to the Second Round of the NCAA Tournament, falling just shy of knocking off third-seeded Oregon. We are proud that since 2011, the conference has had six different champions, a true testament of the overall strength of the league.

The Women's Basketball Championship returned to the Richmond Coliseum for the fourth straight year with an exciting new format that resulted in an enhanced tournament atmosphere. Six first-round games at home campus sites experienced increased attendance and excitement for the championship, with the winners advancing to Richmond for the quarterfinals, semifinals and final. We again had multiple teams in postseason play, with Dayton claiming the A-10 title and an NCAA bid, and five other teams in the WNIT.



The A-10 continues to be well-positioned at the national level in the NCAA governance. VCU president Dr. Rao serves on Division I Board of Directors, while Davidson President Dr. Quillen is a member of the Presidential Forum. Atlantic 10 Senior Associate Commissioner Debbie Richardson just completed her first year on the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee, while a number of other administrators and coaches sit on various committees for both the NCAA and their respective coaches' organizations.

I would like to recognize and thank the service of Dr. Steven Knapp of George Washington University who completed his term as chair of the A-10 Presidents Council, and retired in June. His leadership during his tenure as chair, and his input as a valued member of the Presidents Council, has been paramount to the league's recent successes. I also welcome Saint Joseph's president Dr. Mark Reed, who has been selected to serve as chair of the Presidents Council. The conference will benefit from his vision for the future.

As we look forward to 2017-18, the Atlantic 10 is poised to have continued success and serve as a leader in college athletics.

Sincerely,

Bernadette V. McGlade
Commissioner

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE (GSR)

Atlantic 10 Conference student-athletes graduate at a 91 percent rate, according to NCAA Graduation Success Rate statistics released by the NCAA in November. It is the sixth straight year the league has had a score at 89 percent or better. The 2016 statistics reflect the graduation rate of freshmen who enrolled at an A-10 institution in 2009.

91%

The conference's 91 percent GSR was the third-highest rate of any Division I league.

11

A-10 men's basketball's GSR climbed 11 points over the 2015 report (75 to 86).

4

A-10 baseball rose four points in the 2016 GSR (84 to 88) over the 2015 score.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR)

The Atlantic 10 had a league-record 68 teams honored by the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate (APR) public recognition. This represented a 18 percent increase from one year ago. The 68 teams ranked number one for non-football conferences and fifth among the 32 leagues across all three conference subdivisions.

"The A-10 prides itself on athletic and academic excellence. This national ranking reinforces the commitment our institutions have to graduating our student-athletes."

Bernadette V. McGlade
A-10 Conference Commissioner

68

The 68 teams eclipsed the previous conference high record of 60, set in the spring of 2015.



A-10 teams that have received **NCAA** public recognition **every year** since the inception of the 12-year-old APR program:



Men's
Basketball



Women's
Soccer



Men's
Golf



Women's
Tennis

The Atlantic 10 is one of the **top five conferences** in number of teams earning NCAA Public Recognition, along with the Ivy and Patriot Leagues, the ACC and the Big Ten.

A-10 Number of teams earning NCAA Public Recognition:



DAVIDSON - 11



GEORGE WASHINGTON - 7



SAINT JOSEPH'S - 7



SAINT LOUIS - 7



DAYTON - 6



FORDHAM - 6



LA SALLE - 6



ST. BONAVENTURE - 6

Impressively, more than half of the A-10 institutions increased the number of teams honored over 2015-16. Davidson, Dayton, George Mason, George Washington, La Salle, Rhode Island and Saint Louis all had more teams recognized this year over last, and George Mason and Saint Louis have improved the number of teams honored for two straight years.

COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

The Atlantic 10 Conference had 3,582 student-athletes earn Commissioner's Honor Roll distinction in 2016-17, the most in league history. The league also had 1,819 student-athletes earn the honor in the spring semester, the best single semester total in league history.

**TOP FIVE
SEMESTER RECORDS**

2017 SPRING: 1,819

2016 FALL: 1,763

2016 SPRING: 1,698

2015 FALL: 1,679

2012 FALL: 1,637

**TOP FIVE
ANNUAL TOTALS**

2016-17: 3,582

2015-16: 3,377

2012-13: 3,255

2014-15: 3,029

2011-12: 2,728

To be listed on the biannual Commissioner's Honor Roll, a student-athlete in an Atlantic 10-sponsored sport must have a 3.5 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale) during the specified semester. Freshmen are eligible to receive the award.

ATLANTIC 10 ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS

184

The Atlantic 10 honored 184 individuals on sport-specific **All-Academic Teams**. Designed to recognize student-athletes who excel on the field and in the classroom, the awards are modeled after the CoSIDA Academic All-American program, which recognizes student-athletes across the nation from all divisions of college athletics.

POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The A-10 honors student-athletes who excel in academics and athletics while being involved in their community with the Atlantic 10 Postgraduate Scholarship Award. For the third time in the 25-year history of the program, each institution had an honoree receive the prestigious award. The selection process involves the league's athletic directors, senior woman administrators and faculty athletic representatives.

\$70,000

The program awards \$70,000 in scholarship funding to former A-10 student-athletes. All 14 honorees will receive \$5,000 to contribute towards full-time enrollment in a graduate or professional program.

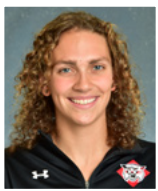
3.71 GPA

The selection process resulted in a class with an average GPA of 3.71. The class is comprised of 10 female student-athletes and four males, representing six different sports. In each of the last three years, the average GPA of the honorees for the Postgraduate Scholarship Program has been 3.70 or higher.

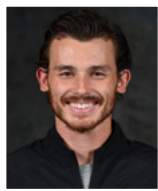
"Congratulations to each of these deserving young men and women. The opportunity to provide for advanced education for this exemplary group is a part of the commitment our member institutions make toward the academic success of their student-athletes. This is a prestigious honor and we wish each of the honorees continued success with their postgraduate education."

Bernadette V. McGlade
A-10 Conference Commissioner

POSTGRADUATE HONORS



ELISE LANKIEWICZ
Davidson
Swimming & Diving
Biology



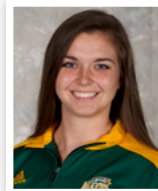
HUNTER JOHNSTON
Dayton
Cross Country
Mechanical Engineering



SAMMY KLINE
Duquesne
Volleyball
Biology/Health Science



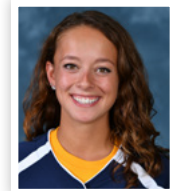
TURNER BLOCK
Fordham
Soccer
Psychology



MICHELLE WALLERSTEDT
George Mason
Track & Field
Integrative Studies
Pre-Physical Therapy



BROOKE BEAN
George Washington
Soccer
Journalism &
Mass Communication



CHRISTINA BASCARA
La Salle
Softball
Biology



KELSEY CRAWFORD
Massachusetts
Track & Field
Kinesiology



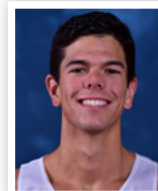
ALEXANDER MCGRAINER
Rhode Island
Cross Country/Track & Field
Business Administration
(Marketing)



HANNAH MATHESON
Richmond
Swimming & Diving
Journalism



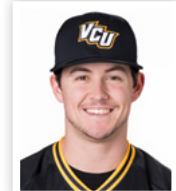
ALLISON FIELD
St. Bonaventure
Cross Country/Track & Field
Chemistry



JACK MAGEE
Saint Joseph's
Cross Country/Track & Field
Finance & Financial Planning



KACEY BRIGHT
Saint Louis
Soccer
Exercise Science



BROOKS VIAL
VCU
Baseball
Science
(Health Sciences concentration)

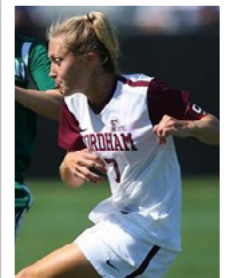
NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Dayton's **Hunter Johnston** also earned the prestigious NCAA Post Graduate Scholarship. It's the second straight year an Atlantic 10 student-athlete won both the A-10 and NCAA postgraduate scholarships. The NCAA awards up to 174 postgraduate scholarships annually to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition.



FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Fordham women's soccer student-athlete **Turner Block** received a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship and will use it to study in Australia at the University of Queensland. Block finished her four-year playing career last fall, and was a team captain as a senior. She will be focusing on her research the athletic identify formation of paralympic youth swimmers who have been diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Queensland is home to the only center in the world committed to this type of research.



SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Rhode Island
- **Championship Runner Up:** VCU
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Dayton (15-3 A-10/24-8)
- **Postseason Participants:** Dayton (NCAA 1st Round), Rhode Island (NCAA 2nd Round), VCU (NCAA 1st Round), Richmond (NIT Quarterfinals), George Mason (CBI 1st Round), George Washington (CBI Quarterfinals)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** T.J. Cline (UR)
- **Defensive Player of the Year:** Hassan Martin (URI)
- **Rookie of the Year:** De'Monte Buckingham (UR)
- **Chris Daniels Most Improved Player:** Marquise Moore (MASON)
- **Sixth Man of the Year:** Kyle Davis (UD)
- **Coach of the Year:** Archie Miller (UD)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Jack Gibbs (DAV), Scoochie Smith (UD), T.J. Cline (UR), Jaylen Adams (SBU); JeQuan Lewis (VCU)
- **Second Team:** Peyton Aldridge (DAV), Charles Cooke (UD), Marquise Moore (Mason), Tyler Cavanaugh (GW), Hassan Martin (URI)
- **Third Team:** Kendall Pollard (UD); ShawnDre' Jones (UR); E.C. Matthews (URI), Matt Mobley (SBU), Justin Tillman (VCU)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- E.C. Matthews, Rhode Island (URI), Hassan Martin (URI), Jack Gibbs (DAV), Marquise Moore (Mason), JeQuan Lewis (VCU).
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** E.C. Matthews (URI)



T.J. CLINE
Richmond

Men's Basketball Player of the Year



SPORTS SUCCESS

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Dayton
- **Championship Runner Up:** Duquesne
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Dayton (13-3 A-10/22-10), George Washington (13-3 A-10/20-10)
- **Postseason Participants:** Dayton (NCAA 1st Round), Duquesne (WNIT 1st Round), Fordham (WNIT 2nd Round), George Washington (WNIT 1st Round), Saint Joseph's (WNIT 1st Round), Saint Louis (WNIT 2nd Round)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Jackie Kempf (SLU)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Hailey Leidel (UM)
- **Coach of the Year:** Jeff Williams (LAS)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** G'Mrice Davis (FOR), Lexi Martins (GW), Amy Griffin (LAS), Jackie Kempf (SLU), Sadie Stipanovich (SLU)
- **Second Team:** Kelley Austria (UD), Jenna Burdette (UD), Saicha Grant-Allen (UD), Caira Washington (GW), Chelsea Woods (SJU)
- **Third Team:** Amadea Szamosi (DUQ), Kara Wright (MASON), Adashia Franklin (SJU), Charise Wilson (URI), Janelle Hubbard (UR)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Kelley Austria (UD), Jenna Burdette (UD), Saicha Grant-Allen (UD), Jackie Kempf (SLU), Amadea Szamosi (DUQ)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Jenna Burdette (UD)



JACKIE KEMPH

Saint Louis

Women's Basketball Player of the Year



ATLANTIC 10 BASKETBALL LEGENDS

The 2017 Atlantic 10 Legends class featured professional champions, 22 Hall of Famers, an Olympian, an All-American, and an NCAA Champion.

The Legends program was established in 2013 to recognize men's and women's basketball student-athletes and coaches who have made a lasting impact on their respective basketball programs and institutions.















The 2017 Women's Legends, all former student-athletes, included an All-American and WNBA Draft pick, a Legend who won an AIAW National Championship, and one who won three WNBA titles as a coach and was an assistant coach on the 2016 Team USA Olympic squad.

The 2017 Men's Legends class featured 14 former student-athletes, three of whom went on to coach at their alma maters. Of the honorees, four went on to play professionally in the NBA, including Norm Nixon of Duquesne, who won two NBA titles with the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Women's Basketball Legends were saluted with a breakfast on Friday, March 3 prior to the 2017 A-10 Women's Basketball Championship quarterfinals. The Men's Basketball Legends were honored on Saturday, March 11 at PPG Paints Arena in Pittsburgh, Pa., prior to the 2017 Men's Basketball Championship semifinals.



2017 ATLANTIC 10 BASKETBALL LEGENDS

School	Men's Legends	Women's Legends
 Davidson	Brandon D. Williams	Sarah Womack Parham
 Dayton	Arlen "Bucky" Bockhorn	Carol (Lammers) Lafountain
 Duquesne	Norman Nixon	Amy Alger Irvin
 Fordham	Darryl Brown	Mary Ann Bilotti
 George Mason	Erik Herring	Vernessa Nemo
 George Washington	Bob Tallent	Tajama (Abraham) Ngongba
 La Salle	Kenny Durrett (posthumously honored)	Cheryl Reeve
 Massachusetts	Jim McCoy	Kathy Coyner
 Rhode Island	Thomas S. Garrick	Anne Kelsen
 Richmond	Greg Beckwith	Abby Oliver
 St. Bonaventure	Jim Baron	Suzie Dailer
 Saint Joseph's	Pat Carroll	Debbie Black
 Saint Louis	Roland Gray	Jamie Cavaness
 VCU	Bernard Anthony Hopkins	Brenda Smith-Foster

BASKETBALL CELEBRATIONS

MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

EDUCATION THROUGH SPORTS

2,200

2,200 Pittsburgh-area students attended the Thursday afternoon session as part of the annual A-10 Education Through Sports program supported by the Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation.



- Basketball Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman spoke to the students prior to the game, providing an educational experience on success and motivation.
- The students also received an A-10 branded T-shirt, courtesy of CRONS and workbooks as part of the program.

A-10 COMMUNITY APPRECIATION NIGHT

3,000

The A-10 held its annual Community Appreciation Night for the opening night of the Atlantic 10 Championship. Atlantic 10 member institutions provided 3,000 paid tickets to various Pittsburgh first responders, community groups & organizations.



- Local first responders sang the championship-opening anthem and presented the colors prior to tip-off. At halftime of the first game, Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade recognized the family of a local fallen police officer.



CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY CELEBRATION



- On Championship Sunday, the A-10's presentation of the colors included a court-sized digitally projected flag during the Anthem. Following the completion of the championship game, celebration balloons were dropped from the PPG Paints Arena ceiling.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Richmond-area groups were offered discounted tickets to the championship. Groups that took advantage of this program included:

- Adult Assisted Living/Senior Living Communities
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Boys/Girls Club
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Girl Scouts
- Glen Allen Youth
- Higher Achievement
- Mentor Role Model Program
- New Level Basketball
- Richmond Police Athletic League
- Richmond City Public Schools (RPS)



CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY CELEBRATION



- The A-10's presentation of the colors opened championship Sunday. A confetti celebration followed the completion of the championship.

SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Dayton
- **Championship Runner Up:** Duquesne

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Individual Champion:** Rico Galassi (DUQ)
- **Most Outstanding Rookie:** Joshua Clark (SJU)
- **Coach of the Year:** Jason Ordway (UD)

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

- Rico Galassi, (DUQ), Hunter Johnston (UD), John Mogen (DAV), Manuel de Backer (SLU), Christian Kazanjian (DUQ), Fran Ferruzzi (LAS), Chris Negri (UD), Cordon Louco (DUQ), Neal Fitzpatrick (SLU), Logan Miller (MASON), Thomas Slattery (FOR), Brian Cook (FOR), Matt Prest (SLU), Spencer Danielson (UD), Tyler Adgalanis (UD)



RICO GALASSI
Duquesne

Men's Cross Country Championship Individual Champion

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Richmond
- **Championship Runner Up:** Dayton

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Individual Champion:** Heather MacLean (UM)
- **Most Outstanding Rookie:** Chloe Flora (UD)
- **Coach of the Year:** Lori Taylor (UR)

ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

- Heather MacLean (UM), Kaitlin Poesz (LAS), Valerie Palermo (DUQ), Taylor Vernot (UD), Chloe Flora (UD), Autumn Greba (DUQ), Jenny Delsignore (DUQ), Ciara Donohue (MASON), Caroline Yarbrough (DAV), Macaulay Porter (GW), Lindsey Oremus (SJU), Cassidy Weimer (SJU), Kylie Regan (UR), Ave Grosenheider (UR), Claire Brown (UR)



HEATHER MACLEAN
Massachusetts

Women's Cross Country Championship Individual Champion

SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S SOCCER

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Fordham
- **Championship Runner Up:** VCU
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Saint Louis (6-2 A-10/7-7-3)
- **Postseason Participants:** Fordham (NCAA 1st Round)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Offensive Player of the Year:** Janos Loebe (FOR)
- **Midfielder of the Year:** Garrett Heine (GW)
- **Defensive Player of the Year:** Lalas Abubakar (UD)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Stavros Zarokostas (URI)
- **Coach of the Year:** Mike McGinty (SLU)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Janos Loebe (FOR), Jannik Loebe (FOR), Eric Ohlendorf (FOR), Cole Stevenson (FOR), Rashid Nuhu (FOR), Jorge Herranz (VCU), Luc Fatton (VCU), Dakota Barnathan (VCU), Brandon Eaton (VCU), Ryan Bailey (URI), Pierre Gardan (VCU)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Rashid Nuhu (FOR)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Maxi Pragnell (DAV), Kennedy Nwabia (UD), Janos Loebe (FOR), Luc Fatton (VCU), Jannik Loebe (FOR), Garrett Heine (GW), Rafael Andrade Santos (VCU), Lalas Abubakar (UD), Colman Kennedy (LAS), Dakota Barnathan (VCU), Jorge Becerra (UM)
- **Second Team:** Matt Robinson (LAS), Joe Saad (SLU), Jorge Herranz (VCU), Stavros Zarokostas (URI), Matt Crawford (SJU), Bliss Harris (SJU), Max Karcher (SLU), Matthew Lewis (FOR), Tobi Adewole (GW), Joss Jess (UM), Rashid Nuhu (FOR)



WOMEN'S SOCCER

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Dayton
- **Championship Runner Up:** Saint Joseph's
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Saint Joseph's (9-0-1 A-10/18-2-2)
- **Postseason Participants:** Dayton (NCAA 1st Round)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Offensive Player of the Year:** Dakota Mills (SJU)
- **Midfielder of the Year:** Emily Gingrich (SJU)
- **Defensive Player of the Year:** Kacey Bright (SLU)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Gabrielle Vagnozzi (SJU)
- **Coach of the Year:** Jess Manella (SJU)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Libby Leedom (UD), Alexis Kiehl (UD), Micayla Livingston (UD), Nadia Pestell (UD), Kaelyn Johns (UD), Nicolette Griesinger (UD), Erin Mitchell (Mason), Brittany Cooper (GW), Grace Bendon (SJU), Dakota Mills (SJU), Gabrielle Vagnozzi (SJU)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Libby Leedom (UD)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Alexis Kiehl (UD), Linnea Faccenda (DUQ), Allyson Doyle (FOR), Nicole Bates (FOR), Alex Myers (MASON), MacKenzie Cowley (GW), Dakota Mills (SJU), Emily Gingrich (SJU), Danielle Tolmais (SLU), Kacey Bright (SLU), Mary Niehaus (SLU)
- **Second Team:** Libby Leedom (UD), Katie O'Connor (DUQ), Brooke Salmon (FOR), Abbey Downey (MASON), Sarah Hardison (MASON), Brooke Bean (GW), Miranda Horn (GW), Lexi Prillaman (UR), Paige Bergman (SJU), Maddie Pokorny (SLU), Shaney Sakamoto (SLU)



SPORTS SUCCESS

FIELD HOCKEY

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Massachusetts
- **Championship Runner Up:** Saint Joseph's
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Saint Joseph's (8-0 A-10/14-5)
- **Postseason Participants:** Massachusetts (NCAA 1st Round)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Offensive Player of the Year:** Anna Willocks (SJU)
- **Defensive Player of the Year:** Melanie Kreusch (UM)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Pepa Serrano (SJU)
- **Coach of the Year:** Lynn Farquhar (SJU)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Nicole Miller (UM), Anna Willocks (SJU), Pepa Serrano (SJU), Victoria Kammerinke (SJU), Katrina Balatgek (UR), Elise Zwicklbauer (UR), Brea Seabrook (SFU), Hannah Retherford (SFU), Shauna Rankin-Byrne (UM), Izzie Delario (UM), Sarah Hawkshaw (UM)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Sarah Hawkshaw (UM)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Izzie Delario (UM), Sarah Hawkshaw (UM), Melanie Kreusch (UM), Megan Miller (UR), Kelly Quinn (UR), Thalia Williamson (UR), Elizabeth Dyer (SFU), Shannon Pereira (SFU), Kerri Turk (SJU), Pepa Serrano (SJU), Anna Willocks (SJU), Emily McNamara (VCU)
- **Second Team:** Katherine English (DAV), Rachel Hartman (LAS), Kendall Kreider (LAS), Abbey Lawrence (LAS), Lydia George (LHU), Colleen McCabe (LHU), Paige Stuppy (LHU), Stephanie Whiteman (LHU), Megan Wenrich (LHU), Anne Dijkstra (UM), Celina Hocks (UM), Nicole Miller (UM), Brea Seabrook (SFU)

VOLLEYBALL

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Dayton
- **Championship Runner Up:** Saint Louis
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Dayton (14-0 A-10/30-2)
- **Postseason Participants:** Dayton (NCAA 1st Round)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Danielle Rygelski (SLU)
- **Libero of the Year:** Margo Wolf (UD)
- **Setter of the Year:** Jane Emmenecker (UD)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Olivia Fairchild (FOR)
- **Coach of the Year:** Tim Horsmon (UD)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Amber Erhahon (UD), Jane Emmenecker (UD), Kendyll Brown (UD), Jessica Sloan (UD), Danielle Rygelski (SLU), Mackenzie Long (SLU), Taylor Paulson (SLU)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Amber Erhahon (UD)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Jane Emmenecker (UD), Jessica Sloan (UD), Amber Erhahon (UD), Kendyll Brown (UD), Audrey Castro (URI), Layne Self (URI), Danielle Rygelski (SLU)
- **Second Team:** Emily Franklin (DAV), Margo Wolf (UD), Molly Davet (DUQ), Olivia Fairchild (FOR), Chidima Osuchukwu (GW), Callan Kinnan (URI), Julia Adler (VCU)



SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** George Washington
- **Championship Runner Up:** La Salle

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Men's Most Outstanding Performer:** Andrea Bolognesi (GW)
- **Men's Most Outstanding Rookie Performer:** Mortiz Fath (GW)
- **Men's Most Outstanding Diver:** Paul Helfgott (Mason)
- **Men's Diving Coach of the Year:** Zach Hawley (Mason)
- **Men's Swimming Coach of the Year:** James Winchester (GW)



WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Richmond
- **Championship Runner Up:** Duquesne

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Women's Most Outstanding Performer:** Elise Lankiewicz (DAV)
- **Women's Most Outstanding Rookie Performer:** Hannah Gouger (UR)
- **Women's Most Outstanding Diver:** Emma Roush (UM)
- **Women's Diving Coach of the Year:** Mandy Hixon (UM)
- **Women's Swimming Coach of the Year:** Matt Barany (UR)



SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

TEAM AWARDS

- Champion: George Mason
- Championship Runner Up: Rhode Island

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Track Performer: Will Brewster (DAV)
- Most Outstanding Field Performer: John Selas (MASON)
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Tyler Benson (MASON)
- Coach of the Year: Andrew Gerard (MASON)

WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

TEAM AWARDS

- Champion: VCU
- Championship Runner Up: George Mason

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Track Performer: Juleen Lewis (URI)
- Most Outstanding Field Performer: Erin Reese (UD)
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Kayla Smith (VCU)
- Coach of the Year: Jon Riley (VCU)



SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S TENNIS

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** VCU
- **Championship Runner Up:** Richmond

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Jacob Dunbar (UR)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Axel Fries (DAV)
- **Coach of the Year:** Ben Johnson (UR)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Shamael Chaudhry (DAV), Jordan Benjamin (UD), Chris Fletcher (GW), Chris Reynolds (GW), Julius Tverijonas (GW), Jacob Dunbar (UR), Alex Felisa (UR), Tim Stierle (SJU), Marten Jonsson (VCU), Vitor Lima (VCU), Daryl Monfils (VCU)
- **Second Team:** Axel Fries (DAV), David Hager (DAV), Zach Berry (UD), Carsten Fisher (UD), Adam Blasinsky (DUQ), Pally Ray (MASON), Canyon Teague (UR), Caleb Troy (UR), John Karlawish (UR), Juan Calero (SLU), Arvid Noren (VCU), Ignacio Rivero Crespo (VCU)



JACOB DUNBAR
Richmond

Men's Tennis Player of the Year

WOMEN'S TENNIS

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Massachusetts
- **Championship Runner Up:** VCU

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Janina Braun (VCU)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Janja Kovacevic (UM)
- **Coach of the Year:** Judy Dixon (UM)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Anna Catharine Feaster (DAV), Julianne Hermam (DUQ), Kylie Isaacs (DUQ), Carina Ma (FOR), Maria Siopacha (GW), Ruth Crawford (UM), Ana Yrazusta (UM), Janja Kovacevic (UM), Aspen Cervin (SLU), Eleonore Tchakarova (SLU), Janina Braun (VCU), Anna Rasmussen (VCU)
- **Second Team:** Alexa Abele (DAV), Megan Scholvinck (DAV), Marllys Bridgham (UD), Maia Balce (FOR), Melis Bayraktaroglu (GW), Anna Woosley (UM), Mihaela Codreanu (URI), Kiana Marshall (UR), Lea Owens (UR), Dessi Zlateva (UR), Verginie Tchakarova (SLU), Darya Berezhnaya (VCU)



JANINA BRAUN
VCU

Women's Tennis Player of the Year

SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S GOLF

TEAM AWARDS

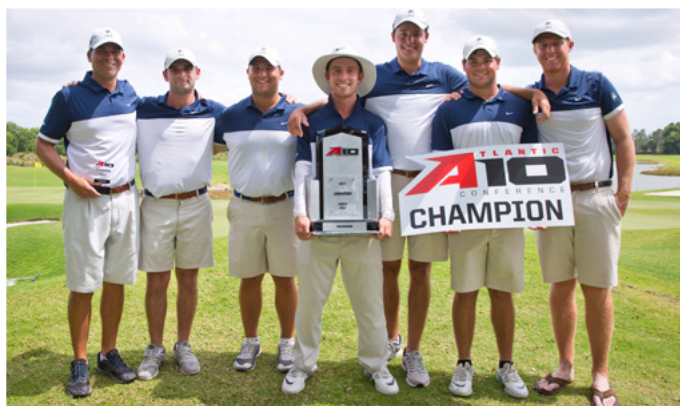
- **Champion:** Richmond
- **Championship Runner Up:** VCU
- **Postseason Participants:** Richmond (NCAA Regionals)
- **Individuals:** Jack Lang (DAV) (NCAA Regionals)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Keegan Hoff (UR)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Zack Justice (UR)
- **Coach of the Year:** Adam Decker (UR)
- **Medalist/Most Outstanding Performer:** Jack Lang (DAV)
- **Championship Most Outstanding Rookie:** Zack Justice (UR) and Andrew Sciarretta (UR)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- Jack Lang, (DAV), Nick Paxson, (UD), Eric Edwards (MASON), Logan Lowe (GW), Dawson Jones (URI), Chris Houston (URI), Billy Walthouse (URI), Matthew Lowe (UR), Keegan Hoff (UR), Jamie Clare (VCU)



JACK LANG
Davidson

Men's Golf Championship Individual Medalist

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Massachusetts
- **Championship Runner Up:** Richmond
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Massachusetts (9-0 A-10/14-3)
- **Postseason Participants:** Massachusetts (NCAA 2nd Round)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Offensive Player of the Year:** Holly Turner (UM)
- **Defensive Player of the Year:** Sarah Crowley (UM)
- **Midfielder of the Year:** Hannah Murphy (UM)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Sam Geiersbach (UR)
- **Coach of the Year:** Angela McMahon (UM)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Hannah Murphy (UM), Kaitlyn Cerasi (UM), Sarah Crowley (UM), Callie Santos (UM), Kiley Anderson (UM), Alea Ilgenfritz (LAS), Annie Brockett (DAV), Kathleen Berkery (UR), Caroline Queally (UR), Kim Egizi (UR), Sam Geiersbach (UR), Megan Gianforte (UR)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Hannah Murphy (UM)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Holly Turner (UM), Hannah Burnett (UM), Kim Egizi (UR), Nora McCallion (SJU), Alexa McGovern (MASON), Alea Ilgenfritz (LAS), Hannah Murphy (UM), Sky Hyatt (VCU), Hannah Warpinski (MASON), Sarah Crowley (UM), Kristen Kelbon (SJU), Megan Gianforte (UR)
- **Second Team:** Sam Geiersbach (UR), Marissa Brown (UR), Rebecca Lane (SJU), Nicole Pettiglio (DAV), Caroline Queally (UR), Mallory Grey (SJU), Anna Gordon (LAS), Kira Greer (MASON), Becca Taub (GW), Taylor Fischer (UM), Allison Ryan (UM), Leslie Espenschied (UR), Jalen Middlebrooks (SBU), Melissa Semkiw (MASON)



SPORTS SUCCESS

MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Rhode Island
- **Championship Runner Up:** George Mason

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Most Outstanding Track Performer:** Bernard Freeman (MASON)
- **Most Outstanding Field Performer:** Casey Burley (URI)
- **Most Outstanding Rookie Performer:** Ryan Kutch (FOR)
- **Coach of the Year:** John Copeland (URI)

MEN (NCAA QUALIFIERS)

- Will Brewster (DAV) – 5,000 meters
- Sean Caveney (DAV) – 400M Hurdles
- Paul Adam, George Mason – 3000M Steeplechase
- Raeshawn Bishop (MASON) – Triple Jump
- Bernard Freeman (MASON) – 200 meters
- Steven Flynn (MASON) – 5,000 meters
- Rico Gomez (MASON) – 400 meters
- George Mason 4 x100 Relay
- George Mason 4 x 400 Relay
- Kristopher Horn (UM) – High Jump
- Casey Burley (URI) – Long Jump
- Adam Franklin (URI) – 400M Hurdles
- Nigel Hill (URI) – 200 meters
- Ondrej Honka (URI) – Pole Vault
- Greg McManus (URI) – Javelin
- Ryan Wilkes (URI) – Pole Vault
- Torey Doaty (SJU) – 400M Hurdles
- Dan Savage (SJU) – 3000M Steeplechase
- Manuel de Backer (SLU) – 10,000 meters

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** George Mason
- **Championship Runner Up:** Duquesne

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Most Outstanding Track Performer:** Nathaniela Bourdeau (SJU)
- **Most Outstanding Field Performer:** Erin Reese (UD)
- **Most Outstanding Rookie Performer:** Jada Harris (UM)
- **Coach of the Year:** Andrew Gerard (MASON)
- **Postseason Participants:** Michelle Wallerstedt (MASON) (15th in the discus – Named Second Team All-American)

WOMEN (NCAA QUALIFIERS)

- Carly Peters (DAV) – Javelin
- Lillian Cook (UD) – Javelin
- Erin Reese (UD) – Discus, Hammer
- Jennifer Rossi (UD) – Discus
- Mercedes Oliver (DUQ) – Discus
- Valerie Palermo (DUQ) – 3000M Steeplechase
- Ashley Lewis (MASON) – 800 meters
- Sarah Moore (MASON) – 400 meters
- Sommer Sharpe (MASON) – 400M Hurdles
- Michelle Wallerstedt (MASON) – Discus
- Emilie Cowan (UM) – 400 meters
- Heather MacLean (UM) – 1500 meters
- Janel Conley (URI) – Long Jump
- Amanda Corbosiero (UR) – 1500 meters
- Marisa Ruskan (UR) – 1500 meters
- Ann Harlos (SLU) – 400M Hurdles
- Nichelle Scott (VCU) – 800 meters



SPORTS SUCCESS

ROWING

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Massachusetts
- **Championship Runner Up:** Rhode Island
- **Postseason Participants:** Massachusetts (NCAA Championship)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Coach of the Year:** Jim Dietz (UM)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Kayla Contardi (UD), Mary Kate Keenoy (DUQ), Jackie Ramos (FOR), Jaimie Snelgrove (GW), Charlotte Smith (GW), Krysten Menks (UM), Haley Eovine (UM), Natalie Boisvert (UM), Kiana Anderson (URI), Katie Shattuck (URI), Maria Biancaniello (SJU)
- **Second Team:** Madison Doty (UD), Kara Ramsey (FOR), Erin Parker (FOR), Megan Gooding (MASON), Tiffany Smith (GW), Amanda Ryan (LAS), Zoe Hill (UM), Meghan Ellis (URI), Erin Sweeny (URI), Cailin McCully (SJU)



SOFTBALL

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Fordham
- **Championship Runner Up:** Massachusetts
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** Fordham (18-5 A-10/46-17)
- **Postseason Participants:** Fordham (NCAA Regional)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Gabrielle Snyder (UD)
- **Co-Pitchers of the Year:** Lauren Quense (FOR); Marina Vitalich (MASON)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Jenna Cone (GW)
- **Coach of the Year:** Bridget Orchard (GW)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Madison Aughinbaugh (FOR), Sydney Canessa (FOR), Jessica Hughes (FOR), Madison Shaw (FOR), Lauren Quesne (FOR), Madison Aker (MASON), Ashley Ventura (SJU), Allie MacFarlane (SLU), Meg Colleran (UM), Jena Cozza (UM), Candace Dennis (UM)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Meg Colleran (UM)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Kyle Davidson (UD), Gabrielle Snyder (UD), Sydney Canessa (FOR), Jessica Hughes (FOR), Skylar Johnston (FOR), Lauren Quense (FOR), Madison Shaw (FOR), Marina Vitalich (MASON), Jenna Cone (GW), Meg Colleran (UM), Amanda Kulp (SJU), Alex Nickel (SLU)
- **Second Team:** Manda Cash (UD), Lindsay Mayer (FOR), Paige Kovalsy (GW), Megan Linn (GW), Priscilla Martinez (GW), Kaycee Carbone (UM), Tara Klee (UM), Erin Stacevich (UM), Caela Abadie (SJU), Ashley Ventura (SJU), Mackenzie Peter (SLU)



SPORTS SUCCESS

BASEBALL

TEAM AWARDS

- **Champion:** Davidson
- **Championship Runner Up:** VCU
- **Regular Season Champion (record):** VCU (19-5 A-10/35-22)
- **Postseason Participants:** Davidson (NCAA Super Regionals)

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- **Player of the Year:** Logan Farrar (VCU)
- **Pitcher of the Year:** Aaron Phillips (SBU)
- **Rookie of the Year:** Paul Witt (VCU)
- **Coach of the Year:** Larry Sudbrook (SBU)

ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Alec Acosta (DAV), Durin O'Linger (DAV), Eric Jones (DAV), Josh Hudson (DAV), Mark Osis (GW), Chris Hess (URI), James Morisano (SLU), Aaron Case (SLU), Josh Garner (SLU), Logan Farrar (VCU), Mitchel Lacey (VCU), Alex Gransback (VCU)
- **Championship Most Outstanding:** Alec Acosta (DAV) and Durin O'Linger (DAV)

ALL-CONFERENCE

- **First Team:** Will Robertson (DAV), Jimmy Murphy (FOR), Trevor Kelly (MASON), Joey Bartosic (GW), Mike Corin (URI), Matt O'Neil (URI), Chris Hess (URI), Aaron Phillips (SBU), Cole Peterson (SBU), Deon Stafford, Jr. (SJU), Darian Carpenter (VCU), Logan Farrar (VCU), Sam Donko (VCU)
- **Second Team:** Brian Fortier (DAV), Tyler Nelin (MASON), Eddie Muhl (GW), Robbie Metz (GW), Jordan Powell (URI), Tyler Barss (URI), Vinny Capra (UR), David Hollins (SBU), Trent Leimkuehler (SLU), Devin Mahoney (SLU), Miller Hogan (SLU), Paul Witt (VCU), Brooks Vial (VCU)



The Atlantic 10 distributed almost **1,600** awards based on athletic performance:

88

"Annual" awards
(Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, etc.)

655

All-Conference/All-Rookie/
All-Defensive winners

85

All-Tournament/All-Championship
winners

544

Player/Rookie of the week
awards

183

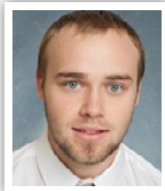
All-Academic
awards

AWARD WINNERS

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD



ELISE LANKIEWICZ
Davidson
Swimming & Diving



DURIN O'LINGER
Davidson
Baseball

The Atlantic 10 Conference named Davidson women's swimming standout Elise Lankiewicz and baseball iron man Durin O'Linger its women's and men's Scholar-Athletes of the Year for 2016-17. It is the first time Davidson has won the Scholar-Athlete award, and the first time since 2010-11 that the male and female winners have both come from the same A-10 institutions.

A recently graduated biology major from Wilmington, Del., Lankiewicz was the winner of Davidson's Rebecca Stimson Award, and winner of the school's Female Athlete of the Year honor. She also became the third Wildcat in school history to qualify for the NCAA Championships, where she finished as high as 21st in a field full of Olympians, Gold Medalists, and World Record holders, breaking the school's long-held 100 freestyle record during the preliminaries. She graduated Cum Laude and was a Bryan Scholar, which is awarded to two members of the Davidson class for outstanding academic and athletic contributions.

A captain, O'Linger led the Wildcats on a historic 2017 run, where they claimed the program's first conference title in its 115-year existence, and was the team's driving force behind their NCAA Regional and Super Regional play. He was named the Atlantic 10 Championship's Co-MVP after tossing over 230 pitches over the span of five days, where he picked up two wins and struck out 11. A recently graduated biology major, O'Linger graduated Magna Cum Laude and was a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award.

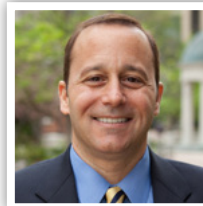
CoSIDA HALL OF FAME



DEBBIE WHITE
Atlantic 10 Conference

Atlantic 10 Conference staff member Debbie White was inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Hall of Fame. White has also received a CoSIDA Lifetime Achievement Award and the CoSIDA Trailblazer Award.

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR



PATRICK NERO
George Washington



ED McLAUGHLIN
VCU

The National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) honored George Washington Athletic Director Patrick Nero and VCU Athletic Director Ed McLaughlin as 2017 recipients of the Under Armour AD of the Year award. The AD of the Year Award highlights the efforts of athletics directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses and their surrounding communities. Previous winners from the Atlantic 10 have included Davidson's Jim Murphy (2003-04), Dayton's former AD Tim Wabler (2014-15), Dave Roach of Fordham (2009-10), Thor Bjorn of Rhode Island (2015-16), Atlantic 10's Keith Gill (2014-15, Saint Joseph's Don DiJulia (2001-02) and Chris May of Saint Louis (2013-14).

VICTORY SCHOLARS

Two former Atlantic 10 women's basketball student-athletes are continuing their education overseas as part of the Sport Changes Life Victory Scholar Program. Deja Bullock from La Salle will attend National University of Ireland, Galway. Mackenzie Rule from Saint Joseph's will attend Trinity College Dublin.

The Atlantic 10 Conference partnered with the Victory Scholar Program, which is administered by Sport Changes Life, in 2013. While pursuing graduate

programs at top universities in Ireland, the Victory Scholars work to mentor youth while continuing to play basketball as part of the program. They coach and mentor young people in neighboring local communities and gain valuable work-life experience through internships, partnerships and friendships, cultural exchange and enrichment.

A native of Magnolia, N.J., Bullock appeared in 83 games for the Explorers, including 18 starts as a junior. The forward had a career-high of eight points twice in 2015-16 and a career-high seven rebounds against Delaware State her senior season.

Rule was the recipient of SJU's Best Defensive Player Award, Loyalty and Leadership Award, Chris DiJulia Inspirational Award and the Reverend Emory Ross Award For Academic Excellence. A West Chester, Pa. product, she served as team co-captain as a senior and played in 70 games across her career, starting 28 of them in her final year.



AWARD WINNERS

VETRONE AWARD



MIKE HARTSOCK

Mike Hartsock was named the 2017 Atlantic 10 Vetrone Award winner after dedicating 35 years to covering University of Dayton athletics. He was recently inducted into the Dayton Area Broadcasters Hall of Fame for his dedication and longevity. The Bob Vetrone Award recognizes those whose service, professionalism and commitment have made a lasting contribution to the student-athletes and institutions of the Atlantic 10 Conference. The Atlantic 10 instituted the award in 2006 to honor the memory of the late Bob Vetrone.

NELL JACKSON ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Women Leaders in College Sports named Atlantic 10 Senior Associate Commissioner Jill Redmond the 2017 Nell Jackson Administrator of the Year.

The Nell Jackson Administrator of the Year Award is presented annually to an athletics administrator who exemplifies the personal qualities and professional accomplishments of Dr. Nell Jackson. This award is given to an individual who demonstrates qualities such as courage, conviction, and perseverance, and who is an advocate for gender equity and diversity. This award honors athletics administrators who are NCAA/Women Leaders in College Sports Institute for Administrative Advancement graduates, and demonstrate vision and outstanding leadership. Redmond joined the Atlantic 10 Conference staff as Director of Compliance in 2009 was promoted to assistant commissioner in 2011 and associate commissioner in 2015.



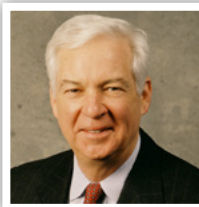
JILL REDMOND
Atlantic 10 Conference

LAPCHICK CHARACTER AWARD

Davidson men's basketball head coach Bob McKillop and TV analyst and La Salle alumnus Bill Raftery were chosen for the 2017 Lapchick Character Award. They join ESPN basketball analyst Doris Burke, who also won the award. The award celebrates the life of Joe Lapchick, a Hall of Fame coach with St. John's and the New York Knicks, who was known for his compassion and integrity off the court.



BOB MCKILLOP
Davidson



BILL RAFTERY
La Salle

NCAA COMMUNITY SERVICE COMPETITION

George Washington won its second consecutive NCAA Team Works Helper Helper Community Service Competition. At GW, approximately 500 student-athletes competing in 27 varsity sports worked tirelessly in the community. All told, GW student-athletes tallied more than 3,000 service hours since the competition began by participating in events with more than 60 nonprofit organizations.



"I believe that all individuals should have the same opportunities to succeed. What motivates me is the feeling I get knowing my efforts can make an impact."

Iman Lee
George Washington University
Swimming & Diving Team

WBCA ROOKIE COACH OF THE YEAR

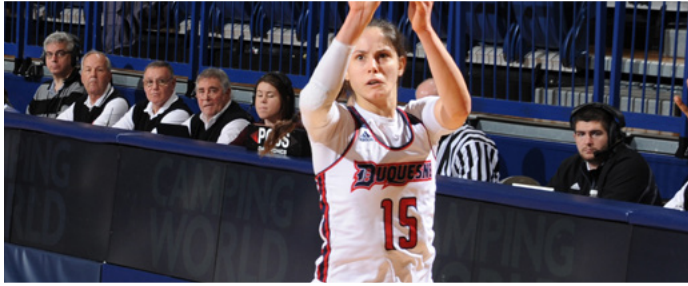


SHAUNA GREEN

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association named University of Dayton women's basketball head coach Shauna Green the recipient of the 2017 Spalding Maggie Dixon NCAA Division I Rookie Coach of the Year award. Green led the Flyers during the 2016-17 season to regular season and tournament titles in the Atlantic 10 while going 22-10 overall. Dayton advanced to the NCAA Tournament under Green in her first year at the helm of the program. The Flyers made their seventh NCAA Tournament appearance in the last eight seasons and swept both Atlantic 10 titles for the first time in program history.

NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR

NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR CONFERENCE NOMINEES



AMADEA SZAMOSI
Duquesne
Women's Basketball

A standout forward for Duquesne, Szamosi was an All-Conference Third Team selection as a senior and she was named to the 2017 Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team. A Pécs, Hungary, native, she helped lead the Dukes to an A-10 regular season title and back-to-back championship final game appearances, and a trip to the second round of the NCAA Tournament as a junior. She also was named to the U20 European Championship All-Tournament Team. Szamosi was named to the Duquesne Dean's List and Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll five times, graduating cum laude in May.



MICHELLE WALLERSTEDT
George Mason
Track & Field

A USTFCCCA Second Team All-American, Wallerstedt is a two-time conference individual champion in the discus throw. The Omaha, Neb., native is a three-time NCAA preliminary qualifier and finished 15th in the discus throw at the 2017 NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Wallerstedt was a member of four A-10 championship teams and twice earned USTFCCCA Academic All-American honors. A recipient of the prestigious Atlantic 10 Postgraduate Scholarship, Wallerstedt is an integrative studies major with a concentration in life sciences, who has been named to the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll six times and has been on the George Mason University Dean's List for six straight semesters.

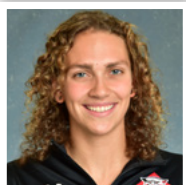
A-10 WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES BY THE NUMBERS

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NOMINEES

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NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR INSTITUTIONAL HONOREES



ELISE LANKIEWICZ
Davidson
Women's Swimming & Diving



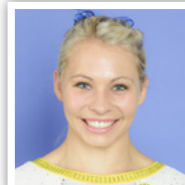
GABRIELLE SNYDER
Dayton
Softball



AUTUMN GREBA
Duquesne
Women's Cross Country/Track & Field



NICOLE BATES
Fordham
Women's Soccer



CHELSEA RAINERI
George Washington
Women's Gymnastics



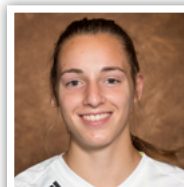
LAYNE SELF
Rhode Island
Volleyball



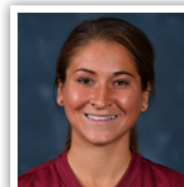
MARY ALLEN
Richmond
Women's Track & Field



LESLIE ESPENSCHIED
Richmond
Women's Lacrosse



JENNIFER MORRIS
St. Bonaventure
Women's Soccer



EMILY GINGRICH
Saint Joseph's
Women's Soccer



KACEY BRIGHT
Saint Louis
Women's Soccer

MEDIA DAYS



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The 2016 Men's Basketball Media Day was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., at PPG Paints Arena for the first time. Similar to the past, the format was a split session with seven coaches in the morning and seven coaches in the afternoon.

The media sessions included breakouts for print media, electronic media and special sections for A-10 Live, CBS Sports Network and American Sports Network (ASN).

The luncheon included a highlight "sizzle" video, a Preseason All-Conference video, and comments from Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade, Pittsburgh Penguins Chief Operating Officer Travis Williams, and Kevin Acklin of the Pittsburgh Mayor's office. St. Bonaventure coach Mark Schmidt spoke on behalf of all 14 A-10 coaches, and CBS Sports Network's Jon Rothstein emceed the luncheon.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The 2016 Women's Basketball Media Day was held in Richmond, Va., at the Richmond Marriott for the third consecutive year. A format was implemented to provide additional one-on-one opportunities for coaches with media members, and increase engagement for coaches in each session.

The media sessions included breakouts for print and electronic media, an A-10 social segment and special sections for A-10 Live, American Sports Network (ASN) and CBS Sports Network.

The luncheon included a highlight video, a preseason All-Conference video, and comments from Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade and Richmond Region Tourism President and CEO Jack Berry. Saint Louis coach Lisa Stone spoke on behalf of all 14 A-10 coaches, and Greg Burton from ESPN Radio 950 AM emceed the luncheon.



TV/A-10 NETWORK

MEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION COVERAGE

The Atlantic 10 Conference, through its extensive set of media partnerships, set a new league record with 278 men's basketball games carried live via linear, digital and social media platforms during the 2016-17 season.

108

Games on Atlantic 10 Television Package

46

Games through regional sports networks and local channels

41

Non-conference road and neutral site games

83

Games digitally on the A-10 Network

278

TOTAL TV/DIGITAL GAMES

*INCLUDES 15 FACEBOOK LIVE GAMES

MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Every game was televised live:



First Round



Second Round and Quarterfinals



Semifinals



Final

CBS SPORTS NETWORK INSIDE COLLEGE BASKETBALL A-10 TIPOFF

"Inside College Basketball: A-10 Tip-Off"

was produced as part of the league's partnership with CBS Sports Network.

A 30-minute basketball magazine show that served as a lead-in to four key TV games on CBS Sports Network, the show featured exclusive insight and analysis on A-10 men's basketball.



CHAMPIONSHIP VIEWER COMPARISON 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP BY CONFERENCE

Rank	Conference	Viewers	Day	Date	Teams	Net	Time
1	Big Ten	2.29M	Sun	12-Mar	Michigan vs. Wisconsin	CBS	3:00 PM
2	ACC	2.03M	Sat	11-Mar	Duke vs. Notre Dame	ESPN	9:00 PM
3	SEC	1.64M	Sun	12-Mar	Arkansas vs. Kentucky	ESPN	1:00 PM
4	Big 12	1.35M	Sat	11-Mar	Iowa State vs. WVU	ESPN	6:00 PM
5	Pac 12	1.24M	Sat	11-Mar	Arizona vs. Oregon	ESPN	11:00 PM
6	Atlantic 10	1.09M	Sun	12-Mar	VCU vs. Rhode Island	CBS	12:30 PM
7	MWC	850K	Sat	11-Mar	Colorado State vs. Nevada	CBS	6:00 PM
8	AAC	790K	Sun	12-Mar	Cincinnati vs. SMU	ESPN	3:00 PM
9	BIG EAST	700K	Sat	11-Mar	Villanova vs. Creighton	FOX	5:30 PM

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TELEVISION COVERAGE

- 18 Nationally Televised Regular Season Broadcasts
- Championship game televised on an ESPN channel for the 20th consecutive year
- CBS Sports Network televised the Semifinals for the ninth straight year
- The A-10 was one of six conferences nationally to have its quarterfinals televised (for third consecutive season)

OLYMPIC SPORT CHAMPIONSHIP COVERAGE

The Atlantic 10 provided television coverage of selected championships through ASN:

- Semifinals & Finals: Volleyball, Softball, Baseball
- Finals: Men's and Women's Soccer

In addition to the television coverage, the conference streamed several other Olympic Sport Championships, including men's and women's tennis for the first time in league history. The preliminary rounds were streamed in conjunction with the USTA National Campus, which served as the host for both championships. The finals were produced for ESPN3, giving the A-10 championships broad international coverage.

The A-10 also again used ground-breaking drone footage to cover the cross country championship.

"Sunday's Rhode Island-VCU Atlantic-10 Tournament final had a 1.1 final rating and 1.6 million viewers on CBS, up a tick in ratings and 19% in viewership. It was the most-watched A-10 final in at least four years and the top conference tournament final outside of the Power 5."

SportsWatch

March 14, 2017

ORIGINAL A-10 NETWORK CONTENT

FEATURES

The Atlantic 10 produced 10 human interest features throughout the year that were 3-4 minutes in length; one of which won an NSCAA award and another gained international attention after being shared globally.

1.5 MILLION

Digital impressions via
Atlantic10.com, Facebook & Twitter

For the second straight year, the Atlantic 10 produced unique "Behind the Scenes" features on each championship. The videos included soundbites from coaches and players throughout the championship.

HIGHLIGHTS

Through its website partner, the Atlantic 10 had highlight packages from selected events throughout the year, including championship events. These highlights were distributed through various social media platforms (especially Twitter) and on Atlantic10.com, resulting in a spike in social media traffic.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK LIVE

In 2016-17, the A-10 went where no other conference in NCAA College Basketball had gone, by partnering with Facebook Live for the streaming of 15 men's basketball games.

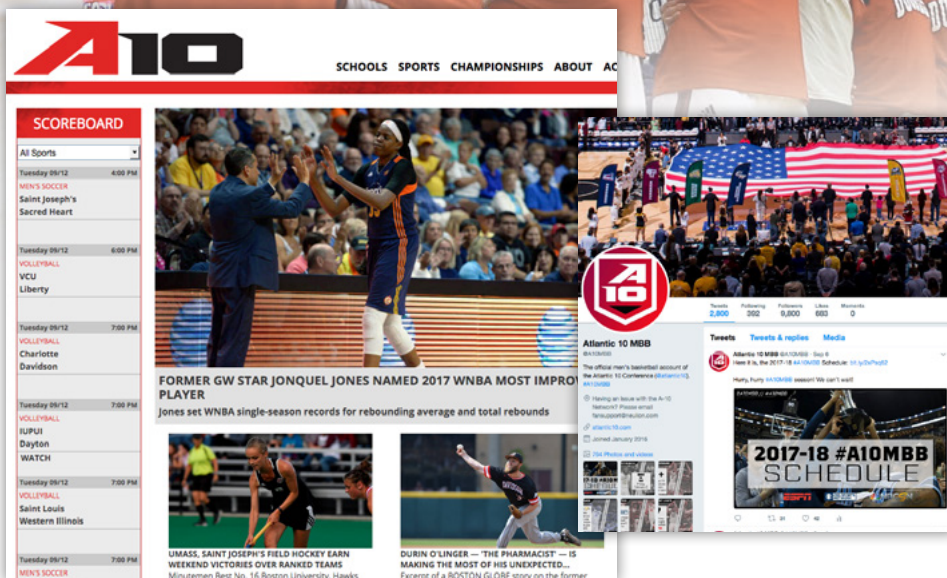
The A-10 was the first conference to utilize a partnership with Facebook Live as a distribution platform for the 15 men's basketball games. The league also used the platform for media day live content and basketball championship postgame press conferences.

"For Facebook's first foray into college basketball, the Atlantic 10 was the initiator."

Sports Business Journal
Nov. 2016

9.1 MILLION

9.1 million users reached and
1.7 million unique viewers



ATLANTIC 10 SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH YEARLY MILESTONES PER PLATFORM

	JULY 1, 2014	APRIL 15, 2015	APRIL 15, 2016	APRIL 15, 2017
	9,835	12,005 (+22%)	22,775 (+189%)	25,771 (+13%)
	4,347	5,377 (+24%)	7,234 (+35%)	42,498 (+486%)
	798	1,747 (+119%)	3,016 (+173%)	3,734 (+24%)
TOTAL	14,980	19,129 (+28%)	33,025 (+172%)	71,906 (+118%)

NCAA GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP



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NCAA LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT

VCU President Dr. Michael Rao represents the Atlantic 10 on the Division I Board of Directors. Dr. Rao is well-equipped to represent the league on the Board of Directors, having served on the former Division I Presidential Advisory Group (PAG). Davidson President Dr. Carol Quillen represents the Atlantic 10 on the Presidential Forum. The Presidential Forum serves as the primary advisory entity to the Board of Directors. Dr. Quillen is the Co-Chair of the Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Assault, and she also serves on the Values-Based Revenue Distribution Working Group.

DIVISION I COUNCIL

Two Atlantic 10 Conference administrators served on the NCAA Division I Council: A-10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade and A-10 Executive Associate Commissioner Keith Gill. McGlade represented the Commissioners of the Division I subdivision, which are the 11 Division I conferences that do not sponsor football. Gill was selected as the Atlantic 10's official representative and is also a member of the Competition Oversight Committee.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Numerous Atlantic 10 administrators serve on several NCAA Committees, including Davidson men's basketball coach Bob McKillop, who is on the Men's Basketball Competition Committee; Saint Joseph's men's basketball coach Phil Martelli, a member of the Men's Basketball Oversight Committee and the Transfer Issues Working Group; and VCU women's basketball coach Beth O'Boyle, who is on the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Working Group on Recruiting.

Additionally, there are seven A-10 individuals on Division I Sports committees:

Debbie Richardson (A-10)	Women's Basketball
Janet Oberle (SLU)	Women's Soccer (chair)
D'Ann Keller (SLU)	Men's Soccer
Mary Ellen Wydan (LAS)	Swimming & Diving
Angela McMahon (UM)	Women's Lacrosse
Jeff Smith (UM)	Women's Rowing
Katy McNay (DAV)	Men's & Women's Tennis

IT'S ON US

Through the SAAC and championship opportunities, the Atlantic 10 again was a partner with the White House and the It's On Us campaign providing outreach by the league, its members institutions and its student-athletes. The league participated in the Week of Action and supported the campaign through its various platforms and channels. A nationwide movement, It's On Us is designed to impact campuses by mobilizing the student communities, supporting many student-led efforts and collaborating with private partners. This includes organizations like the Atlantic 10 that have powerful reaches with college students and on campuses.



STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) continued to cultivate relationships with campus athletics administrators as well as conference officials. The group held monthly conference calls and attended the January Joint Meeting to enhance individual leadership skills. The SAAC joined the athletic directors, faculty athletic representatives and senior woman administrators at the league's annual January Joint Meetings. The two-day meeting marked the third year in a row that the SAAC members attended the conference governance meetings, engaging in discussions related to student-athlete time demands, transfer policies and leadership opportunities for professional development. The A-10 was the first D-I conference to include student-athletes in governance meetings, and now continues this practice annually.

"Bringing SAAC representatives from each campus gives us the opportunity to collaborate about conference-wide efforts. Talking with the student-athletes guides us as we work on enhancing their experiences on our campuses, and gives them a voice about that experience."

Ed McLaughlin
VCU Athletic Director

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Atlantic 10 Conference hosted its first Student-Athlete Leadership Summit in April in Washington, DC., bringing together 28 men's and women's basketball student-athletes, representing each of the 14 conference member institutions.

The two-day summit featured professional speakers and seminars on developing leadership skills, personal brand identities, networking skills, social responsibility and life after college. The participants interacted with each of the speakers, as well as each other, throughout the two days. Keynote speaker and session leader Kevin Eastman highlighted a number of leadership qualities, including earning respect beyond their title of those they lead. A former collegiate and NBA coach, Eastman is the founder and director of Coaching U Live. The event also featured speakers from the Student-Athlete Leadership Summit facilitator, Forward Progress Athletic Consulting, and Atlantic 10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade, an accomplished coach and administrator, also shared her leadership experiences with the group.



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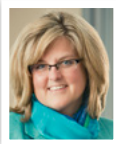
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