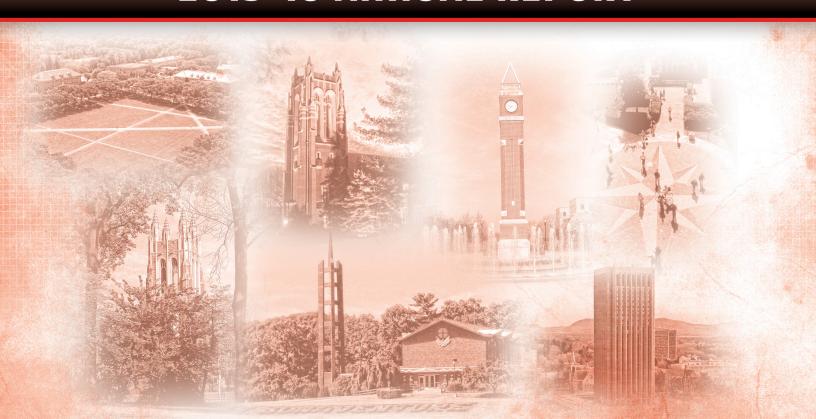


# 2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



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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 studentathlete 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**

The 2015-16 season was a banner year for the Atlantic 10. The conference celebrated a significant milestone in league history, while continuing to be competitive athletically, and among the national leaders academically.

The conference celebrated its 40th anniversary all year long. A commemorative logo was commissioned and used in all of the 2015-16 championships and campus branding. The A-10 television commercials used historical footage to show the successful progression of the league through 40 years. And as part of a feather in our cap for our 40th year, the league was blessed with a visit by Pope Francis to Saint Joseph's!

One of the reasons the Atlantic 10 has maintained its strength through 40 years is because of our membership and our successful partnerships. The four media partners, ESPN, CBS Sports Network, NBC Sports and ASN all helped tell the stories of the A-10 through the year. Through NeuLion, the conference's digital platforms were upgraded, including the launch of a brand new Atlantic10.com. That was further supplemented with a new, dedicated men's basketball Twitter handle, @A10MBB.

The first full year of a partnership with ASN led to some wonderful opportunities for the league. The Atlantic 10's first weekly magazine show, A-10 Spotlight, highlighted all 21 sports and their respective championships Saturday mornings from October to March. There were also seven championships that aired nationally on ASN.

March was bittersweet because we temporarily said goodbye to one men's basketball arena partner in Barclays Center while welcoming another in Pittsburgh's CONSOL Energy Center. In partnering with Barclays Center, the A-10 hosted a successful NCAA First & Second Rounds in Brooklyn. Although we will miss Brooklyn, the Pittsburgh sports community has already welcomed the Atlantic 10 with open arms and will be a great host for the 2017 Men's Basketball Championship.

The 2015-16 basketball season on both the men's and women's side was a thrill ride from November to March. An ultra-competitive regular season led to two exceptional championships, at the Richmond Coliseum for the women, and at Barclays Center for the men. George Washington won its second consecutive A-10 title in women's basketball, while Saint Joseph's claimed a second A-10 men's title in three years.

The Atlantic 10 had six women's basketball teams qualify for the postseason. Duguesne and St. Bonaventure both reached the second round of the NCAAs and Saint Louis advanced to the third round of the WNIT. Equally as impressive, there were seven A-10 men's basketball postseason teams. Did you know that every A-10 men's basketball program has reached the postseason in the last five years?

I think everyone knew in November it could be a special year for George Washington when the Colonials beat No. 6 Virginia at the beginning of the season. Fast forward to the end of the season, where we witnessed GW's historic season culminating with an NIT Championship.

One of the hallmarks of the Atlantic 10 is athletic and academic excellence. which was on display during 2015-16. There were 56 teams which earned NCAA Public Recognition for their Academic Progress Rate, and the conference's 90 percent Graduation Success Rate was the third-highest rate posted by any Division I league. Perhaps my favorite metric, though, is the Commissioner's Honor Roll. These are A-10 student-athletes with a semester GPA of 3.5 or better. There were a record 3.377 student-athletes that achieved this distinction in 2015-16. The commitment our institutions and student-athletes show to scholastic success is evident.



Additionally, the A-10 is well-positioned at the national level in the NCAA governance and administrative structure. Dr. Rao of VCU is on Division I Board of Directors, and Davidson's President Dr. Quillen is a member of the Presidential Forum. Both myself and Richmond AD Keith Gill are on the Division I Council, where Keith serves as vice chair. We also have a number of other administrators that sit on various committees, including our newest representative, A-10 Senior Associate Commissioner Debbie Richardson, who was recently named to the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee. The Atlantic 10 continues to be active and involved in the NCAA governance.

Speaking of strong leadership, I would like to recognize and thank our three retiring presidents, Dr. Daniel Curran of Dayton, Dr. Charles Dougherty of Duquesne and Sister Margaret Carney of St. Bonaventure. All three have served the Atlantic 10 with distinction and have led us to unprecedented academic and athletic success.

Looking back on 40 years, one sees that the Atlantic 10 is full of history and strong traditions. With new coaches and new administrators who are committed to the league's athletic and academic excellence, the future is as bright as it has ever been.

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Sincerely,

Bernadette V. McGlade

Commissioner

#### **RETIRING PRESIDENTS**



DR. DANIEL **CURRAN** Dayton



**DR. CHARLES DOUGHERTY** Duquesne



**SR. MARGARET** CARNEY St. Bonaventure







### **GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE (GSR)**

Atlantic 10 Conference student-athletes graduate at a 90 percent rate, according to NCAA Graduation Success Rate statistics. The 2015-16 statistics, which were announced in November, reflect the graduation rate of freshmen who enrolled at an A-10 institution in 2008.

The conference's 90 percent GSR was the

"I would like to applaud each of the Atlantic 10 institutions' commitment to the academic success of their student-athletes. Combining academic and athletic excellence is a core principle of the A-10, and the distinguishing fact that 90 percent of our student-athletes are earning degrees is evidence of the success of that ideal."

#### Dr. Steven Knapp

Presidents Council Chair and President of the George Washington University

third-highest rate posted by any Division I league. It is the fifth straight year the league has been at 89 percent or better.

#### **ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR)**

The Atlantic 10 Conference had 56 teams recognized by the NCAA for ranking in the top 10 percent of their respective sports in Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. The public recognition is based on scores compiled through the 2014-15 academic year.

A-10 men's basketball had three teams earn recognition for being in the top 10 percent of all Division I basketball programs. Men's and women's tennis and women's cross country each had six teams recognized, the most of any sport in the Atlantic 10. Davidson led all A-10 institutions with 10 A-10 teams earning public recognition, followed by Saint Joseph's with eight. St. Bonaventure had six teams recognized and Fordham, George Washington, and La Salle all had five teams honored.

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of every student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team's academic performance.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL**

The Atlantic 10 Conference had 3,377 student-athletes earn Commissioner's Honor Roll distinction in 2015-16, the most in league history. Previously, the single year record was 3,255, set in 2012-13 when the conference had 16 members. The league also had 1,698 student-athletes earn the honor in the spring semester. Both marks are the best single semester numbers of Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade's tenure.

The 1,698 is the highest number of student-athletes that have qualified for the award in a single semester since 2007 when the lists were regularly compiled. The total surpassed the 1,679 set during the 2015 fall semester. In addition, the 14 member institutions had an average 121.3 student-athletes qualify for the Commissioner's Honor Roll, surpassing last semester's record average of 119.9 honorees per institution.

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**

The Atlantic 10 honored 183 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**

Each of the 14 Atlantic 10 institutions has an honoree receive the prestigious Postgraduate Scholarship. Designed to provide graduating studentathletes the opportunity to continue their college education, the program awards \$70,000 in postgraduate scholarship funding to former A-10 studentathletes. All 14 honorees will receive \$5,000 to contribute towards full-time enrollment in a graduate or professional program.

This year's recipients, who are listed below, represent nine sports. The class is comprised of seven female student-athletes and seven males and the average GPA of the 14 individuals is 3.74. The selection process involved the league's athletic directors, senior woman administrators and faculty athletic representatives.

#### **POSTGRADUATE HONORS**



DANIEL SAMET Davidson Cross Country/ Track & Field



ANDREW LIGHTNER Dayton Soccer



COLIN PHILLIPS Duquesne Soccer



STEVE SHOLDRA Fordham Swimming & Diving



EVAN PORCELLA George Mason Baseball



EMMA GAQUIN George Washington Swimming & Diving



KENDRA HEYER La Salle Softball



REBECCA QUIRIE Massachusetts Swimming & Diving



MICHAEL CASEY Rhode Island Soccer



EMILY GITMAN Richmond



SHANNON HABERMAN St. Bonaventure Swimming & Diving



LAUREN HEHIR Saint Joseph's Cross Country/ Track & Field



BRIANNA LORE Saint Louis



MICHAL VOSCEK VCU Tennis

"The A-10 Postgraduate Scholarship is an amazing chance to further my education through a Master's degree. It was a huge honor to receive this prestigious award, I know there were a lot of great candidates so I'm still in shock that I was selected for this award. I want to thank Fordham, and the Atlantic 10 for this scholarship. It will be put to good use, and I will always be grateful for this award."

#### **Steve Sholdra**

Fordham swimmer and A-10 SAAC member

"We've had the opportunity to grow the postgraduate program a significant amount as part of the A-10's commitment to providing strong academic support for our student-athletes. Granting 14 scholarships for graduate education speaks volumes about the Atlantic 10 membership and its dedication to our student-athletes."

#### **Patrick Nero**

A-10 Athletic Directors Chair and George Washington Director of Athletics and Recreation

#### NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

In addition to receiving the Atlantic 10's Postgraduate Scholarship, Fordham's Steve Shouldra also was awarded the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship provides a one-time non-renewable scholarship of \$7,500 to 174 student-athletes. It is are awarded to student-athletes who excel academically and athletically and who are at least in their final year of intercollegiate athletics competition. Shouldra, who was also a member of the A-10 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, was one of just 58 winter sport athletes nationwide to receive the scholarship.



## **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- · Champion: Saint Joseph's
- Championship Runner Up: VCU
- Regular Season Champion (record): Dayton (14-4);
   St. Bonaventure (14-4); VCU (14-4)
- Postseason Participants: Davidson (NIT), Dayton (NCAA), Duquesne (CBI), Fordham (CIT); George Washington (NIT Champions); St. Bonaventure (NIT); VCU (NCAA).

#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Player of the Year: DeAndre' Bembry, Saint Joseph's
- Defensive Player of the Year: Hassan Martin, Rhode Island
- Chris Daniels Most Improved Player: Isaiah Miles, Saint Joseph's
- Co-Sixth Man of the Year: Jabarie Hinds, Massachusetts;
   Denzel Gregg, St. Bonaventure
- Rookie of the Year: Joseph Chartouny, Fordham
- Coach of the Year: Mark Schmidt, St. Bonaventure

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- First Team: Jack Gibbs (DAV); Charles Cooke (UD); Jaylen Adams (SBU); DeAndre' Bembry (SJU); Melvin Johnson (VCU).
- Second Team: Dyshawn Pierre (UD); Tyler Cavanaugh (GW); Patricio Garino (GW); Isaiah Miles (SJU); Marcus Posley (SBU).
- Third Team: Micah Mason (DUQ); Ryan Rhoomes (FOR); T.J. Cline (UR);
   Terry Allen (UR); Mo Alie-Cox (VCU).

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Dyshawn Pierre (UD); DeAndre' Bembry (SJU); Aaron Brown (SJU); Isaiah Miles (SJU); Korey Billbury (VCU)
- · Championship Most Outstanding: Isaiah Miles, Saint Joseph's

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

#### **COMMUNITY APPRECIATION NIGHT**

On Wednesday, the opening round of the championship, A-10 member institutions hosted 3,000 Brooklyn first responders, community groups, organizations and their families for the opening night of the 40th Atlantic 10 Championship.

#### **LOCAL MUSICIANS**

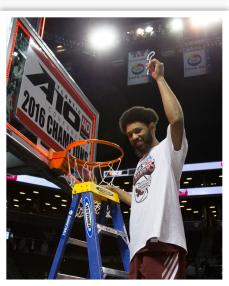
To take further advantage of being in Brooklyn, the A-10 invited, musicians with Brooklyn ties to perform the National Anthem and at select halftimes.

#### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE/CEREMONIAL HANDOFF

On Championship Sunday, the A-10 saluted military and first responders with in-game recognition and a presentation of the colors using a 30' x 50' flag during the anthem. There was also a ceremonial handoff from Barclays Center CEO Brett Yormark to Pittsburgh Penguins COO (CONSOL Energy Center) Travis Williams and a postgame celebration with balloons that were released at the conclusion of the game.







Deandre' Bembry Saint Joseph's Men's Basketball Player of the Year



## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: George Washington
- Championship Runner Up: Duquesne
- Regular Season Champion (record): Duquesne (13-3);
   George Washington (13-3); Saint Louis (13-3)
- Postseason Participants: Dayton (WNIT), Duquesne (NCAA), George Washington (NCAA), Saint Louis (WNIT), St. Bonaventure (NCAA), VCU (WNIT)

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Co-Players of the Year: April Robinson, Duquesne & Jackie Kemph, Saint Louis
- Defensive Player of the Year: Jodie Cornelie-Sigmundova, Dayton
- Rookie of the Year: Lauren Cannatelli, Dayton
- · Coach of the Year: Lisa Stone, Saint Louis
- Most Improved Player of the Year: Samantha Tabakman, Rhode Island
- Sixth Woman Award: Deva'Nyar Workman, Duquesne

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- First Team: April Robinson (DUQ); Deva'Nyar Workman (DUQ);
   Caira Washington (GW); Katie Healy (SBU); Jackie Kemph (SLU).
- Second Team: Samantha Clark (FOR); Lauren Chase (GW); Jonquel Jones (GW); Charise Wilson (URI); Janelle Hubbard (UR).
- Third Team: Jenna Burdette (UD); Taylor Brown (MASON);
   Amy Griffin (LAS); Sadie Stipanovich (SLU); Adaeze Alaeze (VCU).

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Deva'Nyar Workman (DUQ), Kadri-Ann Lass (DUQ), Jonquel Jones (GW), Hannah Schaible (GW) & Caira Washington (GW)
- Championship Most Outstanding: Caira Washington, George Washington

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMUNITY SUPPORT & CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY FESTIVITIES

VIP groups welcomed by the A-10 on Championship Sunday:

- · Local Military at Fort Lee
- · Local Developmental Basketball Officials
- Glen Allen Youth Athletic Association
- Employees of Altruia, Genworth, Dominion Power, Richmond City, StateFarm and BonSecours
- Corporate Cares Program Union Trust Bank
- · Girl Scouts

As part of the Atlantic 10 community outreach programs, the following groups attended the women's basketball championships and participated in programs such as School Day.

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







APRIL ROBINSON
Duquesne
Women's Basketball Co-Player of the Year



## **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- · Champion: Saint Joseph's
- Championship Runner-Up: Massachusetts
- Individual Champion: Steven Flynn, George Mason
- Most Outstanding Rookie: Grayson Morgan, George Mason
- Coach of the Year: Mike Glavin, Saint Joseph's

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

 Steven Flynn (MASON); Benjamin Groleau (UM); Ryan Tucker (GW); Paul Szulewski (SJU); Jimmy Daniels (SJU); Matthew McKenna (UR); Fran Ferruzzi (LAS); Bradley Heuer (LAS); Will Brewster (DAV); Thomas Slattery (FOR); Ryan Phillips (DAV); Paolo Tavares (UM); Daniel Samet (DAV); Alex Lucking (UR); Hunter Johnston (UD).





#### STEVE FLYNN

George Mason

Men's Cross Country Championship Individual Champion

## **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- · Champion: Richmond
- Championship Runner-Up: Duquesne
- Individual Champion: Morgan Szekely, La Salle
- Most Outstanding Rookie: Caroline Yarbrough, Davidson
- · Coach of the Year: Lori Taylor, Richmond

#### ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

 Morgan Szekely (LAS); Heather MacLean (UM); Caroline Yarbrough (DAV); Tara Hanley (UR); Isabel Leibfried (SLU); Jenny Delsignore (DUQ); Kaitlin Poiesz (LAS); Emily Leonard (UD); Valerie Palermo (DUQ); Taylor Vernot (UD); Courtney Thompson (UR); Ariana North (GW), Jenna Gigliotti (DUQ); Miranda DiBiaso (GW); Carly Zinner (UM).

#### POSTSEASON PARTICIPANTS

• Morgan Szekely (LAS) – 45th overall (NCAA Championship)





#### **MORGAN SZEKELY**

La Salle

Women's Cross Country Championship Individual Champion



## **MEN'S SOCCER**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- · Champion: Dayton
- Championship Runner-Up: VCU
- Regular Season Champion (record): George Washington (10-8/6-2 A-10)
- Postseason Participants: Dayton

#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Player of the Year: Amass Amankona, UD (Offensive & Midfielder POTY);
   Dennis Castillo, VCU (DPOTY)
- Rookie of the Year: Janos Loebe, Fordham
- Coach of the Year: Craig Jones, GW

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Kissima Bojang (UD); James Haupt (UD); Carlos Sendin (UD); Amass Amankona (UD); Pierre Gardan (VCU); RJ Roberts (VCU); Dennis Castillo (VCU); Jorge Herranz (VCU); Jannik Loebe (FOR); Dominik Richter (URI); Carlo Davids (URI).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Amass Amankona (UD)

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- First Team: Maik Schoonderwoerd (UD); James Haupt (UD); Colin Phillips (DUQ); Janos Loebe (FOR); Amass Amankona (UD); Garrett Heine (GW); Ryan Oakley (URI); Dennis Castillo (VCU); Lalas Abubakar (UD); Tyler David (SLU); Nils Leifhelm (URI).
- Second Team: Andrew Connors (LAS); Henning Dirks (MASON);
   Christian Lawal (GW); Vince Cicciarelli (SLU); Kissima Bojang (UD);
   Jannik Loebe (FOR); Rafael Andrade Santos (VCU); Matthew Lewis (FOR);
   Tobi Adewole (GW); Filip Pavisic (SLU); Jack Lopez (GW).



## **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

#### TEAM AWARDS

- Champion: Duquesne
- Championship Runner-Up: Fordham
- Regular Season Champion (record): George Washington (15-5/10-0 A-10)
- Postseason Participants: Duquesne

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Player of the Year: Ashley Campbell, UD (Offensive POTY);
   Nicole Waters, UD (MOTY); Brooke Stoller, GW (DPOTY)
- Rookie of the Year: Sofia Pavon, GW
- · Coach of the Year: Sarah Barnes, GW

#### ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

- Nicole Waters (UD); Linnea Faccenda (DUQ); Katie O'Connor (DUQ); Abby Losco (DUQ); Vanessa Perdomo (DUQ); Brianna Blunck (FOR); Nicole Bates (FOR); Jessia Widmann (FOR); Kaila Williams (MASON); Jessika Kagan (LAS); Marykate Bateman (LAS).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Vanessa Perdomo (DUQ)

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

- First Team: Ashley Campbell (UD) Alexis Kiehl (UD);
   MacKenzie Cowley (GW); Nicole Waters (UD); Jessica Widmann (FOR);
   Emily Gingrich (SJU); Sharon Wojcik (VCU); Emily Brown (GW);
   Brooke Stoller (GW); Rebekka Sverrisdottir (UM); Miranda Horn (GW).
- Second Team: Kristina Maksuti (FOR); Sarah Hardison (MASON); Julia Suarez (VCU); Alex Myers (MASON); Kristi Abbate (GW); Sofia Pavon (GW); Libby Leedom (UD); Nicole Bates (FOR); Ally Doyle (FOR); Jessica Kagan (LAS); Emma Kruse (VCU).





## **FIELD HOCKEY**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: Massachusetts
- · Championship Runner-Up: Richmond
- Regular Season Champion (record): Richmond (7-1)
- Postseason Participants: Massachusetts

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- · Offensive Player of the Year: Anna Willocks, Saint Joseph's
- Defensive Player of the Year: Amy Cooke, Richmond
- Rookie of the Year: Anna Willocks, Saint Joseph's
- Coach of the Year: Ginny Turner, Davidson

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- FIRST TEAM: Melissa Funsten (DAV); Stephanie Whiteman (LHU);
   Izzie Delario (UM); Sarah Hawkshaw (UM); Amy Cooke (UR);
   Kelly Quinn (UR); Selena Adamshick (SFU) Irene Fritschy (SFU);
   Samantha Zeiders (SFU); Jenny Morris (SJU); Anna Willocks (SJU).
- SECOND TEAM: Anna Davis (DC); Emily Leytham (DC);
   Kendall Kreider (LAS); Rachel Valentine (LHU); Megan Wenrich (LHU);
   Melanie Kreusch (UM); Taylor Deitrick (UR); Megan Miller (UR);
   Shannon Pereira (SFU); Monica Tice (SJU); Emily McNamara (VCU).

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Emily Leytham (DAV); Katherine English (DAV); Melanie Kreusch (UM); Izzie Delario (UM); Sarah Hawkshaw (UM); Sam Carlino (UM); Anne Dijkstra (UM); Cliodhra Loughlin (UM); Amy Cooke (UR); Taylor Dietrick (UR); Joely Helder (SJU).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Melanie Kreusch (UM)



## **VOLLEYBALL**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: Dayton
- · Championship Runner-Up: Saint Louis
- Regular Season Champion (record): Dayton (14-0)
- Postseason Participants: Dayton

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

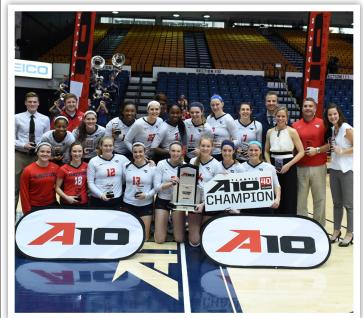
- Player of the Year: Alaina Turner, Dayton
- Setter of the Year: Jane Emmenecker, Dayton
- Libero of the Year: Janna Krafka, Dayton
- Rookies of the Year: Sabrina Shepherd, Davidson; Kelsey Clark, George Washington
- Coach of the Year: Tim Horsmon, Dayton

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- FIRST TEAM: Jane Emmenecker (UD); Amber Erhahon (UD); Alaina Turner (UD); Chidima Osuchukwu (GW); Franki Darnold (URI); Danielle Rygelsk (SLU); Megan Gilbert (SLU).
- SECOND TEAM: Janna Krafka (UD); Lacey Levers (DUQ); Maddy Doyle (GW); Audrey Castro (URI); Layne Self (URI); Callan Kinnan (URI); Kalah Jones (VCU).

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Alaina Turner (UD); Jill Loiars (UD); Jane Emmenecker (UD);
   Danielle Rygelski (SLU); Nenye Okoro (SLU); Chidima Osuchukwu (GW);
   Audrey Castro (URI).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Alaina Turner (UD)





## **MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

• Champion: Massachusetts

• Championship Runner-Up: St. Bonaventure

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Performer: Andrea Bolognesi, George Washington
- Most Outstanding Diving Performer: Trent Kindvall, Massachusetts
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Kellen Gray, Massachusetts
- · Coach of the Year: Russ Yarworth, Massachusetts
- Diving Coach of the Year: Mandy Hixon, Massachusetts
- Postseason Participants: Andrea Bolognesi,

George Washington - 8th place in the Men's Breaststroke





## **WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**

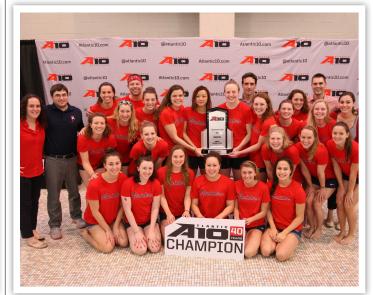
#### **TEAM AWARDS**

• Champion: Richmond

• Championship Runner-Up: Duquesne

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Performer: Elise Lankiewicz, Davidson
- Most Outstanding Diving Performer: Emma Roush, Massachusetts
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Nicole Piercy, Richmond
- Coach of the Year: Matt Barany, Richmond
- Diving Coach of the Year: Sean Letsinger, Richmond







## **MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

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

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Track Performer: Bernard Freeman, George Mason
- Most Outstanding Field Performer: Kristopher Horn, Massachusetts
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Sean Phillips, Fordham
- Coach of the Year: Andrew Gerard, George Mason

## **WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: Massachusetts
- Championship Runner-Up: Rhode Island

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- · Most Outstanding Track Performer: Heather MacLean, Massachusetts
- Most Outstanding Field Performer: Jenni Rossi, Dayton
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Emilie Cowan, Massachusetts
- Coach of the Year: Julie LaFreniere, Massachusetts
- Postseason Participants: Heather MacLean, Massachusetts 9th place in the Mile







## **MEN'S TENNIS**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: George WashingtonChampionship Runner-Up: VCU
- Postseason Participants: George Washington

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Player of the Year: Michal Voscek, VCU
  Rookie of the Year: Jordan Benjamin, Dayton
- Coach of the Year: Torrie Browning, George Washington

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- FIRST TEAM: Shamael Chaudhry (DAV); Jordan Benjamin (UD); Carsten Fisher (UD); Chris Reynolds (GW); Julius Tverijonas (GW); Danil Zelenkov (GW); Jacob Dunbar (UR); Alexandre Felisa (UR); David Ferragut (SLU); Catalin Fifea (VCU); Vitor Lima (VCU); Daryl Monfils (VCU); Michal Voscek (VCU).
- SECOND TEAM: Artem Khrapko (DAV); Zach Berry (UD);
   Corey Robinson (DUQ); Tomas Cosmai (FOR); Daniel Gutierrez (MASON);
   Chris Fletcher (GW); Cahit Kapukiran (GW); Canyon Teague (UR);
   Victor Blanco (SBU); Eduardo Irizarry (SBU); Kyle Chalmers (SJU);
   Andres Urrea (SJU).





## TORRIE BROWNING George Washington Men's Tennis Coach of the Year

## **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: VCU
- Championship Runner-Up: Davidson
- Postseason Participants: VCU

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Player of the Year: Aspen Cervin, Saint Louis
   Rookie of the Year: Anna Rasmussen, VCU
- Coach of the Year: Sara Anundsen, Davidson

#### ALL-CONFERENCE

- FIRST TEAM: Anna Catharine Feaster (DAV); Ava Todd (DAV); Marlys Bridgham (UD); Kylie Isaacs (DUQ); Mayu Sato (FOR); Teodora Radosavljevic (GW); Ruth Crawford (UM); Anna Abadias Morales (UR); Aspen Cervin (SLU); Eleonore Tchakarova (SLU); Olga Barshcheuskaya (VCU); Anna Rasmussen (VCU).
- SECOND TEAM: Gabrielle Centenari (DAV); Jade Kawamoto (UD);
   Julianne Herman (DUQ); Estelle Wong (FOR); Brittany Pilkington ( MASON);
   Sara Grubac (GW); Mara Martinez-Santori (SBU); Claire Minnoe (SJU);
   Verginie Tchakarova (SLU); Magda Aubets (VCU); Darya Berezhnaya (VCU);
   Janina Braun (VCU).





SARA ANUNDSEN

Davidson

Women's Tennis Coach of the Year



## **MEN'S GOLF**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- · Champion: VCU
- · Championship Runner-Up: Richmond
- Postseason Participants: VCU

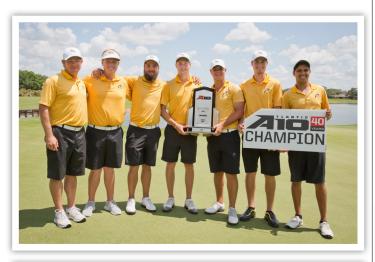
Individuals: Billy Walthouse (URI); Matthew Lowe (UR)

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Medalist: Adam Ball, VCU
- Rookie of the Year: Jack Lang, Davidson
- Coach of the Year: Adam Decker, Richmond

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

 David Sargent (DAV); Tripp French (UD); Eric Edwards (MASON); Logan Lowe (GW); Billy Walthouse (URI); David Germann (UR); Matthew Lowe (UR); Adam Ball (VCU); Jamie Clare (VCU); Steffen Harm (VCU).





#### **ADAM BALL**

VCU

Men's Golf Championship Individual Medalist

## **WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- · Champion: Massachusetts
- Championship Runner-Up: Richmond
- Regular Season Champion (record): 9-0
- Postseason Participants: Massachusetts

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Player of the Year: Erika Eipp, UM (Offensive Player of the Year);
   Hannah Murphy, UM (Midfielder of the Year);
   Kate Farnham, UM (Defensive Player of the Year)
- Rookie of the Year: Rebecca Lane, SJU
- Coach of the Year: Angela McMahon, UM

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Hannah Murphy (UM); Eileen McDonald (UM); Aileen Kelly (UM); Callie Santos (UM); Erika Eipp (UM); Rebecca Lane (SJU); Genevieve Giblin (SJU); Tess Drotar (DUQ); Annie Brocket (DAV); Natalia Chaney (UR); Brooke Wilson (UR); Caroline Queally (UR).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Hannah Murphy, Massachusetts

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- First Team: Jenna Bishop (DUQ); Jill Vacanti (DUQ); Nora McCallion (SJU); Erika Eipp (UM); Nicole Troost (UM); Holly Turner (UM); Hannah Murphy (UM); Alexa McGovern (MASON); Maggie Egan (SJU); Kate Farnham (UM); Amber Tobin (UM); Caroline Hagan (SJU).
- Second Team: Rose Woolson (DAV); Jacky Spalding (MASON);
   Kim Egizi (UR); Bailey Forcier (GW); Tess Drotar (DUQ);
   Olivia Bourdreau (GW); Allee Ilgenfritz (LAS); Brooke Wilson (UR);
   Holly Thomas (DAV); Kelsey Blackburn (DUQ); Kira Greer (MASON);
   Anne Farnham (UM); Leslie Espenschied (UR).





#### **HANNAH MURPHY**

Massachusetts

Women's Lacrosse Championship Most Outstanding Player



## MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

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

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Track Performer: Bernard Freeman, George Mason
- Most Outstanding Field Performer: Raeshawn Bishop, George Mason
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Ben DeVenezia, La Salle
- Coach of the Year: Andrew Gerard, George Mason
- Postseason Participants: Steven Flynn, George Mason (23rd in the 5000 meters);
  - Chris Sanders, La Salle (6th in the 800 meters Named First Team All-American)

#### **Men (Prelim Qualifers)**

- Will Brewster, Davidson 5000 meters
- Kyle Trinch, Duquesne 400M Hurdles
- Brian Cook, Fordham 3000M Steeplechase
- Jonathan Annelli, Fordham 3000M Steeplechase
- Ayodeji Raymond, George Mason 100 meters
- Bernard Freeman, George Mason 200 meters
- Steven Flynn, George Mason 5000 meters
- Angel Coburn, George Mason 400M Hurdles
- John Seals, George Mason High Jump
- Chris Sanders, La Salle 800 meters
- Adam Franklin, Rhode Island 400M Hurdles
- Ondrej Honka, Rhode Island Pole Vault
- · Sam Snyder, Rhode Island Discus/Shot Put
- Nick Danner, Rhode Island Javelin
- Alec Peabody, Rhode Island 400 meters
- Torey Doaty, Saint Joseph's 400M Hurdles

## **WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: VCU
- Championship Runner-Up: George Mason

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Track Performer: Kia Carson, VCU
- Most Outstanding Field Performer: Jenni Rossi, Dayton
- Most Outstanding Rookie Performer: Taylor Vernot, Dayton
- Coach of the Year: Jon Riley, VCU

#### **Women (Prelim Qualifers)**

- Valerie Palermo, Duquesne 3000M Steeplechase
- Julia Franzosa, Duquesne Javelin
- Sommer Sharpe, George Mason 400M Hurdles
- Talisha Watts, George Mason High Jump
- Morgan Szekely, La Salle 1500 meters
- Emilie Cowan, Massachusetts 400 meters
- Kelsey Crawford, Massachusetts Javelin
- Amanda Corbosiero, Richmond 1500 meters
- Dannah Hayward, Saint Joseph's 400M Hurdles
- Claudine Andre, Saint Joseph's High Jump







## **ROWING**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: Rhode Island
- Championship Runner-Up: Massachusetts
- Postseason Participants: Rhode Island

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

• Coach of the Year: Shelagh Donohoe, Rhode Island

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- First Team: Erin Mohney (UD); Lauren Hughes (DUQ);
   Fiona Murtagh (FOR); Ashley Hawkesworth (FOR); Elyse Pengeroth (GW);
   Zoe Hill (UM); Sam Kolovson (UM); Lily Herberger (URI);
   Marissa Landry (URI); Leah McGlynn (URI); Delaney McGuire (SJU).
- Second Team All-Conference: Emily Herzig (DUQ); Rachel Swain (DUQ); Maura O'Donnell (FOR); Caitlin Lucas (GM); Amanda Ryan (LAS); Allanah Rubi-Mooney (UM); Natalie Boisvert (UM); Alissa Margraf (URI); Brittany Stokes (SJU).





#### **SHELAGH DONOHOE**

Rhode Island Rowing Coach of the Year

## **SOFTBALL**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

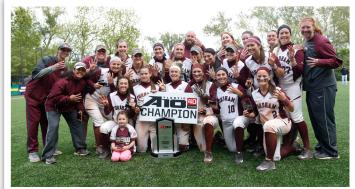
- · Champion: Fordham
- Championship Runner-Up: Saint Joseph's
- Regular Season Champion (record): Fordham (18-4)
- Postseason Participants: Fordham

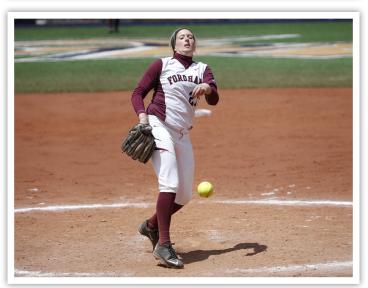
#### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Player of the Year: Madison Shaw, Fordham
- Rookie of the Year: Jessica Hughes, Fordham
- Coach of the Year: Bridget Orchard, Fordham

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Manda Cash (UD); Rachel Gillen (FOR); Lindsay Mayer (FOR); Madison Shaw (FOR); Meg Colleran (UM); Jena Cozza (UM); Brandi Harkness (SJU); Amanda Kulp (SJU); Cyndi Wilson (SJU); Sarah Yoos (SJU).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Rachel Gillen, Fordham





#### **RACHEL GILLEN**

**Fordham** Softball Championship Most Outstanding Player



## **SPORTS AWARDS**

## **BASEBALL**

#### **TEAM AWARDS**

- Champion: Rhode Island
- Championship Runner-Up: Davidson
- Regular Season Champion (record): Rhode Island (18-6)
- · Postseason Participants: Rhode Island

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

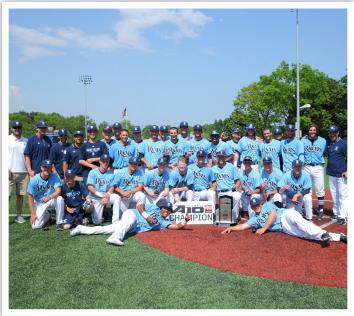
- Player of the Year: Deon Stafford, Jr., Saint Joseph's
- Pitcher of the Year: Tyler Wilson, Rhode Island
- Rookie of the Year: Michael Dailey, VCU
- Coach of the Year: Raphael Cerrato, Rhode Island

#### **ALL-CONFERENCE**

- First Team: Clark Beeker (DAV); Sam Foy (DAV); Joey Bartosic (GW); Bobby Campbell (GW); Tyler Wilson (URI); Kurtis Brown (UR); Michael Morman (UR); John Brue (SJU); Deon Stafford, Jr. (SJU); Trent Leimkuehler (SLU); Matt Davis (VCU); Sam Donko (VCU).
- Second Team: Nick Weybright (UD); Mark Donadio (FOR);
   John Jennings (UM); Chris Hess (URI); Jordan Powell (URI);
   Cole Peterson (SBU); Brandon Schlimm (SBU); Ryan Kelly (SJU);
   Josh Bunselmeyer (SLU); Matt Eckelman (SLU); Devin Mahoney (SLU);
   Parker Sniatynski (SLU).

#### **ALL-CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

- Lee Miller (DAV); Josh Smutzer (DAV); Brian Fortier (DAV); Westin Whitmire (DAV); Joey Runco (FOR); Martin Figueroa (URI); Ben Wessel (URI); Chris Hess (URI); Ryan Olmo (URI); Pat Vanderslice (SJU); Deon Stafford, Jr. (SJU); Logan Farrar (VCU).
- Championship Most Outstanding: Martin Figueroa, Rhode Island





2016 Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Player of the Year DeAndre' Bembry receives his trophy at the championship.

- The Atlantic 10 distributed almost 1,600 awards based on athletic performance:
- 86 "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 (an athletic/academic award) awards





## **AWARD WINNERS**

#### **SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD**





APRIL ROBINSON

Duquesne

Women's Basketball

WICHAL VOSCEK VCU Men's Tennis

The Atlantic 10 Conference named Duquesne women's basketball star **April Robinson** and VCU men's tennis standout **Michal Voscek** its women's and men's Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Voted on by the league's Directors of Athletics, the award is given to a male and a female student-athlete, based on their athletic success and academic prowess.

Robinson was the second straight women's basketball student-athlete to win the award and the 10th women's basketball player overall. She is only the second Duquesne student-athlete to win the award, joining A-10 Women's Basketball Legend Korie Hlede.

Voscek was the second VCU student-athlete, joining his former teammate Max Wennakoski who earned the award in 2012-13. He was the third men's tennis player to win the award since 1990-91.

#### **VETRONE AWARD**



#### **CHUCK POLLOCK**

Olean Times Herald Sports Editor **Chuck Pollock** was honored with the 2016 Bob Vetrone Award in March at the A-10 Men's Basketball Championship.

Chuck has been at the Times Herald since St. Bonaventure joined the Atlantic 10 in 1979, and was a fitting honoree for the A-10's 40th Anniversary year.

The Bob Vetrone Award recognizes a member of the media whose service, professionalism and commitment have made a lasting contribution to the Atlantic 10 Conference. The A-10 instituted the award in 2006 to honor the memory of the late Bob Vetrone.

#### **NACDA AWARD**

University of Rhode Island Director of Athletics **Thorr Bjorn** was honored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) as a winner of the 2015-16 Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year award. Selected in March, Bjorn was recognized at the organization's annual James J. Corbett Awards Luncheon.

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

"I am very honored and humbled by this recognition, however, anytime an award like this



given, it is as a result a great deal of hard work and dedication from amazing student-athletes, coaches and staff. I accept this recognition on behalf of all of them."

> **Thorr Bjorn** Rhode Island Athletic Director

included Davidson's Jim Murphy (2003-04), Dayton's Tim Wabler (2014-15), Dave Roach of Fordham (2009-10), Richmond's Keith Gill (2014-15), Saint Joseph's Don DiJulia (2001-02) and Chris May of Saint Louis (2013-14).

#### **VICTORY SCHOLARS**







EBONY WELLS La Salle

Dalacy ANDERSON
George Washington

SARAH FAIRBANKS Saint Joseph's

Three former Atlantic 10 women's basketball student-athletes will be continuing their education oversees as part of the Sport Changes Life Victory Scholars Program. **Ebony Wells** from La Salle will be attending National University of Ireland Galway while **DaLacy Anderson** from George Washington will be attending Waterford Institute of Technology. Saint Joseph's **Sarah Fairbanks** will attend Dublin City University.

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

The Atlantic 10 Conference partnered with the Victory Scholars Program, which is administered by Sport Changes Life, in 2013. Through its programs, including Victory Scholars, Sport Changes Life raises the aspirations of young people on both sides of the Atlantic, working to establish a global initiative that benefits society by making positive changes using sporting role models. The Victory Scholars have the opportunity to enhance and develop their own lives while providing a positive and life changing experience to the youth they work with in the community, giving the student-athletes with a once in a lifetime experience.



## NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Two stellar former student-athletes were selected as the Atlantic 10 Conference nominees for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. Dayton's **Ashley Campbell** and **Melissa Ross** of Richmond were announced in July as the league's two candidates for one of the NCAA's most prestigious honors.



ASHLEY CAMPBELL
Dayton
Women's Soccer | Hometown: Gilford, Ontario | Major: Exercise Science

Both student-athletes completed their eligibility this past year and graduated from their respective universities in May. They were selected from a pool of eight outstanding institutional honorees, representing five A-10 sports and eight different A-10 institutions. Campbell, a women's soccer player, and Ross, a swimmer, were chosen as the league's nominees by the Atlantic 10's 14 Senior Woman Administrators (SWAs) based on their athletic achievements, academic prowess, community involvement and leadership abilities. Both A-10 candidates have exceptional resumes in all four areas.

The institutions selected their candidates for being standout student-athletes who have had robust academic success, complimented by competitive athletic resumes, while sustaining dynamic leadership in their communities. The eight candidates have noteworthy credentials, including All-American and Academic All-America honors, conference championships and All-Conference award winners, NCAA Championship success, and campus involvement, including serving as student-athlete leaders as part of the campus, conference and national Division I Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The league's Senior Woman Administrators selected Campbell and Ross from the eight candidates to represent the Atlantic 10 Conference as the 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year nominees. The remaining six are listed below.



MELISSA ROSS
Richmond
Women's Swimming | Hometown: Chalfont, Pa. | Major: Biology

One of the most prestigious NCAA awards, the NCAA established the Woman of the Year Award in 1991 to celebrate the achievements of women in

intercollegiate athletics. Now in its 26th year, this unique award recognizes the athletic achievements of outstanding young women, as well as their academic achievements,

community

"We are proud to nominate Ashley and Melissa as the A-10's Woman of the Year candidates. They have excelled in competition, flourished as academic leaders and been model citizens with a commitment to their community. I congratulate them both on their exemplary careers and contributions to the A-10 and their Institutions."

**Bernadette V. McGlade** Atlantic 10 Commissioner

service and leadership. To be eligible, these women must have competed and earned a varsity letter in an NCAA-sponsored sport and must have completed eligibility in their primary sport.

#### NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR INSTITUTIONAL HONOREES



APRIL ROBINSON
Duquesne
Women's Basketball
Hometown: Springfield, Va.
Major: Management



JESSICA WIDMANN
Fordham
Women's Soccer
Hometown: East Meadow, N.Y.
Major: Communications and
Media Studies



BROOKE STOLLER George Washington Women's Soccer Hometown: Newton, Mass. Major: Finance and Marketing



ALLI WADDINGTON
La Salle
Softball
Hometown: Jamison, Pa.

Major: Communication &

Spanish



ABBEY MIKLITSCH Rhode Island Women's Rowing Hometown: York, Pa. Major: Psychology and

Criminology



KATIE HEALY St. Bonaventure Women's Basketball Hometown: Lancaster, N.Y. Major: Marketing



## **ATLANTIC 10 BASKETBALL LEGENDS**

The 2016 Atlantic 10 Legends class featured seven All-Americans, 11 professional players and 21 institutional Hall of Fame members.

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. This year marks the fourth class the Atlantic 10 has inducted. Each year, A-10 member institutions select their two Legends. Previous honorees have included Basketball Hall of Fame members, national champions, Olympians, and professional players.

The Women's Basketball Legends were saluted with a breakfast on Friday, March 4 prior to the 2016 A-10 Women's Basketball Championship quarterfinals. The Men's Basketball Legends were

"It is an honor for the Atlantic 10 to recognize the accomplishments of the 2016 Legends Class. Their significant contributions to their institution, teams and to college basketball have made a lasting impression. A well-deserved congratulation is in order for this outstanding group of individuals."

#### Bernadette V. McGlade

Atlantic 10 Commissioner

honored on Saturday, March 12 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., prior to the 2016 Men's Basketball Championship semifinals. Both groups were also recognized on court during the A-10 Basketball Championships.



#### **MEN'S LEGENDS**

The 2016 Men's Legends class featured 13 former student-athletes and one coach. Of the honorees, 10 went on to play professionally in either the NBA or overseas. The group also includes four All-Americans, two former NBA Executives, one NBA All-Star, and one Wooden Award Winner and Naismith National Player of the Year. In addition, 12 of the men's legends are in their respective institutional athletics Halls of Fame.

#### **2016 ATLANTIC 10 MEN'S BASKETBALL LEGENDS**

School	Legend	Years Attended/Coached
Davidson	Dick Snyder	1964-66
Dayton	Jim Paxson	1975-79
Duquesne	Bruce Atkins	1979-82
Fordham	Kenny Charles	1969-73
George Mason	Jai Lewis	2002-06
George Washington	Christopher Monroe	1999-03
La Salle	Bill "Speedy" Morris	1984-01
Massachusetts	Marcus Camby	1993-96
Rhode Island	Cuttino Mobley	1994-98
Richmond	Kenny Wood	1990-93
St. Bonaventure	Sam Stith	1957-60
Saint Joseph's	Marvin O'Connor	1999-02
Saint Louis	Bob Ferry	1956-59
VCU	Domonic Jones	2000-04

#### **WOMEN'S LEGENDS**

The 2016 Women's Legends, all former student-athletes, including one who also served her institution as a head coach, led their teams to conference championships, NCAA Tournament selections and WNIT appearances. The group includes all-conference honorees, an academic All-American and nine individuals who have been inducted into their institutional athletics Hall of Fame.

#### **2016 ATLANTIC 10 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEGENDS**

School	Legend	Years Attended/Coached
Davidson	Carolyn Kirsch Rumpel	1993-97
Dayton	Sandy Johnson	1973-77
Duquesne	Darcie Vincent	1988-92
Fordham	Sharon Nast Curley	1982-86
George Mason	Deborah Taneyhill	1988-92/1997-08
George Washington	Sarah Jo Lawrence	2004-08
La Salle	Maureen Kramer	1977-81
Massachusetts	Melissa Gurile Black	1992-96
Rhode Island	Safi Mojidi	2004-08
Richmond	Julie Jones Venick	1988-92
St. Bonaventure	Susan Shay Danielewicz	z 1988-92
Saint Joseph's	Renie Shields	1978-82
Saint Louis	Julie Hacker-Buehne	1985-90
VCU	Anya Pavlikhina-Fitzger	ald 1991-95



TV/A-10 NETWORK

The Atlantic 10 reached league broadcasting milestones this season with a record 288 men's basketball games live on television and through digital outlets during the 2015-16 season. There were 203 televised games, and 85 games produced exclusively on digital outlets. In all, this represented 93 percent of the total number of A-10 games last season, a record amount of live coverage for the conference.

There were 134 men's basketball games distributed on national television, 107 of which were a part of the league-record television package through the A-10's four media partners ESPN, CBS Sports Network, NBCSN and American Sports Network (ASN). The additional 27 nationally televised games included coverage of in-season tournaments and away games. The 2016 Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship was a part of the national television package, with all 13 games airing on national television on ASN, NBCSN, CBS Sports Network and CBS Sports.

In women's basketball, the league also featured a record 50 national television appearances featuring all 14 A-10 teams across the league's media



In addition to basketball coverage, the A-10 had more than 1,000 Olympic sport events carried digitally on the A-10 Network. This included live streaming coverage of 10 Olympic sport championships on the A-10 Network:

- Fall: cross country, men's and women's soccer, volleyball, field hockey
- Winter: men's and women's swimming and diving
- Spring: baseball, lacrosse and softball

Through the ASN, the league also had television coverage of seven championships: men's and women's basketball, baseball, men's and women's soccer, softball and volleyball



"Through our partnerships with ESPN, CBS Sports Network, NBCSN and ASN, we have a wide selection of nationally televised games. Our digital platforms compliment the television coverage, giving us a national and international audience."

#### Bernadette V. McGlade

Atlantic 10 Commissioner

In addition to the nationally televised games, the Atlantic 10 had 69 games that aired on regional sports networks and local affiliates. The conference also had 85 games that were available on digital platforms, including all non-televised home A-10 games, which were carried on the A-10 Network. There were a total of 76 games on the A-10 Network and an additional nine games on ESPN3.



#### **A-10 SPOTLIGHT**

A first in league history, the weekly "A-10 Spotlight" was produced at ASN's West Palm Beach, Fla., studios. Monica McNutt, a former women's basketball student-athlete, and Jorge Andres, a George Mason graduate, served as hosts for the program. The show aired Saturdays nationwide on ASN affiliates and covered all 21 A-10 sports. A-10 Spotlight highlighted stories and features while providing a behind the scenes look and in-depth analysis from around the league.



Atlantic 10 institutions reside in states that comprise 33.3 million television households, approximately 30 percent of the total national media market. There are eight A-10 institutions in the top 25 media markets in the country.



# 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.



## **WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**



#### **NEW ATLANTIC10.COM**

The Atlantic 10 Conference re-launched Atlantic10.com in the fall of 2015. In addition to a new, responsive design website, visitors to Atlantic10.com have access to in-game highlights from selected men's and women's basketball games and conference championship events.

Mobile traffic now represents the majority of Atlantic10.com site visitors and the new site is designed to take advantage of that fast-growing shift. The new site uses responsive design and adapts its layout to the user

device, whether desktop, tablet or mobile. This allows fans to experience the full website without compromising content in a mobile environment.

Because of the redesign and new content offerings, traffic on Atlantic10.com during the peak season increased by 5 percent. "The Atlantic 10's digital platforms have become the front door to our conference. The expanded partnership with NeuLion allows the Atlantic 10 to deliver timely, relevant video content and real-time updates to fans on any device, any platform, any time."

Bernadette V. McGlade

Atlantic 10 Commissioner

The front page layout gives higher priority to video content and real-time data feeds, such as a multi-sport conference-wide live scoreboard, Twitter content from the conference and its membership and real time headlines from each of the conference's institutions and 21 sports.

Atlantic10.com serves as the hub for the A-10 Network, which distributed more than 1,000 events in 2015-16 across all league-sponsored sports.

#### **VIDEO FEATURES**

The Atlantic 10 initiated a large-scale new original content development project with Kwolity Productions to produce human interest feature stories and behind-the-scenes episodes of all 17 championship events. These generated more than 2 million social media impressions and 200K video views.

The A-10 offered highlights on Atlantic 10.com and social media channels by partnering with A-10 Network partner, NeuLion, to deliver in-game and near real time highlights via social media and website. The highlights generated



more than 3.2 million social media impressions were viewed more than 230,000 times.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**







A-10 social media accounts grew by 172 percent (19K to 33K), including more than 10K new Twitter followers, nearly 2K new Facebook likes and more than 1,200 new Instagram followers. Included in this success was the new men's basketball specific Twitter account, @A10MBB, which was launched on Jan. 15. The account published 687 tweets between Jan. 15 and March 31, an average of 9 per day and gained 8,742 new followers by March 31. There were 4.4 million post impressions and 4.9 percent engagement with tweets.

Additionally, the league began live streaming of men's and women's basketball championship postgame press conferences live on Facebook through a partnership with Facebook corporate. Overall, press conference video consumption increased by 15 times compared to last year's efforts via YouTube. More than 20,000 people watched the Saint Joseph's men's basketball championship final postgame press conference via Facebook.

The league partnered with Twitter corporate office to generate unique Twitter content with men's and women's basketball coaches and attending media, which increased media day Twitter engagement by 351 percent.





## **40TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Atlantic 10 Conference held a year-long celebration of its 40th anniversary in 2015-16, that included a commemorative logo and several year-long activations.

The anniversary logo was developed by 160 over 90, which also produced commercials highlighting the rich history of the A-10.

The year-long 40th anniversary celebration also included integration of anniversary elements into championships, apparel, digital and social media. The conference presented each A-10 student-athlete and coach with a limited edition 40th



anniversary t-shirt symbolizing the hard work and sweat equity realized every day during training and competition.

The Atlantic 10 also hosted a 40th anniversary celebration in conjunction with the men's and women's basketball championships in March of 2016 at the Barclays Center and the Richmond Coliseum. The league paid tribute to the past and toast the future as part of the A-10 Legends Celebration.

"This 40th anniversary year was a significant milestone for the conference. Atlantic 10 history has proven that a Division I Conference can excel athletically and academically. I salute the thousands of student-athletes, coaches and administrators who have elevated the Atlantic 10 to prestige and national relevance.

Bernadette V. McGlade
Atlantic 10 Commissioner

## **MEDIA DAYS**





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#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

The 2015 Men's Basketball Media Day was held in Brooklyn, N.Y., at Barclays Center for the fourth straight year. The format was a split session with seven coaches in the morning and seven coaches in the afternoon. A luncheon which included coaches, media members, administrators and other Atlantic 10 VIPs separated the media sessions.

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

The luncheon included a highlight "sizzle" video, a Preseason All-Conference video, and comments from Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade, Barclays Center CEO Brett Yormark, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams. Dayton coach Archie Miller also spoke on behalf of all14 A-10 coaches. CBS Sports Network's Jon Rothstein emceed the luncheon.

Media Day resulted in a wide variety of stories and photo galleries about all 14 A-10 programs. This included Atlantic10.com, which had strong content, including a preview, a post-event feature story, the Preseason Poll/Awards news story, links to the A-10 Live! interviews (both the morning of and for the archives later), a social media Storify, a Facebook photo gallery, and continuous coverage on Twitter.

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

The 2015 Women's Basketball Media Day was held in Richmond, Va., at the Richmond Marriott for the second consecutive year. The format was a split session with five coaches in the morning, six coaches in the afternoon, and three coaches that had media segments scheduled both before and after lunch. This format was implemented to provide additional one-on-one opportunities for coaches with media members, and increase engagement for coaches in each session. A luncheon which included coaches, media members, administrators and other Atlantic 10 VIPs separated the media sessions.

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 "sizzle" video, a Preseason All-Conference video, and comments from Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade and Richmond Coliseum General Manager Dwight Johnson. George Washington coach Jonathan Tsipis also spoke on behalf of all 14 A-10 coaches. Greg Burton from ESPN Radio 950 AM emceed the luncheon.

For both media days, the Atlantic 10 utilized a Twitter Mirror to broaden its social media efforts. This was a popular addition among coaches and media and resulted in a significant increase in social media traffic. Twitter impressions improved 37 percent over 2014 and engagements improved 351 percent, far surpassing the engagement levels of several other high profile conferences. The Atlantic 10 also publicized its media day hashtags on site.



## NCAA GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP



MICHAEL RAO **VCU President** 



**CAROL OUILLEN Davidson President** 



**BERNADETTE V. McGLADE** Atlantic 10 Commissioner



**KEITH GILL** Richmond **Director of Athletics** 

## **NCAA LEADERSHIP**

#### PRESIDENTIAL INVOLVEMENT

VCU President Dr. Michael Rao represents the Atlantic 10 on the Division I Board of Directors. He began this appointment in October of 2015. 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). It is the first time since 2008 the Atlantic 10 has had a representative on the Board, the presidential body with oversight responsibility for Division I.

Davidson President Dr. Carol Quillen represents the Atlantic 10 on the Presidential Forum, which replaced the former Presidential Advisory Group. The Presidential Forum serves as the primary advisory entity to the Board of Directors and includes representatives from all 32 Division I conferences.

Both Dr. Rao and Dr. Quillen were unanimously appointed to their NCAA Leadership positions by the Atlantic 10 Presidents Council.

#### **DIVISION I COUNCIL**

Two Atlantic 10 Conference administrators serve on the NCAA Division I Council. A-10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade, and Richmond Director of Athletics Keith Gill were chosen for Council, which was formed in January of 2015.

McGlade represents 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. Gill was also selected as the group's Vice Chair through a vote of the Council members.

#### NATIONAL LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Quillen and Gill both serve on important working groups that address issues identified during the 2015 Division I Strategic Summit, which Dr. Quillen and Gill participated in. Dr. Quillen is a member of the Values-Based Revenue Distribution Working Group, which examines how financial distributions to Division I members could better align with the core values of the Association. Gill is a member of the Sport Organizational Structure Working Group, which looks at the components of the multisport sponsorship commitment by Division I schools.

McGlade serves on the Women's Basketball Oversight Committee, which oversees all aspects of women's basketball. Saint Louis Athletic Director Chris May serves on the Competition Oversight Committee, which is charged with administration of sports other than football and men's and women's basketball, and chairs that group's finance subcommittee. Gill also serves on the Council Coordination Committee and co-chairs the Division I Council Ad Hoc Transfer Issues Working Group.

Atlantic 10 Senior Associate Commissioner Debbie Richardson was appointed to the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship Sport Committee, which oversees the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

## STUDENT-ATHLETE **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE**

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) again cultivated relationships with campus athletics administrators as well as conference officials by taking advantage of interactive opportunities such as monthly conference calls and the January Joint Meeting to enhance individual leadership skills.

The Athletic Directors welcomed the Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to participate in the league's annual January Joint Meetings in Washington. D.C. The two-day meeting marked the second year in a row that the SAAC members attended the conference governance meeting, engaging in discussions related to student-athlete time demands, transfer policies and leadership opportunities for professional development.

The A-10 SAAC works alongside the conference's governance groups, the Directors of Athletics, Senior Woman Administrators and Faculty Athletic Representatives. The A-10 was the first D-I conference to include student-athletes in governance meetings, and now continues this practice annually.

The Directors commended the student-athlete representatives for their commitment and leadership within the A-10 and renewed an invitation to include SAAC representation at the upcoming Joint Council of Presidents/Athletic Director's meeting.

Abbey Miklitsch (Rhode Island, women's rowing) represents the Atlantic 10 on the NCAA Division I SAAC in 2015-16.

#### **OUTREACH**

Through the SAAC, 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.

IT'S ON

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.



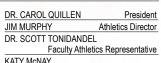
## **INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATION**

#### DAVIDSON









Senior Woman Administrator

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**







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RYAN BAMFORD Athletics Director
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Faculty Athletics Representative

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Senior Woman Administrator

#### **DAYTON**







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Faculty Athletics Representative

ANGIE PETROVIC
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#### **RHODE ISLAND**







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THORR BJORN Athletics Director
DR. YVETTE HARPS-LOGAN
Faculty Athletics Representative

Faculty Athletics Representative GINA SPERRY

#### **DUQUESNE**







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## **FINANCES**

#### 2015 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DISTRIBUTION

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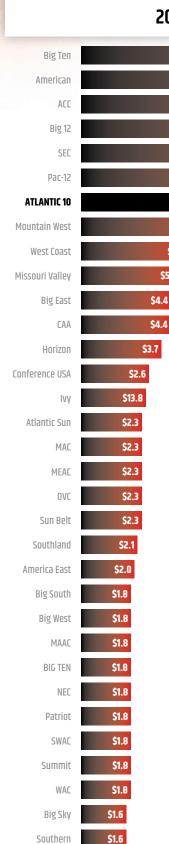
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\$19.3

\$25.8

\$24.5



# 2015 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DISTRIBUTION

The NCAA distributed \$205 million to the 32 conferences that received an automatic bid to the Men's Basketball Championship. That money was divided by the number of games each conference played in the tournament from 2010-15, with \$260,814.28 awarded for each game, excluding the championship game. The chart on the left shows the amount each league received (the Atlantic 10 is indicated in black).

#### **COST CENTER BUDGETING**

The Atlantic 10 Conference operates on a cost centered budgeting system. This system allows for each department supervisor to oversee his/her area of responsibility, while managing their budget daily. Annually, budget(s) are rebuilt from zero base to best fund the priorities and goals approved for the department. The A-10 Finance Committee oversees the conference budget process, meeting twice annually to review revenues/expenses and make final recommendations for approval at the Annual Spring Meeting.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

The A-10 investment policy governs the short and long-term investment activities of the Atlantic 10 Conference. The policy is intended to ensure prudent management of invested funds and reporting guidelines. The primary objective is to provide a reserve fund that can offset reduced revenue streams in times of economic uncertainty and to protect the conference reserves focused on secure modest growth.



# IN MEMORIUM

The Atlantic 10 Conference and its member institutions mourned the loss of the following people during 2015-16:

Steve McElvene, Dayton Men's Basketball Student-Athlete

Johnny Bach, Fordham Men's Basketball, A-10 Legend

Brother Joseph Burke, La Salle Former President































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