











2013 - 2014

### **ANNUAL REPORT**













# **COMMISSIONER'S** LETTER antic 10.com



ATLANTIC 10 COMMISSIONER BERNADETTE V. MCGLADE

When the history of the Atlantic 10 Conference is written, 2013-14 will have its own chapter. One of the most prolific academic and athletic years in conference history, it impressively showcased the strength of the A-10 and its member institutions.

The year began on July 1, 2013 by welcoming George Mason University – the Patriots are a perfect fit for the Atlantic 10. Academically and athletically, Mason is an outstanding institution located adjacent to our nation's capital. Intent on making a great transition, the Patriots won A-10 championships in four sports in 2013-14: men's soccer, women's indoor track & field, women's outdoor track & field and baseball.

Although not competing, Davidson College was introduced as the 14th A-10 member, slated to officially enter the conference in July of 2014. Elite academics combined with a broad-based Division I sports program and recognized nationally for its strength in men's basketball, the Davidson addition was met with widespread praise.

As the year unfolded, academic success was impressive, placing the Atlantic 10 Conference in the top five national ranking for NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) and Academic Progress Rate (APR). To fully appreciate the commitment to academic excellence by the membership, the conference awarded over 2.600 Commissioner's

Honor Roll certificates and 10 Postgraduate Scholarships to deserving graduating seniors, marking one of the largest Division I conference scholarship award programs. Complementing the academic achievements of our studentathletes, 2013-14 ushered in the Victory Scholars partnership, and awarded two graduate-level educational opportunities to study abroad in Ireland.

Propelled by a new eight-year multimedia contract with ESPN, CBS Sports and NBCSN, the conference enjoyed its highest level of nationally televised events for men's and women's basketball. The agreement generated an increased rights fee, allowing for the Council of Presidents to approve significant increases in A-10 postgraduate scholarship awards, the development of an A-10 Network and a national conference branding campaign; decisions which have strengthened the league and will continue to do so in the future.

The conference continued to build momentum and earn national acclaim. In a succession of achievements, the A-10 embarked on a national branding campaign which catapulted the conference into the limelight. Hailed by fans, the media and advertising brand management experts, the A-10's "Who Wants Next" campaign was a finalist for the prestigious CLIO Sports



























Cover campus images, top row: Dayton: Immaculate Conception Chapel | Duquesne: "Old Main" building | Fordham: Keating Hall | George Mason: George Mason's Statue | George Washington: George Washington's Statue | La Salle: College Hall

Cover campus images, bottom row: Massachusetts: W.E.B. Du Bois Library | Rhode Island: The Quad | Richmond: Boatwright Memorial Library | St. Bonaventure: Hedge Row and Bell Tower | Saint Joseph's: Barbelin Tower | Saint Louis: The Clock Tower | VCU: The VCU Compass

Awards, and the league brought home the bronze trophy competing against the likes of Coca Cola, DICK'S Sporting Goods and BMW.

March 2014 was a particularly historic month as the A-10 captured the attention of many sports fans. The women's basketball Championship was hosted in Richmond, Va., for the first year of a multi-year partnership, and from a historic perspective, Fordham women's basketball won its first-ever A-10 crown. The men's basketball championship in Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., experienced record-breaking crowds, which eclipsed previous Atlantic 10 attendance marks, and saw the Saint Joseph's men's basketball team win their first A-10 title since 1997.

Leading up to Selection Sunday, the anticipation and suspense grew amongst the A-10 faithful and all were rewarded with six teams selected into the Big Dance. I must admit — a historic day and a salute to the men's basketball programs, coaches and student-athletes in the A-10. Our Dayton Flyers, after enduring a heart-breaking defeat in the A-10 championship, rallied and enthralled the nation by ascending to the Elite Eight, showcasing the strength of this conference. As if this wasn't enough for one month, the A-10 sent seven women's basketball teams to the postseason and inked a partnership with the Atlantic Coast Conference

and Barclays Center, securing regular season competitions and the championship in Brooklyn through 2021.

By any measure, 2013-14 was a historically successful year for the Atlantic 10 Conference. I encourage you to take your time and read through this annual report as the successes achieved are simply too many to reference in this letter.

I sincerely thank and acknowledge the great leadership in this conference; Dr. Steven Knapp, Chair of the Presidents Council and Mr. Tim Wabler, Chair of the Directors of Athletics, set the tone and lead with wisdom, compassion and strength. The Faculty Athletic Representatives and Senior Woman Administrators continue to be invaluable to the success of the league. As for the coaches and student-athletes, their commitment to excellence is the true hallmark of the A-10 and I am honored to work with them all. Last, but not least, the A-10 office staff is dedicated, savvy and loyal in their service to the membership.

The 2013-14 year is gone, but as we marshal in 2014-15, the Atlantic 10 Conference will hold steadfast to our rich tradition and integrity of academic and athletic excellence.

Sincerely,

Bymylade

# **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

# FEATURING OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS





#### ACADEMICS IN THE ATLANTIC 10

Academics are a point of pride in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The league annually ranks among the top five of all Division I conferences in NCAA metrics regarding graduation and academic progress. Over 2,600 student-athletes receive Commissioner's Honor Roll distinction each year, and the A-10 honors select graduated student-athletes with Postgraduate Scholarships. The Atlantic 10 truly believes in the term student-athlete, and proves year in and year out that success in the classroom and on the playing field are not mutually exclusive.

#### COMMISSIONER'S HONOR ROLL

The Commissioner's Honor Roll lists studentathletes in Atlantic 10-sponsored sports that have a 3.5 GPA or better (on a 4.0 scale) during the specified semester.

The Spring of 2014 marked the seventh straight semester that over 1,300 student-athletes have earned the distinction. In all, 2,653 student-athletes were honored with the distinction during the 2013-14 year.

The Atlantic 10 Conference also set a record for the highest average of student-athletes honored in the spring of 2014 with 1,340 total honorees, an average of 103 per institution. The 103 average broke the record set in the fall of 2012. A-10 institutions also recorded a high average in the fall of 2013, with 101 honorees per school, which tied for the second most in league history.

#### A-10 AVERAGE APR RISES

The Atlantic 10 Conference was tied for fifth among all Division I Conferences in the Academic Progress Rate (APR) data released by the NCAA in May of 2014. The league average is a 984, marking the fourth consecutive year the A-10's average APR has risen. The A-10 average was eight points higher than the national average of 976.

As a whole, 141 Atlantic 10 Conference teams met or exceeded the national average of their respective sports, 37 of them with perfect scores of 1000. In addition to its overall success, A-10 men's basketball programs are tied for sixth among the 32 Division I Conferences. Seven of the Atlantic 10 men's basketball teams exceeded the national average for men's hoops.

# 3.5+ GPA

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# 2,653 STUDENT-ATHLETES WITH GPA OF 3.5 OR BETTER





In women's indoor track, each of the 11 league members exceeded the national average, while 10 of 11 outdoor women's track teams met or were over the average. Six of eight women's lacrosse programs surpassed the national average, while 11-of-12 women's cross country teams and seven women's swimming and diving squads were also above the average in their respective sports.

The A-10 also had 58 of its teams earn national recognition from the NCAA in the APR. The 58 programs, which is the most for the A-10 since 2010, ranked in the top 10 percent of their respective sports in APR scores compiled through the 2012-13 academic year.

#### A-10 FIFTH IN GSR; MEN'S BASKETBALL 2ND NATIONALLY

The Atlantic 10 Conference ranked fifth among all conferences in the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate (GSR), marking the third straight year the league has been ranked in the top five in the annual ratings. Measured in a six-year window, the GSR, which was released in October of 2013, records the graduation rate of freshmen that enrolled in an A-10 institution in 2006.

The A-10 boasted 62 teams with a perfect GSR of 100, which represents one-third of all Atlantic 10 teams (62 out of 182). Those 62 teams graduated each student-athlete that initially enrolled between 2003 and 2006.

The league ranked second among all conferences in the sport of men's basketball, a conference record, and has trended upward each of the last four years, resulting in a 90 percent graduation success rate for A-10 men's basketball student-athletes who initially enrolled with the program in 2006. Every single A-10 women's basketball team was at or above the GSR for all of Division I. Women's basketball also ranks fourth overall among all conferences. In addition to placing both basketballs in the top five among all conferences, Atlantic 10 baseball is also fifth among all conferences.

# POSTGRADUATE **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

### INVESTING IN THE STUDENT ATHLETE

#### **POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARS**

The Atlantic 10 honored 10 student-athletes, seven women and three men, from seven different A-10 institutions with the annual A-10 Postgraduate Scholarship. The 2014 recipients, chosen from a pool of 40 applicants, are the first honorees since the A-10 Directors of Athletics voted to more than double the number of honorees from four to 10 awards and increase the distribution to \$7,000 to each student.

Each recipient receives \$7,000 to contribute towards full-time enrollment in a graduate or professional program. All 10 studentathletes have performed with distinction both in the classroom and their respective sports throughout their careers, while demonstrating exemplary conduct in the community. Selections were made by a panel of five Faculty Athletic Representatives (FARs) after the full A-10 Council of FARs reviewed and ranked the full pool of applicants.



DAYTON **WOMEN'S SOCCER** JULIANA LIBERTIN



DAYTON **WOMEN'S SOCCER SARAH SENOYUIT** 



DAYTON MEN'S GOLF ANDREW STEFFENSMEIER



DUQUESNE **MEN'S SOCCER SIMON GOMEZ** 



**GEORGE MASON** WOMEN'S SOCCER LYNDSE HOKANSON

# 10 HONOREES



#### \$7,000 SCHOLARSHIP PER STUDENT-ATHLETE



GEORGE WASHINGTON
MEN'S SWIMMING
JACOB MORTENSEN



LA SALLE
WOMEN'S SOCCER
RENEE WASHINGTON



RHODE ISLAND
WOMEN'S ROWING
CHELSEA PAULIN



SAINT JOSEPH'S
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
ERIN SHIELDS



SAINT JOSEPH'S

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY /
TRACK & FIELD

EMMA SLATTERY

"The Postgraduate
Scholarship Program
reflects the Atlantic 10's
strong commitment to
support student-athletes
as they pursue graduate or
professional degrees."

**Dr. Stephen J. Porth**Chair of the A-10 Faculty Athletics Representatives
Saint Joseph's University

#### **ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

LIZZIE GLEASON

Dayton, Track & Field

**JOHN HOWE**Dayton, Men's Soccer

**SARAH SENOYUIT**Dayton, Women's Soccer

JIM SPISAK Duquesne, Track & Field **KELSEY HAYCOOK** La Salle, Women's Soccer

JOURDAN MCVICKER La Salle, Women's Soccer

ALFREDO SANTANA La Salle, Track & Field

JOSH SCHWARTZ Massachusetts, Men's Soccer

**LEADERSHIP** 

SUCCESS





# **MEN'S** BASKETBALL

### **SHOWCASING A** RECORD-BREAKING, SUCCESSFUL SEASON

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

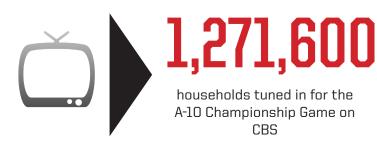
The 2013-14 men's basketball season, slated to be a down year by some pundits, turned out to be arguably the most successful year in league history. The A-10 was the only conference with six teams with 24+ wins in 2013-14. Before conference play the A-10 had made waves, completing its regular-season non-conference schedule by winning 71 percent of those nonleague games.

A-10 teams registered 12 wins over ranked teams and 18 wins against the big five conferences. Saint Louis reeled off 19 straight wins, including 12 straight versus league opponents to claim the regular season crown. But it was Saint Joseph's that made the magical run to the A-10 Championship game at Barclays Center. The Hawks won their first A-10 title since 1997 with a 65-61 win over VCU on Selection Sunday.

This was followed by a record six NCAA Tournament teams from the A-10. The previous record was five, set three times, including in 2012-13. Of those six teams, Dayton and Saint Louis advanced past the NCAA Second Round, with UD winning the Ohio battle over Ohio State 60-59, and the Billikens making a memorable



comeback to beat NC State in overtime, 83-80. Saint Joseph's nearly advanced as well, losing in overtime to eventual national champion Connecticut. Dayton took its turn in the spotlight, advancing to the Sweet 16 by shocking Syracuse (55-53) and Stanford (82-72). Florida stopped the Flyers from advancing into the Final Four, but UD had earned the A-10 its seventh straight year with a team reaching the Sweet 16 or better. When all was completed, seven of the Atlantic 10's 13 teams received votes or were ranked in national polls during the year, and three of those teams peaked inside the Top 13. The A-10 also had nine of its 13 teams in the top 100 of the RPI ratings, including six teams in the RPI top 50.









#### BY THE NUMBERS

- 75 percent of championship games were televised nationally by the league's TV partners
- 44.7 percent increase in total ticket sales from 2013
- **36.9** percent increase in Championship Attendance from 2013

- 13 A-10 Legends honored at the secondannual Legends Celebration
- 9 A-10 teams finished in the RPI Top 100, tied for the most of any league with the ACC and the Big Ten
- 6 A-10 teams in the NCAA Tournament the most in league history and tied for second among all conferences in 2014
- **3** Atlantic 10 Championship titles won by Saint Joseph's and its first since 1997



51,855

fans attended the Championship, a 36.9 percent increase from 2013. 7,407 fans attended each session, on average; an increase of 17.4 % over 2013



**265** 

national, regional and local media members attended the 2014 championship





### HIGHLIGHTING SEVEN POSTSEASON BIDS, NUMBERS OF WINS



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

In a banner year for women's basketball in the A-10, the Conference had seven teams with 20 or more wins for the first time since 2010-11 and its members combined for its highest winning percentage in non-conference play since 2002-03.

One year after a one-point loss in the Atlantic 10 women's championship game, Fordham beat top-seeded Dayton 63-51 to win the A-10 title in Richmond, Va. The Rams were joined in the 2014 NCAA Tournament by UD and Saint Joseph's. The Hawks knocked off Georgia in first-round play, before falling to eventual National Champion UConn in the second round.

Duquesne, George Washington, St. Bonaventure and VCU were all selected to take part in the 2014 WNIT, with GW advancing to the third round of play. The A-10 has now has seen at least 50 percent of its membership participate in postseason play in five of the last six seasons. The A-10 has earned three NCAA Tournament bids in six of the last nine years and 17 times overall. The league has also had at least seven of its teams advance to postseason play in each of the last five years. Dayton's Andrea Hoover

was named the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Year. Twenty one different student-athletes garnered awards, while St. Bonaventure coach Jim Crowley was recognized by his peers as the 2014 A-10 Coach of the Year. Saint Joseph's Natasha Cloud was named Defensive Player of the Year, while George Washington's Caira Washington was tabbed as Rookie of the Year. SBU's Hannah Little was named Sixth Woman of the Year and her teammate Katie Healy won Most Improved Player. In the classroom, Saint Joseph's senior Erin Shields was selected to the I-AAA Scholar-Athlete Team for the second straight year after being named Second-Team All-Atlantic 10.



A-10 national television appearances in 2013-14





#### BY THE NUMBERS

- 10 Cal's national ranking when it was knocked off by George Washington, 75-72, on Nov. 16
- 9 3-pointers by Duquesne's Reagan Moore, who set set a school record and tied an A-10 record at Kent State, and finished with a career-high 35 points
- 5 consecutive years the A-10 has had at least seven of its teams advance to postseason play
- 4 WNIT Participants (Duquesne, George Washington, St. Bonaventure, VCU)

- 3 NCAA Tournament Teams (Dayton, Fordham, Saint Joseph's)
- 1 two-time I-AAA Scholar-Athlete, Saint Joseph's senior guard Erin Shields
- 1st A-10 Championship for Fordham, who defeated Dayton at the Richmond Coliseum in the Conference Championship Final.



21

student-athletes honored on the 2013-14 Atlantic 10 All-Conference Teams



7

A-10 teams advanced to postseason play with 20 or more wins; the most since the 2010-11 season







**COMMUNITY SERVICE** 



#### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Champion: La Salle

The La Salle Explorers won the 2013 Atlantic 10 Men's Cross Country Championship held at Pole Green Park in Mechanicsville, Va., with 27 points and an average time of 24:03.48. Nico Greco of La Salle was the individual winner with a time of 23:46.9. La Salle finished with five competitors in the top 12, including Zach Sullivan and Nick Ross who finished second and fourth, respectively, to collect its ninth A-10 title in program history. Dan Ireland won Coach of the Year honors for the Explorers, and John Mascioli of Saint Joseph's was named Most Outstanding Rookie as the top freshman finisher (27th place). Saint Joseph's finished second with an average time of 24:25.50 and 75 points. George Mason took third with 97 points and an average time of 24:36.54, while Massachusetts finished fourth with 133 points and an average time of 24:44.76. Duquesne rounded out the top five with 137 points and an average time of 24:44.50.

#### **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Champion: Duquesne

The Duquesne Dukes captured the 2013 Atlantic 10 Women's Cross Country Championship with 53 points and an average race time of 17:28.90. Bethany Sachtleben of George Mason was the individual winner with a time of 16:54.6. The Women's 5K race was held at Pole Green Park in Mechanicsville, Va., and hosted by the University of Richmond. The Dukes finished with six competitors in the top 20, including Amber Valimont, Haley Pisarcik and Valerie Palermo, who all finished in the top 10 to help collect the first A-10 title in Duquesne history. Duquesne's Tom Slosky won Coach of the Year honors for the Dukes, and Marisa Ruskan of Richmond was named Most Outstanding Rookie as the top freshman finisher (8th place). The Spiders finished second with an average time of 17:34.06 and 73 points with the help of Jill Prentice's second-place finish. La Salle took third with 118 points and an average time of 17:55.12, while Saint Louis followed in fourth with 119 points and an average time of 17:51.48. Massachusetts rounded out the top five with 152 points and an average time of 18:07.40.











#### FIELD HOCKEY

#### Champion: Massachusetts

Massachusetts claimed its second consecutive and 14th overall Atlantic 10 Conference Field Hockey Championship with a 2-1 victory over Richmond at Massachusetts' Garber Field. UMass defender and reigning two-time A-10 Defensive Player of the Year Lauren Allymohamed was named the Championship's Most Outstanding Player after anchoring a Minutewomen defense that surrendered just one goal over the weekend. The junior also scored the game-winning goal in a double-overtime win over VCU in the semifinals. UMass advanced to the 2014 NCAA Tournament where it knocked off No. 7 Virginia 4-3, before falling to No. 5 Duke in guarterfinal play. Allymohamed's teammate Brooke Sabia was tabbed as the Conference's Offensive Player of the Year, Minutewomen freshman Charlotte Verelst was named Rookie of the Year and the trio's leader, Carla Tagliente, was named the A-10 Coach of the Year. Following the season, Richmond goalkeeper Anna Zarkoski was named a First-Team All-American, while her teammate Rebecca Barry was a Third-Team choice. Allymohamed was named Second-Team All-American along with her teammate Alexa Sikalis.

#### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

#### Champion: La Salle

For the second consecutive year, the La Salle Explorers were crowned 2013 Atlantic 10 Women's Soccer champions, securing the title by virtue of a 5-4 edge in penalty kicks over topseeded Dayton in the finale, held at VCU's Sports Backers Stadium in Richmond, Va. The Flyers took a 1-0 lead in the first minute of play with a header from First-Team All-Conference selection Juliana Libertin. Explorer Kelsey Haycook evened the score on her 15th goal of the season, putting her in a tie for all-time career goals at La Salle. The top teams battled through extra time, forcing penalty shots. Renee Washington, who had a goal in each of the Explorers' three wins, earned the Championship's Most Outstanding Player honor. The Flyers nearly swept the regular season awards, led by Offensive Player of the Year Ashley Campbell, Defensive Player of the Year Sarah Senoyuit and Libertin who was named Midfield of the Year. Dayton's Mike Tucker was named A-10 Coach of the Year for the fifth time, while Saint Joseph's Emily Gingrich earned Rookie of the Year accolades. The Explorers made their third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament but fell 2-0 to Georgetown in the first round.









**COMMUNITY SERVICE** 



#### MEN'S SOCCER

Champion: George Mason

George Mason's Alex Herrera buried a penalty kick with just over nine minutes left in the match to give second-seeded Mason a 1-0 victory over top-seeded Saint Louis in the finals of the 2013 Atlantic 10 Men's Soccer Championship. The victory marked the first A-10 team championship for George Mason after joining the conference in July of 2013. Herrera, who also assisted on Mason's game-winning goal in an overtime victory over VCU in the semifinals, was named the Championship's Most Outstanding Player. The VCU Rams joined George Mason in the NCAA Tournament field. VCU dropped a first-round match to Navy, while Mason topped William & Mary in penalty kicks, before falling to eventual National Semifinalist New Mexico in the second round. La Salle midfielder Jason Plumhoff was named the 2013 Atlantic 10 conference Men's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year, while Saint Louis' Anthony Manning and Alex Sweetin were tabbed the league's Defensive and Midfielder of the Year, respectively, in voting conducted among the Conference's 13 head coaches. In the same vote, George Mason's Steffen Kraus was honored as Rookie of the Year and Mike McGinty of Saint Louis was selected as Coach of the Year by his peers.

#### **VOLLEYBALL**

Champion: Duquesne

The top-seeded Duquesne volleyball team, which also won the regular season, captured its first-ever Atlantic 10 title at GW's Charles E. Smith Center, earning the A-10's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship. The Dukes beat second-seeded VCU 3-1 (25-13, 25-18, 18-25, 25-23) to win the Championship. Both teams were playing in their first Atlantic 10 title match, and it was the first time since 2002 that Dayton or Saint Louis hasn't been the A-10 champion. VCU sophomore outside hitter Romana Kriskova was named the league's Player of the Year and her teammate, junior libero Amanda Love, was selected as the A-10's Libero of the Year. Duquesne sophomore setter Mary Henry garnered Setter of the Year honors while her coach Steve Opperman was named Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year. Freshman Danielle Rygelski, an outside hitter from Saint Louis, earned Rookie of the Year honors. The Dukes, making their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Championship, fell to No. 15 Kentucky, 3-0, in a First Round match held at Memorial Coliseum in Lexington, Ky.







#### MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

#### Champion: St. Bonaventure

The St. Bonaventure University men earned their second consecutive championship title with 718 team points at the Atlantic 10 Men's Swimming and Diving Championships at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio. St. Bonaventure sophomore Michael Pilyugin was named the Most Outstanding Performer after winning six gold medals in the meet along with setting individual meet records in the 200-yd freestyle (1:36.35) and the 200-yd backstroke (1:45.14). Pilyugin also finished first in the 100-yd backstroke (48.54) and was a member of three A-10 record setting relay teams (200-yd freestyle, 400-yd freestyle and 800-yd freestyle). La Salle's Mattias Glenesk was honored as the Most Outstanding Rookie Performer after finishing fifth overall in the 500-yd freestyle (4:30.31) and breaking an A-10 1,650-yd freestyle 31-year record with a time of 15:20.48. Massachusetts' Joshua Koppel was named the meet's Most Outstanding Diver after placing first in both the men's 1-meter dive (310.70) and the 3-meter dive (303.75). Runner-up Massachusetts finished with 624 points followed by George Mason (591), La Salle (403), Saint Louis (385), George Washington (366) and Fordham (284).

#### WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

#### Champion: Richmond

The University of Richmond took home the 2014 Atlantic 10 Women's Swimming and Diving Championship title after four days of competition at the SPIRE Institute in Geneva, Ohio. The Spiders racked up a total of 645.5 points en route to their fourth consecutive A-10 title and 12th title in the last 13 years. Leading the way for the Spiders was senior Mali Kobelja, who was named the meet's Most Outstanding Performer. Over the course of the championship, Kobelja recorded first place finishes in the 200-yd individual medley (2:00.46) and the 100-yd breaststroke (1:01.82), a second place finish in the 200-yd breaststroke (2:13.62) and team relay victories in the 200yd medley relay, the 200-yd freestyle relay, the 400-yd medley relay and 400-yd freestyle relay. Fordham's Megan Polaha was named the Most Outstanding Rookie Performer after recording a sixth place finish in the 200-yd IM (2:03.09), a fourth place finish in the 400-yd IM (4:19.72) and setting a new A-10 Conference record in the 200-yd butterfly with a time of 1:58.51. Massachusetts' Michaela Butler was named the meet's Most Outstanding Diver after placing first in both the women's 1-meter dive (315.65) and the women's 3-meter dive (286.95).





#### **WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING** (continued)

Runner-up Fordham finished with 493 points, followed by Massachusetts (467), George Mason (436), Duquesne (371.5), La Salle (318), Rhode Island (287), George Washington (253.5), St. Bonaventure (213) and Saint Louis (152).

#### WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Champion: George Mason

The George Mason University women's track and field team captured the 2014 Atlantic 10 Indoor Championship, outscoring Dayton and Duquesne, who tied for second. The Patriots, in their first year in the Atlantic 10, claimed the schools' second A-10 title in 2013-14. Mason scored 125 points across 20 events to earn the win. Dayton and Duquesne tied at 109 points each followed by 96.5 points from fourth-place VCU and 85.5 points by Rhode Island, which finished in fifth place. Mason coach Andrew Gerard was voted Coach of the Year after leading the Patriots to the title, while Mason freshman Chantel Richardson was selected as

the A-10's Rookie of the Year. Rebecca Stoyle of Massachusetts set the facility record in the triple jump with a 12.79m jump, eclipsing a mark set in 1997, en route to being named Field Performer of the Year. La Salle's Meghan McGlinchey was named Track Performer of the Year after setting new championship records in the 5000 meter and in the 3000 meter.

#### MEN'S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Champion: Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island men's track and field team won its eighth A-10 Men's Indoor title and third A-10 title in the last four years at the 2014 Atlantic 10 Men's Track & Field Championship. Rhode Island finished with 171.5 points in 20 scoring events, beating second-place George Mason, which had 140.5 points. Saint Joseph's (106), La Salle (87) and VCU (84) rounded out the top five teams. Rhode Island's John Copeland took home Coach of the Year honors. La Salle's Alfredo Santana earned Track Performer of the Year after winning both the 5000 meters and 3000 meters. Brandon Ruffin of VCU was Field Performer of the Year, winning the shot put and finishing second in the weight throw. Ayodeji Raymond of George Mason captured Rookie of the Year honors.







#### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

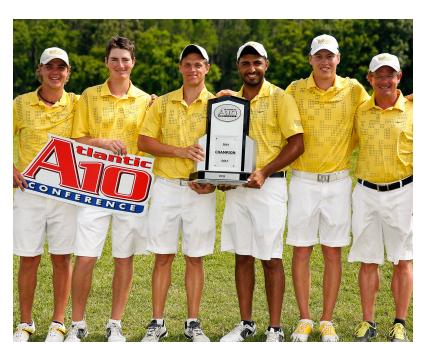
#### Champion: VCU

VCU picked up its second-straight conference crown, sweeping each of its three opponents, 4-0 at the 2014 Atlantic 10 Women's Tennis Championship, held at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in Mason, Ohio. After earning first-round byes, the top two seeds, VCU and Saint Louis, met in the final match. The Rams picked up wins at first and second doubles to secure the opening point before making quick work on the final three singles courts. Salome Kvitashvili, Olga Barscheuskaya and Ludivine Burguiere topped their opponents in straight sets, clinching back-to-back titles in the Rams' second year in the league. Most Outstanding Rookie Performer of the Year, Aspen Cervin of Saint Louis, compiled 22 singles victories, landing her in a tie for eighth on SLU's single-season list. Led by Coach of the Year, Paul Kostin, and two-time Most Outstanding Performer, Cindy Chala, the Rams earned a ninth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament, where they fell to eventual national finalist North Carolina.

#### **MEN'S TENNIS**

#### Champion: George Washington

Top-seeded George Washington earned wins in four straight singles matches to defeat secondseeded VCU 4-1, in the 2014 A-10 Men's Tennis Championship, at Boar's Head Sports Club in Charlottesville, Va. Francisco Dias, who earned his second Most Outstanding Performer honor in three years at GW, picked up a win at singles along with his teammates Danil Zelenkov and Viktor Svensson. Colonial senior Nikita Fomin battled for a come from behind victory over VCU's Alejandro Argente to end the match, securing the third A-10 title in four years for GW. Greg Munoz was voted A-10 Coach of the Year, while Richmond freshman Jacob Dunbar, who boasted an impressive 22-match winning streak during the year, was named Most Outstanding Rookie Performer. The Colonials represented the A-10 in the NCAA Regionals, but fell to No. 28 South Carolina 4-1. VCU's Alexis Heugas and Nick Jones advanced to the Round of 16 in the NCAA Doubles Championship, defeating Nevada's Robert Allan and Victor Ouvrard, but would fall to a pair from Clemson. Heugas also competed in the NCAA Singles Championship, taking No. 12 Nik Scholtz of Mississippi to three sets, before dropping a 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 decision.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



#### MEN'S GOLF

Champion: VCU

VCU topped Richmond by just one stroke to capture the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Men's Golf Championship at TPC Tampa Bay in Lutz, Fla. The victory was the first A-10 Golf Championship for VCU. The Rams carded a three-day score of 286-301-291-878 to edge its crosstown rival Richmond which shaved 11 shots off its second round total to shoot a 292-298-289-879 for the Championship. Richmond's Danny Pizetoski took home individual medalist honors with a two-under par performance for the weekend. Pizetoski was the only player to post multiple rounds in red numbers, carding a three-day total of 70-71-70-211. VCU's Matt Ball was honored by his peers as the 2014 A-10 Coach of the Year. VCU placed 11th at the NCAA San Antonio Regional at Briggs Ranch Golf Course. The Rams finished at 28-over (300-289-303=892) for the 54-hole tournament. Adam Ball was VCU's top competitor over the weekend. The sophomore carded a 4-over 76 Saturday to earn a share of 31st place. Ball was 5-over (75-70-76=221) for the weekend.

#### **WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Champion: Massachusetts

Top-seeded Massachusetts captured its sixth consecutive Atlantic 10 Women's Lacrosse Championship with a 10-6 victory over secondseeded Richmond. Katie Ferris was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player after registering nine points on the weekend including two goals and four assists in the championship game. The win over the Spiders marked the 40th consecutive victory for UMass over A-10 foes. Ferris collected her third consecutive Offensive Player of the Year award, while Duquesne's Amanda Kidder won Midfielder of the Year for the second straight season. Richmond defender Taylor Blazer was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year, while La Salle's Toni Massetti was tabbed as Rookie of the Year and the Explorers' Candace Taglianetti Bossel was honored for the second time as A-10 Coach of the Year.









#### **WOMEN'S ROWING**

#### Champion: Massachusetts

Massachusetts claimed the 2014 Atlantic 10 Women's Rowing Championship, scoring 52 points to edge two-time defending champion Rhode Island on the Occoquan Reservoir at Sandy Run Regional Park. UMass won both the Varsity 4 (8:23.50) and the Varsity 8 (7:26.00) races and finished second in the Second Varsity 8 race with a time of 7:47.93. Rhode Island, which won the championship in 2012 and 2013, won the Second Varsity 8 race with a time of 7:30.30. The Rams, who finished with 50 points, placed second in both the Varsity 4 (8:38.45) and Varsity 8 (7:31.13) races. Saint Joseph's placed third in the regatta with 36 points, just ahead of fourth-place George Washington, which tallied 35 points. The Hawks finished fourth in the Second Varsity 8 and third in the Varsity 8. GW was third in the Varsity 4 and fourth in the Varsity 8. Rhode Island also won the non-scoring Third Varsity 8 with a time of 7:46.80. UMass, which earned the A-10 automatic bid to the NCAA Championship, finished in 21st place in the NCAAs following appearances in the D Finals by the Varsity 4+, Varsity 8+ and Second Varsity 8+. The Varsity 4+ finished second in its

race to secure 20th place while the Varsity 8+ and Second Varsity 8+ each earned 21st. The appearance in the NCAA Rowing Championships marks the first for the program since the Varsity 8+ boat competed in 1999 and the first as a team since all three boats appeared in the 1998 edition.

#### MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

#### Champion: Rhode Island

The University of Rhode Island's men's team captured the 2014 Atlantic 10 Outdoor Track & Field Championship marking the Rams' third A-10 title in the last four years. Rhode Island was able to maintain its lead after day one and finished with a total of 191.5 points after 22 scoring events to outpace runner-up George Mason, who finished with 169 points. Duquesne (102), VCU (97) and Saint Joseph's (80) rounded out the top five. Massachusetts finished sixth with 68.5 points followed by La Salle (68), Fordham (42) and Saint Louis (38). George Mason's Adrian Vaughn was named the Men's Track Performer of the Year after winning both the 200 meters (21.18) and the 400 meters (47.06). Vaughn was





# MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (continued)

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

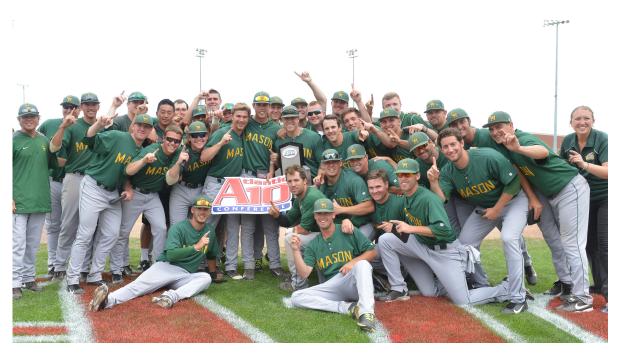
also a member of the 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay teams that finished first in their respective events. VCU's Brandon Ruffin was honored as the Men's Field Performer of the Year after finishing first in the Hammer Throw (17.35m) and the Discus (51.02m). La Salle's Chris Sanders won Rookie of the Year after finishing first in the 800 meters (1:51.61). Rhode Island's John Copeland was named Coach of the Year. Fordham's David Fajoyomi (High Jump) and La Salle's Alfredo Santana (1,500 meters) earned Second and Third Team All-American honors, respectively, at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

### WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Champion: George Mason

The George Mason University women's track and field team took home the 2014 Atlantic 10 Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championship to earn their first A-10 Outdoor title. George Mason

overcame a day-one deficit thanks to gold medal performances from Bethany Sachtleben in the 5,000 meters (16:30.12), Shavon Briscoe in the 100 meter hurdles (13.74) and by the 4x400 relay team (3:40.56). George Mason finished with a total of 164 points after 22 events scored, while runner-up Duquesne finished with 137 points. VCU (110), Rhode Island (93.5) and Dayton (86.5) finished third, fourth and fifth respectively. Saint Louis and Massachusetts finished tied for sixth with 76 points, followed by Richmond (48), La Salle (28), Fordham (23) and Saint Joseph's (16). Mason coach Andrew Gerard was named Coach of the Year after leading the Patriots to the title. VCU's Kiara Porter and Jaleesa Williams were named the Women's Track Performer of the Year and Field Performer of the Year, respectively. Porter finished first in the 200 meters (23.89) and the 400 meters (53.55) and was also a member of the 4x100 relay team that finished first with a time of 45.88. Williams took home the gold in both the Shot Put and the Discus while finishing second in the Hammer. Heather MacLean of Massachusetts finished first in the 800 meters (2:09.26) and in the 4x800 relay (9:00.22) en route to being named the Rookie of the Year. VCU's Kiara Porter (400 meters) and Jaleese Williams (Discus) earned First and





Second Team All-American honors, respectively, at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

#### SOFTBALL

#### Champion: Fordham

Top-seeded Fordham defeated second-seeded Saint Louis, 11-0, to capture the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Softball Championship and its second consecutive conference title. Fordham's Michelle Daubman, the Championship's Most Outstanding Performer, led the way for the Rams allowing only two hits in the shutout performance against the Billikens in the championship game. Over three championship games, Daubman gave up a total of two runs over 15 innings pitched. Fordham senior Elise Fortier was named A-10 Player of the Year and Daubman and Brianna Lore of Saint Louis shared Co-Pitcher of the Year honors, Jena Cozza of Massachusetts was selected as Rookie of the Year and Fordham's Bridget Orchard was named Coach of the Year. The Rams represented the Atlantic 10 in the NCAA Tournament. marking their third appearance in the field of 64 in the last four years, and opened in the Tallahassee Regional playing against host Florida State. Fordham lost to Florida State, 6-1, and was subsequently

eliminated by South Carolina, 5-4, to conclude its 2014 season. The Rams finished the 2014 campaign with a record of 36-20 (13-3).

#### BASEBALL

#### Champion: George Mason

Third-seeded George Mason topped fourthseeded VCU, 3-2, in 10 innings to capture the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Baseball Championship at the Billiken Sports Complex on the campus of Saint Louis University. Mason did not suffer a defeat in the double-elimination tournament, running its record to 34-20 on the season and earning the A-10's automatic bid to the 2014 NCAA Tournament. The Patriots took a 2-1 lead against regional host Rice into the eighth inning, but lost to the Owls, and were subsequently eliminated by Texas A&M. Saint Joseph's Collin Forgey was named the 2014 Atlantic 10 Conference Baseball Player of the Year and earned Third-Team All-American Honors. Forgey's teammate Jordan Carter was named the A-10 Pitcher of the Year, while SJU skipper Fritz Hamburg was tabbed as Coach of Year. Massachusetts' Mike Geannelis was named Rookie of the Year. Following the season, five A-10 standouts were taken in the 2014 Major League Baseball Draft.

# **WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

### FEATURING OUTSTANDING **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR **NOMINEES**

Two of the Atlantic 10 Conference's most outstanding student-athletes, Juliana Libertin and Amalia Kobelja, finished their careers as the league's nominees for the prestigious NCAA Woman of the Year Award. The two were chosen by the A-10's Council of Senior Woman Administrators from nine exceptional candidates. The NCAA accepts nominations from each conference across all three divisions.

Now in its 23rd year, the Woman of the Year Award recognizes the athletic achievements of outstanding young women, as well as their academic prowess, community service and leadership. Considered one of the most prestigious NCAA awards, the NCAA established the Woman of the Year Award in 1991.

In the past five years, 676 student-athletes were nominated by their conference or institution. In 2014 alone, 446 student-athletes were nominated by their institutions, including 205 from Division I, 75 from Division II and 166 Division III student-athletes.





DAYTON **WOMEN'S SOCCER** JULIANA LIBERTIN

A leader and team captain for the Flyers, Juliana Libertin was a three-time member of the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region Team (2011, 2012, 2013). She led the Flyers to Atlantic 10 regular season crowns (2010 and 2013) and two A-10 Championship titles (2010 and 2011). She was named to the A-10 All-Championship Team in 2011 and 2013 and led Dayton to two NCAA appearances (2010 and 2011). An All-Atlantic 10 First Team selection three times (2011, 2012, 2013), Libertin was a Top 30 selection for the 2013 Senior CLASS Award, and was named Atlantic 10 Midfielder of the Year in 2013.

Libertin received numerous awards, both as a senior and throughout her career. This included Capital One Academic All-America honors as a junior and a spot on the Capital One Academic All-District Second Team. She received First Team recognition from the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region as well as Second Team NSCAA Scholar All-American honors. She was named the Dayton 2013 Presidential Scholar Athlete, the highest honor a Dayton athlete can earn. A tutor for the Health and Sport Science department, she was a student assistant and student associate/intern, participated in Kicks for Kids, assisted in aquatic therapy for patients with multiple sclerosis, and coached youth and church teams as well as for TOPSoccer, an outreach program that teaches soccer to disabled children.

# EXCEPTIONAL NOMINEES



#### FOR A PRESTIGIOUS NCAA AWARD





RICHMOND
WOMEN'S SWIMMING
AMALIA KOBELJA

Amalia Kobelja, a team captain, was a three-time A-10 Swimming & Diving Performer of the Year award winner (2012-2014), the first time an A-10 women's swimmer won the league's top swimming award three times. A Phi Beta Kappa Society member and a Summa Cum Laude graduate, she helped Richmond to four consecutive A-10 Championships and won a total of 27 gold medals, winning the 200 IM in each of her four years, setting an A-10 Championship record as a junior and holding the top four times in A-10 Championship history in the 200 IM.

Kobelja was a member of Richmond relay teams that won gold medals in the 200 IM, 200 Freestyle, 400 IM and 400 Freestyle each of her four years. As a freshman, she was a part of the 200 free (1:31.57), 400 free (3:21.10) and 200 medley relay squads that set A-10 Championship records en route to gold. Those performances, and her four A-10 Rookie of the Week honors led to her selection as the 2011 A-10 Rookie of the Year. Kobelja also won gold in the 400 IM as a junior, setting a meet record in the process.

Kobelja was named CSCAA Honorable Mention All-American in 2011 and 2013 and to the A-10 All-Academic team 2012-2014. She was the 2012 A-10 Scholar Athlete of the Year award winner, the first recipient in UR history and the first A-10 swimmer to win the award. She also received the 2014 Westhampton College Leslie Sessoms Booker Good Citizen Undergraduate Award, given annually to the senior who has

typified loyal, enthusiastic, and unselfish service to the campus community. During her time at Richmond, she served as a Spanish translator at the YMCA, transferring flyers from Spanish to English. Koelja collaborated with guidance counselors at Richmond's John Marshall High School for the Coaches in the Classroom program, providing resources for athletes to understand college academics and athletics. A volunteer at Metro Richmond Young Life, Kobelja prepared and taught Bible-based lessons for students and counseled local high school girls in individual and group settings.

A 2012 Olympic Trials Qualifier, she earned A-10 Performer of the Week honors 13 times in her career.

#### A-10 INSTITUTIONAL NOMINEES

#### **ALLISON FOSCHIA, DUQUESNE**

Volleyball | Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy | Northfield, Ohio

#### CAROLINE MYERS, GEORGE WASHINGTON

Women's Swimming & Diving | Sport, Event and Hospitality Management | Palm Harbor, Fla.

#### MEGHAN MCGLINCHEY, LA SALLE

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field | Speech-Language-Hearing Science | West Deptford, N.J.

#### RENEE WASHINGTON, LA SALLE

Women's Soccer | Communications | Ewing, N.J.

#### CHELSEA BOWKER, ST. BONAVENTURE

Women's Basketball | Education | Salem, Ohio

#### **ERIN SHIELDS, SAINT JOSEPH'S**

Women's Basketball | Finance | Drexel Hill, Pa.

#### **EMILIE SOARES, VCU**

Field Hockey | Mechanical Engineering | Santa Clara. Calif.

# VICTORY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

#### **CREATING NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

#### VICTORY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Atlantic 10 Conference established a partnership with Sport Changes Life to participate in the Victory Scholars Program, designed to inspire young people to excel through a unique Irish international postgraduate scholarship program. Sport Changes Life sponsors scholarships for A-10 studentathletes to attend graduate programs in leading universities in Ireland while acting as mentors with local, at-risk youth.

Administered by Sport Changes Life, the Victory Scholars program is designed to include A-10 student-athletes from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to coach and mentor young people in neighboring local communities. They gain valuable work-life experience through internships, partnerships and friendships, cultural exchange and enrichment. This is in addition to the opportunity to pursue graduate programs at top universities in Ireland.

"Our Victory Scholars have the opportunity to enhance and develop their own lives while providing a positive, life changing experience to the youth they work with in the community. We passionately believe in the power of the student-athlete and the relationship with the Atlantic 10 will only strengthen our mission."

#### Gareth Maguire CEO, Sport Changes Life Foundation

#### VICTORY SCHOLARS



DAYTON
MEN'S SOCCER
JONATHAN NELSON



FORDHAM
MEN'S BASKETBALL
KHALID ROBINSON



LA SALLE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
JESSICA KOCI



DAVIDSON
MEN'S BASKETBALL
RYAN ANSEL

# **HONORS AND AWARDS**

# PRESENTING NEARLY 1,600 ATHLETIC AWARDS IN 2013-14



#### ATLANTIC 10 AWARDS OVERVIEW

The Atlantic 10 distributed almost 1,600 awards based on athletic performance this year. There were 82 "annual" awards in 2013-14 (Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, etc.). Counting First, Second and Third Teams, the league selected 669 All-Conference award winners. The All-Championship Teams were made up of 85 student-athletes for the championship performance.

There were 183 All-Academic (which is an athletic/ academic award) awards at year's end. And finally, there were 544 Player/Rookie of the Week awards announced.

#### **ALL-AMERICANS**

#### LAUREN ALLYMOHAMED UMass. Field Hockey

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#### REBECCA BARRY

Richmond, Field Hockey

#### MICHAELA BUTLER

UMass, Swimming & Diving

#### **KATIE FERRIS**

UMass, Lacrosse

#### **COLLIN FORGEY**

Saint Joseph's, Baseball

#### STEFFEN KRAUS

George Mason, Men's Soccer

#### **ROBERT KRISTO**

Saint Louis, Men's Soccer

#### MEGHAN MCGLINCHEY

La Salle, Women's Track & Field

#### **KIARA PORTER**

VCU, Women's Track & Field

#### **ALEXA SIKALIS**

UMass, Field Hockey

#### ANNA ZARKOSKI

Richmond, Field Hockey



#### BOB VETRONE AWARD

RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH
SPORTSWRITER
JOHN O'CONNOR

John O'Connor, a longtime sportswriter at the Richmond Times-Dispatch, was presented with the Atlantic 10's Bob Vetrone Award for outstanding media service in a vote conducted by the league's sports information directors.

The Bob Vetrone Award recognizes a member of the media whose service, professionalism and commitment have made a lasting contribution to the student-athletes and institutions of the Atlantic 10 Conference.



### PROFILING UNCOMPROMISING **WORK ETHIC**

Voted on by the league's Directors of Athletics, the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award is given to the best overall male and female student-athlete, based on their athletic success and academic prowess.



#### SCHOLAR-ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



SAINT LOUIS MEN'S SOCCER **ADNAN GABELJIC** 

Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

Year, Major: Senior, Civil Engineering

Award Note: Gabeljic is the third all-time honoree from Saint Louis, including John DiRaimondo (men's soccer, O5-06) and Theresa Lisch (women's basketball 08-09). He is the eighth men's soccer honoree, but the first since 2008-09.

Honors: Drafted by Sporting Kansas City in the 2014 MLS Superdraft, Gabeljic currently plays professionally for OKC Energy, USL Pro League. He helped the Billikens to an A-10 Championship title in 2012 and an A-10 Regular-Season title in 2013. Gabeljic was named Academic All-District and Academic All-Conference his junior and senior year and in 2013 was a fulltime undergraduate research and teaching assistant. One of the top eight in his junior class, he was initiated into Tau Beta Pi, the oldest engineering honor society and was student VP of ITE (Institute of Transportation Engineers).

Career Highlights: Played in 70 matches, collected 14 goals and seven assists for 35 points. Gabeljic scored three goals and added an assist for seven points and he appeared in 17 matches and scored goals against Cincinnati, Central Arkansas and Saint Joseph's. He was second on the Billikens in scoring his junior season with 19 points (7G, 5A). He scored in the Billikens' A-10 Championship game victory and assisted on the game-winning goal in the A-10 semifinals. During his sophomore season, he appeared in 13 games and scored in the Billikens' upset victory against No. 10 Notre Dame. Gabeljic had an impressive rookie campaign, tying for first on the team in scoring. He was an A-10 preseason All-Rookie selection and appeared on TopDrawerSoccer.com's Top 100 Freshmen list throughout the season. He was named a CollegeSoccerNews. com Top 100 Freshman to Keep an Eye On. He also was Team Academic Captain, where he helped younger teammates better manage their time to help them excel academically.





RICHMOND
WOMEN'S SWIMMING
AMALIA KOBELJA

Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana Year, Major: Senior, Biology

Award Note: Kobelja, who also won the 11-12' women's award, is just the second repeat winner in league history, the first since 1991 when West Virginia's Rosemary Kosiorek won the first two awards. Kobelja is the only winner from Richmond and from women's swimming.

Honors: Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa Society member, recipient of the 2014 Westhampton College's Leslie Sessoms Booker Good Citizen Undergraduate Award, given annually to the senior female typifing loyal, enthusiastic, and unselfish service to the campus community. Awarded the 2011 Donnie Earl Lindsey, Jr. First Year Spirit Award, given to a freshman studentathlete who exemplifies excellence in athletics, leadership, scholarship and talent. 2014 Recipient of the Spider Club Award, 2014 Richmond Department of Athletics Leadership Award, for inspiration, teamwork and leadership and one of two Atlantic 10 NCAA Woman of the Year Candidates in 2014. Kobelja won the A-10's Most Outstanding Performer Award at the 2012, 2013 and 2014 A-10 Swimming Championship, the first female swimmer in league history to win it three times.

Career Highlights: She has a total of 27 gold medals and one silver in the A-10 Championships, leading the team to four titles. She was named an Honorable Mention All-American by both CSCAA and CollegeSwimming.com three times during her career and was the 2011 Atlantic 10 Most Outstanding Rookie. An Olympic Trial Qualifier in 2012, Kobelja was named A-10 Women's Swimming Athlete of the Week 13 times, was named to the A-10 All-Academic team three times, and won multiple A-10 titles in 13 different events for a total of 27 gold medals.



# **ATLANTIC 10 LEGENDS**

#### HONORING THE LEAGUE'S LEGACY





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

The 2014 Women's Basketball Legends
Celebration Brunch was held at the Downtown
Richmond Marriott in Richmond, Va. The
emcee for this year's event was ESPN Radio's
Greg Burton. Other speakers included A-10
Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade and
University of Dayton Legend Dr. Maryalyce
Jeremiah, who spoke on behalf of the 2014
Legends Class.

190 guests were in attendance. Legends from each A-10 institution were honored on stage at the brunch and then at halftime of the first quarterfinal game. The women's honorees included former student-athletes that led their teams to conference championships, NCAA Tournament selections and WNIT appearances. The group also features a National Champion head coach, four former professionals, including a pair of WNBA members, All-Americans, A-10 Players of the Year and a Regional NCAA Woman of the Year honoree.

# NOMEN

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#### Dr. Maryalyce Jeremiah University of Dayton Candace Futrell Duquesne University Jeanine "JJ" Radice Fordham University Keri Chaconas Darlene Saar Graybeal Chrissie Donahue Doogan La Salle University Octavia N. Thomas Michele D. Washington Kate Flavin University of Richmond Dana Mitchell Dale Hodges Shatoya Likely Saint Louis University Kelly Hoover

#### School Years 1978-80 2000-04 1985-89 George Mason University 1992-96 George Washington University 1991-95 1993-97 University of Massachusetts 1992-96 University of Rhode Island 1982-86 2001-05 St. Bonaventure University 2006-10 Saint Joseph's University 1987-90 1994-98 Virginia Commonwealth University 1985-89





#### MEN'S BASKETBALL LEGENDS

The Men's Legends Celebration Brunch was held at the 40/40 Club in Brooklyn's Barclays Center. The emcee for this year's event was ESPN Radio's Greg Burton. Other speakers included A-10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade and The George Washington University Legend, Sonni Holland, who spoke on behalf of the 2014 Men's Legends Class.

214 guests were in attendance to honor the Legends at the brunch. The Legends were also honored with an on-court presentation. The men's group includes 13 former student-athletes, nine of which went on to play in the NBA, with two winning World Championships and one Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee (Ed Macauley of Saint Louis). These Legends combined for seven All-American selections, two National Player of the Year awards and a pair of players who later returned to their alma maters to serve as head coaches.

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University of Dayton	1964-89
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Fordham University	1951-55
George Mason University	2001-05
George Washington University	1989-93
La Salle University	1986-90
University of Massachusetts	1954-56
University of Rhode Island	1984-88
University of Richmond	1973-75
St. Bonaventure University	1960-64
Saint Joseph's University	1980-84
Saint Louis University	1945-49
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# STUDENT-ATHLETE **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### SHOWCASING INTEGRITY AND COMMITMENT



# 20,000+



# COLLECTIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS OF A-10 STUDENT-ATHLETES

### STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

The Atlantic 10 Student-Athlete Advisory
Committee had a successful year in which
SAAC members from each A-10 institution were
committed to and engaged in SAAC related
activities.

The group conducted the fourth-annual A-10 SAAC Video Competition themed "Commitment to Teammates" with St. Bonaventure reigning as the competition's overall winner. For the first time in the competition's history, all eligible institutions (13-of-13) entered the competition, and there were nearly 10,000 votes cast online during the competition.

This season also marked the inaugural year of the A-10 Assists Challenge, a competitive community service initiative aimed to highlight the collective positive impact of A-10 student-athletes on their respective communities, that resulted in roughly 24,000 hours being reported. Nine institutions reported more than 1,000 hours of community service, and five of those nine reported more than 2,000 hours. George Washington was declared the champion of the challenge as GW teams reported over 5,000 hours of service.

Representatives from each institution joined their peers at the league office in Newport News from Feb. 7-9 for the 2014 A-10 SAAC meeting. Complementing the conference's branding initiative, the meeting attendees worked to create

#### a video that highlighted the A-10's inclusiveness.

The SAAC representatives also engaged in an interactive leadership workshop entitled "Branded a Leader" and they participated in a competitive cooking exercise meant to challenge their leadership skills.

The group also interacted with Richmond twosport student-athlete Becca Wann and heard her inspirational message of strength.

Finally, it was also a big year for the A-10's NCAA Division I SAAC representative, Devon Tabata (Duquesne). In her first year as the A-10's representative to the Division I SAAC, she was elected as the group's vice chair. She was also appointed to the NCAA Academic Cabinet and the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.



Video competition winner SBU



## OUTREACH

### **ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY**





#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Atlantic 10 hosted a School Day Program during the Thursday afternoon session of the Men's Basketball Championship. Over 2,400 students from the New York City metro area attended the session. The first 1.500 received A-10-branded WhoWantsNext? t-shirts sponsored by CRONS.

For the Women's Basketball Championship, the Atlantic 10 worked with the following Richmondarea groups to provide discounted tickets:

- Court of Dreams
- High School Band camp
- Richmond Public Schools
- Private schools of Richmond
- Home School League of Richmond
- **Assisted Living Centers**
- Girl Scouts
- Parks & Recreation

- School day program
- Noah's Children
- Special Olympians
- **Wounded Warriors**
- **Indian Princesses**
- AAU Teams of better Richmond Area
- High School Teams of greater Richmond Area
- Junior High Teams of greater Richmond Area

# HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE



AT THE MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP





On Men's Basketball Championship Sunday, the A-10 saluted military and first responders, both with in-game recognition and a live presentation of the colors using a 30 X 50 flag during the National Anthem. The anthem flag was held by 50 local servicemen and servicemen.

"It was my privilege on behalf of the Atlantic 10 Conference to recognize and honor those who serve our country and our communities. Our military members and our first responders put their lives on the line for us every day, and it is important that we show our gratitude and pay tribute to these brave men and women."

Bernadette V. McGlade Commissioner, Atlantic 10



# **LEADERSHIP**

# MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

#### MEMBERSHIP TRANSITION

George Mason officially joined the Atlantic 10 Conference on July 1, 2013. The Patriots celebrated their entrance into the A-10 with an inaugural season logo, great fanfare and an expectation of success.

And that success came immediately, with Mason claiming conference championships in men's soccer, women's indoor and outdoor track & field and baseball.

A perfect fit, both in location and ideals, George Mason boasts an enrollment of over 32,500 and fields 20 of the A-10's 21 championship sports. When the George Mason addition was announced, A-10 Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade stated that Mason "is a perfect fit for our league with world-class academic programs and a nationally successful intercollegiate athletic program. The addition of Mason further strengthens our footprint, enhances our brand and will allow us to continue to build on our national prominence and success in men's basketball and all sports."

Davidson College officially became an A-10 member as the 2013-14 year came to a close. With June winding down, Davidson fans were getting excited, and the first A-10 competition was still nearly two months away, the start of basketball season four months away.

Like George Mason, Davidson commissioned an inaugural logo; its 19 teams preparing to face tough A-10 and non-conference competition.





"We will add some very exciting changes to the schedule this coming year that will carry forward in our first year in the A-10," Davidson Men's Basketball Coach Bob McKillop said. "We're going to keep doing what we have been doing, which is putting our guys in environments that challenge them to become the best they can be, to have an enjoyable experience as a student-athlete and give the college exposure in marketplaces alums are based."

Davidson brings an outstanding academic profile, one of the hallmarks of the Atlantic 10 and its member institutions. It was the commitment to both athletics and academics that brought the Wildcat program and the A-10 together.

"The Atlantic 10 is a conference that gives Davidson the opportunity to be associated with and compete against institutions with significant profiles, both academically and athletically, while we continue to establish our national brand. This is a great opportunity to use athletics to further the goals and objectives of the college as we enhance the experience of our students," said Jim Murphy, Davidson College Director of Athletics.

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# MEMBER INSTITUTIONS ENRICHING THE A-10'S ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC FOOTPRINT



"That's where A-10
Commissioner Bernadette
McGlade and the conference's
presidents have excelled:
Even as schools have exited
for various reasons, they
have added the likes of VCU,
Mason, Davidson."

#### David Teel

Newport News Daily Press

## WHO WANTS NEXT?

#### PROPELLING INTO THE FUTURE



#### "NEXT" BRANDING CAMPAIGN

The Next campaign, developed in conjunction with the 160over90 agency, resulted in significant media and public interaction from February through March. Below is a breakdown of the campaign:

#### PRIMARY PIECES

- WhoWantsNext.com microsite
- Two-Minute Video: "We Make Believe"
- One-Minute "We Make Believe" cut down
- 30-Second Branding Spot: "Winning doesn't mean losing what we stand for"
- 15-second hallmark open: "Only one question"
- Coordinated Social Media Campaign linked to release of video/microsite

#### SAMPLE MEDIA INTERACTION

- Tweets from prominent media members, including Jeff Goodman (ESPN) and Bonnie Bernstein (Campus Insiders)
- In-depth campaign story in the New York

- Times, blurb in Sports Business Daily
- Noteworthy mention by CBSSports.com on their nightly basketball wrap-up story

#### ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- As the NCAA men's basketball bracket was revealed, 160over90 created a special piece based on six team entries inciting fans to share the new video on Twitter and Facebook
- 10-second vignettes created and posted as teams advanced in the second round of the NCAAs
- Vignettes shared on Twitter as part of fans' celebration of the wins

#### LOGO REDESIGN

Developed in conjunction with branding agency 160over90, the new logos include the primary wordmark, secondary versions of that mark and a shield for non-traditional and social media







usage. The refreshed logos tie into the lineage of the previous A-10 mark, while also incorporating revised colors.

The new marks display speed and strength, and are a direct reflection of the overall message developed during the "Next" campaign. The marks were designed to portray the Atlantic 10's values of winning, success, leadership, community service and academic excellence. The league has historically been known for its grittiness and uncompromising work ethic that has led to sustained excellence in athletics and academics.

"The Atlantic 10 Conference has a proud and rich history, thus it was time to redesign our logo highlighting the strength, speed and commitment of this league," stated Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade. "Our branding has been updated and modernized to keep pace with our membership. I love the versatility of the new marks, including the ability of our membership to utilize the conference logos in their own approved color palette."

"The Atlantic 10 has followed carefully laid out steps in recent years to increase its footstep and national recognition, and the new logo falls right in line with that strategy."

Daniel Malone MassLive.com



# **TELEVISION AND ONLINE**

## **USING MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS**

#### ATLANTIC 10 TELEVISION

The A-10 and its member institutions had 199 men's basketball games televised in 2013-14, including 73 from the national conference package. It marked the first year of the league's new eight-year agreements with ESPN, CBS Sports Network and NBCSN that aired record numbers of national games. The Saint Joseph's-VCU men's basketball championship final drew a 1.1 rating, the seventh-

highest rated championship game among the 31 conference championships. In addition, the league had 19 women's basketball television games. The Atlantic 10 institutions reside in states that comprise 33.32 million television viewers, 28.8 percent of the total national market. There are eight A-10 institutions in the top 25 media markets in the country. All 14 institutions are within or adjacent to the top 64 media markets.

School	Rank	DMA	TV Households	% of US
Fordham	1	New York	7,461,030	6.442
La Salle/Saint Joseph's	4	Philadelphia	2,963,500	2.559
Massachusetts*	7	Boston	2,433,040	2.101
George Mason/George Washington	8	Washington, DC	2,412,250	2.083
Saint Louis	21	St. Louis	1,254,530	1.083
Duquesne	23	Pittsburgh	1,181,540	1.020
Davidson	25	Charlotte	1,157,920	1.000
St. Bonaventure	52	Buffalo	634,280	0.548
Rhode Island	53	Providence-New Bedford	614,880	0.531
Richmond/VCU	57	Richmond-Petersburg	559,980	0.484
Dayton	64	Dayton	480,430	0.415

<sup>\*</sup>UMass is physically located in the Springfield-Holyoke DMA (Rank 114, 257,130 TV Homes), however local, regional and national games featuring UMass air in the Boston market.



4,347

Number of page Likes, +2,252 in the last 12 months, growth due in part to A-10's use of Facebook photo galleries for all Championship pictures.



10,131

Number of Twitter followers, +2,040 in the last 12 months, more than doubling in last 24 months. (4,934 in July of 2012)







#### ATLANTIC10.COM

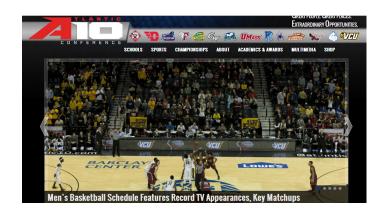
The Atlantic 10 launched a new website in August, 2013. Developed by Neulion as part of the overall digital strategy, the site integrated with the A-10 Network. The page views for Atlantic10.com, dating from July 2013 through May 2014 was 3,993,445. This was a significant increase (6%) over the 2012-13 total of 3,774,471 for the same time frame

# REGULAR SEASON VIDEO STREAMING

All 13 A-10 members streamed their regular season events on institutional-branded players through the A-10 Network as part of the Atlantic 10 partnership with Neulion. There were nearly 460,370 page views of A-10 Network events in 2013-14.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP STREAMING

In conjunction with the host institutions, the Atlantic 10 provided video streams, free of charge for several championships, including: Men's and Women's Cross Country, Field Hockey, Women's Soccer, Men's Soccer, Volleyball, Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving, Women's Basketball, Men's Basketball, Lacrosse, Softball, Baseball.





905

Number of Instagram followers, +798 followers since Nov. 2013. Interactive championship promotions allow fans to share their photos with the Atlantic 10.



21,646

Total unique viewers of 62 championship streams.

# **CHAMPIONSHIP SITES**

## FORMING LASTING PARTNERSHIPS





# A-10 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AND THE RICHMOND COLISEUM

The Atlantic 10 Conference announced in September, 2013 at a joint press conference at the Richmond Downtown Marriott, that it had entered a three-year partnership with the City of Richmond to bring the A-10 Women's Basketball Championship to the Richmond Coliseum beginning in 2014.

The Atlantic 10 is one of only eight conferences (out of 31 leagues) where the women's basketball championship is played at a neutral site, separate from the men's championship.

"I'm pleased to welcome the A-10 Women's Basketball Championship to the city of Richmond. The A-10 is a phenomenal league and we welcome the players, the coaches and the A-10 fan base."

"The opportunity to establish a long-term home for our women's basketball championship and partner with the City of Richmond was one we could not pass up. We selected Richmond because it gives us the ability to build on our record attendance from last year's championship and provide a true March Madness environment for our women's basketball student-athletes."

Bernadette V. McGlade A-10 Commissioner



# ATLANTIC 10-ACC-BARCLAYS CENTER PARTNERSHIP

The Atlantic 10 announced an extension with Barclays Center in March that was part of a three-way agreement with the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) that secures postseason conference tournaments in Brooklyn's major sports and entertainment venue through 2021. The A-10 will continue to hold its championship at Barclays Center in 2015 and 2016 and then return to the venue for three years in 2019, 2020 and 2021. The ACC and the A-10 will play interconference doubleheaders at Barclays Center in 2015, 2016 and 2017. In addition, the A-10 secured a spot for its teams to participate in the annual BROOKLYN HOOPS™ events at Barclays Center.

"Playing the A-10 Championship in Barclays Center is fantastic, and securing a three year extension is a great opportunity and a win-win for all involved.

This agreement creates a scheduling partnership, and secures a solid future for the A-10."

Bernadette V. McGlade A-10 Commissioner



"We're looking forward to extending our Atlantic 10 partnership starting in 2019 through 2021 and creating competitive inter-conference doubleheaders with the ACC and the A-10. I want to thank ACC Commissioner John Swofford and Atlantic 10 Commissioner Bernadette McGlade for their commitment to Barclays Center and to Brooklyn. It's clear that our position with both Conferences validates Barclays Center as the leading college basketball venue in the country."

**Brett Yormark** Barclays Center CEO WINNING



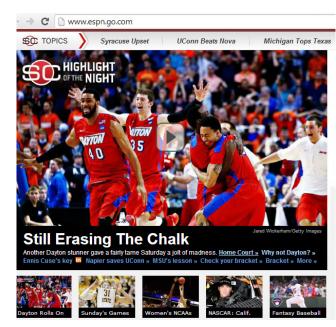
# **IN THE NEWS**

### MAKING HEADLINES



The Buzz Is Back

In the Top 25 for the first time in 15 years, No. 21 UMass (7-0) has its sights set on a return to glory Marty Dobrow » UMass No. 1 in RPI » Katz: Test vs. BYU on Sat. » Harvard starts fast, too »



#### **MAJOR A-10 STORIES**

- George Mason's first year in the Atlantic 10 and Davidson becoming and official member
- Move of the Women's Basketball Championship to Richmond
- Decision to bring every team to the basketball championships
- First year of new television agreements
- "Next" branding campaign
- US Airways Feature "Evolutionary Strength"
- Record six men's basketball earn NCAA bids
- Dayton men's basketball's run to the NCAA Elite Eight
- Seven postseason women's basketball teams, three of which went to the NCAAs.

- Establishment of a partnership with Barclays Center and the ACC to extend the A-10 Championship in Brooklyn through 2021
- A-10 partnership with Victory Scholars Program
- A-10 ranked 5th in GSR; Men's Basketball ranked 2nd
- A-10 ranked 5th in APR; 58 Teams Earned **Public Recognition**
- Partnership with IMG College
- Announcement of a refreshed Atlantic 10 logo





This basketball-centric conference has never been stronger.

By Brion O'Connor









The A-16 is proof — its evolving membership has resulted in the ablition of Final Four participart George Mason University this year and Elite Eight participant Davidson College next year. "From a ports perspective, we're a baskethallcentric league that has attained national relevance and accitain," says A-10 Commissioned Formadette V. McClabe. "We've been successful in winning championality, but also graduating our student abliets, and providing an outstanding environment in our selection of the collection of the comments on





#### **US AIRWAYS MAGAZINE**

The Atlantic 10 Conference has again been featured in US Airways Magazine with a six-page spread dedicated to basketball and academics in the Atlantic 10. The issue also includes pieces on select A-10 members.

The main piece, entitled "Evolutionary Strength" focuses on the historic and consistent strength of Atlantic 10 men's basketball. There are two additional pieces, one on women's basketball and one on academics in the A-10.

The issue, which reached more than 3 million readers, was in US Airways airplanes and US Airways airport clubs throughout the month of March.

# Emily Moran, who made the dearn list during each of her four years at La Salis, plans a cereer in radio.

#### Perfect Delivery

Student-athlete picked to speak at commencement



# **BASKETBALL MEDIA DAYS**

### EXTENDING THE ATLANTIC 10'S NATIONAL REACH



#### MEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY

Men's Basketball Media Day was held on Oct. 8 at Barclays Center. All 13 head coaches attended with half conducting media sessions in the morning, prior to lunch and the other half in the afternoon. There were 74 media members in attendance, an increase over 65 media members in attendance in 2012. The luncheon total was approximately 200.

The luncheon included videos, and comments from Commissioner McGlade, Barclays Center Vice President Sean Saadeh, and La Salle coach Dr. John Giannini. CBS Sports Network's Jon Rothstein emceed the luncheon.

For the first time in league history, A-10 Media Day had a live element, streamed through the A-10 Network. Produced by Fordham and hosted by Chris DiSano, the live show interviewed each coach plus Commissioner McGlade.

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY

Women's Basketball Media Day was held for the first time in over seven years on Oct. 22 at the Richmond Coliseum, which rolled out a red carpet for the event. Atlantic 10 head coaches were in attendance, and 89 attended the luncheon, which preceded the media portion. 20 media members remained for the interview sessions. During lunch, Commissioner McGlade, Richmond Mayor Dwight Jones, SMG Executive Vice President Maureen Ginty and Dayton Head Coach Jim Jabir addressed the group while video highlights were shown throughout the luncheon.

Similar to Men's Media Day, the A-10 Network streamed the event in real time. Produced by Richmond athletics and hosted by Robert Fish, the live show interviewed each coach and Commissioner McGlade.

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# GUESTS, VIPS AND MEDIA MEMBERS ATTENDED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S MEDIA DAY COMBINED







# FINANCIAL REVIEW

# 2014 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT PAYOUTS

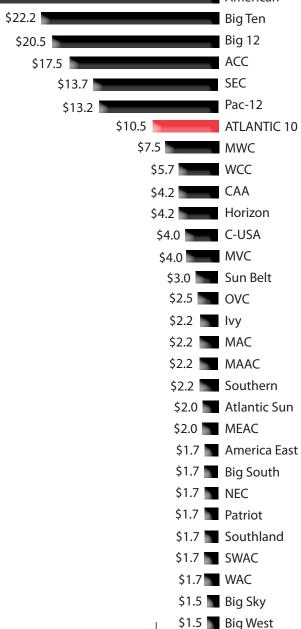
The NCAA distributed \$193.5 million to the 32 conferences that received an automatic bid to the Men's Basketball Tournament. That money was divided by the number of games each conference played in the tournament from 2006-13, with \$250,106 awarded for each game, excluding the championship game.

#### **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 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.



\*The American retained all of the units when it split with the Big East, therefore the Big East did not receive basketball distribution in 2014

\$1.5 Summit

\$0 Big East\*



#### **IN MEMORIAM**

# The Atlantic 10 Conference and its member institutions mourned the loss of the following people during 2013-14:

John Cinicola, Duquesne
Morgan Dougherty, La Salle University
Tom Gola, La Salle
Sam Koch, University of Massachusetts
Elaine Sortino, University of Massachusetts
Ginny Doyle, University of Richmond
Natalie Lewis, University of Richmond
Brian Moretti, St. Bonaventure University
Andrew Revello, St. Bonaventure University
Dr. Jack Ramsey, Saint Joseph's University







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Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Rebecca Spencer Senior Woman Administrator Jaime Seguin 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.









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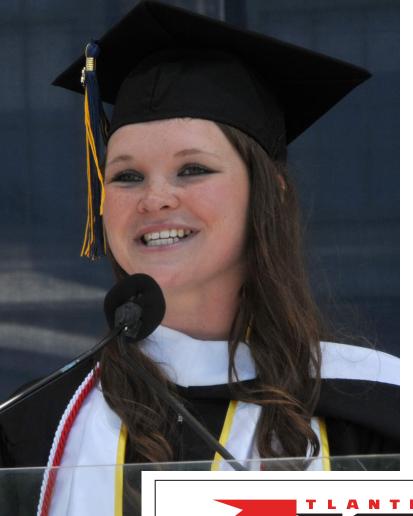


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