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NCAA Champion
Fencing
Women's Foil

Francesca Russo

NCAA Champion
Fencing
Women's Sabre

Molly Seidel

NCAA Champion
Women's Track and Field
Outdoor 10,000 Meters

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On the cover are four of the Notre Dame athletics teams that particularly distinguished themselves in 2014-15: (top to bottom) the Irish women's basketball squad that advanced to its fifth consecutive NCAA Women's Final Four, the Notre Dame fencing team that finished third at the NCAA Championships, the Irish men's basketball squad that claimed the ACC Championship and advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight and the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team that qualified for NCAA Championship Weekend for the second year in a row and fourth time in six seasons.





JACK SWARBRICK

VICE PRESIDENT | JAMES E. ROHR DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



It is quite likely that the model for college athletics in America has never been more closely scrutinized than it is today.

Far too often stories about performance in the competition arena are being replaced by news of lawsuits and NCAA infractions. Underlying all of this turmoil is a narrative alleging that students who participate in varsity athletics are victims—rather than beneficiaries—of their college experience.

While always looking for ways in which we can improve the experience of our students, at the University of Notre Dame we have no doubt that participation in athletics is not merely compatible with an elite college education, but also that it contributes in meaningful ways to that education. The lessons about leadership, time management, teamwork, perseverance and preparation taught by our coaches and honed under the stress of elite level competition are no less valuable than the lessons learned in a traditional classroom.

Despite the growing public cynicism, we are comfortable in our view of college athletics because each year the remarkable young men and women who represent Notre Dame athletics offer compelling proof that it is possible to pursue both an elite education and national championships. And never has better evidence of that been given than during the 2014-15 school year.

Among the most notable “wins” during the past year were:

- ➔ Fencer Alex Coccia being named a Rhodes Scholar, after previously serving as president of the Notre Dame student body.
- ➔ Women’s soccer player Liz Tucker’s selection as the NCAA Woman of the Year.
- ➔ Rower Anna Kottkamp becoming the first varsity athlete chosen as valedictorian.

Overall Notre Dame’s athletes continued to distinguish themselves in the classroom, including by achieving the highest overall NCAA Graduation Success Rate figure among all Football Bowl Subdivision institutions. That marked the eighth consecutive year Notre Dame has earned that distinction.

Working in close cooperation with faculty and the Notre Dame International Study Abroad program, for the first time Notre Dame athletes were able to participate in foreign study in Greece and South Africa during the period between the end of the school year and the start of summer school.

Kevin Corrigan’s Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team earned national recognition in receiving the Atlantic Coast Conference/United Way “Game Changers” award based on that team’s ongoing work mentoring seventh- and eighth-grade students in South Bend. Athletes and coaches from all 26 sports helped to build a

Habitat for Humanity home for a local South Bend family—just part of the more than 11,000 hours of community service logged by Notre Dame teams.

Meanwhile, the 2014-15 athletic year represented another strong showing by our Notre Dame teams and individuals.

Irish student-athletes claimed NCAA titles on three occasions: fencers Lee Kiefer in women’s foil and Francesca Russo in women’s sabre and junior Molly Seidel in the NCAA outdoor 10,000 meters.

Twenty-three of our 26 programs participated in either NCAA Championship competition or a postseason bowl game (in the case of football).

Muffet McGraw’s women’s basketball team again rolled through the ACC and played in the NCAA title game for the fourth time in five seasons. Mike Brey’s men’s basketball squad enjoyed a fabulous month of March, beginning with an ACC Championship and concluding with a final No. 5 ranking. By any measure—rankings, wins or graduation rates—our combined basketball programs rated the most successful in the nation in 2014-15.

The men’s and women’s fencing squads collaborated for a third-place NCAA finish, while the men’s lacrosse team qualified for NCAA Championship Weekend for a second straight season and the fourth time in six years. The men’s soccer team matched men’s lacrosse in earning the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Championship bracket.

Only four institutions in the country qualified for a football bowl game and also earned their way into NCAA brackets in men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball—Notre Dame, Texas, LSU and Louisville—and Notre Dame was the only one of the group to win its bowl game. In the NACDA all-sports competition we ranked 10th nationally—the first time Notre Dame has enjoyed three straight top-10 finishes.

Four individuals completed their first seasons as Irish head coaches in 2014-15—Alan Turner in cross country and track and field, Teresa Romagnola in women’s soccer, Matt Tallman in men’s swimming and diving and Gia Kvaratskhelia in fencing. In addition, we hired two new coaches who begin with us in 2015-16—Jim McLaughlin in volleyball and Mike Litzinger in women’s swimming.

The past seasons featured many other highlights, including the first year with a new footwear and apparel partner in Under Armour and the first year of our football scheduling and postseason bowl relationship with the ACC.

Yet, add up all the wins and losses, and what remains for me are the indelible images of our student-athletes as they immerse themselves in the Notre Dame experience. One of the most rewarding examples for me this past year was watching the way in which Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton worked together on and off the court to create such a tremendous culture and chemistry within the men’s basketball roster. The entire nation saw firsthand how that played out in March.

We are committed to doing all we can as a department to maximize those student-athlete experiences. Once those individuals are finished at Notre Dame, we ask them how their participation in college athletics impacted their work ethic, their leadership, their ability to make friends and their commitment to community service. We ask them if Notre Dame met both their academic and athletic expectations.

Maybe most reassuring is that, in our most recent survey, 96 percent of our departing student-athletes said if they had to make their college choice over they would select Notre Dame again. That’s the sort of encouragement that makes everyone connected with Irish athletics feel we’re headed along the right path.

We invite you to peruse these pages and join us in remembering the best and brightest moments in Notre Dame athletics in 2014-15.


JACK SWARBRICK

FIVE CORE VALUES

SERVE SWARBRICK AND NOTRE DAME WELL

Wander into the office of University of Notre Dame vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick, and you'll notice five similar-sized, framed photographs on the far wall behind his desk.

At first glance, they mostly appear to be scenes from the Notre Dame campus.

There's an image of Irish women's distance standout Molly Seidel on her way to winning an individual NCAA championship in the outdoor 10,000 meters in 2015.

There's a shot of two Notre Dame football student-athletes—including current junior receiver Corey Robinson—taking part in the Habitat for Humanity house build during the 2014-15 school year.

In the middle is a photo of former Irish men's basketball

standouts Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton, sitting on the press table in Cleveland during practice at the 2015 NCAA Midwest Regional.

There's a shot of the Irish men's lacrosse team taking the field behind bagpiper Ryan Mix.

Finally, on the far right, there's an image that shows Irish rower Anna Kottkamp delivering her valedictory remarks at Notre Dame's 2015 commencement exercises.

At first glance, there might not appear to be any particular meaning behind the series of images.

However, spend any time with Swarbrick and you'll understand they are not there by accident. In fact, the photographs represent the core values Swarbrick has identified as the mission of the Notre Dame athletics program.



EXCELLENCE (represented by the photo of Seidel): That one reflects the University's commitment to excellence in the way it competes.

"Notre Dame is all about excellence," says Swarbrick. "It's reflected in the physical campus, the quality of the academic programs and the performances of our athletic teams. This is at the core of (University founder and former president) Father (Edward) Sorin's legacy and (University president) Father (John) Jenkins' directive that we 'let no one ever again say that we dreamed too small.'"

You can't achieve excellence if you are reluctant to articulate and adopt clear expressions of that goal. For athletics it is all about approaching each season in every sport with the goal of winning national championships. Team championships and individual championships, championships won in the competitive arena and in the classroom [as reflected by our national rankings in the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate and Academic Progress Rate figures], and individual representations of greatness from Heisman Trophies to All-America designation—our commitment to competitive excellence takes many forms.

COMMUNITY



COMMUNITY (represented by the Habitat for Humanity shot): It indicates that athletics will contribute to the fabric of the Notre Dame family by using sports as a vehicle to serve others, celebrate the University and promote the health and welfare of members of the community.

"Other universities may talk about community, but there is nothing like the Notre Dame family. Our student-athletes have made a remarkable commitment to community service, including a record number of hours contributed this past year," says Swarbrick.

Before we included the Habitat for Humanity shot, we had a photo of the Tom Dooley sculpture at the Grotto—and that image reflected my favorite place on campus. Tom Dooley's letter is a remarkable expression of faith—and I love the fact he wants to be back here one more time. He wants to touch and feel the Notre Dame community and connect to it one last time in a very tangible way. That expression of community, for me, is really powerful.

EDUCATION



EDUCATION (represented by the Kottkamp image): That displays Notre Dame's commitment to offer an unsurpassed undergraduate education by ensuring the athletics experience is an integral part of the education of each student-athlete.

“Our commitment to education in the classroom is self-evident, and yet I think it is so very important to articulate that our commitment extends to the education that takes place through sport. Of all the things we do, this ranks first—making sure our coaches and student-athletes understand that what we do in terms of athletics is fundamentally about educating young people through the lessons we teach every day in practice and during competition,” Swarbrick says.”

FAITH



FAITH (Grant and Connaughton): The athletics department will always make sure that the University's Catholic character informs all that it does and is reflected in a commitment to integrity, fair play and sportsmanship.

“Our Catholic faith is central to who we are and is represented in our pre- and post-game team prayers, our integration of the members of the religious community into our program, and the team masses. But, as importantly, it is reflected in the ‘faith’ that teammates must have in each other in order to succeed and the respect we must have for our opponents if we are to effectively demonstrate the values of Notre Dame. In essence, it is about recognizing the image of God in others. Jerian and Pat embodied all of that with the men's basketball team as well as we could ever hope,” says Swarbrick.”

TRADITION



TRADITION (the men's lacrosse bagpiper): It suggests the Irish athletic staff will honor, celebrate and be guided by the unique tradition that is such an important part of Notre Dame and its storied athletics program.

“I've always appreciated the enormous asset that tradition is at Notre Dame, and yet I've come to better understand in some ways it can also be an obstacle. The value is in making sure we are protecting and honoring the great traditions. To do that effectively, however, we must avoid the temptation to call everything a tradition, while also allowing each generation the chance to create its own traditions,” Swarbrick says.”

The images are changed from time to time as new scenes replace others.

Stop by Swarbrick's box at Notre Dame Stadium and you'll find the same five pillars represented in photos, along with a framed explanation of them. That's how much they mean to Notre Dame's director of athletics.

“It was an interesting process to come up with these, because our staff members, coaches and student-athletes were actually participating. When I first got to Notre Dame I visited with the senior staff group and talked to them about what they did, just to better understand the operation. I was literally making notes about the things I heard repeatedly.

“It was part of a discovery process for me the first six months I was here, including conversations with the members of the athletic family. What's our culture? What were people identifying as the key things that define who we are? I didn't want to sit down and ask people what the culture was—I wanted to hear what language people used.

“These were the five things that kept re-occurring in those conversations. So we use those five values to build our strategic process.

“The interesting thing is that their meaning has evolved for me over the last seven years—and that evolution never ends. You re-evaluate the values and rearticulate them and try and connect them to our current experiences.

“Enterprise cultures are dynamic things--they are living organisms. If you don't cultivate them they lose their vibrancy. But, if you do, they keep evolving.”

The five pillars aren't the sort of values that smack first-timers in the forehead when they come to Notre Dame. But, over time, their representations slowly but surely have washed over the Irish athletics staff in such a way that—just as Swarbrick had hoped—they inform, in some substantial way, decisions and strategy being crafted from one day to the next.

For Swarbrick, those five core values explain why athletics exist at Notre Dame—and they provide an ongoing blueprint for the staff to map out a game plan.

Notre Dame's athletics director always has a new anecdote that helps explain why the pillars make sense. One of his favorites came about after Irish swimming standout Emma Reaney set an American record in winning an NCAA title in the 200 breaststroke in 2014.

Seconds after the race ended, while being interviewed for television, Reaney beamed and gushed about Notre Dame, saying, “I wish I could explain how proud I am to do this for Notre Dame. I'm obsessed with my school.”

Reaney had reached a milestone few ever achieve (and no previous Notre Dame swimmer ever had), but in that moment of triumph her thoughts were not of the extraordinary effort and sacrifice she made, but rather how her university and all it represents were central to her achievement.

For Swarbrick, that represented just one more not-so-subtle reminder that those five values could all come to fruition in ever-meaningful ways.

—by John Heisler

REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH C.S.C.

INFLUENCED COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FIT ON CAMPUSES NATIONWIDE

They all could tell virtually the same story. Terry Brennan and Ara Parseghian. Digger Phelps, Gerry Faust and Lou Holtz.

Many of those destined to become a head coach at the University of Notre Dame spent some time in the office of Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., as part of the formal interview process.

Father Hesburgh's message during the 35 years (1952–87) he served as University president proved rather simple, yet it perfectly represented his take on intercollegiate athletics.

As Holtz or Phelps would confirm, Father Hesburgh began by suggesting that he wasn't likely to end up in any coach's office on a Monday morning, dictating what plays to run or who should be playing offensive tackle or point guard.

And he generally believed the resources were in place for Irish sports programs to be successful and even win a championship here or there.

But, he made one particular point quite clear. Breaking NCAA rules earned a one-way ticket on the next train out of town.

Father Hesburgh took great pride in Fighting Irish sports success, yet he never really lived and died with Notre Dame athletics. He understood the front-porch nature of public relations opportunities relating to wins over losses, yet he had more pressing challenges in front of him as he worked to build the academic credibility of a medium-sized, all-male Midwestern Catholic institution.

At the 1952 press conference announcing Father Hesburgh's appointment as president, the new head man at Notre Dame was asked by photographers to hike up his cassock and pose with a football. He refused, asking, "Would you ask the president of Yale to do that?"

Many sportswriters attended his early out-of-town press conferences, asking about prospects for Frank Leahy's

Irish football teams. "I asked if they wanted to talk about education," said Father Hesburgh. When the answer was no, Father Hesburgh offered, "Well, then this news conference is over. I'm not the football coach."

In 1961, in the third of five consecutive football seasons without a winning record, Notre Dame kicked a controversial, last-second field goal to defeat a 10th-ranked Syracuse team. Longtime Notre Dame public relations executive Matt Storin, then a sophomore student manager sitting in the bleachers that day, recalls running into Father Hesburgh returning to the Notre Dame Stadium stands after the game as the students rushed the field.

Said Storin, "I surmised that he had run on the field with the same emotions as any other fan, but once he got there, said to himself, 'I'm the president of the University. What am I doing out here?' and hustled back to a more dignified vantage point."

When Notre Dame's football team survived the ice and cold of Dallas to come back from a 24-point deficit to defeat Houston in the 1979 Cotton Bowl, Father Hesburgh advanced to the field and led the Irish band in a rendition of the Victory March. Offered Father Hesburgh, "There's a time and place for everything, and that was the time and place for that."

More than anything, Father Hesburgh believed steadfastly in the student-athlete concept. He was confident athletes could and should be students and should routinely be expected to earn degrees—and he took advantage of his platform to espouse that mission on many occasions.

Father Hesburgh's experience at carving Notre Dame's philosophy on athletics actually began when he served as the University's executive vice president (1949–52). His predecessor as president, Rev. John Cavanaugh, C.S.C., asked him to author a new set of administrative rules for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics at Notre Dame. Father Hesburgh also hired Edward Krause as athletic director in 1949—and "Moose" held that position for three decades.

During Father Hesburgh's tenure as president, Irish teams were not permitted to routinely red-shirt players. Only due to injury could a player possibly compete in a fifth season—and even then it generally was expected that the player had graduated in four years. The University's longstanding requirement that an athlete maintain a 2.0 grade-point average each semester to be eligible for the following semester was far beyond any NCAA academic requirement.

In Michael O'Brien's 1989 book, "Hesburgh: A Biography," former Notre Dame athletic director Gene Corrigan was quoted as saying, "In (Father Hesburgh's) view there are certain evils connected with athletics, and delaying someone's graduation is an evil. When Father Hesburgh thinks something, we all think it."

Long before the NCAA began publishing graduation rates, Notre Dame opted to list its own research in football. In fact, it was under Father Hesburgh's direction that longtime University executive vice president Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C., asked Notre Dame fencing coach Michael DeCicco to create an academic advising program for student-athletes. DeCicco assumed he could take a survey of other schools and locate a handful of programs to emulate. He never found any. So, Notre Dame started its own, which soon became a model for others to follow.

Notre Dame's institutional research showed that virtually all scholarship football players who stayed at least four years received their degrees. In one 35-year period from 1962 through the entering freshman class of 1996, 864 of 871 football players (99.19 percent) earned their diplomas. Father Hesburgh took great pride when Notre Dame won a consensus national championship in

football in 1988 in the same year it received the College Football Association Academic Achievement Award for ranking number one in that organization's graduation rate survey.

Phelps, the Irish men's basketball coach for 20 seasons beginning in 1971–72, recruited 55 scholarship players during that time who concluded their careers at Notre Dame. All 55 graduated, including Gary Brokaw and Adrian Dantley who left early for the NBA and returned to campus to finish their degree requirements.

Just two years after becoming the Notre Dame president, Father Hesburgh authored for Sports Illustrated a September 1954 piece on college athletics philosophy ("The True Spirit of Notre Dame"). He wrote, "It

takes some doing to conduct intercollegiate athletics in a collegiate framework." Later in the piece, Father Hesburgh offered comments that probably attached themselves to his legacy more than any others he spoke regarding athletics: "Those who favor intercollegiate athletics praise it out of all proportion to its merits. And those who decry sports in college are quite blind to the values that do exist on the playing field."

Two years after that, in September 1956, that same magazine ran a two-part series that featured a Notre Dame survey of its 1,412 living athletic monogram winners,

485 of them football players. The University's department of education conducted the survey, received about a 50 percent return rate, created a statistical analysis of the answers—and then provided Sports Illustrated with all the returned questionnaires. The magazine suggested that never before had an institution conducted such a self-study of its former athletes.



Sports Illustrated took on “the popular notion that stardom on the gridiron is often followed by failure in life.” The magazine created a fictional character who starred in college football, never earned a degree, played professionally for eight years, then ended up driving an ore carrier through mining tunnels.

Said the magazine, “The average Notre Dame player is not merely as well equipped to make a success in life as the average college graduate—from the record of his post-collegiate performance it seems that he is better equipped by a good measure. Notre Dame’s executives don’t have to guess about this. They know that it is so.”

Ten years later, just after Notre Dame finished the 1966 football season ranked number one, Sports Illustrated ran the same essay that Father Hesburgh had provided to The Scholastic, Notre Dame’s undergraduate student magazine, for its annual football review issue.

Titled “The Football Season: Fantasy and Reality,” it contained plenty of Father Hesburgh’s perspective:

“I would hope that in the larger university community in America we might see the football season, with all its appeal to young and old alike, in the perspective of a larger meaning of learning, and education, and life. ...

“Kept within proper bounds of time, place, and emphasis, I believe strongly that the football season is indeed worthwhile. The noise is ephemeral and does die away. The display, the spectacle, the color, the excitement lingers only in memory. But the spirit, the will to excel, and the will to win endure. These human qualities are larger and much more important than the passing events that occasion them, just as the ebb and flow of all our daily efforts add up to something greater and more enduring if they create within each one of us a person who grows, who understands, who really lives, who does not merely survive, but who prevails for a larger, more meaningful victory in time and, hopefully, in eternity as well.”

Speaking at the annual National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame induction event in New York in 1975 on the occasion of his selection as NFF Distinguished American, Father Hesburgh opined (according to O’Brien’s book) that a university is “first, foremost, and always dedicated to higher education. That is why it was created, why it exists, why it does everything else, including football.”

In the early 1980s longtime Sports Illustrated staffer John Underwood, who had covered college football for the magazine and also was a frequent critic of college

sports, found himself challenged by Father Joyce to come to campus, examine any and all files—and then explain how Notre Dame athletics does business. That resulted in a piece entitled “Casting A Special Light” that ran in the same January 1983 issue that featured Penn State’s football national championship on the cover.

In that piece, Father Hesburgh reiterated his traditional, two-minute “presentation” to prospective coaches:

“The one I gave Gerry Faust is the same one I gave Ara Parseghian and Digger Phelps and Dan Devine. I say, ‘You’ve got five years. We won’t say boo to you if you lose. I think you’ll have the tools here to win more than you lose; it seems to work out that way, but if you don’t, you won’t hear from me. You will hear from me if you cheat. If you cheat, you’ll be out of here before midnight.’”

Faust came under fire in his third season as Irish football coach in 1983 after his team lost two of its first three games and then dropped its final three regular-season contests.

Father Hesburgh picked up the phone and called Corrigan. “How long is Gerry’s contract?” asked the Notre Dame president. “Five years,” said Corrigan. “Well, unless he dies, he will be here five years. We promised him five years, and we’re going to give him five years,” said Father Hesburgh.

Underwood’s story closed with a reference to a full-page ad in Time magazine that the author recalled from the second decade of Father Hesburgh’s term as president. The ad featured an image of a football, with this caption: “If that’s all you know about Notre Dame, you have a lot to learn.”

In many ways that summed up Father Hesburgh’s approach to all athletics at Notre Dame.

In his autobiography “God, Country, Notre Dame,” Father Hesburgh wrote: “Sports are an important microcosm of life, for on the playing field all the important values of life come into play in a tightened, heightened framework called the rules of the game. You win or lose on the playing field in front of thousands of spectators and they see, too, how you play the game.”

Father Hesburgh presided over two landmark decisions related to sports in South Bend:

— The first came in 1969 when the University reversed a 45-year-old policy that had kept the Notre Dame football program out of the postseason bowl process. The philosophical shift enabled the University to fund minority scholarships to the tune of \$300,000 based on proceeds from its appearance in the 1970 Cotton Bowl.

— Three years later, in 1972, the University made the decision to admit undergraduate women for the first time. That resulted in the beginning of a varsity athletic program for women, as tennis attained varsity status in 1976, followed by fencing and basketball in 1977. The list of women’s varsity programs eventually grew to its current list of 13—and many of those sports proved capable of competing at the highest level. Irish women’s teams won NCAA titles in fencing in 1987 (plus four other NCAA titles in 1994, 2003, 2005 and 2011 that featured combined men’s and women’s results), in soccer in 1995, 2004 and 2010 and in basketball in 2001.

Yet the most significant national impact Father Hesburgh produced concerning sports came following his 1987 retirement from Notre Dame. In 1989 he began service as founding co-chair of the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, which studied reform in college sports from 1990 to 1996 and again when it reconvened in 2000. That influential commission played a noteworthy role in advancing the positioning and expectations of college sports within higher education. Father Hesburgh stepped down from that position in 2001.

Under Father Hesburgh’s leadership (and that of co-chair William C. Friday, former president of the University of North Carolina), the commission successfully advocated for presidential control of intercollegiate athletics, rigorous academic standards for athletes—and a certification process requiring athletics departments to prove they were running fiscally responsible, equitable and ethical sports programs.

Longtime Notre Dame sports information director and associate athletics director Roger Valdiserri worked hand in hand as executive assistant to Father Hesburgh in conjunction with the Knight Commission.

“Father Ted always knew what was going on athletically, not only at Notre Dame, but nationally,” said Valdiserri. “Father Joyce would always keep him attuned and he (Father Hesburgh) would add a strong voice on some decisions or independently take a stance when he felt his voice and prestige was needed to help endorse a solution. Father Hesburgh’s voice was overwhelmingly strong in the hiring of Ara Parseghian.

“During the Knight Commission’s deliberations, Father Hesburgh became a star, as did Bill Friday. They exhibited great leadership and wisdom and stood out among a panel of bright people, corporate leaders and educators.

“Father Ted had such great presence—he was greatly admired and respected. Though, considering all his

presidential appointments, including chair of the Civil Rights Commission, that was hardly surprising.”

Father Hesburgh’s philosophical influence on intercollegiate athletics has been duly noted.

In 2004, the NCAA presented him with the inaugural President Gerald R. Ford Award—in honor of an individual who has provided significant leadership as an advocate for intercollegiate athletics on a continuous basis over his or her career.

“Rev. Hesburgh’s 35-year career as president of one of the most prestigious universities in the country enabled him to be a major influence on the evolution of higher education in the last half of the 20th century,” NCAA president Myles Brand said. “He also is one of the strongest advocates for the contribution intercollegiate athletics can make to the academy.

“The first Knight Commission report (‘Keeping Faith with the Student-Athlete: A New Model for Intercollegiate Athletics’) was an important impetus to the academic reform movement within intercollegiate athletics that has taken place over the last dozen years,” Brand said.

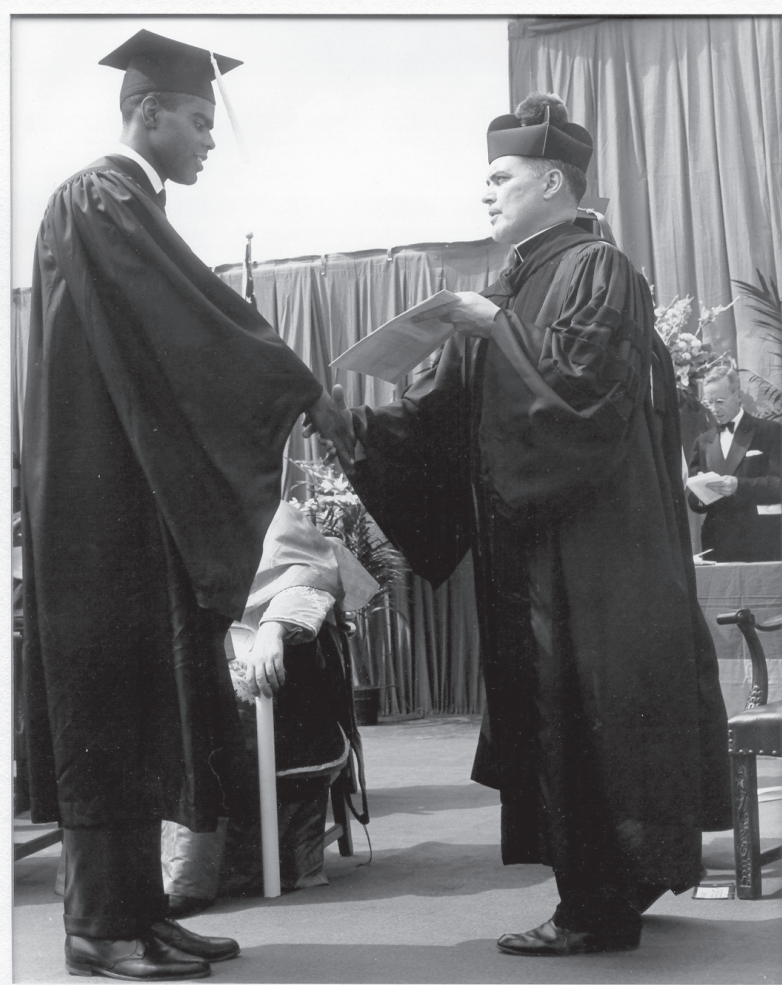
A year later the College Sports Information Directors of America presented Father Hesburgh with its 2005 Dick Enberg Award, given annually to a person whose actions and commitment have furthered the meaning and reach of the student-athlete while promoting the values of education and academics.

In 2007 Father Hesburgh was feted in the book “Thanking Father Ted” that celebrated 35 years of coeducation at Notre Dame and featured letters to Father Hesburgh from more than 150 alumnae and others, including a number of student-athletes.

Despite his often hectic schedule through the years, Father Hesburgh remained surprisingly available in his office, once in the Main Building and then on the 13th floor of the Hesburgh Library.

While his macular degeneration at some point made it impossible for him to see what was happening on the field of play while watching an athletic event, Father Hesburgh never lost his touch with the sports scene at Notre Dame.

Former Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty often stopped by to say hello when he came to campus. That happened frequently when his son, Conor, played for the Notre Dame football squad from 2011–14.



Tommy Hawkins and Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

Former men's basketball All-American Tommy Hawkins connected with Father Hesburgh a few times per year and once sent him a framed salute titled "House of Hesburgh" that featured verse from Hawkins' 2012 book of poetry.

Hawkins, one of two black students admitted to Notre Dame in 1955, recalled when a local pizza parlor refused to seat him because he "didn't have a reservation." Other Notre Dame students eating there walked out and Father Hesburgh put the establishment on a list that Notre Dame personnel could not patronize.

Said Hawkins, "Father Hesburgh said that until I was given a public apology, no Notre Dame student or personnel could go there, and that anywhere that Notre Dame minority students aren't welcome, neither was Notre Dame."

The apology quickly appeared and Father Hesburgh removed the restaurant from the list.

Hanging today in Hawkins' Malibu, California, home is a framed photograph of Father Hesburgh handing Hawkins his Notre Dame diploma. Hawkins calls it his "all-time favorite picture."

Current Irish women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw fondly recalls being invited to dinner by Father Hesburgh and Father Joyce after her Notre Dame team won the 2001 NCAA title. She has a framed photo in her office of Father Hesburgh and Martin Luther King Jr. that she asked Hesburgh to autograph for her.

Current vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick has on his office wall a frame with autographed, side-by-side covers from two issues of Time magazine—one from 1962 features Father Hesburgh; the other from 1964 features Parseghian.

"One of my fondest memories as an undergraduate at Notre Dame was an evening during my senior year spent in conversation with Father Hesburgh," said Swarbrick, a 1976 Notre Dame graduate.

"And the greatest privilege during my time as Notre Dame's director of athletics was the opportunity afforded me to seek his counsel. On each of those occasions I was struck by his faith, his humility and the generosity of his spirit.

"It is hard to overstate the impact that Father Hesburgh had on the landscape of American higher education and collegiate athletics. In regard to the latter, Father Ted's leadership in the areas of civil rights, gender equity and presidential control of college athletics changed college sports for the better and created a road map that we at Notre Dame continue to follow to this day."

Longtime Notre Dame swimming coach Tim Welsh (his neighborhood parish in Syracuse, New York, was the same one in which Father Hesburgh grew up) recalls being invited to Father Hesburgh's office in the fall of 1992, some months following the January 1992 bus accident that took the lives of two members of the Irish women's swimming squad as the team traveled back to campus from a meet at Northwestern.

"He encouraged me to carry on, to keep the faith and to trust in the good things that could come from carrying on in the most affirmative way possible. It was a very supportive, powerful and moving meeting," said Welsh.

"Then, when we had finished speaking, he invited me to stay for Mass. There were only three of us there, including Father Hesburgh. I will always treasure that—it was very, very special."

Current Notre Dame freshman football player Jerry Tillery (he enrolled in January 2015) took the recruiting

process so seriously that, before he came for his official visit, he researched the most noteworthy people from the University. He came across Father Hesburgh's name time after time, so Tillery asked if he could meet him during his trip to campus.

"I just wanted to talk to everyone considered important from Notre Dame," said Tillery matter of factly. "So, why wouldn't you try to meet him?"

Current Irish football junior wide receiver Corey Robinson met Father Hesburgh during Robinson's first summer on campus, on an invitation from football team chaplain Father Paul Doyle who was having lunch with Father Hesburgh.

"His office alone was amazing—gifts and trinkets from foreign dignitaries, past presidents and heads of state from around the world. Photos of him with Martin Luther King Jr. and with the pope," said Robinson.

"I was blown away by the gravity of such an accomplished and respected individual. He was extremely nice and genuinely happy to hear how summer training was going. Meeting Father Hesburgh and talking with him was truly inspirational—by far the highlight of my Notre Dame career."

They all appreciated Father Hesburgh's perspective on the role of athletics in today's intercollegiate environment.

Really, it was quite simple:

If you were an athlete, compete as hard as you could both on the court and in the classroom. Understand that athletics likely would not end up defining your life.

If you were a coach, play by both the letter and spirit of the rules. Understand how athletics were designed to fit on a college campus. And, know that the degrees your team members earned were more likely to help them in life than the athletic monograms they received.

In his autobiography Father Hesburgh laid out his vision, as articulated through the Knight Commission work, for three regulations to which college athletics departments should hold:

"1. Academic Integrity: The college must graduate at least the same percentage of student-athletes as it does students who are nonathletes.

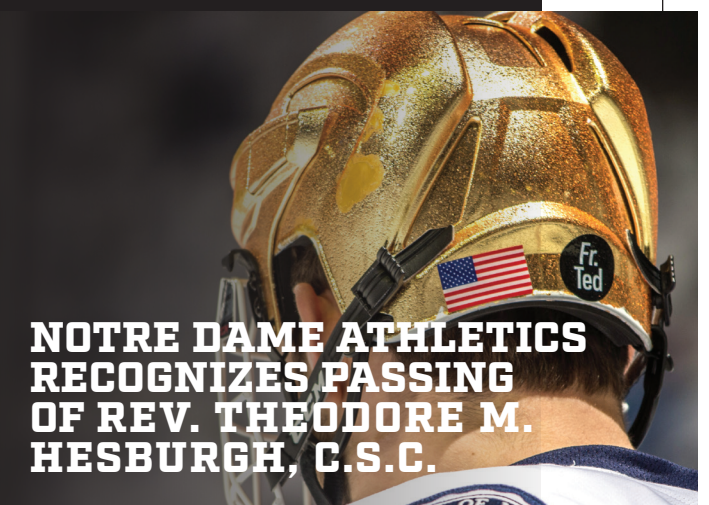
"2. Fiscal Integrity: All funds derived from athletics (tickets, television, contributions of boosters) must go directly to the university and be dispensed only by the university.

"3. Continuous Auditing: Just as academic programs are checked and accredited, just as university financial accounts are audited regularly, there shall be a continuous, ongoing audit by an outside agent, under the NCAA, with an annual report on the state of athletics from an academic, financial, and moral point of view. Thus can the public have confidence that colleges are doing what they say they are doing."

That was the credo of Father Hesburgh, who would have turned 98 in May.

Those same general principles guide Notre Dame today—and no one expects them to change any time soon.

—by John Heisler



The Notre Dame athletics department commemorated the legacy of longtime University president Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., in several ways.

— Beginning immediately after his Feb. 26 death, Notre Dame athletic teams wore "Fr. Ted" patches or stickers on some combination of their uniforms, warm-ups or helmets.

— Moments of silence were observed prior to home events in each of Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports.

The patches and moments of silence carried through to sports competing during the fall of 2015 to enable every Irish squad to recognize Father Hesburgh.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD:

A joint endeavor for Notre Dame athletics and South Bend

“For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of all things.”
—Hebrews 3:4

In the fall of 2014, Notre Dame student-athletes began a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County to build a house for Gladys Muchemi and her children, Ben and Charlynne.

How did the Irish go from driving golf balls to driving nails, from lifting weights to lifting truss beams, from hitting the window in the spread offense to cutting a window out of a wall?

All things are possible.

“What often happens at a build-site is a Three Stooges-type act, where someone is carrying a two-by-four on their shoulder and they swing it around and clock someone else,” Gardetto said, and you know he’s seen it all. “But these student-athletes are already used to watching for their teammates, making sure everyone is where they’re supposed to be.

“Their obstacle was embracing the humility at having never done anything like this before: they are the best in the country at their sport and they’ve rarely failed at anything, but they’re concerned because they bent a nail. They had no confidence because they had no experience doing anything like this.



At first, the Notre Dame student-athletes may not have realized the significance of the endeavor at hand, but eventually it became clear. In what promises to become part of Fighting Irish legend, one student-athlete was overheard expressing understandable incredulity: “Wait, we’re building this for someone to actually *live* in?!”

Thank God for Gerry Gardetto. As a Habitat employee and site manager for the Muchemi build, Gardetto played the role of teacher, mentor, cheerleader and miracle-worker in overseeing every detail of construction.

“As the ‘teacher,’ it was my job to give them the confidence that they could actually do what needed to be done. It was neat to see them loosen up and start teasing each other and then finally getting the hang of it by the end of their shift. They’re dedicated and they know how to learn; it was awesome to watch.”

Not that Gardetto didn’t have his concerns. “These kids rely so heavily on their hands in order to play their sport. ... I was worried that the coaches would kill me if one of them accidentally smashed a finger or thumb!”



Gardetto’s confidence in the student-athletes was reciprocated in kind.

“You put Gerry in charge of anyone and sooner or later a house will materialize,” said David Lowe, a senior on the 2015 men’s golf team. With Katherine McManus (junior, women’s lacrosse), Lowe headed up the community service efforts of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).

Lowe emphasized the complete group effort necessary to execute on this project. He and McManus spent countless hours rallying their fellow student-athletes, coordinating schedules, communicating important

information, renegotiating variables, collaborating with Notre Dame and Habitat staff on every facet, to ensure that, yes, people could actually live in this house (it was officially blessed May 2).

“That all our efforts came to fruition in a very tangible way—there is a house—is really a testament to how hard everyone has worked this year,” Lowe said.

There is a house...

Webster’s defines “house” as a building for human habitation, especially one that is lived in by a family. Synonyms: residence, home, dwelling, roof over one’s head, abode, domicile.

But God is the builder...

“While it’s a great project for us to be involved with and to bring us closer together across teams, at the end of the day it’s about Gladys and her children and not about us at all,” Lowe said. “This Habitat project had the greater purpose of using what we have and who we are in order to be the human face of Notre Dame and to build a real relationship with someone, in this case, the Muchemi family. Anyone can do volunteer work, but to partner with someone, to get to know them and be a part of their lives and invite them to be a part of yours, that’s the real benefit here, and the real treasure.”

The athletics department at Notre Dame is upheld by and actively promotes five pillars—education, excellence, faith, community and tradition—a worthy foundation for any structure.

“When you look at the five pillars,” McManus said, “it makes complete sense that this was the kind of thing we were doing—forming relationships as we served our community and invested our time so that those relationships lasted long beyond the service hours.”

Said Gardetto: “Doing this build helped me understand that the student-athletes at Notre Dame are concerned with long-term commitment and significant transformational experiences that are life-changing for them and for those with whom they serve.”

“Some of these kids will become big-time players in a professional athletics capacity, they’ll make a lot of money and have a lot of success. My hope is that when they reach that pinnacle, they will remember what they participated in here at Notre Dame with this build and that it’ll transform them to realize that with their status they have even more to give, wherever they’re living, and to remember that they have already made that kind of a difference.”

Others noticed.

“The city of South Bend is delighted these student-athletes chose to give back to our community in this way,” said Mayor Pete Buttigieg. “Much of college learning happens outside the classroom and participating in the Habitat build helps them develop a relationship with our community. It’s been great to see these Notre Dame students caring about South Bend, and we thank them for their service.”

Since 2001, the number of Indiana families living in poverty has nearly doubled. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 16.6 percent of St. Joseph County residents and 27 percent of South Bend residents live in poverty.

“That is what makes the work of Habitat so significant,” said executive director Jim Williams. “We are the only home-ownership option for very low-income families. For them, getting a mortgage is nearly impossible. Most are relegated to renting sub-standard apartments and spending more than one-third of their income on housing. Our work helps stabilize families and has a positive financial impact on the community. But the heart of Habitat is hope. We give people the hope of a better life through home-ownership and all of the stability and sense of community that comes with it.”

Home is where the hope is.

—by Renee Peggs

YEAR IN REVIEW

(2014-15)



CAMPUS CROSSROADS CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES

Construction on Campus Crossroads, a \$400 million project that will use the University of Notre Dame's iconic football stadium as a hub for new facilities supporting academic and student life initiatives, began in November, after the final home football game of the 2014 season.

"We announced this project in January 2014 with the hope—though not necessarily the expectation—that we could begin in November," Notre Dame president Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., said.

"Thanks to the tireless work of many, plans were finalized and funds were raised so that we could, indeed, commence construction on facilities that will unite and inspire every member of our campus community for decades to come."

Crossroads construction began with work on the buildings connected to the east and west sides of Notre Dame Stadium.

Laboratories, classrooms and offices for the anthropology and psychology departments will occupy four levels of the nine-story building on the east side of the stadium, with one level devoted to a digital media center. The east structure will be known as Corbett Family Hall, based on a gift from Notre Dame alumnus Richard Corbett.

Space designed to enhance student development and formation will fill the first five levels of the nine-story building linked to the west side of the stadium.

Both buildings will be topped by stadium seating and media accommodations. Revenue generated through ticket sales will be used to help pay for the project and maintain the new academic and student life buildings.

Work on a structure connected to the south side of the stadium housing the Department of Music and the Sacred Music at Notre Dame program began this past summer, with the foundation already in place.

All facets of the 800,000-square-foot project will be completed by August 2017.

The need to add significant and conveniently located academic and student life space closer to other campus facilities led University leaders to conceive of Campus Crossroads in the spring of 2013.

Campus Crossroads is one of several academic and student life projects scheduled for construction over the next three to four years. The projects will total some 1.4 million square feet in additional space for research, scholarship and residential life initiatives.

KATHERINE MCMANUS HONORED WITH YEARDLEY REYNOLDS LOVE UNSUNG HERO AWARD

Notre Dame junior defender **KATHERINE MCMANUS**, whose service work includes leadership roles with the Fighting Irish Fight for Life program and Habitat for Humanity, received the 2015 Yearley Reynolds Love Unsung Hero Award, annually presented to a men's and women's collegiate lacrosse player who best "demonstrates dedication, integrity, humility, hard work, community service, leadership, kindness and sportsmanship."

The award was created in 2010 to honor the memory of Love, a senior lacrosse player at the University of Virginia, who was beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend just a few weeks before graduation. The selection of McManus was particularly poignant as her older sister Victoria was murdered by an ex-boyfriend in May 2014. During the 2014-15 school year, McManus added domestic abuse to her list of causes and worked closely with the Notre Dame athletic department and student government to boost awareness of sexual assault and relationship violence on campus through the "It's On Us" public service campaign.

A native of Sharon, Massachusetts, McManus will serve as president of the Notre Dame Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) in 2015-16.

During her work with the Fighting Irish Fight for Life program, McManus befriended two pediatric cancer patients—Bobby and Jeremiah. She also helped support the Irish softball team's annual

Strike Out Cancer weekend and participated in the SAAC's Relay for Life event, which includes an all-night walkathon on the Compton Family Ice Arena's Lefty Smith Rink, dyed purple for the occasion.

As community service chair for SAAC last year, McManus scheduled representatives from all 26 Irish varsity teams to work on the group's Habitat for Humanity house, which became a home for a South Bend single mother and her two children. McManus also has volunteered with the University's Adopt-a-Family holiday initiative and at the city's Center for the Homeless. A psychology major, she has worked with abused and neglected children and their mothers at the University's William J. Shaw Center for Children and Families.

McManus, who played in 12 games and helped Notre Dame to the ACC semifinals in 2015, also earned an ACC Top Six Award for Service in both 2014 and 2015.



Tens of thousands of Notre Dame football fans invaded downtown Indianapolis in mid-September for the sixth annual Shamrock Series events presented by Sprint.

Although the main act on the playbill—the football game against longtime in-state rival Purdue—occurred Saturday night before nearly 57,000 in Lucas Oil Stadium, the weekend offered a full slate of activities to engage both Irish and Boilermaker loyalists and provide the same sort of Hoosier hospitality and festive atmosphere the city has displayed during numerous Final Fours and the 2012 Super Bowl.

Over 4,500 fans attended the Notre Dame pep rally Friday night in the Georgia Street/Pan Am Plaza area, which had been blocked off for pedestrians only.

That same space served as the site of Saturday's Shamrock Series Fan Fest, which featured food trucks, an Under Armour merchandise tent, live musical entertainment and Indy racing cars. The staging

area boasted large screens that displayed Irish football and University-related videos as well as live interviews with VIP guests. Over 40,000 stopped by that event which ran from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Inaugural Shamrock Series 5K, which raised funds for graduate student fellowships at Notre Dame, attracted 1,200 participants Saturday morning as runners weaved their way through downtown Indianapolis from Bankers Life Fieldhouse to the finish line at Pan Am Plaza.

Over 1,000 worshiped at a Saturday morning Mass celebrated by Indianapolis Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. University of Notre Dame president Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., served as homilist.

Late Saturday afternoon a crowd of about 8,000 watched the Band of the Fighting Irish begin its pre-game concert at Monument Circle and then move to Pan Am Plaza for another performance before stepping off to Lucas Oil Stadium.

The University also sponsored three academic programs Friday—one by the College of Science at the Indianapolis Children's Museum, one by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies and one by the Interdisciplinary Center for Network Science and Applications.

Notre Dame maintained its perfect record in the Shamrock Series with a 30-14 victory over Purdue. The 2015 Shamrock Series takes the Irish to Fenway Park Nov. 22 to play Boston College. In 2016 Notre Dame will return to San Antonio and the Alamodome, the site of the first home-away-from-home game in 2009, to play Army. The other Shamrock Series games have been played in New York City (2010 versus Army in Yankee Stadium), Washington, D.C. (2011 versus Maryland at FedEx Field), Chicago (2012 versus Miami in Soldier Field) and North Texas (2013 versus Arizona State).



More than half of all undergraduates at Notre Dame participate in a study abroad program, an experience that expands their global perspective and understanding and provides a transformative experience that shapes their lives long after they return home.

But Irish student-athletes rarely can fit a study abroad program into their busy academic and training schedules. So, in summer 2015, 21 student-athletes participated in two new programs designed to fit the needs of those who routinely attend summer school on campus.

Sixteen Irish student-athletes traveled to South Africa from May 18 to June 6 for a three-week, three-credit course, "Negative Attitudes: A Cultural, Historical and Social Psychological Analysis of Racism in South Africa," taught by Notre Dame psychology professor Andre Venter. The students learned about stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination within a culture shaped by a long history of institutionalized racism, and studied the role sport played in the transition from apartheid government of South Africa to its current democratic model.

Former Irish basketball student-athlete Zach Hillesland assisted Venter and blogged about the trip on und.com.

The course also included a service learning component, cultural excursions and a safari in Kruger National Park.

Irish sports represented in the delegation were women's basketball (**DIAMOND THOMPSON**), women's fencing (**FRANCESCA RUSSO**), football (**JOSH ANDERSON**, **SCOTT DALY**, **MARK HARRELL**, **DOUG RANDOLPH**, **COREY ROBINSON**, **JAYLON SMITH** and **JERRY TILLERY**), men's golf (**MATT RUSHTON**), women's soccer (**SANDRA YU** and **KATIE NAUGHTON**), women's swimming (**CAT GALLETTI** and **KATIE MILLER**) and volleyball (**MADDIE DILFER** and **SIMMONE COLLINS**).

Among those who helped in the planning of service opportunities were former Irish women's basketball standout Ruth Riley, who has worked extensively with "Hoops for Hope" in the Johannesburg area, and Tommy Clark, son of Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark and the founder of Grassroot Soccer, an international AIDS awareness and education organization.

Notre Dame senior associate athletics director for student-athlete services Mike Harrity and Irish strength and conditioning assistant Elisa Angeles also accompanied the group.

Five other Irish student-athletes—**MAX REDFIELD** and **ROMEO OKWARA** from football, **REBECCA NUNGE** and **MADDIE PLUMLEE** from volleyball and **ALAINA ROBERTS** from women's tennis—were among 13 Notre Dame students who traveled to Greece for a faculty-led seminar in Ancient Corinth. Those students experienced archaeological sites and museums in ways denied to tourists.

THREE NOTRE DAME STUDENT-ATHLETES CELEBRATE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Elizabeth Tucker – SOCCER



A native of Jacksonville, Florida, Tucker was the first Notre Dame student-athlete, the first soccer player and the third Atlantic Coast Conference representative honored in the NCAA's Woman of the Year Award's 24-year history.

The NCAA award honors a graduating female student-athlete who participated in NCAA-sanctioned sports and distinguished herself throughout her collegiate career in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership. Tucker emerged as the 2014 NCAA Woman of the Year recipient following a rigorous selection process that began in June when NCAA colleges and universities nominated 446 student-athletes for the award.

Three Notre Dame student-athletes notched a "triple crown" of sorts for the Irish athletics department when they garnered prestigious honors for their impressive achievements as undergraduates.

In October 2014, former Irish soccer player **ELIZABETH TUCKER**, who had graduated the previous May with a degree in accounting from the Mendoza College of Business, became the first Notre Dame winner of the NCAA Woman of the Year Award.

Tucker played a critical role in maintaining the tradition and standard of excellence of the Notre Dame women's soccer program during her undergraduate career. She helped the Fighting Irish to four consecutive NCAA Championship berths during her career (2010-13), including the 2010 national title and a spot in the 2012 NCAA quarterfinals. During that run to the 2010 NCAA crown, Tucker scored both goals in a 2-0 Fighting Irish win at No. 6 Oklahoma State in the quarterfinals, as Notre Dame became the lowest-seeded team (No. 4 in its quadrant, No. 13-16 in the 64-team field) to earn the title in the 32-year history of the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship.

A four-year monogram recipient and team captain during her final two seasons with the Fighting Irish, Tucker played in all 92 of Notre Dame's matches in that span, starting 87 times while finishing with 19 goals and 14 assists. She also earned third-team all-BIG EAST Conference honors and BIG EAST All-Rookie Team accolades in 2010.

A standout in the classroom, Tucker received the 2014 ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award and a 2014 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, while being named one of five finalists for the 2014 Wooden Citizenship Cup and a candidate for both a Rhodes

The following month, **ALEX COCCIA**, the 2013-14 student body president, a three-time monogram winner as an Irish fencer and a 2014 Notre Dame graduate, became the University's 15th Rhodes Scholar and first since 2002.

Then in May, rower **ANNA KOTTKAMP**, an environmental science major in the College of Science and a two-time recipient of the NCAA Elite 89 Award, was named valedictorian of the Notre Dame Class of 2015, marking the first time an Irish student-athlete was accorded that designation.

Scholarship and University valedictorian honors.

Tucker earned her business administration degree from Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business in May 2014 with a 4.00 grade-point average. An accounting major and theology minor, she received Dean's List honors all eight semesters she attended the University. She also was a first-team Capital One Academic All-America selection in 2012 and 2013, making her only the 15th Notre Dame student-athlete in school history to earn first-team Academic All-America honors twice (and just the fourth women's soccer player to do so).

During her academic career, Tucker received numerous accolades from the Mendoza College of Business, including the 2013 Eugene D. Fanning Scholarship Award, recognizing exceptional achievement in business communication, and the 2012 Notre Dame Accounting Excellence Award, recognizing Mendoza's top 20 accounting majors. She also earned the 2014 Tara K. Deutsch Award, given to a Notre Dame accountancy senior who displays exemplary social consciousness and devotion to those less fortunate, as well as the 2014 Top Hamilton Award for accountancy for having the highest cumulative GPA.

Alex Coccia – FENCING



A Columbus, Ohio, native, Coccia was selected as one of 32 members of the American Rhodes Scholar Class of 2015 from a pool of 877 candidates who had been nominated by their colleges and universities. He is scheduled to begin his studies at Oxford in October 2015.

Coccia majored in Africana Studies and Peace Studies at Notre Dame. After

graduation, he served as a Truman-Albright Fellow in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C.

A competitor in the sabre, Coccia was a member of the Irish squad that won the 2011 NCAA fencing title. His career record with the Irish was 74-63, including a 32-18 mark as a sophomore in 2012. He finished sixth at the Midwest Fencing Conference (MFC) Championships in 2012 and eighth in both 2011 and 2014, thrice earning second-team all-MFC honors. He won four sabre bouts while competing at the 2011 NCAA Midwest Regional.

In the summer of 2011, after his freshman season with the team, Coccia traveled to Uganda in East Africa to teach the sport of fencing to those less fortunate.

In 2013, Coccia won election as Notre Dame student body president, running on a platform focused on

promoting the passions and interests of all students, including those who feel marginalized. A member of the Glynn Family Honors Program, he worked to serve peers and improve the campus climate on a variety of issues, most notably to increase awareness for students who identify as LGBTQ minority students, students who are undocumented citizens and students impacted by sexual violence.

Involved in numerous Notre Dame clubs and activities, Coccia also served as president of the Progressive Student Alliance, steering committee member for the Call to Action Committee and founder of the 4 to 5 Movement. He also was a three-year FIRE starter peer educator in the Gender Relations Center.

In April 2014 Coccia received the Rev. A. Leonard Collins, C.S.C., Award at the Student Leadership Awards Banquet held by the University's

Student Affairs Office. The award honors a graduating senior who has made substantial personal efforts to advance the interests of students at Notre Dame.

Coccia plans to study comparative social policy at Oxford.

Rhodes Scholar recipients are chosen on the basis of the rigorous criteria set down in the Will of Cecil Rhodes, a British businessman and politician in South Africa who died in 1902.

Anna Kottkamp – ROWING



Rower Anna Kottkamp, an environmental science major from Wenatchee, Washington, became the first Notre Dame student-athlete to be named valedictorian and presented the valedictory address during the University Commencement Ceremony May 17 at Notre Dame Stadium.

A member of the Glynn Family Honors Program and Phil Beta Kappa Honor Society, Kottkamp achieved Dean's List honors each semester

and posted a 4.00 cumulative grade-point average.

During her Notre Dame career, Kottkamp was awarded an undergraduate research opportunity grant and traveled to Bolivia in the summer of 2014 to conduct a case study on an organization that works with small-scale farmers in the highlands of Bolivia. She also earned an Experiencing the World Fellowship from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies for an internship during the summer of 2013 in Peru where she worked on various projects, including the design of an environmental education curriculum.

As an undergraduate research assistant for Jennifer Tank, Ludmilla F., Stephen J. and Robert T. Galla Professor of Biological Sciences, Kottkamp worked as part of a research team on a watershed scale study about the impact of cover crops on agricultural streams.

As a member of the Irish women's rowing team, Kottkamp began her career as a walk-on student-athlete with no previous competitive rowing experience and went on to earn a full athletic scholarship. A member of the Rosenthal Leadership Academy, Kottkamp was twice named an NCAA Elite 89 award winner, Atlantic Coast Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year, Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar-Athlete and ACC postgraduate scholarship recipient.

After graduation, she planned to pursue postgraduate service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest in Hood River, Oregon, working at the Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute in educational programming for fifth-graders. She intends to later enroll in an environmental science graduate program.

GREEN, BOXX, DIGGINS
HIGHLIGHT ESPYS



In May 1999, **DANIELLE GREEN** (above) and **SHANNON BOXX** crossed the stage minutes apart during commencement exercises at Notre Dame. More than 16 years later, the two former Fighting Irish student-athletes once again shared the same stage, this time for accomplishments that stretched far beyond the normal academic and athletic arenas.

Green and Boxx both were honored during the ESPY Awards July 15 at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. Green took home the second annual Pat Tillman Award for Service, while Boxx and the United States Women's Soccer Team garnered the Best Team of the Year award. Another former Notre Dame student-athlete, **SKYLAR DIGGINS**, was not able to be in attendance to receive her ESPY as the Best WNBA Player.

Notre Dame incoming freshman cross country/track and field runner **ANNA ROHRER** did attend the 23rd annual sports awards show as a finalist for the Gatorade National Female High School Athlete of the Year honor.

One of the spotlight awards featured Green, a former Notre Dame women's basketball guard who later enlisted in the U.S. Army. In May 2004, she suffered significant injuries, including the amputation of her left hand and numerous shrapnel wounds, during a grenade attack while serving in Baghdad, Iraq, with the 571st MP Company. Green was one of the first female casualties during the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Green, who later earned the Purple Heart for injuries suffered in combat and now

works with returning veterans as a readjustment counselor in South Bend, received the Pat Tillman Award for Service from Academy Award-winning actress Halle Berry. The honor, created in 2014 by the Pat Tillman Foundation, is named for the late Arizona State University and Arizona Cardinals football player who set aside his career to enlist in the U.S. Army before being killed in the line of duty while serving in Afghanistan in April 2004, one month before Green was injured.

Boxx and the U.S. Women's Soccer Team continued to celebrate their third FIFA Women's World Cup title, thanks to a 5-2 win over Japan in the July 5 championship match in Vancouver, British Columbia. Boxx is the second Notre Dame women's soccer alumnus to earn a World Cup gold medal, following in the footsteps of her former Irish and U.S. teammate **KATE [SOBRERO] MARKGRAF**, who was a member of the last American squad to raise the Women's World Cup trophy in 1999.

Diggins, who earned her second consecutive WNBA All-Star Game starting assignment for the Western Conference in 2015, earned first-team all-WNBA honors and was the league's Most Improved Player in 2014.

CALIFORNIA
PROVIDES MOST
IRISH STUDENT-
ATHLETES

The University of Notre Dame may be located smack in the middle of the Midwest, but more of its student-athletes come from California than from anywhere else in the United States.

The widespread recruiting reach of Irish athletic programs is well proven, with New Jersey, New York, Texas and Maryland also all ranking among the top nine states in sending student-athletes to South Bend.

The University's institutional athletic research showed that the 708 Irish student-athletes came from 42 states (plus the District of Columbia) and eight foreign countries, based

on 2014-15 squad rosters and current hometowns of parents/guardians.

States providing the most Notre Dame student-athletes were California (74), Illinois (72), New Jersey (55), Indiana (49), Ohio (47), New York (46), Texas (40), Pennsylvania (35), Maryland (29) and Michigan (27).

States providing the most players to a single team's roster were Ohio (with 12 to football), Texas (11 to football), Maryland (11 to men's lacrosse), California (10 to football), Illinois (10 to football) and Indiana (10 to football).

States providing at least one student-athlete to the most different sports were Indiana with 19, followed by California (17), Illinois (16), New Jersey and Pennsylvania (15 each) and Michigan, Ohio, New York and Texas (14 each).

The only states that did not account for at least one Irish student-athlete in 2014-15 were Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Mississippi, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming.

The top cities (based on home addresses) in terms of sending student-athletes to Notre Dame were Indianapolis (eight), Granger (Indiana), Pittsburgh and San Diego (six each) and Charlotte, Cincinnati, Dallas, Dayton and South Bend (five each).

BLACKHAWKS
RETURN TO
NOTRE DAME

For the second year in a row, the NHL Chicago Blackhawks opened training camp at Notre Dame's Compton Family Ice Arena Sept. 19-21, 2014.

Coach Joel Quenneville and his staff had 52 players in camp to start the season. That group included 27 forwards, 19 defensemen and six goaltenders. Among the 19 defensemen in camp was former Notre Dame standout Stephen Johns who attended his first professional training camp after four seasons playing for the Irish. The Blackhawks drafted him in the

(and Notre Dame graduate) Stan Bowman spoke with the current Notre Dame team about qualities of professionalism. The Blackhawks held an autograph session for Irish Youth Hockey League families, and several members of the team spoke at the Robinson Learning Center.

The Blackhawks went on to win the 2015 Stanley Cup, claiming the NHL's top prize for the third time in six seasons.

second round, 60th overall in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft.

Weekend programming included a joint team dinner with the Blackhawks and the Irish squads—as well as a presentation in which Chicago captain Jonathan Toews and Blackhawk general manager



KOTTKAMP, REANEY
CLAIM O.S.C.A.R.S.
TOP HONORS

Senior rower Anna Kottkamp, who maintained a perfect 4.00 grade-point average while a student-athlete at Notre Dame, and senior swimmer Emma Reaney, an American record holder and the most decorated swimmer in the history of Irish swimming and diving programs, captured multiple top honors at the 14th annual O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievement & Recognition Showcase) gala April 29 inside Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. The year-end celebration honored more than 700 student-athletes for their achievements on the field and in the classroom during the 2014-15 school year.

The presentation of three major athletic awards—the Byron V. Kanaley, the Francis Patrick O'Connor Award and the Notre Dame Athletics Community Champion Award—highlighted the evening's celebration, while the Top Gun Award and Chuck Linster Award (for the highest grade-point averages by graduating senior athletes and athletics student support staff, respectively), also were presented in conjunction

with the Notre Dame Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes.

Kottkamp and Reaney were two of five honorees to receive the Kanaley Award, the most prestigious honor awarded to a graduating Notre Dame student-athlete. Kottkamp also was the recipient of the Top Gun Award, while Reaney was one of five recipients of the O'Connor Award.

In addition to Kottkamp and Reaney, the three other Kanaley Award recipients were women's golfer Ashley Armstrong, cross country/track and field runner Emily Frydrych and hockey player Peter Schneider.

The Kanaley Award has been given annually since 1926 to senior monogram student-athletes who have been most exemplary as both students and leaders. Chosen by the University's Faculty Board on Athletics, the award is named in honor of the 1904 Notre Dame graduate who was a member of the baseball team as an undergraduate. Kanaley went on to a successful banking

career in Chicago and served the University as a lay trustee until his death in 1960.

Joining Reaney as recipients of the O'Connor Award were men's basketball standout Pat

Connaughton, football player Jarrett Grace, men's soccer player Connor Klekota and women's soccer player Katie Naughton.

The O'Connor Award honors male and female student-athletes who best display the total embodiment of the true spirit of Notre Dame as exemplified by their contributions to their respective teams. To be considered, student-athletes must possess those qualities attributed to Pat O'Connor: caring, courage, confidence, encouragement, humility, honesty, humor, kindness and patience.

Five individuals were awarded the Community Champion Award—softball player Casey Africano, hockey player Eric Johnson, women's lacrosse player Katherine McManus, football player Corey Robinson and cheerleader Ryan Lopez. The establishment of this award recognizes the contributions of Notre Dame student-athletes to the University community and the community at large by embodying the spirit of leadership, commitment and selflessness.

William Hughes, a senior manager with the men's basketball team, received the Chuck Linster Award. The award is named for Linster, who was an athletics department photographer for 44 years. Hughes graduated in May with a degree in physics.

For the second consecutive year and the fourth time since the award's establishment in 2006, the softball team earned The Trophy Award (recognizing excellence in community service) for its yearlong community service work both on the local and national levels. The softball team totaled more than 2,000 hours of community service for an average of over 100 hours per student-athlete.

The award for the highest grade-point average went to the women's golf team for the spring 2014 semester with a 3.458 GPA and to the men's cross country team for the fall 2014 semester with a 3.487 GPA.



COUNSELL, MURPHY JOIN MLB MANAGERIAL RANKS

Two individuals with Notre Dame baseball connections—former player Craig Counsell (above left) and former Irish head coach Pat Murphy (above right)—joined the ranks of Major League Baseball managers in 2015.

The Milwaukee Brewers named Counsell their manager May 4, while the San Diego Padres announced June 16 that Murphy (he coached Counsell at Notre Dame) would serve as interim manager for the remainder of the 2015 season.

Counsell was born in South Bend, grew up in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, and batted

.306 with 18 homers and 166 RBI over a four-year career at Notre Dame. After being drafted in the 11th round by the Colorado Rockies, Counsell went on to have a 16-year MLB career where he batted .255 with 42 homers, 390 RBI, 589 walks and 647 runs scored for five different teams—the Colorado Rockies, Florida Marlins, Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona Diamondbacks and Brewers.

He was named the 2001 NLCS MVP and won two World Series, one with the Marlins in 1997 and another with the Diamondbacks in 2001. In the 1997 World Series,

he tied Game 7 against the Cleveland Indians with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning before scoring the winning run in the bottom of the 11th. In the 2001 World Series, Counsell was hit by a Mariano Rivera pitch that loaded the bases for Luis Gonzalez, who promptly hit a bloop single that won the series for the Diamondbacks against the Yankees.

Murphy spent seven seasons (1988–94) as head coach at Notre Dame, where he guided the Irish to a 318-116-1 (.732) record, including three consecutive trips to the

NCAA Championship regional finals in 1992, 1993 and 1994. Under his guidance, the Irish averaged more than 46 wins per season and rejuvenated the pride in Notre Dame baseball, ultimately leading to the construction of Frank Eck Stadium in the fall of 1993.

Murphy became the head coach at Arizona State in 1994—and his 15-year tenure at the helm of the Sun Devil program featured a 585-284-1 record and NCAA Championship appearances 10 straight years (2000–09) and 12 times overall. He owns an all-time 55-33 record in NCAA Championship action as a head coach.

In May 2011, the Coach Pat Murphy Locker Room was dedicated at Notre Dame's Frank Eck Stadium, thanks to the benefaction of a group of Irish baseball supporters, including Counsell. On that occasion Murphy received an honorary monogram from the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

The 56-year-old Murphy, a native of Syracuse, New York, had been in his sixth season in 2015 in the Padres organization, including parts of the last three seasons as the manager of the club's Triple-A affiliate in El Paso, Texas.

GATEWOOD, BROWN, BETTIS: ALL HALL OF FAMERS

Three former Notre Dame football all-stars—Thom Gatewood, Tim Brown and Jerome Bettis—earned Hall of Fame status in January 2015.

Gatewood was selected to the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame and both Brown and Bettis were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Gatewood, a two-time All-America split end in football

at Notre Dame and an NCAA consensus selection in 1970, becomes the 45th former Notre Dame player to join the College Football Hall of Fame. With 45 former players and six former coaches selected, Notre Dame boasts more honorees than any other school in the country. Gatewood is only the second true receiver from Notre Dame (Brown is the other) to earn selection to the Hall of Fame.

Gatewood participated in the pregame coin toss prior to the 2015 College Football Playoff National Championship at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas. He will be inducted with the entire 2015 class Dec. 8, 2015, at the 58th NFF Annual Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York. Gatewood also will be honored at an on-campus salute at the Sept. 26 Notre Dame-Massachusetts football game in 2015, and his class of inductees will be honored at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 1, 2016.

A 1971 Irish co-captain (the first black football captain at Notre Dame) for head coach Ara Parseghian, Gatewood led the Irish in receiving in

three straight seasons—in 1969 with 47 catches for 743 yards and eight touchdowns, in 1970 with 77 for 1,123 and seven TDs and in 1971 with 33 for 417 and four TDs.

The Baltimore, Maryland, product set the Notre Dame record for most passes caught and most receiving yards in a season (with 77 for 1,123 yards in 1970), and he finished his Irish career as Notre Dame's all-time leading pass-catcher with 157 for 2,283 yards. He also set the Irish standard for most catches per game in a season with 7.7 in 1970 (ranking second nationally in the final NCAA statistics that year) and most TDs by reception in a game (three against Purdue in 1970).



As a junior in 1970, Gatewood's consensus All-America season featured first-team mention on teams named by United Press International, the American Football Coaches Association, Walter Camp Foundation, Newspaper Enterprise Association, Look and Central Press. As a senior in 1971, he was a first-team pick by Time and a second-team selection by UPI.

Gatewood (above) was a two-time first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American in 1970 and 1971 (and a second-team pick in 1969) and also earned postgraduate scholarships from the NCAA and the National Football Foundation following his senior season.

Gatewood was selected in the fifth round (107th overall pick) of the 1972 National Football League Draft by the New York Giants.

Born March 7, 1950, the 6-foot-2, 210-pound Gatewood received his Notre Dame degree in 1972 from the College of Arts and Letters, with a major in sociology, a minor in economics and a final 3.6 grade-point average.

Gatewood is an advisory board member for the child health initiative "Healthy Children, Healthy Futures," launched by Strang Cancer Prevention Center and MetLife Foundation to reach into inner-city communities to help set groundwork for fitness



and nutrition. He has volunteered for Minority Athletes Networking, Etc., a nonprofit organization that annually serves approximately 5,000 inner-city youth through educational outreach and social activities.

He currently is owner and president of Blue Atlas Productions, a promotional products distributor in New Jersey. He's also co-owner of Larkspur Lane, Ltd., a video television production company that has won 11 network Emmy Awards, two network news Emmys and four Peabody Awards.

Brown, the 1987 Heisman Trophy winner and a 2009 inductee into the College Football Hall of Fame, received one of the NCAA's most prestigious awards in 2012 as recipient of an NCAA Silver Anniversary Award. The first wide receiver to be awarded the Heisman Trophy, Brown became the seventh Notre Dame player to be heralded as the nation's most outstanding college football player.

Brown set 19 different school records during his career. He averaged 116.8 all-purpose yards per game and totaled 22 TDs. Brown totaled a then-school record 2,493 receiving yards with 12 receiving TDs and averaged 18.2 yards per catch. He averaged 23.4 yards on 69 career kickoff returns with three returned for TDs and averaged 13.2 yards on 36 punt returns and three TDs. The two-time All-American set a Notre Dame single-season record with 1,937 all-purpose yards as a junior in 1986. As a senior, Brown ranked sixth

nationally with 167.9 all-purpose yards per game.

Brown (above left) additionally was named the 1987 Walter Camp Player of the Year and earned two All-America accolades (1986, 1987), achieving his '87 All-American selection by unanimous vote.

Selected in the first round (sixth overall) in the 1988 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Raiders, Brown played 16 seasons with the franchise and one more season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a rookie, he led the NFL in kickoff returns, return yards and yards per return average. During his career, Brown set Raiders franchise records for receptions, receiving yards and punt return yards. At the time of his retirement, his 14,934 receiving yards were second highest in NFL history; 1,094 receptions were third; and 100 TD catches were tied for third.

Bettis, (above right), one of the most heralded fullbacks in Notre Dame history, played three seasons in an Irish uniform compiling 2,356 career yards (1,927 rushing, 429 receiving) and 27 TDs during his collegiate career. During the 1991 season, Bettis established program records for most TDs (20) and points (121) in a season. He additionally led the Irish in rushing yards (977) during his sophomore year.

Bettis holds Notre Dame's bowl game records in rushing yards (150) and rushing TDs (three) after leading Notre Dame to a 39-28 win over Florida in the 1992 Sugar Bowl.

The Los Angeles Rams selected Bettis (above right) as the 10th overall pick in the 1993 NFL draft. During his rookie season, he ranked second in the league in rushing yards (1,429) and was the Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year and United Press International NFL-NFC Rookie of the Year. His rushing total was seventh-best in league history.

Bettis joined the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1996 where he rushed for over 1,000 yards in each of his first six seasons with the Steelers and was the franchise's leading rusher from 1996 to 2001 and 2003 to 2004. His 50 games of at least 100 yards rushing rank first in Pittsburgh's history. At the time of his retirement, his eight 1,000-plus yard seasons were tied for third-best in NFL history and his 13,662 rushing yards ranked fifth all-time in league annals.

Bettis was a member of the Super Bowl XL championship team collecting 43 yards on the ground to help the Steelers surpass the Seahawks with a 21-10 victory. He played in the Pro Bowl on six occasions, was named to the All-Pro team on three occasions and named team MVP three other times.

Enshrinement ceremonies were held Aug. 8, 2015, in Canton, Ohio. Previous inductees with Notre Dame connections are Dave Casper (2002), Nick Buoniconti (2001), Joe Montana (2000), Alan Page (1988), Paul Hornung (1986), George Connor (1975), Wayne Millner (1968), George Trafton (1964), Curly Lambeau (1963) and John "Blood" McNally (1963).

GIFTS TO IRISH ATHLETICS
ENDOW **THREE COACHING**
POSITIONS

NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS IN 2015 ANNOUNCED THE ENDOWMENT OF THREE HEAD COACHING POSITIONS—THOSE OF IRISH WOMEN’S BASKETBALL COACH MUFFET MCGRAW IN FEBRUARY, MEN’S LACROSSE COACH KEVIN CORRIGAN IN MAY AND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH BRIAN KELLY IN JUNE.

Muffet McGraw — **WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**



A student-athlete who helped build the foundation of Notre Dame’s perennially powerful women’s basketball program and her husband, also a former student-athlete at the University, made a \$5 million gift to their alma mater to endow the Fighting Irish program’s head coaching position.

Karen Robinson Keyes was a standout player for Notre Dame from 1987 to 1991 under McGraw, whose

position will now carry the title Karen and Kevin Keyes Family Head Women’s Basketball Coach. Karen’s husband, Kevin, was a varsity tennis player for the Irish and is now the CEO, president and a member of the board of directors of Annaly Capital Management.

The endowment is thought to be the largest in women’s collegiate basketball and launched a new initiative at Notre Dame to endow coaching positions and student-athlete scholarships. It will be used to underwrite the position’s annual salary.

Karen Keyes earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Notre Dame in American Studies and business, respectively. She was the Midwestern Collegiate Conference player of the year as a junior and senior and finished as the program’s career scoring leader (she now ranks ninth). She is currently the head women’s basketball coach at Ridgewood (New Jersey) High School, serves on the board of Reed Academy School for Autism and is a

“Muffet is one of the most important influences in our lives. We are proud to honor her, recognize her dedication to the University, and continue to admire all of the successful women she has coached and developed over her entire career.”
—Karen Keyes

member of the Women for Health Network at The Valley Hospital.

Kevin Keyes earned his bachelor’s degrees in economics and business administration (ALPA Program) at Notre Dame. He has been an officer at Annaly Capital Management since 2009, a leading real estate investment trust. Previously, he worked at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse First Boston and Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He is also on the advisory board of the Rock and Roll Forever Foundation.

The Keyes are members of Notre Dame’s Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Residents of Ridgewood, the Keyes are the parents of three children, Katie, Cassie and John, and previously

have supported Notre Dame through the Joyce Grants-in-Aid Program, President’s Circle and Sorin Society, and have endowed a scholarship for financial aid.

As a senior, Karen led the Irish to their first top-20 ranking. Since then, the program has become a national power, winning the NCAA championship in 2001, reaching the Final Four on seven occasions (including the last five) and earning 20 consecutive NCAA Championship berths.

In 28 seasons with the Irish, McGraw has registered 699 victories at Notre Dame and 787 in her 33-year career. She has been inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame and the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.

Kevin Corrigan — **MEN’S LACROSSE**



On the eve of the No. 1-ranked Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team participating in the NCAA Championship Weekend in Philadelphia, an

alumnus of the University and his wife made a gift to endow the program’s head coaching position.

A \$3 million gift from John and Mollie Baumer of Manhattan Beach, California, will underwrite the salary of the head coach, provide stability and resources for the long term and create funds for use within the department and across campus.

Corrigan, who concluded his 27th season at Notre Dame in 2015, is the first Baumer Family Head Men’s Lacrosse coach.

John Baumer is a native of South Bend where his father Fred Baumer was employed as the comptroller at Notre Dame for many years. John earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from Notre Dame in 1990 and a master of business administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business in 1995. He is a senior partner at Leonard Green & Partners of Los Angeles, one of the nation’s leading private equity firms with more than \$15 billion of private equity capital raised since inception.

Mollie Baumer is a 1990 graduate of Saint Mary’s College where she was a varsity soccer player. The couple has three children who attend Catholic school in the Los Angeles area. John is a member of Notre Dame’s

Student-Athlete Advisory Council, Campaign Cabinet and Wall Street Leadership Committee.

Corrigan’s tenure at Notre Dame ranks as the second longest among current Irish

Brian Kelly — **FOOTBALL**



Notre Dame alumnus Richard Corbett provided a \$10 million gift to endow the head football coaching position at the University. At the same time he made a \$25 million gift to underwrite the construction of a 280,000-square-foot building on the east side of Notre Dame Stadium. Corbett Family Hall will house the departments of anthropology and psychology and a digital media center.

Kelly will be the first Richard A. Corbett Head Football Coach. A veteran of 24 seasons as a collegiate head coach, he brings a championship tradition to his sixth year at Notre Dame. Currently the third-winningest active coach in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision with 216 victories, Kelly has guided the Irish to 45 wins over his first five years in South Bend. Only Lou Holtz collected more

head coaches at Notre Dame (behind only McGraw) and the second longest among NCAA Division I men’s lacrosse coaches (behind only Bob Shillinglaw at Delaware). His teams have earned 20 NCAA invitations

victories (46) over his first five seasons at Notre Dame. Kelly’s 139 victories as a head coach since 2001 are more than all but two active FBS head coaches—Oklahoma’s Bob Stoops and Ohio State’s Urban Meyer.

Corbett earned a bachelor’s degree in history from Notre Dame and was class president his senior year. After graduation, he worked on the John F. Kennedy presidential campaign and then in the White House. He earned a master of business administration degree from Harvard University and went on to serve as a financial manager for the Kennedy family in New York and business manager of Robert F. Kennedy’s 1968 presidential campaign.

Corbett now is chief executive officer and president of Concorde Companies, a real estate investment firm located in Tampa, Florida.

Corbett is chair of the Florida Fish and Wildlife

and advanced to the Championship Weekend five times (2001, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2015), twice to the title game (2010 and 2014).

Conservative Commission and its longest serving full-time board member. He is also a member of the Florida Council of 100 and the Republican Governors Association Executive Round Table Group. He is a former board member of Tampa General Hospital and its Foundation, Tampa’s Museum of Science and Industry, the Hillsborough Education Foundation and the Florida Council on Economic Education. He also served on the national finance committee for Gov. Mitt Romney’s 2012 presidential campaign.

In celebration of the 50th reunion of the Notre Dame Class of 1960, Dick provided a generous matching gift in 2010 for the class’ scholarship fund. He also has been a supporter of Notre Dame’s Sorin Society and MBA program.

The Corbetts are the parents of four adult children and have two grandchildren.

**HUARTE,
HORNUNG
FETED**

Two former Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winners—John Huarte and Paul Hornung—were honored during the 2014 Irish home football season.

Winner of the award in 1964, Huarte was honored

at the Notre Dame-Michigan football game at Notre Dame Stadium to recognize the 50th anniversary of his Heisman win. Huarte again was recognized and spoke in December in New York at the dinner honoring 2014 winner Marcus Mariota of Oregon.

Hornung, who won the award in 1956, served as honorary Irish captain and took part in the coin toss prior to the Notre Dame-Louisville game in November at Notre Dame Stadium. He is a Louisville native and longtime resident of the city.



IRISH, UNDER ARMOUR BEGIN PARTNERSHIP

The Notre Dame athletics department began its landmark 10-year agreement with Under Armour on July 1, 2014—and the first year of collaboration included these projects:

→ Under Armour became involved in a lengthy list of campus initiatives, including participation in various Notre Dame MBA programs, as well as the University's Licensing Summit and Global Forum.

→ Under Armour played host at its Baltimore headquarters to a number of Irish teams and coaches, as well as other University and athletics staff.

→ Under Armour served as the presenting sponsor of the Notre Dame-Michigan football game on NBC, and CEO Kevin Plank spoke to the University's campaign cabinet that weekend.

→ Various Notre Dame coaches and staff took part in the March 2015 opening of the UA Brand House in Chicago.

→ Under Armour held its first collegiate football photo shoot on location on the Notre Dame campus, showcasing the new home and away and custom Shamrock Series uniforms. The company was extensively engaged in the Irish Shamrock Series football weekend in Indianapolis as well.

→ Under Armour also collaborated with Showtime to produce the hourlong special "Hoops U" on the Notre Dame men's basketball program, featuring a month spent with the Irish squad just prior to the start of the 2015 NCAA Championship.

→ The Under Armour team worked with the Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore to renovate the UA sales area in its main on-campus store.

→ Under Armour highlighted the start of its relationship with Notre Dame by providing a gold box (designed to resemble the look and feel of a Notre Dame football helmet) containing a variety of its products to key University VIPs, media and celebrities.

→ Notre Dame athletics equipment staffers and coaches have begun a series of product development and testing initiatives, including work with basketball shoes and soccer balls and cleats.

NOTRE DAME AND UNDER ARMOUR OFFER PERFORMANCE PROGRAM

The Notre Dame sports performance division teamed up with Under Armour in March to offer "Championship Strategies for Developing the Teenage Athlete," a premier high school sports performance seminar that provided access to the most current performance programs and techniques utilized by Notre Dame student-athletes.

"When freshmen arrive on our campus, it isn't about how strong they are or how fast they run. It's about how well they move," said Matt Howley, Notre Dame director of sports science. "A student-athlete who has been coached and developed using sound principles and who moves well gives our performance staff the best

opportunity to progress that athlete at a faster rate than one who has poor movement patterns.

"The teenage years of an athlete's life are among the most important for development. When working with young athletes, the focus should be on developing fundamentals and building a solid foundation that will provide him or her with the best chance to maximize athletic potential."

Paul Winsper, director of athlete performance at Under Armour, said, "Proper movement and recovery are intrinsically related to injury prevention and improved performance. Introducing the teenage athlete to these key factors is essential for reaching their maximum potential."

The Notre Dame sports performance team tapped into an uncharted area by specifically addressing professionals who work with this age group. The seminar was designed for all professionals—coaches, strength and conditioning staff and athletic trainers—who have the opportunities to make positive impacts

on student-athletes during this critical stage in their development.

Presenters included Howley on "Active Recovery—Maximizing Recovery Potential," Notre Dame head football athletic trainer Rob Hunt and head football team physician Matt Leizler on "Concussion—Don't Be Afraid Of It," Notre Dame strength and conditioning director Paul Longo on "Performance Movement Analysis," Notre Dame director of sports nutrition Kayla Matrunick on "Fueling Success: Nutritional Considerations for Optimal Sports Performance" and Dr. Michael Clark, chairman, founder and CEO of Fusionetics. The Fusionetics system is designed to help understand, monitor and improve performance at all levels. It features technology and service solutions to standardize and mobilize testing, plus analytics and programs that improve movement, prevent injury, optimize performance and enhance recovery.

The seminar ran concurrently March 27 with the Notre Dame Football Coaches Clinic.

Members of the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team were recognized as Atlantic Coast Conference/United Way "Game Changers" and the team honored in March 2015 during the 2015 New York Life ACC Tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Game Changers initiative was introduced in 2014-15 as part of the ACC's unique and longstanding partnership with United Way to recognize and highlight specific ACC team involvement with its local United Way chapter.

The Fighting Irish continued a mentoring program during the 2013-14 academic year, partnering with 25 male students at the South Bend Community School Corporation's Dickinson Fine Arts Academy (DFAA). The school's administrators and teachers selected the seventh- and eighth-grade boys—with the hope additional positive role models would improve the students' aspirations, resiliency and school performance.

One morning a week during the 2013 fall semester, members of the Notre Dame men's lacrosse program traveled together as a team to meet with the DFAA students. The Irish student-athletes



engaged the DFAA students in activities that centered on sportsmanship, critical thinking skills and self-motivation.

During the 2014 spring semester, the Fighting Irish welcomed the DFAA students to the Notre Dame campus. The seventh- and eighth-graders dined with the lacrosse players, observed practices and cheered on the Irish at a home game.

The Notre Dame student-athletes also benefited. The men's lacrosse coaching staff felt the regular service activity was a significant factor in building cohesion among the team and helped the Irish to an ACC championship, in addition to fulfilling a key pillar of undergraduate education at Notre Dame.

IRISH 10TH IN FINAL NACDA DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS



Notre Dame finished in 10th place in the final standings released in the 2014-15 Learfield Sports Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. That 10th-place finish qualifies as the fourth highest for Notre Dame in the 22-year history of the competition (behind only third in 2013-14, sixth in 2005-06 and ninth in 2012-13).

SPRING NCAA COMPETITION EARNED THE IRISH 408.75 POINTS:

➔ 83 from a national semifinal appearance in the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship.

➔ 62.25 from a tie for 13th place in the NCAA Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

➔ 53 from a second-round appearance in the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship.

➔ 50 from a regional runner-up finish in the NCAA Softball Championship.

➔ 43.5 from a 29th-place finish (eighth in the South Bend Regional) in the NCAA Women's Golf Championship.

➔ 42 from a 16th-place finish in the NCAA Rowing Championship.

➔ 25 from a first-round appearance in the NCAA Men's Tennis Championship.

➔ 25 from a first-round appearance in the NCAA Women's Tennis Championship.

➔ 25 from a regional appearance in the NCAA Baseball Championship.

WINTER NCAA COMPETITION EARNED NOTRE DAME 383.5 POINTS:

➔ 90 from a national runner-up finish in the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship.

➔ 85 from a third-place finish in the NCAA Fencing Championship (a combined men's and women's championship).

➔ 73 from a tie for fifth in the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship (based on Notre Dame's appearance in a regional title game).

➔ 53 from a 21st-place finish in the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championship.

➔ 43.5 from a 30th-place finish in the NCAA Women's Indoor Track and Field Championship.

➔ 39 from a 33rd-place finish in the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championship.

FALL NCAA COMPETITION EARNED THE IRISH 218 POINTS:

➔ 64 from a Round of 16 appearance in the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship.

➔ 64 from a Round of 16 appearance in the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship.

➔ 45 from the Irish football victory over LSU in the Music City Bowl.

➔ 45 from a 29th-place finish in the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship.

Stanford (1,448 points) won the competition, followed by UCLA (1,236) and USC (1,209). Atlantic Coast Conference institutions held four of the top 11 spots—and eight ACC schools finished among the top 35.

In previous years in which the Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000, 11th in 2000-01, 13th in 2001-02, tied for 13th in 2002-03, 19th in 2003-04, 16th in 2004-05, sixth in 2005-06, 22nd in 2006-07, 21st in both 2007-08 and 2008-09, 27th in 2009-10, 18th in 2010-11, 17th in 2011-12, ninth in 2012-13 and third in 2013-14 (its best finish in the history of the competition).

HERE ARE THE FINAL STANDINGS:

1.	Stanford	1,448
2.	UCLA	1,236
3.	USC	1,209
4.	Florida	1,188.5
5.	North Carolina	1,152
6.	Virginia	1,129.5
7.	Ohio State	1,087
8.	Penn State	1,060.75
9.	Texas	1,057.5
10.	NOTRE DAME	1,010.25
11.	Florida State	1,000.5
12.	California	937.25
13.	Oregon	933.5
14.	Georgia	931
15.	LSU	930.25

MENDELSON FUND FOR ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE

Over the last nine years, the Mendelson Fund for Athletics Excellence has provided over a million dollars in incremental and non-budgeted funding for the Notre Dame's Olympics sports programs.

Established in 2006, the fund generates annual income to assist the Olympic sports coaches in supporting the development of their student-athletes and ultimately increasing the visibility of their programs. The fund's current market value stands at over \$2.9 million.

The latest projects funded by the Mendelson endowment are:

CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK	\$17,199
4 NormaTec MVP Recovery Systems	\$6,000
1 E95 Elliptical	\$1,699
Pre-season Camp and Food Costs	\$9,500

MEN'S GOLF	\$24,995
1 Trackman Pro	\$24,995

NOTRE DAME ESTABLISHES FAN COUNCIL

The Irish athletics department has created a Notre Dame Athletics Fan Council to assist in evaluating and enhancing the fan experience at Fighting Irish athletic events. The group will convene quarterly on campus, and members will have the opportunity to provide feedback from their personal experiences attending Notre Dame events.

HOCKEY	\$10,694
NormaTec MVP Recovery Systems	\$9,495
NormaTec Battery Packs	\$790
NormaTec Travel Bags and Shipping	\$409

WOMEN'S LACROSSE	\$1,068
iPad Air 2 65GB	\$689
Logitech Keyboard and Case	\$100
LaCie Rugged Thunderbolt 2TB External Hard Drive	\$280

MEN'S SOCCER	\$12,717
Prozone Contract Renewal	\$4,050
2 NormaTec MVP Recovery Systems with Boots	\$2,970
2 NormaTec MVP Recovery Systems Lower Body	\$5,697

WOMEN'S SOCCER	\$6,000
4 NormaTec MVP Recovery Systems	\$6,000

SOFTBALL	\$4,300
Zepp Bat Sensors	\$2,700
12 Bat Training Combos	\$1,400
Shipping Costs	\$200

VOLLEYBALL	\$4,446
2 Projectors	\$2,987
2 AVerMedia EZ Recorders	\$260
Radar Gun	\$1,199

BYRON SPRUELL JOINS NOTRE DAME BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Byron Spruell, who served as captain of the 1987 Irish football team, was elected to the Notre Dame Board of Trustees in May.

Currently a vice chairman of Deloitte LLP where he serves as managing principal of the Central region and leader of the organization's Chicago office, Spruell received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1987 and earned his MBA from Notre Dame in 1989.

also was recognized as an honorable mention Academic All-American in 1987 and received a Ford Foundation postgraduate scholarship in 1988.

At Deloitte, Spruell oversees its national strategy for client and business growth and strategic positioning in various markets. The Aurora, Ohio, native also currently serves on the College of

As an offensive lineman for both Gerry Faust and Lou Holtz, Spruell lettered each of his four seasons with the Irish. A two-time winner of the Toyota Leadership Award in 1986 and 1987, Spruell



Engineering's Advisory Council and the board of directors of the Notre Dame Monogram Club.

"Establishing this council will provide a great opportunity to further engage and connect with Notre Dame fans," assistant athletics director for marketing Brian Pracht says. "Our goal is to find a group of individuals who support Notre Dame athletics in a variety of ways and who have unique interests. Seeking feedback and working together with Irish fans is very valuable in our efforts to deliver a world-class experience for our customers."

The Athletics Fan Council will feature students, alumni and non-alumni and will represent a cross-section of fans from Notre Dame's athletic programs. Members serve for one academic year, beginning in July 2015. Meetings cover many topics that impact fan engagement and feature guest speakers within the Notre Dame athletics administration and coaching staff.

NOTRE DAME ESTABLISHES ATHLETICS STEERING COMMITTEE

A new committee, comprised of selected Irish student-athletes, head coaches and athletic senior administrators, now provides input, advice and feedback on athletic department matters, including departmental strategic plans and

priorities, national legislative and government matters, University and departmental policy and key departmental decisions.

Those who served on the first Notre Dame Athletics Steering Committee included Irish student-athletes Kristjan Archer (sophomore, men's fencing), Kaila Barber (senior, women's track and field and Atlantic Coast Conference student-athlete autonomy voting representative), Whitney Holloway (senior, women's basketball), Eric Johnson (senior, hockey), Max Lachowecki (senior, men's soccer and president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council), Katherine McManus (junior, women's lacrosse),

Emma Reaney (women's swimming) and Corey Robinson (junior, football). Notre Dame head coaches Mike Brey (men's basketball) and Deanna Gumpf (softball) joined administrators Jack Swarbrick, vice president and director of athletics; Tricia Bellia, faculty athletics representative; Missy Conboy, senior deputy athletics director; Jill Bodensteiner, senior associate athletics director for compliance/governance; Mike Harrity, senior associate athletics director for student welfare and development; and Jody Sadler, senior associate athletics director for departmental administration, as the other members of the committee.

Created in 2015, the group met twice in late spring and plans to convene on a regular basis again in the 2015-16 school year.

NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED FOR IRISH STUDENT-ATHLETES

A new University advisory council, the Advisory Council for the Student-Athlete, was established in 2014 and held its initial meeting on campus the weekend of the Nov. 15 Notre Dame-Northwestern football game.

The advisory council identified four areas to target in terms of initial focus—leadership development, sports performance, career services and digital media. The council will address the vision, priorities and goals of Notre Dame athletics and also will work with Irish athletics director and vice president Jack Swarbrick, his senior staff and student-athletes to form sub-committees by sport.

Chair of the council is Pat Eilers, a former Irish football player and coach and current managing director of Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC, in Chicago. He is joined by 35 other members of the advisory council.



Jewell Loyd was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 WNBA Draft.

NOTRE DAME JOINS ELITE LIST IN PRODUCING NO. 1 PRO DRAFT PICKS

Notre Dame recently joined an elite list of schools that have produced three or more top overall picks in the professional drafts for football, baseball, men's basketball and women's basketball.

LSU ranks as the only school to produce number-one overall selections in all four sports. Notre Dame joins Stanford and UCLA as the only institutions with top draftees in three sports—with the Irish selections comprising Austin Carr in men's basketball, Angelo Bertelli, Frank Dancewicz, Leon

Hart, Paul Hornung and Walt Patulski in football, and, most recently, Jewell Loyd in women's basketball.

Here is the complete list:

LSU
NFL: Billy Cannon (1960), JaMarcus Russell (2007)
NBA: Shaquille O'Neal (1992)
WNBA: Seimone Augustus (2006)
MLB: Ben McDonald (1989)

NOTRE DAME
NFL: Angelo Bertelli (1944), Frank Dancewicz (1946), Leon Hart (1950), Paul Hornung (1957),

Walt Patulski (1972)
NBA: Austin Carr (1971)
WNBA: Jewell Loyd (2015)

STANFORD
NFL: Bobby Garrett (1954), Jim Plunkett (1971), John Elway (1983), Andrew Luck (2012)
WNBA: Nneka Ogumike (2012), Chiney Ogumike (2014)
MLB: Mark Appel (2013)

UCLA
NFL: Troy Aikman (1989)
NBA: Lew Alcindor (1969), Bill Walton (1974)
MLB: Gerrit Cole (2011)

NOTRE DAME AND ACC MAP FUTURE FOOTBALL DATES

Notre Dame and the Atlantic Coast Conference in October 2014 announced their future football playing dates through the 2025 season, formally sealing the partnership that began with the 2014 season and will feature an average of five games per year between ACC teams and the Fighting Irish over a 12-year span.

Highlights include a pair of Labor Day Monday matchups in 2019 (at Louisville) and 2021 (at Florida State). The 60-game lineup will see Notre Dame play at least four games against each of the ACC's 14 football member schools. Each ACC team will play host to at least two home games against the Irish. ACC teams will play host to Notre Dame on 28 occasions, Notre Dame will play 29 home games and three will be played at neutral sites.

- 2014**
- 1. Notre Dame vs. Syracuse (MetLife Stadium), Sept. 27*
 - 2. North Carolina at Notre Dame, Oct. 11
 - 3. Notre Dame at Florida State, Oct. 18
 - 4. Louisville at Notre Dame, Nov. 22

- 2015**
- 1. Notre Dame at Virginia, Sept. 12
 - 2. Georgia Tech at Notre Dame, Sept. 19
 - 3. Notre Dame at Clemson, Oct. 3
 - 4. Notre Dame at Pittsburgh, Nov. 7
 - 5. Wake Forest at Notre Dame, Nov. 14
 - 6. Notre Dame vs. Boston College (Fenway Park), Nov. 21 🍀

- 2016**
- 1. Duke at Notre Dame, Sept. 24
 - 2. Notre Dame vs. Syracuse (MetLife Stadium), Oct. 1*
 - 3. Notre Dame at North Carolina State, Oct. 8
 - 4. Miami at Notre Dame, Oct. 29
 - 5. Virginia Tech at Notre Dame, Nov. 19

- 2017**
- 1. Notre Dame at Boston College, Sept. 16
 - 2. Notre Dame at North Carolina, Oct. 7
 - 3. North Carolina State at Notre Dame, Oct. 28
 - 4. Wake Forest at Notre Dame, Nov. 4
 - 5. Notre Dame at Miami, Nov. 11

- 2018**
- 1. Syracuse at Notre Dame, Sept. 22
 - 2. Notre Dame at Virginia Tech, Oct. 13
 - 3. Pittsburgh at Notre Dame, Oct. 20
 - 4. Florida State at Notre Dame, Nov. 10
 - 5. Notre Dame at Wake Forest, Nov. 17

- 2019**
- 1. Notre Dame at Louisville, Sept. 2 (Labor Day)
 - 2. Virginia at Notre Dame, Sept. 28
 - 3. Notre Dame at Georgia Tech, Oct. 19
 - 4. Virginia Tech at Notre Dame, Nov. 2
 - 5. Notre Dame at Duke, Nov. 9
 - 6. Boston College at Notre Dame, Nov. 23



"Nine additional seasons of games against Atlantic Coast Conference opponents again adds both variety and quality to future University of Notre Dame football schedules," said University of Notre Dame vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick. "Over those nine years, four ACC programs that have never played in Notre Dame Stadium (Louisville, North Carolina State, Virginia and Virginia Tech) will come to South Bend, and two others that have played at Notre Dame only one time (Wake Forest and Clemson) also will travel to our campus.

"On the other side of the coin, during that period we will take our team to four ACC campuses at which Notre Dame never has played football (Louisville, North Carolina State, Virginia and Virginia Tech), plus three others (Clemson, Duke and Wake Forest) where our team has played only once."

- 2020**
- 1. Notre Dame at Wake Forest
 - 2. Notre Dame at Pittsburgh
 - 3. Duke at Notre Dame
 - 4. Clemson at Notre Dame
 - 5. Louisville at Notre Dame

- 2021**
- 1. Notre Dame at Florida State, Sept. 6 (Labor Day)
 - 2. Notre Dame at Virginia Tech
 - 3. North Carolina at Notre Dame
 - 4. Notre Dame at Virginia
 - 5. Georgia Tech at Notre Dame

- 2022**
- 1. Notre Dame at North Carolina
 - 2. Notre Dame at Syracuse
 - 3. Boston College at Notre Dame
 - 4. Clemson at Notre Dame

- 2023**
- 1. Notre Dame at North Carolina State
 - 2. Notre Dame at Duke
 - 3. Notre Dame at Louisville
 - 4. Wake Forest at Notre Dame
 - 5. Notre Dame at Clemson
 - 6. Pittsburgh at Notre Dame

- 2024**
- 1. Miami at Notre Dame
 - 2. Notre Dame at Georgia Tech
 - 3. Florida State at Notre Dame
 - 4. Virginia at Notre Dame

- 2025**
- 1. Notre Dame at Miami
 - 2. North Carolina State at Notre Dame
 - 3. Notre Dame at Boston College
 - 4. Notre Dame at Pittsburgh
 - 5. Syracuse at Notre Dame

* - Designated home game for Syracuse
🍀 - Designated home game for Notre Dame

THREE NEW HEAD COACHES JOIN IRISH ROSTERS IN 2014-15

Jim McLaughlin — VOLLEYBALL



McLaughlin, the only person to coach both a women's and a men's volleyball team to NCAA titles and a former women's volleyball national coach of the year at the University of Washington, was named Irish head volleyball coach Jan. 17.

McLaughlin coached the USC men's team to an NCAA title in 1989-90 and then led the University of Washington women's team to the 2005 NCAA crown. He came to Notre Dame following 14 highly successful seasons as the Huskies' coach, a tenure that featured four trips to the NCAA national semifinals in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2013.

McLaughlin also brought Notre Dame family ties with him back to South Bend. He spent one season as an Irish assistant volleyball coach in 1996 under Debbie Brown—and his wife, the former Margaret Jarc, is a 1993 Notre Dame graduate, a former Irish women's soccer player, 1992 co-captain and four-year monogram winner. She spent two years as a Notre Dame assistant women's soccer coach (1995 and 1996), with the Irish winning their first NCAA title in that sport in 1995.

With 25 years of NCAA head coaching experience, McLaughlin has proven his abilities both to recruit talented student-athletes and

to cultivate championship programs. He has made 19 appearances in the NCAA postseason in his 25 years, including four with Kansas State, which advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2000. He also spent seven seasons as the men's head coach at USC, where he won the 1990 national championship and finished as runner-up in 1991.

In addition to a national title, the McLaughlin era at Washington produced four NCAA Final Four appearances, three national players of the year, three Pacific-12 Conference titles, 17 players who combined for 34 American Volleyball Coaches Association All-America awards and nine CoSIDA Academic All-America scrolls.

McLaughlin was the 2004 AVCA National Coach of the Year and Pacific-12 Coach of the Year in 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2013. Under his direction the Huskies qualified for 13 straight NCAA Championships (2002-14), advancing to the Final Four on four occasions, with seven Elite Eight and eight Sweet 16 appearances since 2002. Washington finished first or second in the loaded Pac-12 eight times in the past 11 years.

His Huskies achieved the No. 1 national ranking in 2004, 2005 and 2013, and the No. 2 ranking in 2006, 2011, 2012 and 2014.

Before arriving at Washington, McLaughlin spent four seasons as women's coach at Kansas State (1997-2000), compiling an 82-43 record and advancing to the NCAA Championship all four years. Before he was hired at Kansas State in April 1997, McLaughlin spent one season as an assistant women's coach at Notre Dame. That year, the Irish (22-12) went unbeaten in conference play, earning the BIG EAST Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

An elite setter as a player, McLaughlin played two seasons at Santa Monica Junior College (1980-81), helped win the 1981 California Junior College Championship and competed in the 1981 U.S. World University Games. He transferred to UC Santa Barbara (1982-83) as the Gauchos' starting setter for two seasons, earning honorable mention All-America honors as a senior.

THREE NEW HEAD COACHES—GIA KVARATSKHELIA IN FENCING, JIM MCLAUGHLIN IN VOLLEYBALL AND MIKE LITZINGER IN WOMEN'S SWIMMING—JOINED THE ROSTER OF NOTRE DAME HEAD COACHES DURING THE 2014-15 SCHOOL YEAR.

McLaughlin spent four seasons as an assistant coach at Pepperdine University (1986-89), helping the Waves to a combined 74-41 record and the 1986 NCAA men's title. The Malibu, California, native also served as head coach of the 1991 Pan-Am team and a consultant for the men's U.S. Olympic teams in 1992 and 1996.

Guiorgie Kvaratskhelia — FENCING



An eight-year Irish assistant coach, Guiorgie "Gia" Kvaratskhelia became the new Irish fencing coach Dec. 2 following the retirement of Janusz Bednarski after a dozen seasons in that role.

Regarded as one of the top foil coaches in the nation, Kvaratskhelia had served as Notre Dame's associate head fencing coach the previous three years after five earlier seasons as an assistant coach. His first season as head coach with the Irish in 2015 produced a third-place finish at the combined men's and women's NCAA Championship, including gold-medal individual women's performances by Lee Kiefer in foil and Nicole Ameli in epee. Kvaratskhelia's first Irish women's team finished 32-2, while the men were 26-6.

Bednarski retired as one of the winningest head coaches in Notre Dame athletics history. His 623 combined victories (315 with the Irish women's team, 308 with the men) trail only former fencing coach Mike DeCicco (680 wins) and current Irish women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw (699 wins heading into the 2015-16 season) on Notre Dame's list of all-time coaching wins. Highlights of Bednarski's tenure included the 2003, 2005 and 2011 NCAA men's and women's combined championships.

Prior to joining the Notre Dame coaching staff, Kvaratskhelia spent 10 years as coach of the Kanza Fencing Club in Salina, Kansas. His fencers at Kanza combined to win three USFA national men's open foil team championships. Kvaratskhelia first ventured into coaching in 1994, assisting Vladimir Nazlymov (now head coach at Ohio State) at Central Fencing Club in Kansas City and at the satellite Lawrence (Kansas) Fencing Club. Two years later, he accepted the challenge in Salina and spent 10 years building Kanza into a nationally recognized club.

Mike Litzinger — WOMEN'S SWIMMING



Litzinger, a veteran of 14 seasons as a head coach in men's and women's swimming and diving and a key member of the University of North Carolina men's and women's swimming staff the last eight years, was named Irish head women's swimming coach April 17.

Litzinger brought with him to South Bend the experience of

seven years as head coach of both the men's and women's programs at the University of Utah (2000-07) and seven more as head women's coach at St. Bonaventure University (1989-96). He had been the associate head coach at North Carolina since 2011 after first joining the Tar Heel staff in 2007.

Litzinger was named in September 2014 to the list of U.S. National Team coaches after mentoring Tar Heel butterfly Ben Colley to a spot on the national team in the summer of 2014.

Litzinger's eight-year women's resume with the Tar Heels featured a 57-17 dual meet mark (.770), seven runner-up finishes in the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships and top 19 finishes in the NCAA Championships each of the last four seasons—including a best of 12th in 2012-13. During his tenure the Tar Heels produced 33

individual All-Americans and 13 relay units that claimed All-America status.

On the men's side during those same eight seasons beginning in 2007-08, the Tar Heels finished 56-15 (.788) in dual meets, ended up second three times and third four times in the ACC Championships and enjoyed top-15 finishes in the NCAA Championships three straight years from 2010-12, the first time since 1956-58 North Carolina had done that in men's swimming and diving. Litzinger assisted in producing 34 individual North Carolina men's All-Americans and 13 relay squads that garnered All-America honors.

In seven seasons in Salt Lake City, Litzinger built the Utah men's and women's swimming and diving teams into two of the top teams in the Mountain West conference and the nation. Utah previously won three

successive women's Mountain West championships in a row from 2004 to 2006. He won MWC women's coach of the year honors in 2002 and 2006.

After leaving St. Bonaventure and before going to Utah, Litzinger was the assistant men's coach at Ohio State from 1996 to 2000.

He began his coaching career at Fredonia State University in New York in 1988-89. While at Fredonia State, Litzinger took the Blue Devils to a second-place SUNYAC Conference finish.

A 1984 graduate of Hobart College in Geneva, New York, Litzinger received his bachelor's degree in English and was captain of the Hobart swimming team in 1983-84. The same year he was voted the program's most valuable swimmer. In 1988, he received his master's degree in physical education from the University of Iowa.

TOM HAWKINS BECOMES 7TH RING OF HONOR INDUCTEE

More than 50 years have passed since Tom Hawkins played his final collegiate men's basketball game for Notre Dame, yet the indelible mark he left on the program remains intact today. While dozens of players have donned an Irish uniform since Hawkins last took the court, none have been able to duplicate his rebounding as he remains the career leader in that category.

Hawkins, whose 1,318 career rebounds rank currently as the oldest record in the 109-year annals of Fighting Irish men's basketball, became the seventh inductee into the Notre Dame Basketball Ring of Honor on Jan. 17, 2015, at halftime of the Notre Dame-Miami men's basketball game. He followed six former players—Austin Carr (2011), Adrian Dantley (2012), Skylar Diggins (2013), Luke Harangody (2010) and Ruth Riley (2010)—and former men's head coach Richard "Digger" Phelps (2014) into the school's Ring of Honor.

One of 25 players selected to Notre Dame's All-Century Team in 2004-05 as part of the University celebration of 100 years of basketball, Hawkins started all 79 contests from 1956-59. His career averages of 23.0 points and 16.7 rebounds per game, place him third and second, respectively, in the Irish record books. He missed three games his senior season due to an injury, but he helped the Irish compile a 56-26 mark (.683) over the course of his three campaigns. Nicknamed the "Hawk," the former Chicago, Illinois, native concluded his career as the all-time Notre Dame leader in nearly every scoring category, including career points (1,820), season points (720) and points in a game (43). He also

still ranks ninth on the school's career points list.

A two-time second-team All-American in 1957-58 and 1958-59, Hawkins was the first black basketball player to earn All-America accolades at Notre Dame. He also became the first Irish player to average double figures in both scoring and rebounding in each of his three seasons.

Hawkins co-captained the 1958-59 Irish squad in his final season at Notre Dame and averaged 23.4 points and 15.2 rebounds.

Hawkins graduated from Notre Dame in 1959, receiving his bachelor's degree in sociology from the College of Arts and Letters. Drafted by the Minneapolis Lakers as the fourth overall pick in the 1959 National Basketball Association Draft, Hawkins enjoyed a 10-year career in the NBA while playing for Minneapolis, the Cincinnati Royals and the Los Angeles Lakers. During his pro career he scored 6,672 points and grabbed 4,607 rebounds. Hawkins also served as the Lakers' player representative and was a member of the NBA players' negotiation team.

Hawkins' son Kevin, who graduated from the University in 1981, followed in his father's footsteps at his alma mater. Kevin was a member of the Irish basketball squad from 1978 to 1981.



NOTRE DAME
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PROGRAMS

With its women’s basketball team advancing to the 2015 NCAA Women’s Basketball Championship title game and its men’s squad playing in an NCAA regional championship contest, Notre Dame finished the 2014-15 seasons with the most successful combined men’s and women’s basketball programs of any institution in the country.

That proved accurate whether the squads were compared by combined USA Today rankings, combined victories, combined winning percentage or combined NCAA graduation rates. Notre Dame qualified as the only institution to have both its men’s and women’s programs advance to the 2015 NCAA Elite Eight.

The numbers were based on the 21 programs that earned selection to both the men’s and women’s brackets in the NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Basketball Championships.

Notre Dame ranked atop the standings in four combined categories:

➔ USA Today poll rankings (based on postseason polls issued following the conclusion of the NCAA Championships): Notre Dame women were No. 2, men were No. 5.

➔ Victories: 68 (Notre Dame women had 36, men had 32). That qualified as the all-time Irish combined record, topping the numbers from 2012-13 when the women finished 35-2 and the men ended up 25-10 (for a combined 60).

➔ Winning Percentage: .883, based on a combined 68-9 record for the two Notre Dame teams (women were 36-3, men were 32-6).

➔ Graduation Success Rate figures: Both the Notre Dame men’s and women’s programs featured perfect 100 figures in the combined four-year individual sport graduation rates released by the NCAA in October 2014.

There were only eight institutions that ranked in both the final postseason USA Today men’s and women’s basketball polls—and Notre Dame had the best combined rankings (four of the eight schools came from the Atlantic Coast Conference):

USA TODAY POLL RANKINGS			
SCHOOL	RANK (M)	RANK (W)	RANK (COMBINED)
1. NOTRE DAME	5	2	7
2. Duke	1	12	13
3. Kentucky	3	16	19
4. Louisville (tie)	10	10	20
4. Maryland (tie)	16	4	20
6. North Carolina	12	9	21
7. Gonzaga	6	19	25
8. Baylor	21	5	26

Here’s how the 21 programs with teams in both the men’s and women’s NCAA brackets ranked in terms of final combined wins, with Notre Dame at the top:

VICTORIES			
SCHOOL	WINS (M)	WINS (W)	COMBINED WINS
1. NOTRE DAME	32	36	68
2. (tie) Kentucky	38	24	62
2. (tie) Maryland	28	34	62
4. Gonzaga	35	26	61
5. Wichita State	30	29	59
6. Duke	35	23	58
7. Baylor	24	33	57
8. Dayton	27	28	55
9. Louisville	27	27	54
10. North Carolina	26	26	52
11. (tie) Iowa	22	26	48
11. (tie) BYU	25	23	48
11. (tie) Ohio State	24	24	48
14. Boise State	25	22	47
15. (tie) Arkansas	27	18	45
15. (tie) Oklahoma	24	21	45
15. (tie) New Mexico State	23	22	45
18. Texas	20	24	44
19. Iowa State	25	18	43
20. LSU	22	17	39
21. Oklahoma State	18	20	38

Here’s how the 21 schools with representatives in both NCAA brackets ranked in terms of final combined winning percentage, with Notre Dame again at the top:

WINNING PERCENTAGE			
SCHOOL	RECORD (M)	RECORD (W)	COMBINED WIN %
1. NOTRE DAME	32-6	36-3	.883 (68-9)
2. Maryland	28-7	34-3	.861 (62-10)
3. Wichita State	30-5	29-5	.855 (59-10)
4. Kentucky	38-1	24-10	.849 (62-11)
5. Gonzaga	35-3	26-8	.847 (61-11)
6. Baylor	24-10	33-4	.802 (57-14)
7. Duke	35-4	23-11	.794 (58-15)
8. Dayton	27-9	28-7	.774 (55-16)
9. Louisville	27-9	27-7	.771 (54-16)
10. North Carolina	26-12	26-9	.722 (52-21)
11. (tie) Iowa	22-12	26-8	.705 (48-20)
11. (tie) BYU	25-10	23-10	.705 (48-20)
13. New Mexico State	23-11	22-8	.703 (45-19)
14. Boise State	25-9	22-11	.701 (47-20)
15. Ohio State	24-11	24-11	.685 (48-22)
16. (tie) Oklahoma	24-11	21-12	.6617 (45-23)
16. (tie) Arkansas	27-9	18-14	.6617 (45-23)
18. Iowa State	25-9	18-13	.6615 (43-22)
19. Texas	20-14	24-11	.637 (44-25)
20. LSU	22-11	17-14	.609 (39-25)
21. Oklahoma State	18-14	20-12	.593 (38-26)

Here’s how the 21 schools with teams in both NCAA brackets rank in terms of combined GSR, with Notre Dame again at the top:

GRADUATION SUCCESS RATE			
SCHOOL	GSR (M)	GSR (W)	GSR (COMBINED)
1. (tie) NOTRE DAME	100	100	200
1. (tie) Duke	100	100	200
1. (tie) Dayton	100	100	200
4. (tie) Iowa	100	92	192
4. (tie) Maryland	100	92	192
6. Texas	100	90	190
7. Kentucky	89	100	189
8. Gonzaga	91	92	183
9. Oklahoma	77	100	177
10. Baylor	92	80	172
11. BYU	82	86	168
12. Iowa State	64	100	164
13. (tie) North Carolina	88	69	157
13. (tie) Wichita State	64	93	157
15. Boise State	69	79	148
16. Louisville	58	89	147
17. Ohio State	53	92	145
18. LSU	50	92	142
19. Arkansas	55	75	130
20. Oklahoma State	22	63	85
21. New Mexico State	13	63	76

The 2014 GSR numbers cover grant-in-aid student-athletes who enrolled between 2004 and 2007 at all Division I institutions.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team established a modern record for victories in a season with 32. The previous high was a 27-7 mark in 2010-11. (The all-time record came in the 1908-09 season at 33-7.)

The Irish women’s team now has won at least 30 games in five straight seasons—and has won at least 35 games in four straight seasons—including 31-8 in 2010-11, 35-4 in 2011-12, 35-2 in 2012-13 and 37-1 in 2013-14.

Both the Notre Dame men’s and women’s basketball teams won their respective 2015 ACC Championship titles in Greensboro, North Carolina. That marked the 13th time in ACC history that the same institution claimed both basketball championships in the same year—and the first time since 2011 when Duke did it. The only four ACC schools to accomplish that feat are Notre Dame, Duke, North Carolina and North Carolina State.

The Notre Dame women’s team won both the ACC regular-season title and the ACC Championship crown in both 2014 and 2015.

In terms of NCAA seeding, the Irish women in 2015 received a No. 1 seed, while the men earned a No. 3 seed. That’s the best combined seeding at Notre Dame since 2011 when the women and men both were No. 2 seeds.

The only schools whose men’s and women’s teams both made it to the 2015 NCAA Sweet 16 bracket were Notre Dame, Duke, Louisville, North Carolina and Gonzaga—with four of the five coming from the ACC.

The Notre Dame, Duke and Louisville men’s teams advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight, while the Notre Dame and Florida State women’s team advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight.

Notre Dame also ranked as the only program to produce 2015 John R. Wooden All-America selections in both men’s and women’s basketball in Jerian Grant and Jewell Loyd.



ACADEMICS

Notre Dame Dominates NCAA Graduation Rate Reports

Here are highlights of academic achievement by Notre Dame athletics teams and student-athletes in 2014-15 based on NCAA graduation rates:

➔ Notre Dame claimed the 2014 national championship for graduating student-athletes in all sports after posting the top NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figure for all its student-athletes (99) for the eighth straight year. Notre Dame ranked atop the list of NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision institutions (FBS, formerly Division I-A).

➔ A record-tying 20 of 22 Irish athletic programs posted GSR figures of 100 percent, and eight produced federal rate 100 scores. It's the second straight year Notre Dame's programs combined for 20 perfect GSR scores—after four previous years with 19.

➔ For the ninth time in 10 years, Notre Dame ranked number one on a percentage basis in terms of number of GSR 100 scores, among all FBS schools.

➔ Twenty-one of Notre Dame's 22 men's and women's programs posted GSR numbers that ranked them best in the nation within their sports—and 11 produced federal graduation rates that led all FBS institutions.

➔ An institutional record 17 Notre Dame athletic teams earned perfect 1,000 scores—more perfect scores than any other NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision school—in the annual set of Academic Progress Rate statistics issued by the NCAA.

➔ Notre Dame's number of perfect scores of 1,000 has ranked either first or second among all FBS programs for 10 straight years. Leaders in the 2015 data were Notre Dame with 17, Stanford (15), Northwestern (12), Boston College (10), Duke (nine), Minnesota (eight), Arizona State, Vanderbilt and Tulane (seven each) and Illinois, North Carolina, Penn State and Rice (six each).

➔ Nine Notre Dame's men's teams—cross country, fencing, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field—registered perfect 1,000 APR scores. Eight Irish women's teams—cross country, fencing, lacrosse, softball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, volleyball—also earned perfect scores. Six other Notre Dame teams produced scores of 987 or better: women's rowing (996), women's tennis (992), baseball (991), men's ice hockey (989), women's golf (988) and women's soccer (987).

➔ Over 10 years worth of APR numbers, Irish teams in men's cross country, men's golf, men's indoor track and field and men's outdoor track and field have earned 1,000 scores every year. Women's tennis, men's fencing, men's tennis, softball and women's cross country all have earned six 1,000 scores—while women's soccer and women's fencing have earned five each.

➔ Over those same 10 years, Notre Dame has had 17 sports that have achieved scores of 988 or higher every year: men's cross country, men's fencing, men's golf, men's ice hockey, men's lacrosse, men's swimming and diving, men's tennis, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, softball, women's cross country, women's golf, women's lacrosse, rowing, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis and volleyball.

➔ Notre Dame received 17 NCAA Academic Progress Rate public recognition awards—matching the most received by Irish sports programs—as the NCAA honored Division I sports teams for their latest multi-year APR scores. Notre Dame ranked among the top two NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision institutions for the seventh consecutive year with its 17 public recognition awards. The Irish finished first in number of awards received in 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 and second in 2010 and 2015. The 17 recognized Irish teams posted multi-year APR scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

➔ Seventeen Notre Dame's men's and women's athletic programs posted NCAA Academic Progress Rate numbers that ranked them best in the nation within their sports (all 17 with perfect 1,000 scores) and led all NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) institutions, according to Notre Dame's institutional research based on 2015 APR figures released by the NCAA. APR statistics for Irish men's sports featured nine perfect 1,000 scores—in cross country, fencing, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field. APR statistics for Irish women's sports featured eight perfect 1,000 scores—in cross country, fencing, lacrosse, softball, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and volleyball.

NOTRE DAME HONORED 17 PROGRAMS THIS YEAR FOR MULTIYEAR ACHIEVEMENT:

MEN'S SPORTS (9):

Cross country
Fencing
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Swimming and diving
Tennis
Indoor track and field
Outdoor track and field

WOMEN'S SPORTS (8):

Cross country
Fencing
Lacrosse
Softball
Swimming and diving
Indoor track and field
Outdoor track and field
Volleyball.

HERE ARE THE FBS INSTITUTIONS THAT RANKED IN THE TOP 10 IN 2015, IN TERMS OF PROGRAMS HONORED:

1. Stanford (19)
2. **Notre Dame (17)**
3. Duke, Northwestern (15)
5. Minnesota (14),
6. Boston College (12),
7. Michigan (10),
8. Vanderbilt (8),
9. Arizona State, Illinois, Penn State, Texas, Tulane (7)





Irish Produce Eight Academic All-Americans

The 2014-15 Capital One Academic All-America program honored eight Irish student-athletes for their performances in the classroom as well as in the competitive arena.

First-team selections included **PATRICK HODAN** (men's soccer), **LEE KIEFER** (women's fencing), **ANNA KOTTKAMP** (rowing) and **COREY ROBINSON** (football). Golfer **ASHLEY ARMSTRONG** and swimmer **EMMA REANEY** earned second-team recognition, while **LUKE MISHU** (men's soccer) and **PETER SCHNEIDER** (hockey) were third-team honorees.

Since the Academic All-America program's inception in 1952-53, Notre Dame student-athletes have received the prestigious designation 246 times, a number that ranks the Irish second behind the University of Nebraska. Over the past three years, 23 Notre Dame student-athletes have earned Academic All-America distinction.

HODAN, a junior who was a third-team academic honors pick in 2013, carries a nearly perfect GPA in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. The Brookfield, Wisconsin, native led the Irish in scoring last season with nine goals and three assists and was named the Atlantic Coast Conference's Offensive Player of the Year. Since 2005, the Notre Dame men's soccer program has produced nine Academic All-Americans.

A three-time NCAA titlist at women's foil, **KIEFER** became the first Irish women's fencer to earn top-team Academic All-America accolades and just the fourth overall. The 2012 Olympian from Versailles,



2015 University valedictorian and Irish rower Anna Kottkamp

Kentucky, plans to take off the 2015-16 academic year to train for the upcoming Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. A science preprofessional major in the College of Science, Kiefer boasts a 3.61 grade-point average.

KOTTKAMP, who became the first Notre Dame student-athlete to be named valedictorian in May 2015, graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and majored in environmental sciences. She is just the third Irish rower to earn Academic All-America honors and the first to win a spot on the top team. As a rower, she helped Notre Dame to four straight appearances in the NCAA

Championships, including a program-best ninth-place finish in 2014. Kottkamp, who also secured Notre Dame's prestigious Byron V. Kanaley Award and the Top Gun Award, is a two-time recipient of the NCAA Elite 89 Award in 2014 and 2015.

A liberal studies major in the College of Arts and Letters, **ROBINSON** owns a 3.83 GPA. He became just the second Irish sophomore football player to earn first-team Academic All-America honors and the first since Joe Heap in 1952. In 2014 the San Antonio, Texas, native caught 40 passes for 539 yards and five touchdowns. He also serves on the football team's unity council and is a

member of the University's Student Government Executive Cabinet. Robinson, a member of the Rosenthal Leadership Academy, chairs the Student-Athlete Advisory Council's IrishOn3 initiative.

ARMSTRONG, who became the first Irish women's golfer to earn Academic All-America honors after her sophomore season, was selected to the team the third consecutive year, making her the 11th three-time Academic All-American across all sports at Notre Dame. The mechanical engineering major from Flossmoor, Illinois, completed her Irish career with a 74.98 stroke average, the third-lowest mark in the program's 27-year history.

REANEY, the 2014 NCAA champion and an American record holder in the 200-yard breaststroke, became Notre Dame's 43rd two-time Academic All-American honoree in 2015 (she earned first-team honors in 2014). An eight-time All-American and member of the United States National Team, Reaney graduated with a degree in design with a concentration in visual communications from the College of Arts and Letters in May.

A two-time all-ACC performer, **MISHU**, a three-year starter at right back, has been part of an Irish defense that posted 24 shutouts over the last three seasons. The Knoxville, Tennessee, native also earned

Academic All-America honors last year. He graduated in May as a psychology and preprofessional studies major in the College of Arts and Letters.

SCHNEIDER, an alternate hockey captain, became the sixth member of that program and the first since 2009 to garner Academic All-America recognition. During his career at Notre Dame, he played in 138 games, scored 22 goals and dished off 25 assists and three times was the recipient of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award. A native of Vienna, Austria, Schneider graduated with a 3.91 grade-point average as a double major with degrees in economics and finance and a minor in actuary from the Mendoza College of Business.

Members of the All-America Academic teams are selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Notre Dame Lists Four ACC Postgraduate Scholarship Recipients

Four Notre Dame student-athletes were among the list of 53 recipients of the 2015 Weaver-James-Corrigan Award, postgraduate scholarship grants named in honor of the three past commissioners of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Students who pursue graduate degrees receive a \$5,000 stipend, while those who do not are named honorary recipients.

ASHLEY ARMSTRONG, a two-time captain of the Irish women's golf team and three times a Capital One Academic All-America selection, posted five top-five finishes and seven top-10 outings during her four-year career and helped Notre Dame to three consecutive NCAA Regional appearances. The mechanical engineering major also served as the team's representative on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and volunteered on numerous community service projects.

A three-time track and field All-American, **KELLY CURRAN** also earned all-ACC honors and all-ACC academic designations in track and field and cross country. A May 2014 graduate, Curran now attends medical school at Oakland University. The Bloomington, Illinois, native was a member of Notre Dame's Rosenthal Leadership Academic and the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

ANNA KOTTKAMP, who was the 2014 ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar Athlete as a junior, added more academic accolades to her trophy case as a senior. She became the first student-athlete to serve as Notre Dame's valedictorian in May 2015 as she graduated with a 4.0 grade-point average as an environmental science major in the University's College of Science. Twice she was an NCAA Elite 89 award winner as she helped the Irish rowing team to consecutive appearances in the NCAA Championships.

A native of Lawrence, Kansas, **EMMA REANEY** became the first Irish swimmer to win a national championship with her American record-setting victory in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2014. She has earned All-America designations 10 times (five as an All-American, five as an honorable mention All-American). Reaney, the 2014 ACC Female Swimmer of the Year and the 2014 ACC Women's Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year, has been honored twice as an Academic All-American.

Irish Have ACC Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Four Notre Dame student-athletes—**PATRICK HODAN** (men's soccer), **ARIEL DESMET** (men's fencing), **LEE KIEFER** (women's fencing) and **ANNA KOTTKAMP** (rowing)—were named ACC Scholar-Athletes of the Year in 2014-15 for their respective sports. The award was established in 2007 to honor the top junior or senior student-athlete in each conference-sponsored sport.

HODAN, a finance major from Brookfield, Wisconsin, also was selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Scholar All-America First Team and to the Capital One Academic All-America First Team. The 2014 ACC Offensive Player of the Year, he also garnered NSCAA All-America first-team honors and was a semifinalist for the MAC Hermann Trophy. The midfielder led the Fighting Irish in goals (9) and points (21) in 2014.

DESMET, a senior from Troutdale, Oregon, captained the Irish and finished third at the NCAA Championships and second at the ACC Championships. He posted a 130-30 mark during his Notre Dame career and was the conference foilist of the year as well as the Irish men's team MVP. DeSmet graduated in May with a degree in management entrepreneurship from the Mendoza College of Business.

KIEFER finished her third season on the Notre Dame women's fencing team with her third consecutive NCAA women's foil title, collecting the first ACC women's foil crown and the conference's MVP honor and women's top foilist award along the way. Her career mark for the Irish stands at 117-18. The Versailles, Kentucky, native is enrolled in the College of Science as a preprofessional major.

KOTTKAMP, Notre Dame's 2015 valedictorian, repeated as the ACC Rowing Scholar-Athlete of the year—an award she also won in 2014. A three-year (2013-15) Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) National Scholar-Athlete choice, Kottkamp earned CRCA Region 3 second team all-region distinction in 2015 after helping lead Notre Dame's first varsity eight to a runner-up finish at the ACC Championship and the Irish to a 16th place team finish at the NCAA Championship regatta in May.



COMPLIANCE



FACILITIES

THE 2014-15 ACADEMIC YEAR BROUGHT MAJOR CHANGES TO THE NCAA'S GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE BY GIVING 65 INSTITUTIONS (REPRESENTING THE FIVE MAJOR LEAGUES—THE ATLANTIC COAST, BIG 10, BIG 12, PAC-12 AND SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCES, PLUS NOTRE DAME AS PART OF THE ACC) THE POWER TO ADOPT SPECIFICALLY APPLICABLE LEGISLATION WITHOUT VOTING BY OTHER MEMBERS OF DIVISION I.

Although Division 1 remains intact in terms of broad and diverse membership, revenue distribution and access to championships, the “group of five” can address areas that significantly impact its needs and circumstances. The voting procedure for the “autonomy legislation” allows for 80 votes cast, one from each representative of the 65 institutions in the “group of five” and 15 from student-athlete representatives. Kaila Barber, a member of the Notre Dame women’s track and field team, was elected to represent the ACC.

At the NCAA’s annual convention in January 2015, the new structure allowed for the passage of legislation related to the health and safety of student-athletes (particularly as it pertains to concussion management), protection for high-potential student-athletes through loss of value insurance, prohibition of scholarship cancellation based on injury or athletic performance and the adoption of a “full cost of attendance” scholarship model.

The “full cost of attendance” legislation added personal/transportation expenses to the historic full athletic scholarship model of tuition, room and board, books and fees.

The new category is based on each institution’s “published cost of attendance” applicable to all students. That fee varies from institution to institution, based on a variety of factors, and is now available to student-athletes on full scholarship as discretionary spending money. Student-athletes who have financial need can continue to receive a Pell Grant from the federal government on top of the full scholarship.

Implementing the new legislation required educating coaches, student-athletes and prospective student-athletes, budgeting an additional \$650,000 for athletics scholarships and overhauling forms, spreadsheets and software. The compliance office worked closely with Notre Dame’s Office of Financial Aid and other campus partners to ensure a smooth transition to the new rules.

The compliance staff continues its efforts to educate coaches, student-athletes, administrators and other constituents about NCAA rules and regulations as well as to monitor compliance of such rules.

2015-16 NOTRE DAME FULL SCHOLARSHIP VALUE

ELEMENT	VALUE
Tuition.....	\$45,730
Room and Board.....	\$13,224
Fees.....	\$507
Books.....	\$1,050
<i>(average; actual book expenses are covered)</i>	
Personal Expenses.....	\$1,200
Transportation Expenses.....	\$750
<i>(average; actual range is \$500-\$2,200 depending on home state)</i>	
Total.....	\$62,461



The Joyce Center

The Joyce Center equipment room (now known as “The Armoury”) received aesthetic and functional upgrades. The construction provided an opportunity to highlight the partnership with Under Armour and improve efficiency of equipment and apparel services for Olympic sport student-athletes and coaches.

The Joyce Center weight room received painting, lighting, theming and ceiling updates. One of three weight rooms used by varsity teams, that facility improvement concluded in June 2014.

The former Varsity Shop at the west end of Heritage Hall on the second floor of the Joyce Center was converted into two conference rooms in the summer of 2015.



Rowing Boathouse

A new \$4 million boathouse on the St. Joseph River is in the works for the Irish rowing squad. It will be a Cape Cod-style building, with ground broken in April 2015 and expected completion in November 2015. The Irish men’s club team also will work out of the new facility.

NOTRE DAME MADE A NOTEWORTHY LIST OF IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS ATHLETICS FACILITIES DURING 2014-15.

LaBar Practice Complex

Two LaBar Practice Complex football practice fields were replaced in the summer of 2015, with new FieldTurf surfaces mimicking the Notre Dame Stadium field design and feel.

Notre Dame Stadium

FieldTurf was installed at Notre Dame Stadium in the summer of 2014, including a navy blue and gold Notre Dame monogram at midfield. Traditional design elements were maintained, including the diagonal marks in the end zones (nine lines in each end zone at 42-degree angles as a nod to the University’s founding in 1842).



FIGHTING IRISH DIGITAL MEDIA

FIGHTING IRISH DIGITAL MEDIA CONTINUED TO SERVE NOTRE DAME FANS AROUND THE WORLD IN 2014-15 WITH 24/7 ACCESS TO INFORMATION, VIDEO PACKAGES, DOCUMENTARY-STYLE PROGRAMS AND LIVE STREAMING OF EVENTS AND GAMES ACROSS A VARIETY OF PLATFORMS.

UND.com boasted nearly 54 million page views during the 2014-15 season, with over two million coming from Chicago and almost 1.5 million from New York. Football Signing Day (Feb. 4) registered the most hits at 747,429 views.

FIDM delivered almost 604,000 hours of video watched by over seven million fans in 202 countries or territories. The video highlight of Jerian Grant's gravity-defying dunk in January against Georgia Tech proved the most popular with over 380,000 views.



Live Streamed Events

Last season marked the second year of FIDM's WatchND platform, which gives Notre Dame fans the ability to watch live a variety of events streamed or available on other websites. In 2014-15, WatchND aired 129 events, including athletic department press conferences, football pep rallies, radio shows and "classic" football games on Thursday nights. Included in that total were live streams of Irish baseball, women's basketball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer and volleyball events. FIDM also produced 28 events for ESPN3, including baseball, women's basketball, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer and volleyball as well as the Bengal Bouts. Eight Notre Dame hockey games were produced in conjunction with NBC Sports from the Compton Family Ice Arena.

Video Programming

In addition to live streaming events, FIDM created several short- and long-form programs that aired on either NBC or the NBC Sports Network, WatchND, YouTube, local stations and cable networks and the video boards in the Purcell Pavilion and Compton Family Ice Arena.

Four football-related shows aired on the NBC Sports Network:

- ➔ *Strong and True Prelude 2014*
A 30-minute behind-the-scenes look at 2014 Irish preseason camp.
- ➔ *Onward Notre Dame: Notre Dame in Indy*
An hour-long behind-the-scenes look surrounding the September Shamrock Series game at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.
- ➔ *Echoes: Football Award Show*
The two-hour football awards show, hosted by NBC's Mike Mayock and former Notre Dame women's basketball All-American Skylar Diggins, was edited into a half-hour program.
- ➔ *Onward Notre Dame: New Beginnings*
This 30-minute program highlighted the athletics legacy of former University president Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, C.S.C., and previewed 2015 spring football practice.

Over 1,000 short-form videos, including game highlights, behind-the-scenes football and feature content, were produced for digital distribution on WatchND and YouTube.

Inside Notre Dame Football and Inside Notre Dame Basketball, weekly half-hour programs featuring Irish head coaches Brian Kelly and Mike Brey, respectively, were carried in 18 of the nation's top 25 television markets and available to nearly 164 million households worldwide on 39 affiliates.

The Notre Dame Football Replay, a two-hour program featuring an edited version of each Irish home football game produced by NBC, aired on 31 affiliates and was accessible by more than 145 million homes worldwide.

Radio

The weekly Brian Kelly Radio Show aired live on News and Sports Radio WSBT 96.1 FM and 960 AM in South Bend, WXNT CBS SportsRadio 1430 AM in Indianapolis, WJRW NewsTalk 1340 in Grand Rapids, KVCE 1160 AM in Dallas/Fort Worth, KASR 92.7FM Conway/Little Rock and Boomer 1490 KOMJ in Omaha.

WSBT 96.1 FM and 960 AM also aired live the weekly Mike Brey Radio Show.

Both shows also were video streamed live on WatchND.

FIDM also produced the official Notre Dame Football Postgame Radio Show after each game. Veteran Irish broadcaster Jack Nolan and former Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks continue to serve as hosts of the three-hour show. Each week the duo was joined by another former Notre Dame football standout. A few of those who stepped up to the microphone to offer their perspective in 2014 were Marc Edwards, Mike Golic Jr., Tommy Rees, Chris Stewart, Ricky Watters and Chris Zorich.

The radio broadcasts of Notre Dame's men's basketball games were heard on WSBT 96.1 FM and 960 AM in South Bend and WLS 890 AM in Chicago as well as on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio. Those games also were streamed live on WatchND. Nolan handled the play by play and was joined on each broadcast by one of three former Irish basketball captains—LaPhonso Ellis, Jordan Cornette or Torrian Jones.

Notre Dame also offered live radio coverage of games in women's basketball, hockey and baseball.

The 30-week Jack Swarbrick Radio Show aired throughout the school year in Chicago, Indianapolis and South Bend, as well as via podcasts on WatchND.

Two Hectic Weeks at FIDM

From March 16-29, FIDM personnel:

- ➔ Streamed 25 live events, including four days that featured three or more events in one day.
- ➔ Provided video board operations, television truck support and press conference pool feeds for six NCAA events during the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship regional and NCAA Hockey Championship regional, with Notre Dame serving as host for both events.
- ➔ Produced 80 on-demand videos during a 10-day period.

VIDEO AWARDS

Videos produced by FIDM for WatchND received five 2014-15 Telly Awards, which honor the best film and video productions, web commercials, videos and films as well as outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs.

Blue-Gold: A New Day, received a silver Telly in the online video/online commercial – sports/sporting goods/games category.

Four other videos received bronze recognition:

- ➔ **Fighting Irish Extra Online Video**
- ➔ **"Strong of Heart: Katherine McManus"**
- ➔ **"Rally Sons: Notre Dame Men's Lacrosse"**
- ➔ **"88 and 1"**

MARKETING

CREATING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF IRISH ATHLETICS TO FOLLOW AND ENGAGE WITH THEIR FAVORITE TEAMS HAS HELPED THE NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS MARKETING DEPARTMENT IMPROVE THE FAN EXPERIENCE AT ALMOST EVERY VARSITY SPORT VENUE.

→ HERE ARE SOME 2014-15 HIGHLIGHTS:

MEN'S BASKETBALL

→ Notre Dame recognized a longtime season ticket holder as a "fan of the game" during each home contest. That fan received passes to Club Naimoli as well as an autographed team basketball during an on-court presentation.

→ Opponent scouting reports, prepared by a member of the Irish coaching staff, were presented to Club Naimoli members prior to each game in Purcell Pavilion.

→ Jack Nolan, the radio play-by-play voice of Fighting Irish Media, provided several pregame chalk talks to groups of 50 or more.

→ Season-ticket holders with perfect attendance records were invited to the team's private NCAA Championship "watch party" to view the 2015 tournament bracket assignments in Club Naimoli.

HOCKEY 101

"Hockey Night in South Bend...in July!" offered a "Hockey 101" event for 200 2014-15 season ticket holders in July 2015 at the Compton Family Ice Arena. Attendees learned about hockey tactics and strategies, equipment, strength training and nutrition. Fans also had the opportunity to have their pictures taken on the Zamboni and shoot "slap shots" on the ice.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

During men's and women's basketball games, young fans could visit the free "Fun Zone" that offered a variety of shooting games, a face painter and other activities.

FAN COUNCIL

A 24-member group, representing students, alumni and non-alumni, will comprise the first Notre Dame Athletics Fan Council, slated to meet quarterly on campus to provide feedback and thoughts on improving the Irish fan experience.

Over 650 people applied for spots on the board, which met for the first time in July 2015. Members will serve one academic year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Charity events, sponsored by a number of Irish sports for a variety of causes and organizations, raised \$94,000, including \$47,000 from the Irish women's basketball team's Pink Zone.

EXPERIENCE APP

Notre Dame fans could upgrade their fan experience at several home events by using the platform formerly known as the Experience app.

Fans could upgrade tickets, book a Notre Dame Stadium tour of the Irish football locker room, gain postgame field access or schedule a ride on the Zamboni by simply registering via smartphone. These same opportunities and more can be found under a new name this coming season at UND.com/upgrades.

SELLOUTS

Twenty-six Notre Dame sporting events were classified as sellouts during the 2014-15 season: seven in hockey, six each in football and men's basketball, four in women's basketball and one each in softball, men's soccer and men's lacrosse.

→ **Hockey** Compton Family Ice Arena, which was once again ranked among the nation's top 10 professional and collegiate sports venues by Stadium Journey magazine, entertained seven sellout crowds during the 2014-15 season, Notre Dame's first as a member of Hockey East.

→ **Football** Heading into the 2015 season, the Irish have played before a sellout crowd at Notre Dame Stadium in 243 consecutive games, and 291 of the last 292 home contests have been played before capacity crowds. Every home game since 1966 has been a sellout except one—a 1973 Thanksgiving Day matchup with Air Force.

→ **Men's Basketball** Group ticket sales increased nearly 200 percent in 2014-15, and six games were classified as sellouts (9,149), including a Jan. 28, 2015, contest against fourth-ranked Duke. That marked the first of two victories over the Blue Devils last season. The second win came March 13 as Mike Brey's Irish handed then-number-two ranked Duke (and

eventual national champion) a 74-64 setback in the semifinals of the ACC Championship in Greensboro.

→ Women's Basketball

The Notre Dame's women's basketball team played before four capacity crowds in Purcell Pavilion in 2014-15, including a Jan. 19 contest against fifth-ranked Tennessee. The Irish earned their fifth consecutive win over the Volunteers, posting an 88-77 victory before a sellout crowd and a national television audience on ESPN2's Big Monday.

→ **Men's Lacrosse** A standing-room-only crowd of 4,522 at Arlotta Stadium watched the top-ranked Irish men's lacrosse team come-from-behind to edge number-two rated North Carolina 15-14.

→ **Men's Soccer** Over 3,500 fans saw the number-two ranked Irish men's soccer team defeat the eighth-ranked Tar Heels 2-0 in late September at Alumni Stadium.

→ **Softball** The Notre Dame softball team, which won 26 of its final 28 games, served as host of an NCAA Championship regional at Melissa Cook Stadium—and a capacity crowd of 970 watched the Irish play their first game in the tournament.

GAME ATTENDANCE

According to 2014-15 NCAA attendance figures, Notre Dame ranked first in the average attendance-to-capacity category among the 15 Division I schools that sponsor football, hockey and both men's and women's basketball. The top five are:

1. NOTRE DAME	97.52 percent capacity
2. Michigan State	91.23 percent capacity
3. Michigan	88.5 percent capacity
4. Wisconsin	86.03 percent capacity
5. Penn State	84.05 percent capacity

The Irish women's basketball team ranked fifth nationally in home attendance, averaging 8,544 fans per game. The top five were:

SCHOOL	TOTAL	AVERAGE
1. South Carolina	196,684	12,293
2. Tennessee	186,754	10,375
3. Louisville	161,754	9,515
4. Iowa State	157,916	9,289
5. NOTRE DAME	170,882	8,544

TEAM NOTRE DAME

Team Notre Dame is the official corporate partner program for Irish athletics. Select national companies receive benefits for their businesses, customers and clients via a comprehensive marketing/advertising plan that connects their visions and reach with the University's brand.

The Team Notre Dame roster for 2014-15 included Sprint, Under Armour, Coca-Cola, Gatorade and NBC Sports. **The benefits they received included:**

- Use of the "official" designation for national promotion and advertising purposes and access to official University marks and logos for marketing functions
- National advertising during the seven Irish football games telecast by NBC Sports (including one home prime-time contest and one off-site Shamrock Series game in prime time)
- National advertising during IMG College radio broadcasts of all Irish football games, home and away—more than 100 affiliates around the country carried Notre Dame games in 2014
- Advertising in Notre Dame athletics media productions including radio and television shows, publications, social media, UND.com and on-site venues
- Category exclusivity
- Tickets and corporate hospitality at Notre Dame athletic events

In addition to the Team Notre Dame roster, Notre Dame Sports Properties also worked with a group of regional marketing partners in 2014-15. That group consisted of Bank of America, Xfinity, Cadillac, Sirius XM, Xerox, Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, TireRack.com, Vysk, CBTS, Meijer, ATI Physical Therapy, Medifast and UPS.

Local promotional partners included South Bend Orthopaedics, South Bend International Airport, Wincraft and Boling Vision Center.

Regional and local marketing clients received:

- Limited promotional rights
- Advertising in Notre Dame's athletics media productions, including radio and television shows, publications, social media and Internet
- Game tickets and VIP hospitality at football and men's basketball games



MONOGRAM CLUB

THE NOTRE DAME MONOGRAM CLUB, WHICH WILL CELEBRATE ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY THROUGHOUT THE 2015-16 ATHLETIC SEASON, ENDED ITS FIRST CENTURY OF OPERATIONS BY EXPANDING ITS REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PRESENCE THROUGH A WIDE ARRAY OF ACTIVITIES THAT BENEFIT FORMER AND CURRENT STUDENT-ATHLETES SPIRITUALLY, INTELLECTUALLY AND PHYSICALLY.

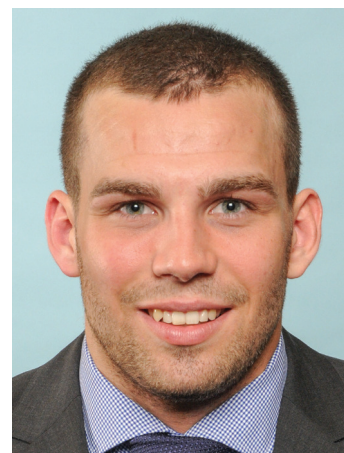
FOUNDED IN 1916 BY FORMER NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH JESSE HARPER, THE MONOGRAM CLUB REMAINS TRUE TO THE GROUP'S ORIGINAL MISSION STATEMENT—TO PROMOTE SPIRIT, UNITY, LEADERSHIP AND SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGH PAST AND PRESENT VARSITY LETTER WINNERS.



Monogram Club Postgraduate Scholarship Winners

University of Notre Dame seniors **ASHLEY ARMSTRONG** (women's golf) and **PETER SCHNEIDER** (hockey) received the 2015 Monogram Club postgraduate scholarships, marking the seventh year the honor was bestowed on both a male and female student-athlete.

The award, a one-time, non-renewable grant of \$5,000 to attend graduate school, recognizes outstanding academic achievement,



service, leadership and potential for success in postgraduate study.

Armstrong (left), a native of Flossmoor, Illinois, graduated in May from the College of Engineering with a degree in mechanical engineering. A two-time captain, she was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic Team and the Women's Golf Coaches Association Scholar All-America Team as a junior. Armstrong earned Academic All-America honors the last three years—2015 (second team), 2014 (second team) and 2013 (third team).

Schneider (above), a three-time recipient of the hockey team's Rockne Student-Athlete Award, graduated from the Mendoza College of Business with a degree in economics and finance and a minor in actuary. The Vienna, Austria, native also participated in the Rosenthal Leadership Academy. He plans to attend law school in the United States. Schneider provided needed depth in Notre Dame's offensive lineup throughout his career.



RUTH RILEY RECEIVES MOOSE KRAUSE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Former Irish women's basketball All-American **RUTH RILEY** received the 2015 Moose Krause Distinguished Service Award, the Monogram Club's highest honor, during her former team's victory over ACC rival Louisville in late February at Purcell Pavilion.

A native of nearby Macy, Indiana, Riley retired from basketball in June 2014 following a 13-year playing career in the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). She was recognized by the Monogram Club for her longstanding commitment to service and community involvement in the United States and around the world.

Riley, who currently serves as an NBA/WNBA Cares Ambassador, has been a spokesperson for the United Nations Foundation's "Nothing But Nets" campaign to fight malaria since 2006. She has represented the United States on numerous sports diplomacy trips and

is active with Share Our Strength's No Kid Hungry program. She also co-founded Inspire Transformation, an organization that creates community-based programs to support women and children and enact social change in South Africa.

During her career with the Irish, Riley led Notre Dame to its first NCAA women's basketball championship in 2001 and earned first-team Associated Press All-American honors twice. She also was a two-time first-team CoSIDA Academic All-American. Selected by the Miami Sol with the fifth overall pick in the 2001 WNBA Draft, Riley later helped the Detroit Shock to two WNBA titles and was a member of the U.S. women's basketball team that secured a gold medal at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

Riley graduated summa cum laude with a psychology degree in 2001 and is currently pursuing her master's of business administration through Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business Executive MBA program.

Named in honor of Notre Dame athletics legend Edward "Moose" Krause

(1913-92), the Distinguished Service Award is presented to an active Club member who has achieved notoriety in the following areas:

- Exemplary performance in local, state or national government
- Outstanding dedication to the spirit and ideals of Notre Dame
- Demonstrated responsibility to and concern for their respective communities
- Extraordinary commitment and involvement with youth

The Monogram Club's officers and board of directors select the annual recipient.

Krause, a three-sport monogram winner in the early 1930s, earned All-America honors in football and basketball while also competing in track and field. He later served as an assistant football coach and assistant and head basketball coach at Notre Dame before becoming one of the nation's most respected athletic directors, serving in that role at his alma mater from 1949-82.

(Monogram Club)



Monogram Club Events

The Monogram Club once again held events on campus and around the country that brought together several generations of Notre Dame athletics:

→ Along with hosting traditional home football receptions and activities, the club played an active role in Shamrock Series weekend in Indianapolis. Club members and staff participated in the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Shamrock Series service project, which took place at Providence Cristo Rey High School in the Circle City. The Monogram Club also welcomed members at a pregame reception at Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery.

→ The Monogram Career Network (MCN) continued its mission of connecting current student-athletes with graduated monogram winners who provide career development and mentoring. The MCN also sponsored networking events on campus in the fall and spring when board members were on site for board meetings. These gatherings helped current and former student-athletes interact in a relaxed environment while building and expanding on valuable relationships.

In December, members of the Monogram Club staff met with several alumni in New York and California to expand the efforts of the MCN. From Twitter and LinkedIn in the Bay Area to Goldman Sachs



Habitat build 2: Rob Williamson, T.J. Mathieson

and Ralph Lauren in New York City, Monogram Club executive director Brant Ust, membership coordinator Mike Sullivan and former student-athlete careers program director Stephanie Felicetti connected with a number of prospective MCN members.

→ The club was extremely active during Shamrock Spring Sports Weekend, sponsoring a brunch prior to the Blue-Gold game and then participating in the Student-Athlete Advisory Council's Habitat for Humanity house build. Other members attended the numerous sporting events happening on campus.

→ In addition to those unique outings, the Monogram Club also continued its annual hallmark events. First-time monogram winners are honored with a letter jacket ceremony held twice per year in Club Naimoli. On Saturday before commencement, the club welcomed graduating seniors and their families to the Guglielmino Athletics Complex for the fourth annual Fourth Quarter Farewell. The event provided the opportunity for graduates to meet and greet one last time with their fellow student-athletes, coaches and administrators before embarking on their new endeavors.

Honorary Monograms

In October 2014, Philip Purcell III became the club's newest honorary monogram recipient. A member of the

Board of Trustees since 1991, Purcell is the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley.

Purcell's leadership gift helped fund a Joyce Center renovation that began in 2008. Now known as Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, the arena has been a game-changer for the Notre Dame basketball and volleyball programs.

University vice president and director of athletics Jack Swarbrick introduced Purcell at the surprise ceremony, which also included Notre Dame head basketball coaches Muffet McGraw and Mike Brey. Swarbrick noted the guidance and counsel Purcell had provided as chair of the Committee on Athletic Affairs as Notre Dame navigated its way through conference realignment, a new apparel contract and other significant changes.

Purcell is the Monogram Club's 283rd recipient of an honorary monogram.

100 YEARS OF THE MONOGRAM CLUB

The Monogram Club officially will launch the yearlong celebration of its centennial anniversary Sept. 18-19 during the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech football weekend.

Showcasing the theme of "A Century of Commitment to Notre Dame," the Monogram Club will focus on its tradition of history during the fall season, highlight how faith influences the organization and its members during the



winter, spotlight its impact on education in the spring and celebrate the excellence of monogram winners in the summer. The festivities will conclude in fall 2016 by concentrating on community.

The official celebration weekend is slated for Oct. 28-29, 2016, when the Irish football team is slated to entertain Miami. The weekend will bring together the Monogram Club community through a variety of special events. A service project is slated for Friday along with the traditional Schivarelli Players' Lounge gathering. Saturday will feature a pregame reception, a pregame tunnel for all monogram winners and a special postgame Mass.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IS A NEW DIVISION WITHIN NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS THAT WAS ESTABLISHED IN LATE FALL 2014 IN ORDER TO ENGAGE IN KEY INITIATIVES THAT REFLECT THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT'S FIVE CORE VALUES OF EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY, EDUCATION, FAITH AND TRADITION—AND TO EXTEND THE HOLY CROSS MISSION AND THE IMPACT OF COLLEGIATE SPORT THROUGH SERVICE TO AND ENGAGEMENT OF OTHERS.



There are a myriad of service projects executed by the student-athletes, coaches and staff that serve the local, national and global communities.

In its inaugural year, the division embarked on the first Habitat for Humanity build for athletics (matching the community pillar), a new camp scholarship program and the Adopt-A-Family project (education) plus summer camps and clinics (excellence).

The Habitat build included more than 300 student-athletes and 50 staff members who participated, and the summer camps saw a record-high 10,139 campers participating.

The 2015-16 academic year will include additional initiatives that align with the pillars of tradition and faith.

Summer Camps

More than 10,000 campers from around the country participated in instructional and competitive camps sponsored by 18 varsity sports and their coaching staffs.

Notre Dame's state-of-the-art athletics facilities served as sites for over 60 camp sessions, while many participants are housed in University residence halls.

Camp Scholarships

In 2015, a new scholarship program provided two students at the South Bend Community School Corporation's Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy the opportunity to attend the sports camp of their choice in 2015. Third-graders Simone Green and Maurice Florence chose swimming and football camp, respectively.

Adopt-a-Family

Notre Dame's 26 varsity teams, coaches and athletic department staff members once again helped children and families in need through the annual holiday adopt-a-family program.

Those efforts culminated in a celebration Dec. 14 at the Compton Family Ice Arena. The festivities included skating, a visit with Santa and a party in O'Brien's in the upper level of the arena. The children who participated in the event attend a school in the South Bend School Corporation.



Irish student-athletes are ready for the Adopt-A-Family holiday program at the Compton Family Ice Arena.

ATHLETICS ADVANCEMENT

WITH NEARLY \$52 MILLION IN PLEDGES AND OUTRIGHT GIFTS, AN INCREASE OF JUST OVER 200 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO, 2014-15 MARKED A BANNER YEAR FOR BENEFACTOR INVESTMENT IN THE NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS PROGRAM.



Participants in the Joyce Athletics Grants-in-Aid Program gathered for the Notre Dame-Stanford football weekend in 2014.



Tim Brown (left), Notre Dame's 1987 Heisman Trophy winner, joins Irish hockey players Anders Bjork, Karen and Doug Mick (who provide his scholarship via the Joyce Grants-in-Aid Program) along with Notre Dame vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick.

Financial support not only provides resources necessary for every Irish team to compete for national championship, but also ensures a student-athlete experience second to none. Benefactions from generous donors, who often have a passion for athletics, continue to fund new facilities or renovations, scholarships, equipment, travel and now endowed coaching positions. These endowed gifts help ensure a solid financial future for Notre Dame athletics as the costs of competing on a national level in the college ranks continue to escalate.

During 2014-15, benefactors donated almost \$34 million in cash—a 75.5 percent increase from 2013-14. Twenty-one gifts of \$100,000 or more were received.

➔ **141 STUDENT-ATHLETES RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID FROM AN ENDOWMENT**

➔ **115 PERCENT INCREASE IN ROCKNE HERITAGE FUND MEMBERSHIP**

Endowments for Grants-in-Aid and Excellence

Nine new endowments were established for grants-in-aid (scholarships) in 2014-2015. This funding, a total of \$5,642,000, will be invested to help cover the cost of attendance at Notre Dame, which constitutes the most significant expense of the athletics department budget.

Three of these commitments will fully endow and name positions for football and hockey. Each year these benefactors will be connected to their endowed recipient, while also helping Notre Dame move toward its long-term goal of endowing all grants-in-aid.

Additionally, four endowments were established to support specific teams, career

development and athletic training. These gifts totaled \$640,000 and are referred to as “endowments for excellence” because of their impact on making those particular areas extraordinary and essential to maintaining the unique opportunities Irish student-athletes experience.

Rockne Heritage Fund

The Rockne Heritage Fund provides immediate scholarship and budget support for all 26 Irish varsity teams.

Benefactors set records in 2014-2015, growing the fund to over \$1.86 million and 2,313 donors. These numbers reflect a 10.6 percent increase in funds from the previous year and 115 percent in total donors.

Capital Projects

Three facility projects received significant funding in 2014-2015, and their addition to the Notre Dame athletics landscape will prove essential to the futures of the programs they impact.

Jim and Lisa McConnell of Rhode Island committed \$2 million in benefaction to be lead donors for the new rowing boathouse, which will provide a home for the Irish women's varsity team as well as the Notre Dame men's club rowing program. The McConnells serve on the Advisory Council for the Student-Athlete, and their daughter Erin (a 2012 graduate) rowed for the Irish.

Dr. Robert and Mary Ellen Harris of New Jersey stepped forward to make the lead commitment for the Harris Family Track and Field Stadium, which will be located on Leahy Drive by the current outdoor track. Their \$5.5 million gift provides a majority of the funding needed to break ground on a new home for the Irish men's and women's track and cross country programs.

The initial scope of the project will focus on the needs of the student-athlete and include locker rooms, a team room, a training room and press box. Additional amenities for fans and competitions will depend on funding.

A \$2 million gift from advisory council members John and Cathy Murphy of Wisconsin gave the Fighting Irish baseball program a much needed team room inside the clubhouse at Frank Eck Stadium. This renovation will create a premier space for training, team meetings and academic work. John Murphy won a monogram as a member of the Irish baseball team in 1985.

	FY15 FINAL	FY15 % CHANGE
Production*	\$51,875,580	+200.6%
Endowment	\$30,408,246	+817.0%
Capital	\$17,285,081	+76.0%
Discretionary	\$4,182,253	+1.5%
Cash	\$33,916,645	+75.5%
Endowment	\$13,004,452	+898.9%
Capital	\$16,462,155	+20.7%
Discretionary	\$4,450,038	+1.5%

*Production is measured by pledges and outright gifts. It does not include pledge payments.

➔ **NOTRE DAME'S LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO ENDOW ALL GRANTS-IN-AID AND COACHING POSITIONS.**



ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Strong of Heart

PROFILES OF NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS / 2014

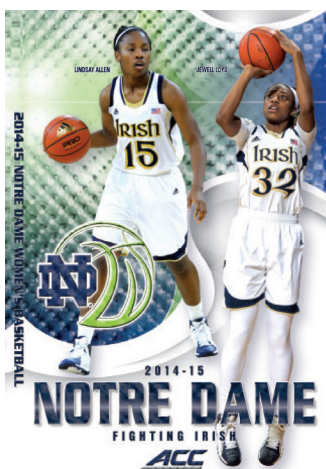


Two publications created by Notre Dame's athletics communications department received national awards in 2014-15. The fifth annual **STRONG OF HEART** book received a "best in the nation" citation in the special events category of the College Sports Information Directors of America annual publication contest.

In addition, the Notre Dame **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA GUIDE** for 2014-15 was voted third in the nation. John Heislet edited the Strong of Heart publication, while Chris Masters handled that responsibility for the women's basketball guide.

The Notre Dame athletics communications division plays multiple roles—assisting all media covering Irish athletics, performing key game management functions for the dozens of home Notre Dame athletics events and also providing print content for UND.com, the Web site of the athletics department. The office also provides nominations for a long list of both athletic and academic awards when Notre Dame candidates qualify.

Athletics communications staffers provide background material and organize interviews with Irish players, coaches and staff, whether it's for NBC, ESPN or any number of other print or electronic media outlets. The division provides in-game and post-game statistical materials, as well as transcripts of many press conferences. In addition, athletics



communications collaborates with Fighting Irish Digital Media to create all content for UND.com. The print aspect of that coverage was upsized in 2014-15 to include many Irish Extra features and game sidebars.

The athletics communications staff also works extensively with radio and television announce teams covering Notre Dame events both home and away. In addition, the office assists in coordinating interview guests and providing background information for television and/or radio shows for Irish coaches Brian Kelly and Mike Brey and vice president and athletics director Jack Swarbrick.

NCAA PLAY AT NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame in 2014-15 played host to NCAA Championship competition in six sports:

- The Irish men's soccer team, seeded No. 1 in the NCAA bracket, defeated Ohio State 2-1 in a second-round game at Alumni Stadium. Virginia eliminated the Irish 1-0 in a round of 16 contest, also played at Alumni Stadium.
- The No. 1 seed Notre Dame women's basketball squad played the first two rounds of NCAA play at Purcell Pavilion, producing victories over No. 16 seed Montana (77-43) and No. 9 DePaul (79-67) on its way to the NCAA title game.
- The Irish hockey team did not qualify for the NCAA bracket, but Notre Dame played host to the NCAA Midwest Regional. Omaha, Harvard, RIT and Minnesota State were assigned to play at Compton Family Ice Arena, and Omaha advanced to the NCAA Frozen Four.
- The top-seeded Notre Dame men's lacrosse team played its opening-round NCAA game at Arlotta Stadium, eliminating Towson 12-10.
- Notre Dame played host to the NCAA South Bend Regional in women's golf at the Warren Golf Course, with the Irish finishing eighth among 18 teams
- The Irish played host to an NCAA regional in softball for the first time in 10 seasons, with Kentucky, Northwestern and Ball State also assigned to play at Melissa Cook Stadium. Kentucky advanced to the super regional round.

TICKETING, PREMIUM SEATING AND TECHNOLOGY

NOTRE DAME OFFERED IRISH FANS A SELECTION OF 2014-15 UPGRADES IN THE AREAS OF TICKETING, PREMIUM SEATING AND TECHNOLOGY:

- The Irish football season-ticket holder ticket presentation was improved—featuring a themed box with laminated, credential-style souvenir tickets, lanyards and a USB drive containing exclusive video content. Graphics on the box mirrored the look of a numbered seat in Notre Dame Stadium.
- The Notre Dame football ticket lottery went entirely online for the first time in 2014—with no more paper applications required.
- The Irish ticketing operation began universally accepting credit cards for all transactions for the first time in 2014-15. That included acceptance of credit cards for football season-ticket renewals and football ticket lottery applicants in 2015. That advancement eliminated the past practice of holding applicant funds until lottery results were released and processing refund checks for unsuccessful applications.
- Notre Dame announced in April 2015 that it will eliminate all service charges and fees connected with purchasing tickets for all athletics events, effective with the 2015-16 athletic seasons. This includes season renewals, football lottery applications as well as single-game ticket purchases made online, over the phone or at the Murnane Family Ticket Office. The face value of the ticket will include standard

delivery methods currently in use. Season tickets for all sports and football lottery tickets will continue to be shipped by express service. Single-game ticket purchases will continue to offer standard first-class mail service. The option to upgrade to express shipping for single-game ticket purchases will be available at an additional cost.

→ The Irish ticketing office initiated outbound sales efforts for football and men's basketball tickets.

→ The athletics department built the Campus Crossroads Experience on the Purcell Pavilion concourse to highlight the Campus Crossroads Project and assist in the sales of premium seating for football games beginning with the 2017 season at Notre Dame Stadium.

STUDENT WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT



THE OFFICE OF STUDENT WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS TO ENSURE THAT NOTRE DAME'S STUDENT-ATHLETES HAVE ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP THEM DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND STRENGTHS OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY AND LEARN TO PARTICIPATE AND ENGAGE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AS RESPONSIBLE AND CARING CITIZENS.

Student-Athlete Advisory Council

The Notre Dame Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SACC) meets monthly during the academic year and provides representatives from each Irish varsity team an opportunity to discuss issues of importance and interest and initiate programs to create unity, support and community service among the student-athlete population. In 2014-15, 61 student-athletes served on the council, including 17 who held officer positions. The council also sponsored three

SAAC forums throughout the year for student-athletes.

Here are highlights from SAAC's 2014-15 initiatives and activities:

➔ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD**—More than 300 student-athletes representing all 26 Irish varsity sports helped build a home for a local family throughout the year as SAAC partnered with Habitat for Humanity of St. Joseph County. The project was funded in part by a portion of the proceeds from the Notre Dame adidas liquidation sale (\$50,000), and Under Armour provided the "IrishOn3" shirts worn by volunteers.

➔ **STUDENT-ATHLETE PAGEANT**—Irish football player Drew Recker proposed and initiated this competition, designed to promote the student-athlete image and reduce negative stereotypes. Contestants were judged on career wear and talent presentations as well as their performances during Q&A sessions—and the winners were Brennan Jacobsen (men's swimming and diving) and Elizabeth House

(women's swimming and diving). Attendees had the option of making a financial contribution—and more than \$300 was raised and presented in the form of a gift card to the family who moved into the Habitat for Humanity home built by Notre Dame.

➔ **FENCING FORUM**—More than 120 student-athletes learned the "ins and outs" of the sport of fencing, while 60 received coaching from current Notre Dame fencers before competing in "friendly" bouts against one another.

➔ **SAAC HUNGRY GAMES/FOOD DRIVE**—Irish student-athletes competed in "minute-to-win-it" games and bonded with athletes from other teams in a November project designed to promote camaraderie and the spirit of Thanksgiving. Participants were encouraged to donate food items, and contributions went to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

➔ **MONOGRAM CLUB BOARD NETWORKING**—Several Irish student-athletes attended networking events with members of the Notre Dame Monogram Club board of

directors during the group's annual fall and spring meetings.

➔ **GET TO KNOW ME ND**—Irish football player KeiVarae Russell created an Instagram account to encourage all students at Notre Dame to engage with each other by asking questions, rejecting judgments and discovering common ground. The account, which was opened during the summer of 2015, quickly had 400 followers and continues to grow. Those featured include Notre Dame vice president and director of athletics Jack Swarbrick and student-athletes Joe Schmidt (football), Kaela Little (women's soccer), Ryan Lopez (cheerleading) and Maddie Conlin (rowing).

➔ **IRISHON3**—This initiative recognizes and rewards student-athletes for supporting each other by attending other sporting events. The project consists of a system that awards points for student-athlete attendance at games, matches and meets throughout the year. The program culminates in four awards—three to teams in their respective divisions who accumulate the most points and one to the individual who attends the most sporting events.

➔ **ROSENTHAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**—This program, named after former director of athletics Dick Rosenthal, is designed to develop and enhance strong leadership on Notre Dame athletic teams by providing targeted emerging and existing leaders with progressive annual programming. During the 2014-15 school year, 93 student-athletes representing all 26 varsity teams attended

six workshops (three per semester) and three overnight retreats that focused on self-awareness, commitment to institutional and team goals, developing empathy and perspective and skill building.

Notre Dame Christian Athletes

During the 2014-15 school year, 67 Irish student-athletes attended weekly meetings of Notre Dame Christian Athletes, an interdenominational group that acknowledges multiple perspectives while being committed to the central truth of Christ as proclaimed in scripture. Meetings offer a forum for the discussion of Christian faith as it pertains to the lives of Notre Dame student-athletes through large- and small-group discussions and presentations by guest speakers.

Career Development Programming and Opportunities

Many Irish student-athletes worked with student-athlete career program director Stephanie Felicetti to help facilitate their eventual transition to the work world. Felicetti, an employee of the Notre Dame Career Center, often set up shop in The Commons area of the Joyce Center so her interaction with student-athletes was frequent and convenient. She met with student-athletes to

review resumes, help them prepare for interviews, create networking connections and promote the awareness of services available through the Notre Dame Career Center.

Team Programs

Several teams received unique programming to meet their specific needs and interests in 2014-15:

➔ The rowing team attended a workshop on professional communication skills.

➔ University vice president and director of athletics Jack Swarbrick discussed the art of preparing and giving impactful presentations with the softball team.

➔ Notre Dame alumnus Tim Scannell, a 1986 graduate who played football for the Irish and is now an executive with the Stryker Corporation, talked to the women's soccer team about professionalism and motivation.

Career Treks

Several teams and student-athletes traveled off campus to learn about different careers and employment opportunities.

➔ Eight football players and one men's soccer student-athlete visited Stryker Corporation in Kalamazoo, Michigan, to meet with 1985 Irish football captain and current company executive Tim Scannell.

➔ In Chicago, the Notre Dame baseball team called on the Chicago Cubs organization and met with the president of business

operations Crane Kenney, a 1985 Notre Dame graduate and former men's swimmer, and Theo Epstein, president of baseball operations.

➔ Twenty baseball players interested in finance, accounting and consulting met with three Notre Dame graduates working in those fields: 1995 graduate and former men's swimmer Will McCarthy, vice president at General Electric; 1986 graduate Rich Whalen, managing director at Deloitte, and 2009 graduate and former cheerleader Joe Tsai, IT auditor at Ernst & Young.

➔ Another 17 baseball players interested in marketing and branding visited with Sara Lawhead, business manager at Wilson Sporting Goods; 2005 Notre Dame graduate Jill Godbout, senior manager at Pepsi Co.; 2012 graduate and former men's lacrosse player Ben Ashenburg, commerce functional analyst at Razorfish and 2012 graduate and former Irish baseball player Will Hudgins, software engineer at Razorfish.

➔ During a spring break trip to Boston, the women's lacrosse team attended a brunch and reception to meet with Notre Dame alumni. Those attending included 1979 graduate Jim Rice, deputy director at MIT; 1982 graduate Tara Kenney, managing director at Deutsche Bank; 1993 graduate Matt Janchar, managing director at Berkshire Partners; 2012 graduate Liza Navarro, relationship manager at Putnam Investments; and 1978 graduate and former men's soccer player Bill Sullivan, a judge on the Massachusetts Superior Court.



→ During a stop in New York City, eight members of the men's tennis team visited six financial firms on Wall Street and met with former Irish tennis players: 2001 graduate Ashok Raju, managing director/head of business development at VR Capital Group; 2005 graduate James Bass, vice president of Equity Derivatives Sales at Credit Suisse; 1996 graduate John O'Brien, managing director/head of derivatives flow sales at Deutsche Bank; 2004 graduate Paul Hidaka, vice president of Electronic Trading at JPMorgan Chase; 1990 graduate Walter Dolhare, managing director, co-head of markets division at Wells Fargo, and 2001 graduate Luke Warford, chief operating officer at Bridger Management.

→ While traveling to Seattle for a game against the U.S. National team, the Irish men's lacrosse team visited the headquarters of Amazon and Microsoft and met with more than 40 Notre Dame graduates at a Notre Dame Alumni Club of Seattle function. Later, on its annual fall trip to New York City, the team met with Notre Dame alumni Stephen Taylor (a 1999 graduate), Sean Quigley (2005), and Matt Malakoff (2005) at Credit Suisse Group. At Jones Lang LaSalle, the Irish met with managing director Brian Higgins and two 2014 graduates and former lacrosse players Matt Collins and Brian Buglione. At NBC Studios, the lacrosse squad connected with 1995 graduate Christina Gloriosio, Kate Swarbrick (daughter of Notre Dame vice president and athletics director Jack



Irish men's basketball players (left to right) Matt Gregory, Matt Farrell, Demetrius Jackson and Martin Geben are ready to tackle another task at the Habitat for Humanity home build.

Swarbrick) and Taylor Lepino. At Morgan Stanley, the Irish met with managing directors Kevin Lynyak and Robb Lynn and former Irish lacrosse player Westy Hopkins.

→ The Irish men's soccer team traveled to Chicago and made multiple stops:

— Six players interested in sports marketing met with Notre Dame alumnus Brooks Boyer (a 1994 graduate and former men's basketball player), senior vice president of the Chicago White Sox; Jeff Bogacki, manager of group sales with the White Sox, and Lindsay Johansen, human resource generalist at the U.S. Soccer Federation.

— Ten individuals interested in consulting and finance met with 2007 graduate Brendan Barrett, vice president at Madison Dearborn Partners, and 1986 graduate Rich Whalen, managing director at Deloitte.

— Six others interested in healthcare visited with former Irish women's soccer player Amanda Solomon, a 2008 graduate and a registered nurse in the ICU unit at Advocate Christ Medical Center.

Fighting Irish Career Institute

The Student-Athlete Career Ambassadors helped craft and market the Fighting Irish Career Institute (FICI). The institute takes place once per semester and gives student-athletes an opportunity to reflect on skills they have developed and honed from their experiences as Notre Dame student-athletes and determine how those traits relate to postgraduate opportunities. During FICI, student-athletes meet with employees from a variety of industries and discover what opportunities might mesh with their interests and skills. Participating companies in 2014-15 included the ACE Program, Stryker, E. & J. Gallo, General Electric, Deloitte, Coyote, Keurig and Goldman Sachs.

As part of FICI, the Notre Dame football team participated in a three-part career engagement program. The first session included a panel of former student-athletes and professional football players who provided insight and advice on how to successfully transition from college football, to

life in the NFL and then to life after football. Panelists included former Irish players Pat Eilers (a 1990 graduate) and Corey Mays (a 2005 graduate) and former UCLA player Johnathan Franklin (a current SWD staff member). The second part featured an etiquette dinner, and the third required the student-athletes to prepare for and participate in mock interviews. The format was partly modeled for the NFL Combine and partly modeled for the career path of the players' choice.

O.S.C.A.R.S. (OUTSTANDING STUDENT-ATHLETES CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION SHOWCASE)

→ The O.S.C.A.R.S. is the marquee social-celebratory event for the department of athletics. Created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and the student welfare and development department, the program was established to showcase the many accomplishments of Notre Dame student-athletes. In its 14th year, the red-carpet gala serves to unite all students, administrators and faculty involved in Fighting Irish athletics.

Positive Transition Seminars

Staffers in the student welfare and development office produced seminars created specifically for sophomores, juniors and seniors to address different aspects of career development:

SENIORS—"FUTURE SUCCESS"

→ This session explained the resources available on the Notre Dame Career Center's website and job link (GoIRISH) as well as the services provided by the student welfare and development office. The seminar featured a Q&A session with Claire VeNard (a 2007 graduate and former women's soccer player), director of student welfare and development.

All seniors took a career discernment to learn where they are in the career development process and then went to tailored breakout sessions to learn about and get connected with developmentally appropriate career resources available on campus.

JUNIORS—"CAREER REPS—JUNIOR YEAR CAREER EXPERIENCE"

→ This session focused on helping student-athletes learn the key components of a successful interview, how to assess and express strengths, skills and weaknesses in relation to past experiences by utilizing STAR technique and to define resources for interview preparation/practice.

→ The seminar panel featured alumni Kate Markgraf (women's soccer player and 1998 graduate) and Pat Eilers (football player and 1990 graduate) along with 2015 seniors Kevin DiFillipis (baseball) and David Lowe (golf).

SOPHOMORES—"CAREER ENGAGEMENT"

→ This session focused on networking—defining networking and identifying appropriate groups/people with whom to network as well as networking resources and summarizing the next steps in networking strategy and informational interviewing.

→ This session included a panel that featured Markgraf, Eilers, Kaila Turner (2013 graduate and former women's basketball player) and senior football student-athlete Jarrett Grace.



Safety and Awareness Training

SWD provides programs deemed mandatory by the Office of the President, the Division of Student Affairs and the director of athletics to ensure that Notre Dame's student-athletes develop into strong, mature, balanced and caring individuals.

➔ **ALCOHOL AND DRUG AWARENESS SEMINARS**—Developed in conjunction with the McDonald Center for Student Well-Being, these seminars help student-athletes make good decisions. Individually tailored per team, these sessions strive to be both educational and reflective, allowing student-athletes to think about their team culture and personal choices. Seminars are scheduled in the fall for spring and winter sports teams and in the spring for fall sports teams.

➔ **SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION EDUCATION**—In conjunction with the Office of General Council, Title IX, the Office of Institutional Equity and the Gender Relations Center, student welfare and development staff present this information to members of all Notre Dame varsity teams. Training is completed by the end of the calendar year.



Adler Carris signs his national letter of intent as Irish athletes look on as part of the Fighting Irish Fight for Life program.

It's On Us

The "It's On Us" initiative is an awareness campaign launched by the White House to help end sexual assault on college campuses. Student-athletes took a pledge "to recognize that non-consensual sex is sexual assault, to identify situations in which sexual assault may occur, to intervene in situations where consent has not or cannot be given and

to create an environment in which sexual assault is unacceptable and survivors are supported."

In addition to taking the pledge, two videos were created to promote the campaign on campus—one featuring only student-athletes and one, produced by Notre Dame Student Government, which also featured several student-athletes.

Community Service

During the 2014-15 academic year Notre Dame student-athletes recorded a record number of community service hours at 11,422. Here is a list and description of projects the office of student welfare and development implemented in 2014-15:

➔ **FIGHTING IRISH FIGHT FOR LIFE**—This program connects Notre Dame varsity teams with patients in the pediatric hematology/oncology unit of South Bend's Memorial Hospital. Patients from ages 5 to 18 have the opportunity to spend time with student-athletes and experience a part of a student-athlete's life. In 2014-15, 15 children and families participated in the program and were paired with 16 teams (men's and women's golf combined).

➔ **PEDIATRIC CHRISTMAS PARTY**—Children and families from the Memorial Hospital pediatric unit and the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center celebrated the holidays with student-athletes during festivities in the Heritage Hall area of the Joyce Center.

➔ **THIS COUNTS**—As part of a health initiative that encourages physical activity, several Irish student-athletes participated in a field day with 88 third- and fourth-grade students at Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy. The event was held in partnership with St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

➔ **S.W.A.G. [STUDENT WOMEN ATHLETE GROUP]**—Formulated in 2013-14 to create "watch parties" for ESPN's "Nine for IX" series, the group now promotes a mission to "strengthen our culture" and includes creating "a culture that champions support, invites healthy competition and appreciates the empowered woman athlete."



Max Lachowecki (men's soccer), Katherine McManus (women's lacrosse) and Corey Robinson (football) join student welfare and development's Claire VeNard for a first-year orientation panel.

BASEBALL

HEAD COACH

Mik Aoki

ASSISTANT COACHES

Chuck Ristano

Jesse Woods

VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACH

Adam Pavkovich

CAPTAINS

Forrest Johnson

Mac Hudgins



➔ The Irish made their first appearance in the NCAA Championship in nine seasons (2006) in 2015 after an outstanding regular season that featured 35 wins, sweeps of perennial powers Florida State and North Carolina at Frank Eck Stadium, a road sweep of former BIG EAST foe and current ACC opponent Pittsburgh—plus series wins against NCAA Championship participants Clemson (road) and North

Carolina State (home). Notre Dame also accomplished sweeps of both the Irish Alamo Invitational (4-0) and the Mercer Baseball Classic (3-0) and a series win on the road to start the year at Oklahoma.

➔ Notre Dame opened the year 11-1 despite all 12 games coming on the road and returned home to play at Eck Baseball Stadium for the first time with a 14-4 mark. Notre Dame finished the year 37-23 overall including a 17-13 mark in the ACC. The Irish went 15-11 at home and an impressive 22-12 away from Notre Dame.

➔ The Irish finished second out of seven teams in the ACC Atlantic Division after finishing seventh out of seven teams in 2014. Notre Dame placed third overall out of 14 teams in the league after tying for 14th out of 14 teams a year ago in its first season in the ACC. Picked to finish sixth in the ACC in the preseason, Notre Dame qualified third for the ACC Tournament, going 1-2 in pool play with an impressive 8-2 victory over eventual national champion Virginia highlighting the tournament. The Irish went 1-2 at the NCAA Championship Regional, beating Wright State before falling to national seed Illinois and Wright State in a weather-induced doubleheader that ended the 2015 campaign.

➔ Sophomore second baseman **CAVAN BIGGIO** saw his overall game grow by leaps and bounds from his freshman campaign. Despite leading the Irish in home runs (9), walks (50), on-base

percentage (.406) and stolen bases (14), it was his defense that garnered him the most attention nationally. The Houston, Texas, native became only the second player in program history (outfielder A.J. Pollock in 2009) to earn an ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove, which is presented to only nine Division I players (one at each position) each season.

➔ In addition to Biggio, Notre Dame racked up several other postseason awards. At the end of the regular season, sophomores **KYLE FIALA** (3B) and **RYAN SMOYER** (RHP) and senior **ROBERT YOUNGDAHL** (OF) earned third-team all-ACC honors. In addition, freshman pitchers **BRANDON BIELAK** (RHP) and **SEAN GUENTHER** (LHP) received ACC all-freshman team accolades. At the end of the ACC Tournament, Fiala claimed all-tourney team recognition, while Biggio and senior **RYAN BULL** did the same at the end of the NCAA Championship Regional. Smoyer also received first-team Mid-east-ABCA/Rawlings all-region honors, while Guenther and fellow freshman pitcher **BRAD BASS** (RHP) claimed Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America designations.

➔ Other highlights of the year included Fiala posting an impressive 47-game on-base streak, Smoyer jumping out to a 9-0 record to start the year (he finished 9-1) and the defense turning a Division I-leading 75 double plays. The defense also led the country in double plays per game (1.25), the most in school history.

37-23

17-13 [ACC]

2nd in Atlantic Division
NCAA Championship Championship Regional
Final Ranking: 26th (Collegiate Baseball)

➔ The Notre Dame men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Championship Elite Eight for the first time since 1979 and finished the 2014-15 campaign with a 32-6 record. The 32 wins marked just the second time in the 110-year history of the program a Fighting Irish team won 30-plus games.

➔ Notre Dame appeared in the NCAA Championship Sweet 16 for the first time since 2003 and the second time in the Mike Brey era.

➔ Notre Dame won the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship as the Irish defeated Miami (70-63), No. 2 Duke (74-64) and No. 19 North Carolina (90-82) en route to the title. It marked the first conference tournament crown for any Irish men's basketball team in school history. In winning the championship, Notre Dame became the first school outside of the league's original membership to win the title in its first or second year in the ACC.

➔ The Irish finished third in the final ACC regular-season standings after posting a 14-4 record. The 14 wins matched the most in conference play for a Notre Dame squad. The Irish also were 14-4 during the 2010-11 and 2007-08 campaigns as members of the BIG EAST Conference.

➔ After posting a 15-17 overall record and 6-12 mark in ACC play in 2013-14, Notre Dame recorded the second-biggest turnaround in program and ACC history. Only the 1908-09 Irish team (+21) and 2010-11 North Carolina squad (+9) finished with a more impressive improvement.

➔ Over the 62 years of the ACC Championship, only three times (including Notre Dame in 2014-15) did a school go from a losing overall season to winning the ACC crown (also North

Carolina State in 1965 and Virginia in 1976).

➔ Notre Dame defeated Duke and North Carolina during the regular season to finish with two wins apiece over the Blue Devils and Tar Heels. The Irish became the third team in the last 20 seasons to beat Duke and North Carolina twice in the same campaign.

➔ Seniors **PAT CONNAUGHTON** and **JERIAN GRANT** produced staggering numbers during their four seasons as they combined for 3,204 points, 250 games played, 240 starts, 1,166 rebounds, 947 assists, 268 steals and 8,821 minutes played (34.2 minutes per game).

➔ Grant was named a John R. Wooden Award finalist and was selected to the Wooden All-America Team. He became the first Irish player since Troy Murphy in 2001 to earn first-team All-America accolades. Grant garnered first-team honors from the Associated Press, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA).

➔ Notre Dame had two all-ACC selections—Grant (unanimous first team) and Connaughton (third team).

➔ Grant earned ACC Championship MVP honors. Joining him on the first team were Connaughton and Steve Vasturia, while Demetrius Jackson was named to the second team. Connaughton and Zach Auguste were named to the NCAA Championship Midwest Regional All-Tournament Team.

➔ Grant became Notre Dame's first National Basketball Association Draft first-round selection since Ryan Humphrey in 2002 (Grant was the 19th overall pick and went to the New York Knicks after originally

HEAD COACH

Mike Brey

ASSISTANT COACHES

Anthony Solomon

Rod Balanis

Martin Ingelsby

CAPTAIN

Pat Connaughton



being selected by the Washington Wizards). Connaughton went in the second round to the Portland Trail Blazers as the 41st overall selection—via a trade by the Brooklyn Nets, his original selector. It marked the first time since 1992 Notre Dame had two players drafted.



BASKETBALL

32-6

14-4 [ACC]

ACC Championship winner
NCAA Championship Midwest Regional runner-up
Final Rankings: 5th (USA Today), 8th (AP)

BASKETBALL

HEAD COACH
Muffet McGraw

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Carol Owens

ASSOCIATE COACH
Beth Cunningham

ASSISTANT COACH
Niele Ivey

CAPTAINS
Whitney Holloway
Michaela Mabrey
Markisha Wright



→ Notre Dame posted a 36-3 record and advanced to its fifth consecutive NCAA Championship Final Four (seventh overall), as well as its fourth NCAA title-game appearance in five seasons (fifth overall). The Fighting Irish are the fourth program in NCAA Division I history to reach seven Final Fours and five in a row and only the third Division I team to play in four NCAA championship games during a five-year span.

→ For the third consecutive season, Notre Dame finished as the No. 2-ranked team in the nation according to both the Associated Press and Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA)/USA Today polls. The Fighting Irish also were the second-ranked team in the final WBCA/USA Today polls in 2011 and 2012, with those rankings released after the completion of the NCAA Championship (the final AP poll comes out before the tournament).

→ Notre Dame earned its fourth consecutive outright regular-season conference title (second in as many seasons as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference) with a 15-1 record, stringing together four outright league championships in a row for the first time in the program's 38-year history.

→ The Fighting Irish also secured the program's second ACC Championship crown in as many years and their third consecutive league postseason title overall (following the 2013 BIG EAST Conference championship). It marked the first time the Fighting Irish won conference tournaments in three consecutive seasons since a four-year run (1989-92) in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference/Horizon League. Notre Dame became only the third ACC school to sweep the conference's regular-season and tournament titles in back-to-back seasons (2013-14 and 2014-15), along with Virginia (1991-92 and 1992-93) and Duke (2002-03 and 2003-04).

→ Notre Dame set single-season school records for games played (39), most wins at home (19) and most wins over top-10 opponents (8). The Irish also placed among the top 20 in the nation in eight NCAA statistical categories, including top-10 rankings in field-goal percentage (second at .492), scoring offense (fifth at 79.8 points per game), scoring margin (fifth at +20.0 points per game), three-point field-goal percentage (seventh at .383), assists (seventh at 17.8 per game) and fewest personal fouls (10th at 14.2 per game). The Irish ranked 15th in the nation in assist/turnover ratio (+1.20) and 17th in rebounding margin (+8.3).

→ Junior guard **JEWELL LOYD** was the espnW National Player of the Year, a consensus first-team All-America selection and the ACC Player of the Year. Sophomore guard **LINDSAY ALLEN** and freshman forward **BRIANNA TURNER** both earned honorable mention All-America citations from the Associated Press. Turner was chosen the ACC Freshman of the Year.

→ Loyd became the first No. 1 overall women's basketball draft pick in school history when she was selected by the Seattle Storm with the top selection in the 2015 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Draft. Notre Dame is the first school in the 19-year history of the WNBA Draft to produce top-four (lottery) selections in four consecutive drafts and has produced six first-round WNBA Draft selections in the past four years. In addition, Loyd became the first Irish student-athlete to be a No. 1 overall draft pick by any American professional sports league since 1972, when football defensive end Walt Patulski was selected first in the National Football League Draft by the Buffalo Bills.

36-3
15-1 [ACC]

ACC Championship winner
NCAA Championship runner-up
Final Rankings: 2nd (USA Today/WBCA, AP)

→ Junior **MICHAEL CLEVINGER** qualified for the NCAA Championship as an individual after enduring a leg injury during the early part of the season. It marked the 25th consecutive season an Irish individual or team competed at the NCAA Championship and the second NCAA appearance for Clevenger, who placed 92nd among 246 runners.

→ Clevenger won all-Atlantic Coast Conference and all-Great Lakes Region honors, placing 21st in the 8K (23:57.0) at the conference championship to claim the final all-league spot. He finished sixth at the regional championship 10K (30:22) to earn his second all-region recognition.

→ The Irish won the Crusader Invitational to start the season and came in second at the National Catholic Championship. Senior **JAKE KILD00** finished first of 89 runners to win the National Catholic Championship, while sophomore **CHRIS MARCO** earned the runner-up slot. It was the second time in three seasons an Irish runner claimed the individual crown.

7th

in ACC Championship

6th in NCAA Championship
Great Lakes Regional

→ Kildoo was named the ACC Men's Cross Country Performer of the Week following his win at the National Catholic Championship, which also marked his first collegiate victory.

→ Associate head track coach **MATT SPARKS**, who works with the Irish distance runners, joined the Notre Dame staff in 2014 after 12 successful seasons at the helm of the Southern Illinois University cross country program. Sparks was the winningest coach in Missouri Valley Conference cross country history with six conference crowns—five men's and one women's—to his name.

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACH
Sean Carlson

CAPTAINS
Michael Clevenger
Jake Kildoo



CROSS COUNTRY

HEAD COACH

Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE
HEAD COACH

Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACH

Sean Carlson

CAPTAINS

Emily Frydrych

Molly Seidel



→ The Irish women's cross country team qualified for the NCAA Championship for the fourth year in a row and the 13th time since 1993, claiming the final at-large bid with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Notre Dame finished 29th among 31 teams for the second time in as many seasons.

→ Junior **MOLLY SEIDEL** kicked off the season by winning the National Catholic Championship and propelling the Irish to first place as a team. Seidel finished in the top five in four of six races throughout the season, including at the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship (5th at 20:11.2) and NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship (4th at 19:59).

→ Seidel earned All-America honors with her 19th-place finish in 20:23.4 at the NCAA Championship, becoming the ninth Irish woman to earn the distinction and the first since Lindsey Ferguson in 2009.

→ The unranked Irish, who were in and out of the USTFCCA Top 30 throughout the season, defeated ranked opponents in No. 16 Syracuse and No. 30 Boston College at the ACC Championship in a field containing six ranked squads. The Irish finished fifth in the race and re-entered the rankings the following week.

→ The Irish boasted two all-ACC performers for the second year in a row in their second year in the conference, with Seidel (5th, 20:11.2) and junior **DANIELLE ARAGON** (19th, 20:48.4) finishing in the top 21 at the ACC Championship. Seidel's fifth-place showing was the highest for an Irish woman in a conference championship since Sunni Olding placed fifth in the BIG EAST Championship in 2005. Including senior **EMILY FRYDRYCH** (24th, 20:58.5), the Irish had three runners in the top 30 to help Notre Dame to a fifth-place finish and back into the national rankings at No. 29.

→ The Irish began the season with their 13th consecutive title at the National Catholic Championship, in which Notre Dame runners claimed four of the top five spots. The Irish have won 21 of 31 National Catholic Championships since the women's race was introduced in 1984.

29th

in NCAA Championship

5th in ACC Championship
6th in NCAA Championship Great Lakes Regional
Final Ranking: 29th (USTFCCA)

→ A new era for Notre Dame fencing began in 2015, as the Irish entered Atlantic Coast Conference competition with a first-year head coach and a talented freshman class. Former head coach Janusz Bednarski retired and passed the torch to associate head coach Guiorgie "Gia" Kvaratskhelia in early December before the start of the regular season. Kvaratskhelia, a foil specialist, made an impact right from the start as both the men's and women's teams swept Atlantic Coast Conference Championship team titles and went on to finish third by indicator at the combined men's and women's NCAA Championship.

→ As one of only four ACC institutions to sponsor a varsity fencing team, Notre Dame, Boston College and Duke traveled to North Carolina for the first men's ACC Fencing Championship since 1980. After the Irish won the team title outright, **VIRGILE COLLINEAU** (foil), **GARRETT MCGRATH** (epee) and **JONATHAN FITZGERALD** (sabre) won their individual weapon titles as well. Foil runner-up **ARIEL DESMET** was named the tournament MVP.

→ Conference honors were bestowed upon the Irish continually throughout the year as three different fencers were named ACC Men's Fencer of the Week, and several more combatants garnered postseason accolades as well. **HAZEM KHAZBAK** (foil) earned the ACC weekly award Nov. 18, **JONAH SHAINBERG** (sabre) was recognized Jan. 28 and Fitzgerald was honored Feb. 4. In the postseason, McGrath, DeSmet and Fitzgerald were all named ACC Fencer of the Year in their respective weapons classes, and Kvaratskhelia was named the ACC Men's Fencing Coach of the Year.

26-6

1st [in ACC Championship]

3rd in NCAA Championship
Final Ranking: 3rd

→ The final ACC conference honors bestowed on Kvaratskhelia's athletes came in the form of academic all-ACC honors. McGrath, sabre captain **JOHN HALLSTEN**, Shainberg and **NICHOLAS HANAHAN** earned academic all-ACC recognition, while DeSmet was honored as the ACC Men's Fencing Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

→ At the NCAA Midwest Regional, Notre Dame qualified five men for the 2015 NCAA Championship. DeSmet (second) and Collineau (third) were the top foil finishes for the Irish, while Fitzgerald (third) and Shainberg (second) were the top sabreurs. McGrath (second) and (sixth) clinched outright epee bids, while Fitzgerald had to wait until the following week to earn an at-large berth in the 24-man weapon field. Notre Dame was one of only two schools in the field to feature a maximum 12 entrants (six men and six women).

→ After two days of competition, the Notre Dame men's squad earned 68 points toward the team standings, good for eighth place. DeSmet finished his Irish career tied for third place, his second-highest finish after winning the men's

HEAD COACH

Guiorgie "Gia"
Kvaratskhelia

ASSISTANT COACHES

Cedric Loiseau (epee)

Samir Ibrahimov
(sabre)

CAPTAINS

Dale Purdy (epee)

Ariel DeSmet (foil)

John Hallsten (sabre)



foil crown as a freshman in 2011. He earned first-team All-America honors, while Collineau (who finished 11th) and Shainberg (who came in 12th) both earned third-team All-America accolades. In epee, McGrath finished 13th and Hanahan 22nd, while Fitzgerald came in 20th in the sabre class.



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

IRISH FENCING

MEN'S

WOMEN'S

FENCING

HEAD COACH

Guiorgie "Gia" Kvaratskhelia

ASSISTANT COACHES

Cedric Loiseau (epee)

Samir Ibrahimov (sabre)

CAPTAINS

Ashley Severson (epee)

Nicole Ameli (epee)

Madison Zeiss (foil)

Johanna Thill (sabre)



→ Across the five meets in which the Notre Dame women's fencers competed, they dominated at every event, posting a 32-2 record (both losses came to eventual NCAA champion Columbia). They went on to qualify the maximum six entrants to the NCAA Championship in Columbus, Ohio, with three of the six competing in their third NCAA event and one in her fourth.

→ The Irish dominated the first ACC Women's Fencing Championship, winning the team title and clinching two of the three individual weapons titles. Junior foilist **LEE KIEFER** went undefeated with a perfect 15-0 mark, copping MVP honors in addition to her women's foil individual title. Other top foilists included **NICOLE MCKEE** (runner-up) and **SARAH FOLLOWILL** and **MADISON ZEISS**, who tied for third. In epee, co-captains **ASHLEY SEVERSON** and **NICOLE AMELI** faced each other, with Ameli winning the title 15-7. **CATHERINE LEE** finished tied for third. In sabre, freshman **CLAUDIA KULMACZ** finished second, while classmate **JAMIE NORVILLE** came in third.

→ Conference honors were bestowed upon the Irish continually throughout the year as three different fencers were named ACC Women's Fencer of the Week and several more combatants garnered postseason accolades. Freshman sabreuse **FRANCESCA RUSSO** earned the weekly award Nov. 18, while

Severson was honored Jan. 28 and Kiefer claimed the honor Feb. 4. In addition, Severson was named co-ACC Women's Epeeist of the Year (alongside Boston College's Olivia Adragna), while Kiefer was named the ACC Women's Foilist of the Year in addition to being named the ACC Women's Fencing Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Severson, Ameli, Kulmacz and Russo all made the academic all-ACC team for women's fencing.

→ Sitting in eighth place with 68 points after the men's competition, the Irish women stormed the strips on day three of the NCAA Championship, earning 59 points and vaulting into third place. On day four, the Irish dropped some tough bouts to eventual champion Columbia but came away with two individual champions. Kiefer won her third consecutive title, becoming the sixth fencer in Irish history to do so in her freshman through junior seasons. Russo claimed her first career NCAA title—the first Irish women's sabre freshman to do so since Sarah Borrmann accomplished the feat in 2008—and the ninth Notre Dame freshman to do so in all weapon classes.

32-2

1st in ACC Championship

3rd in NCAA Championship
Final Ranking: 2nd

→ Irish head coach Brian Kelly became the first Notre Dame football coach to win eight or more games in each of his first five seasons and lead those five squads to postseason bowl games.

→ Fifth-ranked and unbeaten Notre Dame's Oct. 11 matchup with second-rated and unbeaten Florida State in Tallahassee drew a 7.9 rating in prime time on ABC Sports, making it the highest-rated regular-season game of the 2014 season. Only the College Football Playoff semifinals and title game drew higher ratings.

→ Notre Dame's 31-0 victory over Michigan Sept. 6 in Notre Dame Stadium ended an NCAA-record streak of 365 consecutive games played by the Wolverines without being shut out (dating to 1984). Michigan had not been shut out by a non-conference opponent since 1926 and had not been shut out by such a lopsided score since 1967.

→ Irish quarterback **EVERETT GOLSON** finished the 2014 season rated eighth nationally in points responsible for (224), 13th in passing touchdowns with 29 (at Notre Dame, only the 2005 and 2006 season totals by Brady Quinn are higher) and 18th in passing yards (3,445). Against Syracuse he completed 25 consecutive passes, one shy of the NCAA record.

→ Notre Dame sophomore receiver **WILL FULLER** made 15 touchdown receptions in 2014, finishing third nationally in that category and tying the Irish single-season record shared by Golden Tate (2009), Rhema McKnight (2006) and Jeff Samardzija (2005).

8-5

Music City Bowl champion

→ Wide receiver **COREY ROBINSON** claimed first-team Academic All-America honors in 2014 with his 3.83 grade-point average, becoming the first sophomore in the nation to win first-team recognition since 2008 and only the second Notre Dame player to accomplish that as a sophomore (also Joe Heap in 1952).

→ Notre Dame's defense headed into the 2014 regular-season finale against USC having intercepted at least one pass in 14 straight games, the longest active streak in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision. That marked the longest Notre Dame streak since accomplishing the feat in 20 straight games in 2001-02. Notre Dame's 16 interceptions in 2014 ranked 15th nationally.

→ **KYLE BRINDZA'S** game-winning field goal as time expired to defeat LSU in the Music City Bowl capped his Notre Dame career as the all-time Irish leader in field goals with 58 (in 81 attempts).

→ Four of Notre Dame's defeats in 2014 came against opponents that finished in the final Associated Press top 25—No. 5 Florida State, No. 12 Arizona State, No. 20 USC and No. 24 Louisville.

HEAD COACH

Brian Kelly

ASSISTANT COACHES

Mike Denbrock (OC/WRs)

Brian VanGorder (DC/inside LBs)

Paul Longo (strength and conditioning)

Tony Alford (RBs)

Scott Booker (TEs/ST)

Kerry Cooks (DBs)

Bob Elliott (outside LBs)

Mike Elston (DL)

Harry Hiestand (OL)

Matt LaFleur (QBs)

CAPTAINS

Austin Collinsworth

Sheldon Day

Nick Martin

Cam McDaniel



FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH
Jim Kubinski

ASSISTANT COACH
Scott Gump



→ The Notre Dame men's golf team capped its second season as an Atlantic Coast Conference member during the 2014-15 campaign. The ACC established a conference record with 10 of its 12 men's golf members qualifying for the 2015 NCAA Championship.

→ Notre Dame logged a cumulative stroke average under 300 in the five-count-four scoring format for the 15th time in program history, posting a 298.03 clip over 31 team rounds in 2014-15. The Irish have recorded five of the best six scoring averages in team history dating back to the 2009-10 season.

→ Notre Dame won the first tournament in which it competed during the fall of 2014, cruising to a 19-shot victory at the inaugural Notre Dame Kickoff Challenge at the Warren Golf Course. The Irish compiled rounds of 281-280-561 (-7) for the team victory, while senior **PATRICK GRAHEK** was the event co-medalist at six-under-par 136 (67-69).

→ Irish golfers fired 29 individual rounds of par or better during the 2014-15 season, including 19 rounds under par. Notre Dame players added 12 rounds in the 60s, led by the seven sub-70 rounds of sophomore **MATTHEW RUSHTON**.

→ Rushton finished the season as Notre Dame's stroke average leader at 73.84 after appearing in all 31 of the team's competitive rounds. Twenty-nine of Rushton's 31 round scores ultimately counted toward the Irish team total in the five-count-four format.

→ For the first time in the nine-year history of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish Golf Classic, the program's signature home tournament was played on two different layouts in 2014. Rounds one and three were held at the Warren Golf Course just north of the Notre Dame campus, while the second round took place at the par-71, 6,872-yard Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan, about 30 miles from the University.

11th
in ACC Championship

→ Notre Dame advanced to its eighth consecutive NCAA Championship regional (and the 10th in program history) in 2014-15. The Fighting Irish played host to an NCAA regional event for the second time in five seasons, placing eighth in the 18-team field at the NCAA South Bend Regional, which took place on Notre Dame's award-winning Warren Golf Course.

→ Notre Dame set a program record with a 296.60 season stroke average, topping the previous mark by more than two strokes (298.70 in 2012-13). All of the top nine single-season stroke average totals in Fighting Irish women's golf history have come in the nine-year tenure of current head coach Susan Holt, with Notre Dame trimming more than 10 shots off its school-record stroke average under Holt's guidance.

→ The Fighting Irish placed in the top five in four tournaments during the 2014-15 campaign, including a victory at the season-opening Mary Fossum Invitational, as well as a runner-up finish at the fourth annual Clover Cup, co-hosted by Notre Dame and the Longbow Golf Club in Mesa, Arizona.

→ Junior **TALIA CAMPBELL** became the first Notre Dame golfer to earn all-Atlantic Coast Conference honors when she earned a spot on the 12-player team as voted on by the league's 11 head coaches following the ACC Championship. Campbell posted the second-lowest single-season stroke average

in program history (73.43) in 2014-15 and was the top Fighting Irish finisher in six tournaments, including two top-five and three top-10 outings.

→ Senior captain **ASHLEY ARMSTRONG** completed her Notre Dame career with a 74.98 stroke average, the third-lowest mark in the program's 27-year history. A three-time Academic All-America selection and 2015 recipient of an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship, an ACC Postgraduate Scholarship and the University's Byron V. Kanaley Award, Armstrong carded a career-low 74.10 stroke average (fourth in the school's record book) during her final season with the Fighting Irish in 2014-15.

→ Sophomore **JORDAN FERREIRA** began her second year at Notre Dame on a high note, competing in the 2014 U.S. Women's Open played on the legendary Pinehurst No. 2 course in Pinehurst, North Carolina. Ferreira is among 42 players with Fighting Irish ties to qualify for one of three major United States Golf Association (USGA) women's championships—the U.S. Open, U.S. Amateur or U.S. Amateur Public Links—since 1990. Ferreira went on to register a career-best 74.56 stroke average in 2014-15, capped off by tying Campbell for 19th place in the NCAA South Bend Regional at 221 (+5), the lowest score posted by a Notre Dame golfer in NCAA regional play.

HEAD COACH
Susan Holt

ASSISTANT COACH
Kyle Lynne Demeter

CAPTAIN
Ashley Armstrong



6th
in ACC Championship

29th in NCAA Championship
8th in NCAA Championship South Bend Regional



FIGHTING IRISH



HEAD COACH

Jeff Jackson

ASSOCIATE
HEAD COACH

Paul Pooley

ASSOCIATE COACH

Andy Slaggert

VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACH

Gordon Burnett

CAPTAINS

Steven Fogarty

Robbie Russo

ALTERNATE CAPTAINS

Sam Herr

Peter Schneider



→ A young Irish hockey team which regularly dressed seven or eight freshmen jelled as the year progressed en route to an 18-19-5 record. The team defeated three top-10 teams in February, including eventual national champion Providence and eventual national runner-up Boston University. Benefitting from the stronger second half to the season, Notre Dame finished 10-7-5 in Hockey East games, placing fifth of 12 teams in what proved to be the nation's top conference in 2014-15.

→ After tying for the national lead in goals scored among defensemen, senior **ROBBIE RUSSO** was rewarded for his stellar 2014-15 season with a spot on the CCM Hockey All-America team. Russo matched Denver's Joey LaLeggia with 15 goals for most in the country among blue-liners—while his 41 points fell one shy of the national defenseman pace of 42 set by Mike Reilly of Minnesota. A first-team all-Hockey East selection, Russo led the conference in both goals and points by a defenseman.

→ Freshman goaltender **CAL PETERSEN** turned in a spectacular second half of the season between the pipes, earning either the league's player of the week, defensive player of the week or rookie of the week honor for five consecutive weeks between Feb. 9 and March 9. Highlighting that streak was his NCAA Division I record 87-save performance in Notre Dame's 4-3 quintuple overtime loss to Massachusetts March 6 in the Hockey East playoffs first round. Petersen led the nation in February, posting a .962 save percentage, stopping 279 of the 290 shots he faced.

→ Hockey East proved to be the country's top conference in 2014-15 and two of its six best came from Notre Dame as both forward **VINCE HINOSTROZA** and Russo earned first-team all-conference accolades. The coupling of Hinostroza and Russo marked the first time Notre Dame had two first-team all-conference picks in the same season since 1976-77 when Jack Brownschidle and Brian

Walsh were both named to the all-WCHA first team. Additionally, Petersen earned league recognition as he was named as the goaltender on the Hockey East all-rookie team.

→ The Irish lineup in 2014-15 featured 10 NHL draftees, tying for third-most nationally and standing as the top sum in Hockey East. Seven of the 10 will return for 2015-16, to be joined by two incoming drafted freshmen. The 10 draftees from 2014-15 were **ANDERS BJORK** (Boston), **THOMAS DIPAULI** (Washington), **JAKE EVANS** (Montreal), **STEVEN FOGARTY** (New York Rangers), Hinostroza (Chicago), **CONNOR HURLEY** (Buffalo), **MARIO LUCIA** (Minnesota), Petersen (Buffalo), Russo (New York Islanders) and **AUSTIN WUTHRICH** (Washington).

→ Off of the ice, senior **PETER SCHNEIDER** earned Capital One Academic All-America honors on the spring at-large team. Boasting a 3.91 cumulative grade-point average as a double major, earning degrees in economics and finance and a minor in actuary from the Mendoza College of Business, Schneider also was named the recipient of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award for the third time in his career. Schneider was joined on the Hockey East all-academic team by teammates **JOE AIKEN**, **TONY BRETZMAN**, Fogarty, **ERIC JOHNSON**, **CHAD KATUNAR**, Petersen, **LUKE RIPLEY**, Andy Ryan and **NICK STASACK**.

18-19-5

10-7-5 (Hockey East)

Hockey East Championship quarterfinalist

→ The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team finished the 2015 campaign with a 12-3 record and won the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season championship with a 4-0 mark.

→ The Irish played in the NCAA Championship for the 10th straight year and 20th time in school history. Notre Dame advanced to Championship Weekend for the second consecutive year (a first for the program), the fourth time in the last six years and the fifth time (2001, 2010, 2012 and 2014 were the other semifinal appearances) overall.

→ Notre Dame and Maryland are the only two programs to earn NCAA berths each of the last 10 seasons. Head coach Kevin Corrigan is the only coach to lead his team to the quarterfinals each of the last six seasons.

→ Notre Dame earned the program's first No. 1 seed in the NCAA Championship, marking the eighth time overall and seventh occasion in the last eight seasons the Fighting Irish nabbed one of the eight national seeds.

→ Junior defenseman **MATT LANDIS** became the school's first recipient of the William C. Schmeisser Award presented by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) as the nation's top player on defense and the third different Fighting Irish player to earn one of that organization's top awards. Landis also was named the ACC Defensive Player of the Year.

→ A record seven Notre Dame players earned USILA All-America honors. The Fighting Irish led all schools with three first-team honorees. Landis, along with junior attackman **MATT KAVANAGH** and sophomore midfielder **SERGIO PERKOVIC**, garnered first-team honors,

while senior midfielder **JACK NEAR** copped second-team accolades. Senior attackman **CONOR DOYLE**, senior midfielder **NICK OSSELLO** and sophomore defenseman **GARRETT EPPLE** were honorable mention selections.

→ Doyle, Kavanagh, Landis and Perkovic were selected to the all-ACC team.

→ Kavanagh was one of five finalists for the Tewaaron Award, presented annually to the top college player.

→ Perkovic landed a spot on the NCAA Championship all-tournament team after scoring five goals (all in the final period) in Notre Dame's 11-10 overtime loss to Denver in the national semifinal. He also netted five goals in the 2014 title game versus Duke.

→ Notre Dame finished undefeated at home for the 10th time in school history and first time since 2011 after posting a 7-0 record. The seven home wins matched a program best.

→ Perkovic led the Fighting Irish with 34 goals scored to set a Notre Dame single-season record for most goals scored by a sophomore midfielder.

→ Rookie **MIKEY WYNNE** netted 33 goals to establish a single-season Notre Dame freshman record. He eclipsed Kavanagh's mark of 32 goals set in 2013.

→ The Fighting Irish spent four weeks (March 30-April 15) ranked number one in both the USILA (coaches) and Cascade/Maverik (Inside Lacrosse media poll). It marked the most consecutive weeks any Notre Dame lacrosse team held the number-one ranking.

→ Near was named to the USILA Scholar All-America Team.

HEAD COACH

Kevin Corrigan

ASSISTANT COACHES

Gerry Byrne

Matt Karweck

VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACH

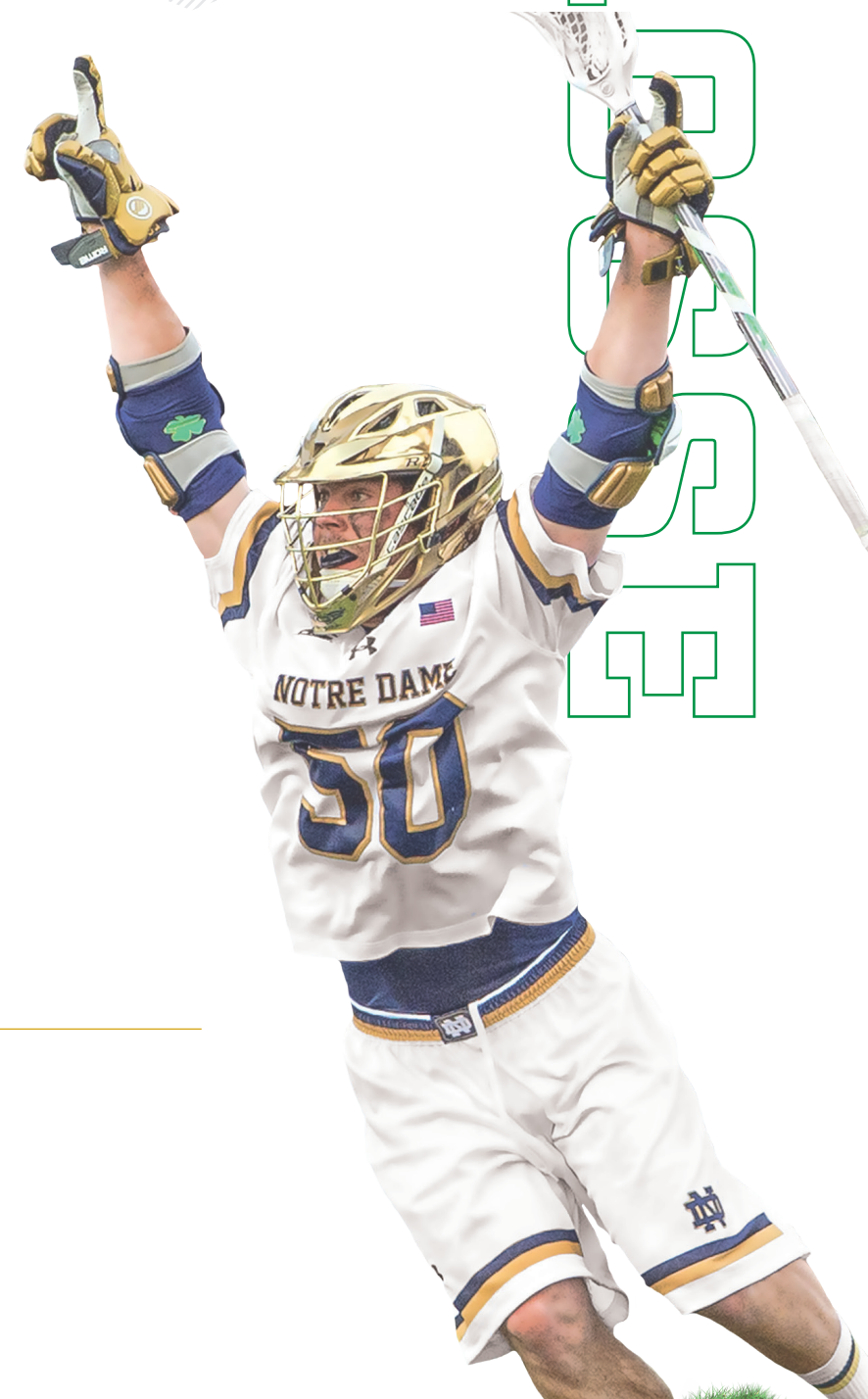
Kevin Anderson

CAPTAINS

Conor Doyle

Jim Marlatt

Jack Near



12-3

4-0 (ACC)

ACC Championship semifinalist
NCAA Championship semifinalist
Final Rankings: 2nd (Inside Lacrosse and USILA)

WESPORTS

HEAD COACH

Christine Halfpenny

ASSISTANT COACHES

Sarah Dalton
Katie PowellVOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACH

Kelly Driscoll

CAPTAINS

Leah Gallagher
Shauna Pugliese
Barbara Sullivan

→ The Irish saw a season of firsts as the program continued to develop under fourth-year head coach Christine Halfpenny. Notre Dame earned a spot in the NCAA Championship for a school-record fourth consecutive year. The Irish downed Ohio State in the first round at Northwestern, earning their first NCAA win away from home. Notre Dame also advanced to the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals for the first time after defeating Virginia on its home field during the quarterfinals.

→ Notre Dame claimed a school-record three wins against top-10 teams. Remarkably, all three of the wins came on the road and after April 4. The Irish defeated No. 4 Virginia 14-4 April 4 in Charlottesville and then flew north to down No. 7 Syracuse 12-11 in overtime April 7 at the Carrier Dome. The Irish returned to Charlottesville and beat No. 5 Virginia 7-6 in the ACC quarterfinals April 23. Prior to 2015, only once before (2008) had Notre Dame claimed two top-seven road wins in the same season, let alone in consecutive contests. The first win over Virginia marked the highest-ranked victory in school history on an opponent's true home field. The triumph at Syracuse marked Notre Dame's first victory at the Carrier Dome in nine tries.

→ Notre Dame has regularly been among the best in the country in caused turnovers under Halfpenny and 2015 was no exception. The Irish led the ACC and ranked third nationally by causing 11.05 turnovers per game. Notre Dame finished in the top 10 nationally in caused turnovers for the fourth consecutive season under Halfpenny and led its league for the third year in a row. Individually, Notre Dame had four of the top five players in the ACC in caused turnovers—**BARBARA SULLIVAN** (first at 1.75 per game), **CORTNEY FORTUNATO** (second at 1.50), **CASEY PEARSALL** (third at 1.38) and **STEPHANIE PERAGALLO** (fifth at 1.25). That, and the goaltending work of **LIZ O'SULLIVAN**, helped post 10 single-digit defensive scoring efforts, the most since 2004 when 12 Notre Dame foes were held to single-digit scoring.

→ Depth on the offensive end of the field helped the Irish in 2015. Eight different players recorded at least one hat trick, led by Fortunato's 10. The Irish saw a school-record nine players break the 20-point plateau, eight of whom return for 2016. Players who accounted for 312 of Notre Dame's 336 points in 2015 (93 percent) are expected back in 2016.

→ For just the second time in school history, Notre Dame had four IWLCAs All-America selections as Fortunato (first team), Sullivan (first team), **ALEX DALTON** (second team) and Pearsall (third team) all had that honor bestowed upon them. Only national champion Maryland (five) had more All-Americans in 2015. All four had been named to the all-West/Midwest Region first team, while Peragallo received second-team all-region honors.

→ Sullivan was one of five finalists for the Tewaaron Award, making her just the sixth defensive player to ever reach the finalist stage. Sullivan was named the national defensive player of the year by Inside Lacrosse and also picked up the ACC defensive player-of-the-year honor. A first-team All-American in 2013, Sullivan missed almost all of the 2014 season with a back injury and played her way into shape during the first half of 2015. Her progress was shown in earning a spot on the ACC all-tournament team, and she finished the season as the ACC leader in caused turnovers, ranking third nationally. Sullivan also contributed a Notre Dame-record 85 draw controls. Fortunato had also been one of 25 nominees for the award. Both Sullivan (first team) and Fortunato (second team) represented the Irish on the all-ACC teams.

→ Finishing as the Atlantic Coast Conference runner-up for the second straight season, the Notre Dame rowing team earned its eighth bid to the NCAA Championship in 2015. The Irish finished in 16th place at the NCAA regatta with 41 points.

→ Notre Dame now has qualified for the NCAA Championship in four consecutive seasons under head coach Martin Stone. Stone, who has served as the only head coach in program history since assuming his role in 1997, led the Irish to top finishes of ninth place at the 2006 and 2014 NCAA regattas.

→ Senior **ANNA KOTTKAMP** graduated in May 2015 with a degree in environmental science from the College of Science while sporting a perfect 4.00 grade-point average. She is the first student-athlete to be named valedictorian of a Notre Dame graduating class. Kottkamp was also a recipient of the NCAA Elite 89 Award (highest GPA at an NCAA Championship) for the second consecutive year, was an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient and was one of five Notre Dame student-athletes named to 2015 Capital One Academic All-America Division I Men's and Women's At-Large teams.

→ Senior **AILISH SHEEHAN** became the latest Notre Dame rowing All-American after receiving Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) Pocock All-America second-team accolades. Sheehan copped the 15th Notre Dame All-America scroll in the past 13 seasons, joining Molly Bruggeman (2012-13 first team, 2014 second team), Erin Boxberger (2013 second team, 2014 first team), Amanda Polk (2005-08 first team), Allison Marsh (2007 second team), Sarah Palandech (2006 second team), Julie Sobolewski (2006 second team), Natalie Ladine (2004 first team) and Ashlee Warren (2002 second team) as Irish All-America honorees.

→ Joining Sheehan (first team) as CRCA all-region selections were junior **JOANNA MULVEY** (first team) and Kottkamp (second team). Sheehan and Mulvey also represented Notre Dame on the all-ACC first team, while freshman coxswain **REILLY KEARNEY** was selected as second-team all-conference following the ACC Championship.

→ Led by 2015 University of Notre Dame valedictorian Kottkamp, nine Irish rowers claimed CRCA National Scholar-Athlete recognition in May. Kottkamp, senior **ROSE DOERFLER**, senior **CARLEE BECKLER**, senior **MADELYNN CONLIN**, junior

HEAD COACH

Martin Stone

ASSOCIATE
HEAD COACH

Joe Schlosberg

ASSISTANT COACH

Marnie Stahl

VOLUNTEER
ASSISTANT COACH

Carol Ann Michel



SARAH KAPPERS, junior **SARAH RUSSEL**, junior **KATIE SKORCZ**, junior **ALEX TECHAR** and sophomore **CATHERINE WAGNER** were chosen CRCA National Scholar-Athletes after fielding 3.5 or higher career cumulative grade-point averages while appearing in at least 75 percent of Notre Dame races in 2015.

2nd

in ACC Championship

16th in NCAA Championship
Final Ranking: 16th11-9
3-4 [ACC]ACC Championship semifinalist
NCAA Championship second round
Final Rankings: 14th (IWLCAs), 17th (Inside Lacrosse)

ROWING

RECORDS

HEAD COACH

Bobby Clark

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

BJ Craig

ASSISTANT COACH

Greg Dalby

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH

Vern Gingerich

CAPTAINS

Nick Besler

Luke Mishu

Andrew O'Malley



➔ Notre Dame won the Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division and finished the regular season with a league-best 19 points. It marked the second straight ACC regular-season title for the Fighting Irish and the team's third conference crown in the last three years.

➔ Notre Dame garnered the No. 1 overall seed for the NCAA Championship for the second time in three seasons. The Irish earned a spot in the NCAA Championship field for the 17th time overall and the 13th time in 14 seasons under head coach Bobby Clark. Clark has led the Irish to at least the round of 16 seven times. This season signified the ninth time the Fighting Irish earned one of the 16 national seeds and a first-round bye in the 48-team field.

➔ Junior midfielder **PATRICK HODAN**, who led the Irish in goals (9) and points (21), was named the 2014 Atlantic Coast Conference Offensive Player of the Year in addition to garnering first-team Academic All-America honors. It marked the third straight season Notre Dame has produced a conference offensive player of the year.

➔ Notre Dame opened its season by claiming a share of the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic title. The Irish topped No. 12 Marquette 2-1 in the opener and then tied No. 9 Georgetown 0-0 to tie Indiana for the championship. It was the third straight IU Classic title for the Irish, who won the event outright in 2012 and 2013.

➔ Twelve of Notre Dame's 21 opponents were ranked at the time of the match. The Fighting Irish posted a 6-2-4 mark against those ranked squads.

➔ Notre Dame's NCAA Championship second-round contest versus Ohio State marked the 300th game for Clark during his Fighting Irish tenure. Clark has guided the Irish to a 182-74-45 (.679) record during his 14 seasons on the Notre Dame sideline.

➔ Notre Dame has compiled a remarkable resume over the last three seasons. In that span, the Fighting Irish have posted a 46-10-1 (.769) record, won the 2013 national championship and captured conference titles in all three seasons.

12-5-4

6-1-1 (ACC)

6-1-1 in ACC (Coastal Division champion)
NCAA Championship Third Round
Final Rankings: 9th (NSCAA), 11th (Soccer America)

➔ Notre Dame qualified for the NCAA Championship for the 22nd consecutive season in 2014, the second-longest active streak in Division I women's soccer. The Fighting Irish qualification streak ranks third in NCAA history. North Carolina has earned a bid into the NCAA Championship in 33 straight seasons for the national lead, while Connecticut previously enjoyed a 26-year uninterrupted stretch in the national tournament from 1982-2007. Notre Dame has won at least one match in 20 of its 22 NCAA Championship appearances.

➔ Sophomore forward **KALEIGH OLMSTED** scored the latest match-winning postseason goal in Notre Dame history during an NCAA Championship first-round contest against Valparaiso Nov. 14, tallying the winning goal with 50 seconds remaining in a 1-0 Irish victory. Senior forward **KARIN SIMONIAN** converted with just three seconds left in a 3-1 defeat at the hands of No. 2 Florida State in an Atlantic Coast Conference Championship semifinal contest Nov. 7, equaling classmate Sammy Scofield's (89:57 against Syracuse, Sept. 20, 2013) program record for the latest regulation goal scored in a Notre Dame women's soccer match.

➔ Notre Dame surpassed the 500-win plateau Oct. 9 with a 2-0 ACC victory at Pittsburgh. The Fighting Irish have averaged nearly 18.75 wins per season in 27 years since the program was elevated to varsity status in 1988.

➔ Theresa Romagnolo became just the second first-year Notre Dame women's soccer head coach to qualify for the NCAA Championship during her inaugural season, reaching

the third round of the national tournament in College Station, Texas. Randy Waldrum guided Notre Dame to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Women's College Cup to close out his first season with the Fighting Irish in 1999.

➔ Sophomore midfielder **MORGAN ANDREWS** led the Notre Dame offense in scoring for the second straight season, finishing 2014 with 17 points (six goals, five assists). Andrews became just the fifth Notre Dame player to lead the team outright in points scored during consecutive seasons (Suzie Zilvitis, 1988-89; Amanda Guertin, 2001-02; Kerri Hanks, 2006-08; Melissa Henderson, 2009-11).

➔ Notre Dame secured its first come-from-behind victory in a regular-season opener since the inaugural game in program history (Sept. 1, 1988, a 5-1 win over IU-South Bend), erasing a one-goal deficit to defeat Illinois 3-1 Aug. 22 in Champaign, Illinois. Freshman midfielder **TAYLOR KLAWUNDER** became just the fifth freshman in team history (and the first since Amanda Cinalli against Baylor on Aug. 27, 2004) to tally the first Irish goal of a season when she tied the match at 1-1 in the 40th minute.

➔ The women's soccer and softball teams remain the only Notre Dame varsity athletic programs to have avoided a losing win-loss record in their respective histories following a 14-6-2 finish for the Fighting Irish on the soccer field in 2014. Notre Dame women's soccer has posted a .500-or-better final record in all 27 of its varsity seasons, while the softball program also finished 2015 with its 27th consecutive winning campaign.

HEAD COACH

Theresa Romagnolo

ASSISTANT COACHES

Dawn Siergiej

Diego Bocanegra

CAPTAINS

Katie Naughton

Cari Roccaro

Sammy Scofield



RECORDS



14-6-2

7-2-1 (ACC)

NCAA Championship Third Round
Final Rankings: 11th (NSCAA and Soccer America)

FAST FACTS



HEAD COACH

Deanna Gumpf

ASSISTANT COACHES

Kris Ganeff
Lizzy Ristano

CAPTAINS

Emilee Koerner
Jenna Simon



→ The Notre Dame softball team qualified for the NCAA Championship for the 20th time (17th consecutive season) by playing host to the NCAA South Bend Regional at Melissa Cook Stadium in 2015. It marked just the second time Notre Dame served as an NCAA regional host in softball and first since 2005.

→ Notre Dame concluded its second season as an Atlantic Coast Conference member with a 42-15 overall record, placing third in the regular-season conference standings with a 17-6 league mark. After leading the NCAA in team batting average in 2014 (.357),

the Irish again finished in the national top 10 in hitting with a .351 final average (sixth nationally) in 2015.

→ Notre Dame established single-season program records for hits (543), runs (395) and on-base percentage (.419) in 2015.

→ The 2015 Notre Dame team reached the 40-win plateau for the 17th time in 27 seasons at the varsity level and now has won 40 or more contests each season since 2009. A 24-game Irish winning streak that stretched from March 15 to April 22 qualified as the second-longest in NCAA Division I softball during the 2015 regular season.

→ Head coach Deanna Gumpf became the winningest “diamond” mentor in Notre Dame history with career victory 559 against No. 20 Missouri (3-2) on Feb. 27, surpassing longtime Irish baseball skipper Jake Kline’s 558 wins from 1934-75. Notre Dame softball’s 42 wins in 2015 ran Gumpf’s career total to 591 victories in 14 seasons at the helm of the Irish.

→ Senior outfielder **EMILEE KOERNER** became the first three-time All-American in Notre Dame softball history after being selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America third team. Koerner, who was also named the 2015 ACC Softball Player of the Year, claimed the 26th overall NFCA All-America citation for a Notre Dame softball student-athlete in the program’s 27-year history. The Irish have had six different student-athletes earn eight combined All-America accolades over the past five seasons.

→ Notre Dame equaled a program record previously established in 2014 by having seven of a possible eight players earn NFCA Mid-Atlantic all-region honors after the 2015 season. Koerner, senior **KATEY HAUS**, junior All-American **MICAELA ARIZMENDI** and sophomore All-American **KARLEY WESTER** were each named to the NFCA Mid-Atlantic all-region first team. Senior **CASSIDY WHIDDEN** earned all-region recognition for the second straight season by being tabbed to the NFCA Mid-Atlantic all-region second team, as did senior co-captain **JENNA SIMON** as a member of the region’s third team. Freshman **MORGAN REED** rounded out the Notre Dame honorees alongside Simon on the third team. Since the 1992 season, Notre Dame has earned 88 all-region accolades, with 54 players receiving first-team recognition in that span.

→ The Irish softball program was the recipient of the Notre Dame Trophy Award, presented in recognition of excellence in community service, for the fourth time in five years at the year-end O.S.C.A.R.S. (Outstanding Student-Athletes Celebrating Achievement & Recognition Showcase) gala. Notre Dame softball totaled more than 2,000 hours of community service for an average of over 100 hours per student-athlete during the academic year, highlighted by raising more than \$30,000 for the third straight year during its fifth annual Strikeout Cancer weekend in April. Notre Dame softball has raised more than \$135,000 to directly aid pediatric cancer patients since the initiative began in 2011.

42-15
17-6 (ACC)

NCAA Championship South Bend Regional
Final Ranking: 22nd (NFCA)

→ In a season that featured both building on tradition and laying the foundation for a new era in Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving, first-year head coach **MATT TALLMAN** led his team to a fifth-place finish at its second Atlantic Coast Conference Championships.

→ The Irish finished the fall semester with a 3-3 mark, winning the 50th Dennis Stark Relays in October and defeating Michigan State a month later. They won against Atlantic Coast Conference foe Pittsburgh in early November and came just shy of beating Iowa at the Hawkeye Invitational in December.

→ Notre Dame finished strong in the spring semester with eight school records and two pool records broken at the Shamrock Invitational meet.

→ Notre Dame sent eight entrants—seven swimmers and one diver—to the 2015 NCAA Championship held at the University of Iowa. The Irish finished in 32nd place, though the highlight of the trip came when senior breaststroker **ZACHARY STEPHENS** earned All-America accolades in two events—becoming the first Notre Dame men’s swimmer to earn multiple All-America scrolls at the same championship meet.

→ In addition to Stephens, **TRENT JACKSON**, **BENJAMIN JANY**, **REED FUJAN** and **TOM ANDERSON** also earned honorable mention All-America accolades at the NCAA meet for their 16th-place finish in the 800 free relay event.

→ The ACC also recognized the Irish periodically throughout the year, as diver **JOSEPH COUMOS** was tabbed as ACC Diver of the Week Feb. 10. In addition, **ANDREW JENSEN** and **CAMERON MILLER** received academic all-ACC recognition.

→ The Irish excelled in the classroom in 2014-15, as the team received CSCAA Scholar All-Academic recognition in both the fall and spring semesters. Four individuals—Jensen, **BOGAC AYHAN**, Miller and **MICHAEL KREFT**—also earned individual honorable mention Scholar All-America scrolls.

→ The graduating class of 2015 etched its mark in the Irish record books early on as one of the largest and highest-ranked recruiting classes in recent memory. Among those 11 graduates, five leave Notre Dame holding school records and four achieved pool records.

HEAD COACH

Matt Tallman

HEAD DIVING COACH

Caiming Xie

ASSISTANT COACH

Tim Lane

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES

Josh Skube (swimming)
Annie Eaton (diving)



6-6
5th in ACC Championship

32nd in NCAA Championship



WINTER

WOMEN'S

INTERIM HEAD COACH

Tim Welsh

HEAD DIVING COACH

Caiming Xie

ASSISTANT COACH

Ryan Von Gunten

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES

Josh Skube (swimming)

Annie Eaton (diving)

CAPTAINS

Allison Casareto

Bridget Casey

Courtney Whyte



→ Senior **EMMA REANEY** wrapped up her outstanding Irish career with another impressive season in 2014-15. At the Atlantic Coast Conference Championship, the Lawrence, Kansas, native won the 100-yard breaststroke for the second year in a row and finished with two all-conference certificates. At the NCAA Championship, Reaney earned three All-America citations to end her Notre Dame career with eight All-America recognitions to go with five honorable mention All-America scrolls.

→ Joining Reaney at the NCAA Championship were fellow seniors **ALLISON CASARETO** and **COURTNEY WHYTE**. A standout on the diving boards all four years, Casareto made the most of her first NCAA invitation by earning honorable mention All-America honors in the one-meter dive. Meanwhile, Whyte took part in her second consecutive NCAA meet, but her first as an individual, as she swam in the 100- and 200-yard butterfly and the 100-yard backstroke events.

→ With Reaney and Casareto both racking up points, the Irish placed 21st at the NCAA Championship with 55 points. At the ACC meet, Notre Dame claimed sixth place with 644 points.

→ While her teammates were split between the Texas and Hawkeye invitationals, Reaney swam for the U.S. National Team at her first international meet in early December. Swimming in four events at the 2014 FINA

Short Course World Championships, Reaney reached the finals in the 50-meter breaststroke, but made her biggest splash with U.S. teammates Felicia Lee, Claire Donahue, Amanda Weir and former Olympian Natalie Coughlin in the 4x50-meter medley relay. After qualifying second in the preliminaries in an American record time of 1:46.82, the group went lower in the finals to earn silver (1:44.92). The American record is the second for Reaney—she also set one in the 200-yard breaststroke in winning an NCAA championship in the event in 2014.

→ In addition to Casareto, divers **EMMA GABOURY** and **LINDSEY STREEPEY** both turned in outstanding campaigns. The juniors each earned ACC Women's Diver of the Week accolades in November for standout performances in dual meets against Illinois and Purdue, respectively.

→ During the dual season, the Irish picked up wins over Michigan State, Vanderbilt, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Incarnate Word, Iowa and Cleveland State to finish with a 7-9 mark. Notre Dame also competed in the Dennis Stark Relays, Texas Invitational, Hawkeye Invitational and Shamrock Invitational prior to the ACC Championship.

7-9

6th in ACC Championship

21st in NCAA Championship

→ The Fighting Irish men's tennis team finished the season with its 12th straight bid to the NCAA Championship and its 24th in the past 25 seasons. Notre Dame finished the season with a 14-12 record, including a 6-6 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season play.

→ Junior **QUENTIN MONAGHAN** turned in a historic season for the Irish, capping the year with an appearance in the semifinal of the NCAA Singles Championship. His run through the tournament marked the best for an Irish singles player since the individual championships were separated from the team competition in 1977. His final Oracle/ITA singles ranking of No. 7 was the third-highest finish by a singles player in Notre Dame program history. Monaghan amassed a 33-7 overall record, including a 20-3 mark in dual competition.

→ Monaghan racked up several recognitions throughout the season, including ACC Player of the Week (March 24), first-team all-ACC, academic all-ACC, singles All-America and ITA Midwest Region Player to Watch. After the season, he was selected to compete at the American Collegiate Invitational during the second week of the U.S. Open, with a chance to earn a wild-card spot into the 2016 U.S. Open. He was also slated to compete in the inaugural Oracle ITA Masters in September 2015 as part of the elite 16-player field.

14-12

6-6 (ACC)

ACC Championship first round
NCAA Championship first round
Final Ranking: 37th (ITA)

→ Senior **BILLY PECOR** and junior **ALEX LAWSON** also made a splash as one of the nation's top doubles units during the 2014-15 season. The duo kicked off the year by winning the ITA National Summer Doubles Championship in August 2014, then earned a bid to the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Doubles Championship in November 2015. The pair spent the spring season ranked among the nation's top 15 and put together a 12-4 record at the No. 1 doubles slot (25-9 overall). Pecor and Lawson capped the season with a trip to the Round of 16 at the NCAA Doubles Championship, the first duo to do so since 1998.

→ Senior **DOUGIE BARNARD** and Monaghan were named to the academic all-ACC squad after the season's conclusion. Barnard made the roster after a stellar academic career in which he amassed a 3.917 grade-point average as a theology and peace studies major. He added significant playing time as a senior, building a 13-5 doubles record playing primarily alongside Monaghan at the No. 3 slot. Barnard also earned his first career dual singles victory. Monaghan supplemented his outstanding on-the-court ventures with his best academic semester in the spring of 2015 as a management consulting major. It was Monaghan's second appearance on the ACC academic squad.

HEAD COACH

Ryan Sachire

ASSISTANT COACH

Adam Schaechterle

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH

Cris James

CAPTAINS

Alex Lawson

Quentin Monaghan

Eric Schnurrenberger



MEN'S

SOFTBALL

HEAD COACH
Jay Louderback

ASSISTANT COACH
Catrina Thompson

CAPTAINS
Molly O'Koniewski
Katherine White



→ The Fighting Irish women's tennis team made its 20th straight appearance in the NCAA Championship, capping a 14-11 (8-6 ACC) spring campaign.

→ The doubles tandem of junior **QUINN GLEASON** and sophomore **MONICA ROBINSON** spent the spring season ranked inside the top 30 as Notre Dame's top doubles squad after a fall season in which the pair earned a bid to the USTA/ITA National Indoor Intercollegiate Championships. The duo went 22-9 overall, including 14-6 in dual play, good enough to earn a spot among the 32-team field at the NCAA Doubles Championship. Gleason and Robinson also scored a pair of wins over top-15 opponents, defeating No. 10 Emina Bektas and Alex Najarian of Michigan (Feb. 1) and No. 12 Caroline Price and Jamie Loeb of North Carolina (March 13).

→ Freshman **ALLISON MILLER** turned in a stellar rookie campaign, leading the Irish singles lineup in winning percentage at the No. 5 slot. Miller went 16-7 in dual play, including an impressive 10-3 during ACC competition, and was 23-10 overall.

→ Junior **JULIE VRABEL** was named to the academic all-ACC team, logging a 4.0 grade-point average during the spring semester while putting in solid time at No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles. A pre-professional studies major, Vrabel made her first appearance on the academic all-ACC roster.

→ Gleason and Robinson enjoyed all-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition after a season in which they emerged as one of the conference's best doubles tandems. Gleason earned second-team honors, adding to her third-team nod a season ago, while Robinson picked up her first all-ACC citation with a third-team scroll.

→ Notre Dame lost a handful of close decisions, even as the Irish competed against top-level talent in the ACC. Playing host to No. 1 North Carolina March 13, Notre Dame picked up a win at No. 1 doubles as No. 21 Gleason and Robinson defeated No. 12 Jamie Loeb and Caroline Price, then forced either a tiebreaker or three sets in three singles matches to take away confidence despite a 5-2 loss to the then-undefeated Tar Heels. The Irish suffered just one shutout loss all season.

14-11
8-6 (ACC)

ACC Championship second round
NCAA Championship first round
Final Ranking: 34th (ITA)



→ The Notre Dame men's indoor track and field season produced five all-Atlantic Coast Conference honorees. Senior standout **CHRIS GIESTING** snared his third career first-team all-ACC nod, finishing second in the 400 meters (46.78) at the conference championship meet, while also adding a second-team scroll to his resume with **ERIC WAYS**, **HARVEY SMITH** and **ALEX GROESCH** in the 4x400-meter relay (third in 3:11.06). **BRENT SWANBERG** was a second-team all-conference selection with his fifth-place finish in the heptathlon (5,201 points).

→ Giesting was Notre Dame's lone representative at the NCAA Indoor Championship, qualifying for the 400 meters. The senior, who owns the school record in the event, finished ninth in the preliminaries (46.46) for second-team All-America honors.

→ Giesting also broke two long-standing Notre Dame records during the indoor season, first besting Jeff Hojnacki's 1997 mark in the 600 meters at the Notre Dame Invitational, then surpassing Randy Kinder's 1994 record in the 200 meters at the Razorback Invitational. Giesting's 1:16.70 in the 600—an event he didn't typically run—was briefly a national best, and it shattered Hojnacki's 1:18.65 by nearly two seconds. The next week, he replaced Kinder's 21.11 in the record books with a time of 21.02. He now owns four Notre Dame individual records (200, 400, 500 and 600 meters) and another relay record (4x400-meter relay).

→ Junior **MICHAEL CLEVINGER** set a personal best and finished fourth in the annual Meyo Mile at the Meyo Invitational. His 4:02.33 was a personal best by nearly four seconds.

→ Clevenger, Giesting and Swanberg were each named to the academic all-ACC team for the indoor season. Each holds a grade-point average

over 3.2 and logged solid finishes at the ACC Indoor Championship. In addition to Giesting and Swanberg's all-ACC performances, Clevenger finished seventh in the 3,000 meters, just one spot out of all-ACC qualification.

→ Notre Dame boasted five all-Atlantic Coast Conference performances and added seven All-America outdoor performances to its outdoor resumé in 2015. Giesting collected his fourth first-team all-ACC nod with a runner-up finish in the 400 meters and added a second-place citation in the 200 meters. **JACOB DUMFORD** took home second-team all-conference honors in the 1,500 meters, while **MARTIN GRADY** and **DOMINICK PADOVANO** followed suit in the 10,000 meters and discus, respectively. Giesting added second-team All-America honors in the 400 meters and honorable mention recognition in 4x400-meter relay along with Ways, Smith and Groesch. Clevenger (5,000 meters) and **NATE RICHARTZ** (pole vault) also took home second-team All-America honors.

→ Giesting capped his prolific Irish career with his 10th and 11th career All-America performances (400 meters, 4x400 meter relay) at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, joining Patrick Feeney with the most All-America nods in program history.

→ Clevenger made his first trip to the NCAA Outdoor Championship after turning in a sixth-place finish in the 5,000 meters at the NCAA East Preliminary Championships. Clevenger rebounded from a sluggish performance at the conference championships to punch his ticket to the national stage, earning his first career All-America citation with second-team honors.

→ Richartz also made his first appearance at the NCAA Championship, recording a personal best in the pole vault at the NCAA East Preliminaries of 5.35 meters. Richartz finished 14th at

12th/9th

Indoor/Outdoor in ACC Championship

HEAD COACH
Alan Turner

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
Matt Sparks

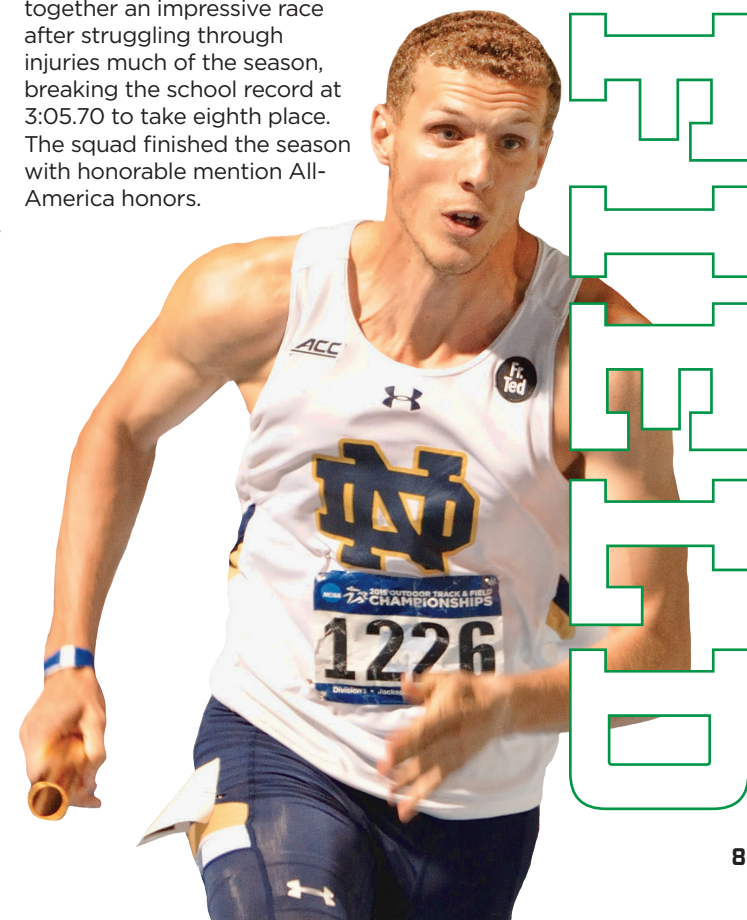
ASSISTANT COACHES
Adam Beltran (throws)
Sean Carlson (distance)
Jim Garnham (jumps)
Pristina Jones (sprints/hurdles/jumps)

CAPTAINS
Michael Clevenger
Chris Giesting
Keith Mesidor
Dominick Padovano



the NCAA Championship, becoming the first men's Irish pole vaulter to earn All-America recognition since Kevin Schipper in 2012.

→ The Irish men's 4x400-meter relay squad earned a spot at the NCAA Championship with a record-breaking performance at the regional qualifying meet. The quartet of Ways, Smith, Groesch and Giesting put together an impressive race after struggling through injuries much of the season, breaking the school record at 3:05.70 to take eighth place. The squad finished the season with honorable mention All-America honors.



TRACK & FIELD

HEAD COACH

Alan Turner

ASSISTANT
HEAD COACH

Matt Sparks

ASSISTANT COACHES

Adam Beltran (throws)

Sean Carlson (distance)

Jim Garnham (jumps)

Pristina Jones
(sprints/hurdles/jumps)

CAPTAINS

Jade Barber

Emily Frydrych

Lena Madison



→ The Notre Dame women's track and field team finished tied for 30th at the NCAA Indoor Championship in 2015, with five student-athletes claiming All-America honors. In finishing sixth in the 5,000 meters in 15:48.31 to pick up her first All-America scroll on the track, junior **MOLLY SEIDEL** broke her own Irish record set earlier in the season. Fellow junior **MARGARET BAMGBOSE** tallied her fifth and sixth

All-America nods, her first in both the indoor 400 meters (sixth at 52.65) and distance medley relay (eighth at 11:15.96). Bamgbose was joined by freshmen **JESSICA HARRIS** and **SAMANTHA MURRAY** and junior **DANIELLE ARAGON** on the distance medley relay squad

→ For the second year in a row, the Irish finished third at the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Championship and claimed all-ACC status in seven events ranging from sprints to distance to relays to field events.

→ Seidel became the first two-time indoor ACC individual champion in Notre Dame history, winning both the 3,000 meters (9:10.63) and 5,000 meters (15:55.84) to sweep the distance events. The junior from Hartland, Wisconsin, was awarded the ACC Most Valuable Track Performer honor for her efforts. Seidel was joined by fellow ACC champion Bamgbose (400 meters at 52.10), Aragon (second in the mile at 4:37.68), **JADE BARBER** (second in the 60-meter hurdles at 8.20), the 4x400 meter team of **PARKER ENGLISH**, **JORDAN SHEAD**, **AMBER LALLA** and Bamgbose (third at 3:37.56) and **EMILY MORRIS** (third in the shot put at 15.35 meters) as all-ACC honorees.

→ Harris began her Irish career with a bang, setting school records in three events in each of her first four career meets. She kicked off her Notre Dame campaign at the Blue and Gold Invitational, breaking the Irish mark in the 1,000 meters (2:46.47). The next week, she won the 600 meters at the Simmons-Harvey Invitational, again setting the school mark (1:31.98).

→ The Irish capped a stellar outdoor season with its best finish in program history at the NCAA Outdoor Championship. Notre Dame finished in a tie for 13th at the championships, adding three first-team and

six second-team All-Americans to the record books, including the first national champion in program history in Seidel (10,000 meters). The Irish also crowned three Atlantic Coast Conference champions in Seidel (5,000 meters), Barber (100-meter hurdles) and the 4x400-meter relay squad of English, Shead, Lalla and Bamgbose.

→ Seidel became the first gold-medal winner in Notre Dame women's track history with a stunning victory in the NCAA outdoor 10,000 meters. She closed a 50-meter gap behind a fading defending champion in Emma Bates, putting on a kick with 800 meters remaining to win by over seven seconds (33:18.37). It was just the third 10,000-meter race of Seidel's career.

→ Barber started the outdoor season by breaking her own two-year-old school record in the 100-meter hurdles with a 12.81 run at the Texas Relays. She went on to capture first or second place in the event in all but one regular-season meet, then snared the ACC Championship crown. At the NCAA Outdoor Championship, Barber again broke the program record in the national semifinal (12.70) and captured her ninth career All-America citation to become the most decorated woman in Notre Dame track and field history (not including combined cross country All-Americans).

→ Bamgbose added to her extensive All-America collection with NCAA Championship appearances in both the 400 meters (first team) and 4x400-meter relay (second team). Bamgbose's eight career honors put her in sole possession of second place on the all-time Irish All-America list. She also twice broke the school record in the 400 meters (51.37 at the NCAA East Preliminary Championship) before placing sixth in the event at the NCAA Championship.

→ The Irish had a tough second year in the Atlantic Coast Conference as they finished the season with a 6-23 record overall, including a 3-15 mark in ACC play.

→ A young Notre Dame squad took the court in 2014. The team featured six freshmen, two sophomores, one junior and five seniors. Before the season began, 2012 honorable mention All-American **TONI ALUGBUE** suffered a knee injury that kept her out for the year. Graduate student **NICOLE SMITH**, junior **HANNA MUZZONIGRO** and sophomore **KATIE HIGGINS** also missed multiple matches throughout the season with injuries.

→ Plenty of underclassmen earned significant playing time in 2014. Freshmen and sophomores tallied 623 of Notre Dame's 1,290 kills (48 percent) and 854 of Notre Dame's 1,424 digs (60 percent).

→ Freshman **SAM FRY** earned all-ACC freshman honors after leading the Irish in all four blocking categories, finishing second in attack percentage and service aces and third in kills and kills per set. Classmate **NATALIE JOHNSON** led the Irish in digs, digs per set and service aces, while sophomore Katie Higgins was first in attack percentage and third in total blocks.

HEAD COACH

Debbie Brown

ASSOCIATE
HEAD COACH

Robin Davis

ASSISTANT COACH

Craig Bere

CAPTAIN

Kathleen Severyn



→ Senior **JENI HOUSER** completed her impressive Irish tenure near the top of several career charts. After leading the team in kills in 2014, the Louisville, Kentucky, native finished her career tied for eighth in school history with 1,299 kills. She also finished third in percentage of sets played and consecutive sets played, fifth in matches with 10+ kills, tied for fifth in matches with team-high kills, tied for sixth in percentage of matches played and ninth in attack percentage.

→ Despite the overall record the Notre Dame season had its high points. The Irish either won a set or came within two points of winning a set against ranked foes Minnesota (No. 12), Purdue (No. 11), Florida State (No. 6), Duke (No. 25) and North Carolina (No. 7) at various points throughout the year. Notre Dame also had a stretch from Oct. 19 to Nov. 14 when six of its seven matches went to five sets. Its two wins during that run were thrilling come-from-behind victories over ACC foes Boston College and Louisville in which the Irish overcame 2-0 deficits entering the third set in each contest.

6-23

3-15 (ACC, 14th place)

3rd / 5th

Indoor/Outdoor in ACC Championship

30th (tie) in NCAA Championship Final Ranking: tie for 30th (USTFCCA) | 13th (tie) in NCAA Championship Final Ranking: 9th (USTFCCA)



2014-15
NOTRE DAME
MONOGRAM CLUB
MVP AWARD WINNERS

➔ BASEBALL

Kyle Fiala

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Pat Connaughton
Jerian Grant

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Jewell Loyd

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

Michael Clevenger

WOMEN’S CROSS
COUNTRY

Molly Seidel

MEN’S FENCING

Ariel DeSmet

WOMEN’S FENCING

Lee Kiefer

FOOTBALL

Joe Schmidt

MEN’S GOLF

Matt Rushton

WOMEN’S GOLF

Talia Campbell

HOCKEY

Robbie Russo

MEN’S SOCCER

Nick Besler

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Sammy Scofield

SOFTBALL

Katey Haus
Emilee Koerner

MEN’S SWIMMING
& DIVING

Zach Stephens

WOMEN’S SWIMMING
& DIVING

Emma Reaney

MEN’S TENNIS

Quentin Monaghan

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Allison Miller

MEN’S TRACK & FIELD

Chris Geisting

WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD

Molly Seidel

BYRON V. KANALEY
AWARD WINNERS



1926 **Edgar Miller** {Football}
1927 **Paul J. Harrington** {Track}
1928 **Joseph Griffin** {Track}
1929 **Francis Crowe** {Basketball}
1930 Not awarded
1931 **Frank Carideo** {Football}
1932 **Thomas Burns** {Basketball}
1933 **Charles Jaskwich** {Football}
1934 **Joseph Young** {Track}
1935 **Dominic Vairo** {Football}
1936 **Francis Layden** {Track}
1937 **John Lautar** {Football}
1938 **Raymond Meyer** {Basketball}
1939 **Joseph Rice** {Track}
1940 **Herschel Ellis** {Baseball}
1941 **Ralph Pinelli** {Baseball}
1942 **Robert Hargrave** {Football}
1943 **John Hickey** {Baseball}
1944 Not awarded
1945 Not awarded
1946 Not awarded
1947 **Robert McBride** {Football}
1948 **George Sullivan** {Football}
1949 **Louis J. Burns** {Fencing}
1950 **Robert Lally** {Football}
1951 **Robert O’Connell** {Football}
1952 **James Walsh** {Fencing}
1953 **Robert O’Neil** {Football}
1954 **James Harrington** {Track}
1955 **Thomas Carey** {Football}
1956 **Donald Sniegowski** {Baseball}
1957 **John Smyth** {Basketball}
1958 **John McCarthy** {Basketball}
1959 **Norman Odyniec** {Football}
1960 **Kenneth Adamson** {Football}
1961 **Donald Ralph** {Tennis}
1962 **Albert Highducheck** {Golf}
1963 **Gerard Gray Jr.** {Football}
1964 **Joseph Lehmann** {Football}
1965 **William Boyle** {Track}
1966 **Edward T. Dean** {Track}
Pedro Rossello {Tennis}
John Haynes Jr. {Fencing}
Thomas Bourke {Swimming}
1967 **Robert Arnzen** {Basketball}
1968 **William Hurd** {Track}
George Kunz {Football}
1970 **Michael Oriard** {Football}
1971 **Douglas Daher** {Fencing}
Ronald Schmitz {Baseball}
Joseph Utz {Track}
Kevin Hoene {Hockey}
1972 **Richard Waugh** {Fencing}
1973 **Gary Novak** {Basketball}
1974 **John Hathaway** {Fencing}
Mark Kronholm {Hockey}
Paul E. Angelo {Fencing}
1975 **Mark Brenneman** {Football}
1976 **Robert Strata** {Baseball}
1977 **Randy Stehlik** {Tennis}
Dan Heffernan {Wrestling}
Robert Ebel {Swimming}

1978 **David Vinson** {Football}
Mike Padden {Wrestling}
1979 **Joe Restic** {Football}
Carol Lally {Basketball}
1980 **Greg Meredith** {Hockey}
Tom Michalek {Hockey}
1981 **Bob Burger** {Football}
Maggie Lally {Basketball}
Kevin Lovejoy {Soccer}
1982 **John Krimm** {Football}
Jeanine Blatt {Swimming}

1983 **Richard Chryst** {Baseball}
Steven Dziabis {Track}
Katherine Ray {Field Hockey}
1984 **Terese Henken** {Volleyball}
James Dee {Baseball}
1985 **Brian Casey** {Swimming}
Bill Courtney {Cross Country}
1986 **Greg Dingens** {Football}
John Krug {Wrestling}
Mary Struckhoff {Field Hockey}
1987 **John Loughran** {Baseball}
David Lennert {Fencing}
1988 **Tom Mick** {Track}
Andrea Bonny {Swimming}
1989 **Terry Proksch** {Softball}
Theresa Rice {Cross Country}
Eric Madsen {Baseball}
1990 **Lisa Kuhns** {Basketball}
Pat Eilers {Football}
Scott Paddock {Basketball}
Alice Lohrer {Tennis}
1991 **Krissi Davis** {Basketball}
Kim Parella {Tennis}
Ryan Wenger {Tennis}
Kathy Verneti {Softball}
1992 **Charles Hofmann** {Soccer}
David DiLucia {Tennis}
Heidi Piper {Fencing}
Molly Lennon {Soccer}
1993 **Alicia Turner** {Volleyball}
Robert Williamson {Lacrosse}
James Zurcher {Tennis}
1994 **Maura Gallagher** {Fencing}
Julie Harris {Volleyball}
Kathryn Leary {Basketball}
Michael Palmer {Soccer}
Timothy Ruddy {Football}
Grzegorz Wozniak {Fencing}

1995 **Elizabeth Caruso** {Fencing}
Chris Dean {Soccer}
1996 **Wendy Crabtree** {Tennis}
Claudette de Bruin {Fencing}
Marcus Thorne {Football}
1997 **Bill Lester** {Fencing}
Katie Marten {Softball}
Pete Miller {Basketball}
Jen Renola {Soccer}
1998 **Linda Gallo** {Swimming}
Pat Garrity {Basketball}
Jaimie Lee {Volleyball}
Steve Noble {Hockey}
Errol Williams {Track & Field}

1999 **Mike Brown** {Track & Field}
Kerry Callahan {Lacrosse}
Jennifer Hall {Tennis}
Phil Murphy {Soccer}
Andy Warford {Tennis}
2000 **Elizabeth Barger** {Swimming}
Ray Fitzpatrick {Swimming}
Jeff Perconte {Baseball}
Jenny Streiffer {Soccer}
Katrina Ten Eyck {Rowing}

2001 **Mike Naumann** {Baseball}
Matt Hedden {Swimming}
Connor LaRose {Soccer}
Ruth Riley {Basketball}
2002 **Michael Koss** {Swimming}
Steve Ratay {Golf}

2003 **Nina Vaughan** {Tennis}
Jarrah Myers {Softball}
Keara Coughlin {Volleyball}
Ashley Dryer {Soccer}
Andreas Forstner {Soccer}

2004 **Alexis Madrid** {Softball}
Vanessa Pruzinsky {Soccer}
Alicia Salas {Tennis}
2005 **Kristen Kinder** {Volleyball}
Shannon Byrne {Golf}
Luis Haddock {Tennis}
Emily Loomis {Volleyball}
Brent D’Amico {Tennis}
2006 **Alicja Kryczalo** {Fencing}
Lauren Connely {Tennis}
Megan Duffy {Basketball}
Stephanie Madia {Cross Country/
Track & Field}

2007 **Annie Schefter** {Soccer}
Tom Thornton {Baseball}
Ted Brown {Swimming}
Greg Dalby {Soccer}
Maryann Erigha {Track & Field}
Kim Lorenzen {Soccer}
2008 **Meghan Murphy** {Lacrosse}
Brook Buck {Tennis}
Rachel Cota {Fencing}
Greg Howard {Fencing}
Katie Laing {Softball}
Adrianna Stasiuk {Volleyball}
Dan VeNard {Hockey}
2009 **Matt Besler** {Soccer}
Lauren Buck {Rowing}
Peter Christman {Lacrosse}
Erik Condra {Hockey}
Adrienne Nott {Fencing}
Heidi Rocha {Cross Country/
Track & Field}

2010 **Kelcy Tefft** {Tennis}
Mike Anello {Football}
Kevin Deeth {Hockey}
Kali Krisik {Tennis}
Melissa Lechlitrner {Basketball}
Christine Lux {Softball}
John Lytle {Swimming}
2011 **Jeb Brovsky** {Soccer}
Tyler Davis {Tennis}
Lauren Fowlkes {Soccer}
Cole Johnson {Baseball}
Erin Marrone {Softball}
Chris Stewart {Football}

2012 **Tim Abromaitis** {Men’s Basketball}
Kristen Dealy {Volleyball}
Greg Klazura {Men’s Soccer}
Shannon Mathews {Women’s Tennis}
Kevin Randall {Men’s Lacrosse}
2013 **Skylar Diggins** {Basketball}
Kim Holden {Swimming}
Mike Johnson {Hockey}
Dillon Powers {Soccer}
Manti Te’o {Football}
Rebecca Tracy {Cross Country/
Track & Field}

2014 **Greg Andrews** {Tennis}
Kelly Curran {Track & Field}
Jennifer Kellner {Tennis}
Gerek Meinhardt {Fencing}
Logan Renwick {Track & Field}
Harrison Shipp {Soccer}
Elizabeth Tucker {Soccer}

2015 **Ashley Armstrong** {Women’s Golf}
Emily Frydrych {Women’s Cross
Country/Track & Field}
Anna Kottkamp {Rowing}
Emma Reaney {Women’s Swimming
& Diving}
Peter Schneider {Hockey}

➔ MEN’S BASKETBALL

Pat Connaughton

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Hannah Huffman

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

Michael Clevenger

WOMEN’S CROSS
COUNTRY

Molly Seidel

MEN’S FENCING

Ariel DeSmet

WOMEN’S FENCING

Nicole Ameli

FOOTBALL

Corey Robinson

MEN’S GOLF

Tyler Wingo

WOMEN’S GOLF

Ashley Armstrong

HOCKEY

Peter Schneider

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Leah Gallagher

MEN’S SOCCER

Patrick Hodan

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Sammy Scofield

SOFTBALL

Jenna Simon

MEN’S SWIMMING
& DIVING

Broderick Kelley

WOMEN’S SWIMMING
& DIVING

Emma Reaney

MEN’S TENNIS

Dougie Barnard

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Mary Closs

MEN’S INDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

Chris Giesting

WOMEN’S INDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

Margaret Bamghose

MEN’S OUTDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

Dominick Padovano

WOMEN’S OUTDOOR
TRACK & FIELD

Emily Morris

VOLLEYBALL

Erin Klosterman

FRANCIS PATRICK
O’CONNOR AWARD
WINNERS

→ 1993	Coquese Washington (Basketball)
	Edwin Hartwell (Baseball)
1994	Christy Faustmann (Tennis)
	Grzegorz Wozniak (Fencing)
1995	Jean Joseph (Soccer)
	Haley Scott (Swimming)
1996	Holyn Lord (Tennis)
1997	Not awarded
1998	Molly McCarthy (Volleyball)
	Steve Noble (Hockey)
1999	Sheila McMillen (Basketball)
	Brian Patterson (Tennis)
2000	Matt Nussbaum (Baseball)
	Kelly Zalinski (Tennis)
2001	Michael Brown (Cheerleader)
	Michelle Dasso (Tennis)
	Reggie McKnight (Soccer)
2002	Grant Irons (Football)
	Carrie Nixon (Swimming)
2003	Katie Cunha (Tennis)
	Steve Sollmann (Baseball)
2004	Kim Carpenter (Soccer)
	Greg Martin (Soccer)
2005	Sarah Jane Connelly (Tennis)
	Chris Thomas (Basketball)
2006	Megan Duffy (Basketball)
	Chris Quinn (Basketball)
2007	Amanda Cinalli (Soccer)
	T. J. Jindra (Hockey)
2008	Brook Buck (Tennis)
	Caitlin McKinney (Lacrosse)
	Sheeva Parbhu (Tennis)
2009	Erik Condra (Hockey)
	Justine Stremick (Volleyball)
2010	Megan Fesi (Volleyball)
	Avery Zuck (Fencing)
2011	Ellen Bartindale (Soccer)
	Tom Kopko (Basketball)
2012	Michael George (Cheerleading)
	Alyce Kanabrocki (Rowing)
	Frenchy Silva (Volleyball)
2013	Dean Odegard (Track & Field)
	Meghan Salomon (Rowing)
2014	Greg Andrews (Tennis)
	Adam LaPlaca (Soccer)
	Kayla McBride (Basketball)
	Elizabeth Tucker (Soccer)
2015	Pat Connaughton (Men's Basketball)
	Jarrett Grace (Football)
	Connor Klekota (Men's Soccer)
	Katie Naughton (Women's Soccer)
	Emma Reaney (Women's Swimming & Diving)

NOTRE DAME
ATHLETICS
COMMUNITY
CHAMPION AWARD
“HEAL, UNIFY AND
ENLIGHTEN”

→ 1998	Matt Johnson (Soccer)
	Errol Williams (Track & Field)
1999	Lindsay Treadwell (Volleyball)
2000	Jarious Jackson (Football)
2001	Ruth Riley (Basketball)
2002	Mia Sarkesian (Soccer)
2003	Betsy Lazzeri (Track & Field)
2004	Neil Komadoski (Hockey)
2005	Derek Curry (Football)
2006	Tom Thornton (Baseball)
	Chris Trick (Hockey)
	Meghan Murphy (Lacrosse)
2007	Meghan Boyle (Rowing)
	Ryan Cunn (Lacrosse)
	Claire Gallerano (Soccer)
	Maria Romano (Rowing)
2008	Mary Kate McNamara (Rowing)
	Dan Scolaro (Lacrosse)
2009	Carrie Dew (Soccer)
	Luke Lucyk (Hockey)
	Heidi Rocha
	(Cross Country / Track & Field)
2010	Kevin Deeth (Hockey)
	Kali Krisik (Tennis)
	Zach Schirtz (Fencing)
	Erica Williamson (Basketball)
	Maggie Zentgraf (Lacrosse)
2011	Jeb Brovsky (Soccer)
	Lindsay Brown (Soccer)
	Ben Ryan (Hockey)
2012	Tommy Chase (Baseball)
	Alex Coccia (Men's Fencing)
	Gregory Klazura (Men's Soccer)
	Sean Lorenz (Hockey)
	Marta Stepien (Women's Fencing)
2013	Mike Golic Jr. (Football)
	Blas Moros (Tennis)
	Molly Shawhan (Lacrosse)
2014	Tom Knight (Basketball)
	Joe Rodgers (Hockey)
	Monica Torres (Softball)
	Elizabeth Tucker (Soccer)
2015	Casey Africano (Softball)
	Eric Johnson (Hockey)
	Ryan Lopez (Cheerleading)
	Katherine McManus (Women's Lacrosse)
	Corey Robinson (Football)

2014-15
ROSENTHAL LEADERSHIP
ACADEMY ATTENDEES

→ Lindsay Allen	Michael Hearne
Women's Basketball	Baseball
Kristjan Archer	Sam Herr
Men's Fencing	Hockey
Bogac Ayhan	Katie Higgins
Men's Swimming & Diving	Volleyball
Kaila Barber	Patrick Hodan
Women's Track and Field	Men's Soccer
Carlee Beckler	Mac Hudgins
Rowing	Baseball
Chris Brown	Demetrius Jackson
Football	Men's Basketball
Gretchen Bruggeman	Trent Jackson
Rowing	Men's Swimming & Diving
Emily Carson	Forrest Johnson
Women's Track & Field	Baseball
Bridget Casey	Eric Johnson
Women's Swimming & Diving	Hockey
Michael Clevenger	Sarah Kappers
Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field	Rowing
Joe Coumos	Elizabeth Kelley
Men's Swimming & Diving	Rowing
Sheldon Day	Jake Kildoo
Football	Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field
Shane Doss	Conor Kinasz
Men's Lacrosse	Cheerleading
Garrett Epple	Connor Klekota
Men's Lacrosse	Men's Soccer
Jordan Ferreira	Erin Klosterman
Women's Golf	Volleyball
Kyle Fiala	Emilee Koerner
Baseball	Softball
Steven Fogarty	Nicholas Koshansky
Hockey	Men's Lacrosse
Emily Frydrych	Alex Lawson
Women's Cross Country/ Track & Field	Men's Tennis
Reed Fujan	Ryan Lidge
Men's Swimming & Diving	Baseball
Leah Gallagher	Kaela Little
Women's Lacrosse	Women's Soccer
Caitlin Gargan	Carly Loeffel
Women's Lacrosse	Women's Track & Field
Chris Giesting	Danny Lojek
Men's Track & Field	Men's Soccer
Josh Hagar	Ryan Lopez
Men's Tennis	Cheerleading
John Hallsten	Danielle Lukish
Men's Fencing	Women's Lacrosse
Nicholas Hanahan	Lena Madison
Men's Fencing	Women's Track & Field

Rachel Sexton
Women's Lacrosse
Ailish Sheehan
Rowing
Michael Shipp
Men's Soccer
Jenna Simon
Softball
Megan Sorlie
Softball
Lindsey Streepey
Women's Swimming & Diving
Brian Talcott
Men's Soccer
Johanna Thill
Women's Fencing
Stephanie Toy
Women's Lacrosse
Steve Vasturia
Men's Basketball
Julie Vrabel
Women's Tennis
Catherine Wagner
Rowing
Elizabeth Weir
Cheerleading
Courtney Whyte
Women's Swimming & Diving
Glory Williams
Women's Soccer
Markisha Wright
Women's Basketball
Austin Wuthrich
Hockey

2014-15 ACC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

BASEBALL

Brad Bass
Brandon Bielak
Ryan Bull
Kevin DeFilippis
Kyle Fiala
Sean Guenther
Connor Hale
Michael Hearne
Mac Hudgins
Forrest Johnson
Jacob Johnson
Scott Kerrigan
Blaise Lezynski
Nick McCarty
Phil Mosey
James Nevant
Lane Richards
Kyle Richardson
Kyle Rubbinaccio
Ricky Sanchez
Jacob Shepski
Matt Ternowchek
Robert Youngdahl

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pat Connaughton
Matt Gregory

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Whitney Holloway
Hannah Huffman
Kristina Nelson
Taya Reimer
Markisha Wright

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY / TRACK & FIELD

Gregory Bombara
Kevin Byrne
Michael Clevenger
Billy Dolan
Jacob Dumford
Oye Eyeguokan
John Flannery
John Fuller
Eric Gebeke
Christopher Giesting
Martin Grady
Alex Groesch
Kirk Hansen
Nick Hauser
Andrew Helmin
Jason Hoard
Hunter Holton
Brent Kennedy
Jake Kildoo
Grant Koch
Calvin Kraft
Nicholas Laureano
Christopher Marco
Keith Mesidor
Scott Milling
Patrick O'Connell
Dominick Padovano
Andrew Pott
Kevin Pulliam
Christopher Quinn
John Rutkowski

David Schipper
Jesse Shank
Anthony Shivers
Harvey Smith
Gil Stamm
Drake Stimson
Andrew Stone
Brent Swanberg
Jonathan Vitez
Brett Whalen

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY / TRACK & FIELD

Danielle Aragon
Margaret Bamgbose
Kaila Barber
Allison Bartoszewicz
Elise Brady
Lourdes Brea
Emily Carson
Mikaila Chamblee
Taylor Craft
Alexis Daugherty
Taylor Driscoll
Hannah Eckstein
Parker English
Sydney Foreman
Kaitlin Frei
Emily Frydrych
Gabriella Gonzales
Mary-Esther Gourdin
Jessica Harris
Kaileen Healy
Josephine Jackson
Emily Knight
Stephanie Knight
Amber Lalla
Karen Lesiewicz
Carly Loeffel
Catherine Lombardo
Lena Madison
Rachael Mahle
Jamie Marvil
Sydney Meunier
Payton Miller
Kathryn Moran
Emily Morris
Samantha Murray
Fiona Paladino
Kayla Polcari
Rachel Rhodes
Libby Schichtel
Molly Seidel
Allie Sullivan
Laura Wendelberger

MEN'S FENCING

Christian Aguilar
Paul Cepak
Virgile Collineau
John Crumpler
Ariel DeSmet
Ian Dwyer
Spicer Emge
Jonathan Fitzgerald
John Hallsten
Nicholas Hanahan
Arthur Le Meur
Ryan McDonough
Garrett McGrath
Billy Meckling*

Mark O'Dea
Matthew Owens
John Pietrowicz
Dale Purdy
Mitchell Revich
Jonah Shainberg

WOMEN'S FENCING

Nicole Ameli
Allison Barry
Erin Dietsche
Reagan Fitzgerald
Madeline Gallagher
Lee Kiefer
Claudia Kulmacz
Catherine Lee
Zoe Loh
Nicole McKee
Eva Niklinska
Carolina Pereira
Fernandez
Mary Regan
Marie Anne Roche
Ashley Severson
Victoria Sluka
Madison Zeiss

MEN'S GOLF

Liam Cox
Patrick Grahek
David Lowe
Matthew Rushton
Thomas Steve
Zachary Toste
Jens Verhey
Tyler Wingo

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ashley Armstrong
Talia Campbell
Shauna Pompeira
Kelli Oride
Alison Snakard

HOCKEY

Joe Aiken
Tony Bretzman
Steven Fogarty
Jordan Gross
Eric Johnson
Chad Katunar
Cal Petersen
Luke Ripley
Andy Ryan
Peter Schneider
Nick Stasack

MEN'S LACROSSE

Zack Bartolo
Kyle Borbi
Rory Byrne
Christopher Carter
Robert Collins
Logan Connolly
Will Corrigan
John Doyle
Austin Gaiss
Edwin Glazener
Robert Gray
Alexander Hurdle
Nick Koshansky

Matthew Landis
Edward Lubowicki
Anthony Marini
Jim Marlatt
John McCollough
Owen Molloy
John Near
Sergio Perkovic
Cole Riccardi
Tyler Ruhl
Kyle Runyon
John Sexton
John Sheridan
Ryan Smith
Thomas Stephan
John Travisano
Kyle Trolley
Henry Williams
William Young

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Heidi Annaheim
Sydney Cardozo
Brie Custis
Alex Dalton
Caroline Doyle
Elizabeth Driscoll
Katherine Eilers
Emma Claire Fontenot
Cortney Fortunato
Caitlin Gargan
Hannah Hartman
Katherine McManus
Olivia Mikkelsen
Grace Muller
Liz O'Sullivan
Casey Pearsall
Stephanie Peragallo
Austin Pruitt
Shauna Pugliese
Rachel Sexton
Barbara Sullivan

MEN'S SOCCER

Brandon Aubrey
Vince Ciciarelli
Patrick Connolly
Andrew Cupero
Kyle Dedrick
Jeffrey Farina
Jon Gallagher
Robert Gallegos
Trevor Gonzales
Mark Gormley
Matt Habrowski
Patrick Hodan
Christopher Hubbard
Connor Klekota
Max Lachowecki
Brendan Lesch
Daniel Lojeck
Mel McCurrie
Mark Mishu
Evan Panken
Timothy Shen
Michael Shipp
Brian Talcott
Blake Townes

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Lauren Bohaboy
Paige Crowley
Meghan Doyle
Monica Flores
Sabrina Flores
Emily Geyer
Anna Maria Gilbertson
Jennifer Jasper
Kaitlin Klawunder
Taylor Klawunder
Kaela Little
Megan McCashland
Ginny McGowan
Katie Naughton
Lexie Nicholas
Rilka Noel

Lauren Matchett
Christine McGough
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Ailish Sheehan
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Casey Africano
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Katie Beriont
Bailey Bigler
Dana Bouquet
Katey Haus
Emilee Koerner
Rachel Nasland
Carly Piccinich
Allie Rhodes
Jenna Simon
Megan Sorlie
Kimmy Sullivan
Cassidy Whidden
Sara White

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Bogac Ayhan
Kevin Bradley
Michael Hudspith
Benjamin Jany
Andrew Jensen
Broderick Kelley
Michael Kreft
James Lichtenstein
Richard Mannix
James McEldrew
Shane McKenzie
Cameron Miller
Patrick Murphy
Peter Myers
John Nappi
Nicholas Nemetz
Joseph Petrone
Zachary Stephens
Theodore Wagner
Robert Whitacre
Jonathan Williamson

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Suzanne Bessire
Hannah Bowen
Genevieve Bradford
Allison Casareto
Bridget Casey
Annie Crea
Erin Foley
Emma Gaboury
Catherine Galletti
Anna Grainger
Genevieve Heidkamp
Elizabeth House
Sherri McIntee
Emma Reaney
Melissa Scott
Christine Stitcher
Alyssa Storino
Courtney Whyte

MEN'S TENNIS

Douglas Barnard
Drew Dawson
Michael Fredericka
Josh Hagar
Brendon Kempin
Wyatt McCoy
Quentin Monaghan
Kenny Sabacinski
Eric Schnurrenberger

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Brooke Broda
Mary Closs
Quinn Gleason
Allison Miller
Molly O'Koniewski
Alaina Roberts
Monica Robinson
Julie Vrabel
Katherine White

VOLLEYBALL

Toni Alugbue
Maddie Dilfer
Sam Fry
Jeni Houser
Natalie Johnson
Erin Klosterman
Sydney Kuhn
Maddy Plumlee
Kathleen Severyn
Nicole Smith
Meg Vonderhaar

2014-15 NOTRE DAME ALL-AMERICANS

Danielle Aragon

Women's Track & Field
[1st team indoor distance
medley relay]
Junior
Billings, Montana

Margaret Bamgbose

Women's Track & Field
[1st team indoor 400 meters,
1st team indoor distance medley
relay, 1st team outdoor 400
meters, 2nd team outdoor
4x400-meter relay]
Junior
Evanston, Illinois

Jade Barber

Women's Track & Field
[2nd team indoor 60-meter
hurdles, 1st team outdoor
100-meter hurdles, 2nd team
outdoor 4x400-meter relay]
Senior
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Nick Besler

Men's Soccer
[2nd team NSCAA]
Senior
Overland Park, Kansas

Michael Clevenger

Men's Track & Field
[2nd team outdoor 5,000 meters]
Junior
Decatur, Illinois

Virgile Collineau

Men's Fencing
[3rd team foil]
Sophomore
Aix-en-Provence, France

Alex Dalton

Women's Lacrosse
[2nd team IWLCA]
Sophomore
Needham, Massachusetts

Ariel DeSmet

Men's Fencing
[1st team foil]
Senior
Troutdale, Oregon

Cortney Fortunato

Women's Lacrosse
[1st team IWLCA]
Sophomore
Northport, New York

Chris Giesting

Men's Track & Field
[2nd team indoor 400 meters,
2nd team outdoor 400 meters,
2nd team outdoor 4x400-meter
relay]
Senior
Batesville, Indiana

Jerian Grant

Men's Basketball
[1st team AP, NABC, USBWA]
Senior
Bowie, Maryland

Jessica Harris

Women's Swimming
[1st team indoor distance
medley relay]
Freshman
Cockeysville, Maryland

Patrick Hodan

Men's Soccer
[1st team NSCAA]
Junior
Brookfield, Wisconsin

Matt Kavanagh

Men's Lacrosse
[1st team USILA]
Junior
Rockville Centre, New York

Lee Kiefer

Women's Fencing
[1st team foil]
Junior
Versailles, Kentucky

Emilee Koerner

Softball
[3rd team NFCA]
Senior
Tustin, California

Amber Lalla

Women's Track & Field
[2nd team outdoor
4x400-meter relay]
Senior
Las Cruces, New Mexico

Matt Landis

Men's Lacrosse
[1st team USILA]
Junior
Pelham, New York

Jewell Loyd

Women's Basketball
[1st team AP, WBCA, USBWA,
Wooden, ESPNw]
Junior
Lincolnwood, Illinois

Quentin Monaghan

Men's Tennis
[1st team, NCAA singles
semifinalist]
Junior
Chatham, New Jersey

Samantha Murray

Women's Track & Field
[1st team indoor distance
medley relay]
Freshman
Defiance, Ohio

Jack Near

Men's Lacrosse
[2nd team USILA]
Senior
Bronxville, New York

Casey Pearsall

Women's Lacrosse
[3rd team IWLCA]
Sophomore
Wilton, Connecticut

Sergio Perkovic

Men's Lacrosse
[1st team USILA]
Sophomore
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Emma Reaney

Women's Swimming
[1st team 100 breaststroke,
200 breaststroke, 200 IM]
Senior
Lawrence, Kansas

Nate Richartz

Men's Track & Field
[2nd team outdoor pole vault]
Sophomore
Island Lake, Illinois

Francesca Russo

Women's Fencing
[1st team sabre]
Freshman
Wayne, New Jersey

Robbie Russo

Hockey
[2nd team CCM]
Senior
Westmont, Illinois

Molly Seidel

Women's Cross Country
[19th at NCAA Championship]
Track & Field
[1st team indoor 5,000 meters,
1st team outdoor 10,000 meters]
Junior
Hartland, Wisconsin

Ashley Severson

Women's Fencing
[3rd team epee]
Senior
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey

Jonah Shainberg

Men's Fencing
[3rd team sabre]
Freshman
Rye, New York

Jordan Shead

Women's Track & Field
[2nd team outdoor
4x400-meter relay]
Freshman
St. Charles, Illinois

Ailish Sheehan

Rowing
[2nd team CRCA]
Senior
Kildare County,
Limerick, Ireland

Jaylon Smith

Football
[2nd team AP]
Sophomore
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Barbara Sullivan

Women's Lacrosse
[1st team IWLCA]
Senior
Garden City, New York

Madison Zeiss

Women's Fencing
[2nd team foil]
Senior
Los Angeles, California

NOTRE DAME’S ALL-AMERICA/ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA DOUBLE HONOREES

Notre Dame student-athletes have earned All-America and Academic All-America honors in the same year 79 times (by 65 individuals) including fencer Lee Keifer, swimmer Emma Reaney and soccer player Patrick Hodan in 2014–15. Here is the complete list of this elite group of high achievers:

🏈 FOOTBALL (17 INDIVIDUALS/ 18 TIMES; YEAR REFERS TO FALL SEASON)

- Dan Shannon '54
- Don Schaefer '55
- Bob Lehmann '63
- Jim Lynch '66
- Tom Regner '66
- Jim Smithberger '67
- George Kunz '68
- Jim Reilly '69
- Tom Gatewood '70 & '71
- Joe Theismann '70
- Greg Marx '72
- Dave Casper '73
- Pete Demmerle '74
- Ken MacAfee '77
- John Krimm '81
- Tim Ruddy '93
- Manti Te'o '13

⚾ BASEBALL (3)

- Dan Peltier '89
- J. P. Gagne '03
- Steve Sollmann '03

🏀 MEN’S BASKETBALL (4/6)

- Bob Arnzen '67 & '68
- Kelly Tripucka '79
- John Paxson '82 & '83
- Pat Garrity '98

⚾️ SOFTBALL (4/6)

- Katie Marten '95 & '96
- Jarrah Myers '01 & '02
- Jen Sharron '01
- Stephanie Brown '06

🏃 MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY / TRACK & FIELD (12/14; CROSS COUNTRY YEARS REFER TO FALL SEASON)

- Mike McWilliams '95 track
- Jeff Hojnacki '97 track
- Jason Rexing '96 CC / '97 track
- Errol Williams '98 track
- Mike Brown '98 track & field
- Ryan Shay '01 CC / '02 track
- Luke Watson '01 CC / '02 & '03 track
- Todd Mobley '03 CC
- Tim Moore '05 CC
- Thomas Chamney '06 & '07 track
- Todd Ptacek '06 CC / '07 track
- Patrick Smyth '08 CC / '09 track

🏊 WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY /TRACK & FIELD (4)

- Alison Klemmer '99 track
- Lauren King '03 CC
- Stephanie Madia '05 CC / '06 track
- Rebecca Tracy '12 CC / '13 track

🥋 WOMEN’S FENCING (4/5)

- Heidi Piper '91 & '92
- Claudette deBruin '96
- Adrienne Nott '08
- Lee Keifer '15

⚽ WOMEN’S SOCCER (4/7, YEARS REFER TO FALL SEASON)

- Jen Renola '95 & '96
- Monica Gonzalez '01
- Brittany Bock '07 & '08
- Lauren Fowlkes '09 & '10

🥋 MEN’S FENCING (3/4)

- Bill Lester '96, '97
- Reggie Bentley '11
- Gerek Meinhardt '14

⚽ MEN’S SOCCER (4)

- Ryan Miller '07
- Matt Besler '08
- Patrick Hodan '15

🎾 EACH WITH ONE (6/8)

- Andy Zurcher (men's tennis, '94)
- Jen Hall (women's tennis, '99)
- Ruth Riley (women's basketball, '00, '01)
- Lauren Brewster (volleyball, '05)
- Erik Condra (hockey, '09)
- Emma Reaney (women's swimming, '14, '15)

(2014–15) ACC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAMS

🍂 FALL:

🏃 MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY (3)

- Michael Clevenger (Jr.)
- Jacob Dumford (So.)
- Jake Kildoo (Sr.)

🏊 WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY (3)

- Danielle Aragon (Jr.)
- Emily Frydrych (Sr.)
- Molly Seidel (Jr.)

⚽ MEN’S SOCCER (5)

- Jeffrey Farina (Fr.)
- Patrick Hodan (Jr.)*
- Luke Mishu (Jr.)
- Andrew O'Malley (GS)
- Evan Panken (Jr.)

⚽ WOMEN’S SOCCER (5)

- Sabrina Flores (Fr.)
- Kaela Little (So.)
- Katie Naughton (Jr.)
- Cari Roccaro (Jr.)
- Brittany Von Rueden (Jr.)

🍂 WINTER:

🥋 MEN’S FENCING (7)

- Virgile Collineau (So.)
- Ariel DeSmet (Sr.)*
- Jonathan Fitzgerald (Fr.)
- John Hallsten (Jr.)
- Nicholas Hanahan (Fr.)
- Garrett McGrath (Jr.)
- Jonah Shainberg (Fr.)

🥋 WOMEN’S FENCING (5)

- Nicole Ameli (Sr.)
- Lee Kiefer (Jr.)*
- Claudia Kulmacz (Fr.)
- Francesca Russo (Fr.)
- Ashley Severson (Sr.)

🏊 MEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING (2)

- Andrew Jensen (Jr.)
- Cameron Miller (Sr.)

🏊 WOMEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING (3)

- Emma Gaboury (Jr.)
- Sherri McIntee (Fr.)
- Emma Reaney (Sr.)

🏊 MEN’S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (3)

- Michael Clevenger (Jr.)
- Christopher Giesting (Sr.)
- Brent Swanberg (Jr.)

🏊 WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD (7)

- Danielle Aragon (Jr.)
- Margaret Bamgbose (Jr.)
- Mary-Esther Gourdin (Sr.)
- Jessica Harris (Fr.)
- Emily Morris (Sr.)
- Rachel Rhodes (Fr.)
- Molly Seidel (Jr.)

🍃 SPRING:

⚾️ BASEBALL (7)

- Ryan Bull (Sr.)
- Brandon Bielak (Fr.)
- Kyle Fiala (So.)
- Sean Guenther (Fr.)
- Nick McCarty (Jr.)
- Lane Richards (Jr.)
- Robert Youngdahl (Sr.)

🏊 WOMEN’S GOLF (4)

- Ashley Armstrong (Sr.)
- Talia Campbell (Jr.)
- Jordan Ferreira (So.)
- Kelli Oride (Sr.)

🏊 MEN’S GOLF (1)

- Tyler Wingo (Sr.)

🏑 MEN’S LACROSSE (8)

- Will Corrigan (Sr.)
- Edwin Glazener (Jr.)
- Matt Landis (Jr.)
- Eddy Lubowicki (Jr.)
- Jim Marlatt (GS)
- Jack Near (Sr.)
- Sergio Perkovic (So.)
- John Sexton (Fr.)

🏑 WOMEN’S LACROSSE (3)

- Alexa Dalton (So.)
- Cortney Fortunato (So.)
- Barbara Sullivan (Sr.)

🚣 ROWING (9)

- Rose Doerfler (Sr.)
- Sarah Kappers (Fr.)
- Reilly Kearney (Fr.)
- Anna Kottkamp (Sr.)*
- Joanna Mulvey (Jr.)
- Alexis Olson (Jr.)
- Ailish Sheehan (Sr.)
- Katie Skorcz (Jr.)
- Alex Techar (Jr.)

⚾️ SOFTBALL (3)

- Katey Haus (Sr.)
- Rachel Nasland (So.)
- Kimmy Sullivan (So.)

🎾 MEN’S TENNIS (2)

- Dougie Barnard (Sr.)
- Quentin Monaghan (Jr.)

🎾 WOMEN’S TENNIS (1)

- Julie Vrabel (Jr.)

🏊 MEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (5)

- Michael Clevenger (Jr.)
- Jacob Dumford (So.)
- Chris Giesting (Sr.)
- Martin Grady (Sr.)
- Nathan Richartz (So.)

🏊 WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD (7)

- Margaret Bamgbose (Jr.)
- Parker English (Fr.)
- Mary-Esther Gourdin (Sr.)
- Amber Lalla (Sr.)
- Carly Loeffel (Sr.)
- Emily Morris (Sr.)
- Molly Seidel (Sr.)

Notes | The above individuals include 13 who received the All-America/Academic All-America honors in two different years: Tom Gatewood, Bob Arnzen, John Paxson, Heidi Piper, Katie Marten, Bill Lester, Jen Renola, Ruth Riley, Jarrah Myers, Luke Watson, Thomas Chamney, Brittany Bock and Lauren Fowlkes. Notre Dame has produced at least one student-athlete with the All-America/Academic All-America distinction in 13 of the past 14 years (28 total in that stretch). Six pairs of teammates have earned the double honors in the same season: football's Jim Lynch and Tom Regner '66 and Tom Gatewood and Joe Theismann '70; softball's Jarrah Myers and Jen Sharron '01; track's Ryan Shay and Luke Watson '02 and Thomas Chamney and Todd Ptacek '07; and baseball's J. P. Gagne and Steve Sollmann '03.

* - denotes ACC Scholar Athlete of the Year

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Jacob Kildoo Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field
Alex Lawson Men's Tennis
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Blaise Lezynski Baseball
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Jimmy McEldrew Men's Swimming & Diving
Shane McKenzie Men's Swimming & Diving
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Scott Milling Men's Cross Country/ Track & Field

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Eva Niklinska Fencing
Ihuoma Nwaogwugwu Women's Track & Field
Molly O'Koniewski Women's Tennis
Kelli Oride Women's Golf
John Poremski Men's Fencing
Austin Pruitt Women's Lacrosse
Emma Reaney Women's Swimming & Diving
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