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The BIG EAST Conference maintains its presence on the World Wide Web at [www.bigeast.org](http://www.bigeast.org). The site contains current information on all facets of the BIG EAST Conference. Please contact the BIG EAST media relations department for more information on BIG EAST swimming and diving.

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# UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



## ABOUT NOTRE DAME

- The University of Notre Dame sits on 1,250 acres containing two lakes and has 137 buildings.
- The Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the 14-story Hesburgh Library with its 132-foot-high mural depicting Christ the Teacher, and the University's beautifully renovated 128-year-old Main Building with its famed 23.9 Karat Golden Dome are among the most widely known university landmarks in the world.
- Notre Dame has 8,332 undergraduate students and a total enrollment of 11,479 students.

**T**he University of Notre Dame, founded in 1842 by Rev. Edward F. Sorin, C.S.C., of the Congregation of Holy Cross, is an independent, national Catholic university located in Notre Dame, Ind., adjacent to the city of South Bend and approximately 90 miles east of Chicago.

## RANKINGS

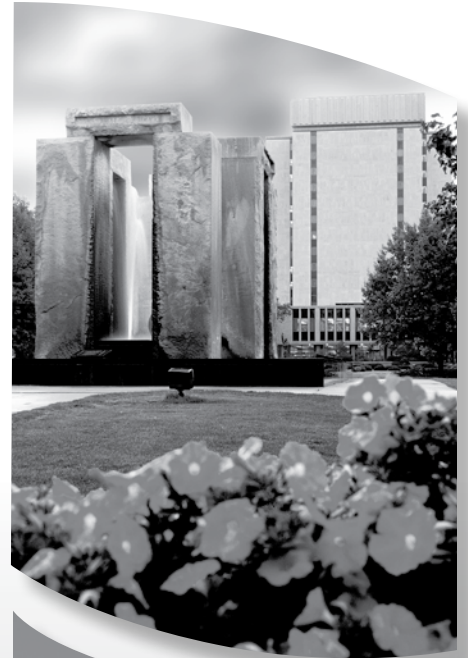
- Notre Dame is rated among the nation's top 25 institutions of higher learning in surveys conducted by *U.S. News and World Report*, *Princeton Review*, *Time*, *Kiplinger's*, and *Kaplan/Newsweek*.
- The *Wall Street Journal* has cited Notre Dame one of the "New Ivies" in American higher education, along with, among others, Duke, Northwestern and Johns Hopkins.
- Notre Dame is one of the few universities to rank in the top 25 in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey of America's best colleges and the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup standings of the best overall athletic programs.



- Notre Dame ranks fifth in a listing of “dream schools” in a survey of parents by the *Princeton Review*. The top seven are Stanford, Princeton, Harvard, Brown, Notre Dame, Duke, and Boston College.

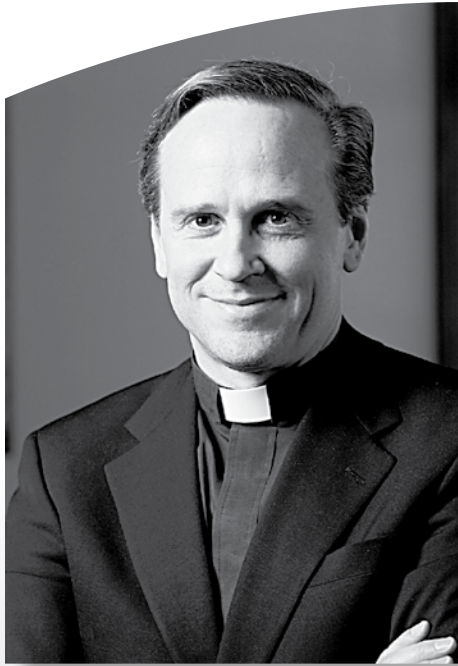
## STUDENTS

- Notre Dame’s graduation rate of 95 percent is exceeded by only Harvard and Princeton.
- Notre Dame’s 98 percent retention rate between the freshman and sophomore years is among the highest in the country, thanks in large part to the University’s unique First Year of Studies Program.
- Notre Dame has one of the highest undergraduate residential concentrations of any national university, with 80 percent of its students living in 27 residence halls. Some 40 Holy Cross religious leaders continue to live and provide a pastoral presence in the halls.
- Graduate and undergraduate students at the University come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries worldwide.





# UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP



**Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.**, took office as the 17th president of the University of Notre Dame on July 1, 2005. He was elected by the University's Board of Trustees to a five-year term April 30, 2004.

An associate professor of philosophy and member of Notre Dame's faculty since 1990, Father Jenkins had served from 2000-2005 as a vice president and associate provost at the University.

Prior to his service in the provost's office, Father Jenkins had been religious superior of the Holy Cross priests and brothers at Notre Dame for three years. As religious superior, he was a Fellow and Trustee of the University, but he relinquished those posts to assume his duties in the provost's office.

**“**If we are clear in our purpose, we will excel in our ideals. This will be my priority and my passion as President of Notre Dame.”

– Father Jenkins' Inauguration Speech, 2005

## NOTRE DAME ADMINISTRATION

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**Don Pope-Davis**  
NCAA Faculty  
Representative

Father Jenkins specializes in the areas of ancient philosophy, medieval philosophy and the philosophy of religion. He is the author of *Knowledge and Faith in Thomas Aquinas*, published by Cambridge University Press in 1997.

Father Jenkins earned degrees in philosophy from Oxford University in 1987 and 1989. He earned his master of divinity degree and licentiate in sacred theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif., in 1988.

Prior to entering the Congregation of Holy Cross, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from Notre Dame in 1976 and 1978, respectively. Father Jenkins was ordained a priest in Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1983. He served as director of the Old College program for Notre Dame undergraduate candidates for the Congregation of Holy Cross from 1991 to 1993.

A native of Omaha, Neb., Father Jenkins was born Dec. 17, 1953.



**John B. “Jack” Swarbrick Jr.**, a Notre Dame graduate who has risen to national prominence as a lawyer, consultant and executive in the collegiate and Olympic sports industries, was appointed July 16, 2008 as the University’s 12<sup>th</sup> director of athletics.

Raised in Yonkers, N.Y., and Bloomington, Ind., Swarbrick is a 1976 magna cum laude graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor’s degree in economics. Upon graduating from Stanford Law School in 1980, he returned to Indiana to accept a position as an associate in the Indianapolis law firm Baker & Daniels. He was made partner in 1987.

At the same time that Swarbrick began his career, the city of Indianapolis was beginning its effort to become a world-class center for amateur and professional athletics. An employment law specialist, Swarbrick soon shifted his focus to sports and quickly became active in the city’s initiatives.

As a member of the Indiana Sports Corp., including the chairmanship from 1992 to 2001, Swarbrick led many of the city’s successful proposals to a wide array of athletics organizations – from the NFL to the U.S. Olympic Committee to the Big Ten Conference. His leadership efforts have resulted in the city:

- Earning the bid to host the 2012 Super Bowl to Indianapolis
- Becoming the home of the NCAA national headquarters
- Hosting the 1987 Pan American Games
- Hosting the 1991 World Gymnastics Championships
- Hosting NCAA Final Fours and other college championship competitions and a wide array of national and world championships in the Olympic sports
- Securing rights to host the Big Ten Conference men’s and women’s basketball tournaments for five consecutive years beginning in 2008

Swarbrick’s work has focused on the representation of owners of sports teams and organizations which sanction or conduct athletic competitions. He has served as general counsel for numerous national governing bodies of Olympic sports, including USA Gymnastics and USRowing, and as a consultant to the 1996 Olympic Games. He also served as president and chief executive officer of LMiv, an Internet-based network of radio stations.

- In his work as an advisor to the NCAA, Swarbrick has:
- Coordinated the men’s College Basketball Partnership, an NCAA-led group that addresses the opportunities and challenges in the sport
- Worked with the NCAA’s Corporate Partners and Champions Program
- Served as a member of the NCAA Division I women’s Basketball Discussion Group
- Chaired the NCAA/USOC task force dedicated to developing proposals to expand sponsorship of Olympic sports among NCAA member institutions
- Developed the business plan for the new NBA/NCAA youth basketball enterprise

Before accepting the offer to lead his alma mater’s athletics department, Swarbrick had been a finalist for several high-profile positions in college athletics, including president of the NCAA and commissioner of the Big 12 Conference.

Swarbrick and his wife, Kimberly, are the parents of four children: Kate, a junior at St. Louis University; Connor, a sophomore at Wake Forest University; Cal, a junior in high school; and Christopher, a high school sophomore.





# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Notre Dame's Academic Services for Student-Athletes, housed in the Coleman-Morse Building, is designed to help Notre Dame fulfill its commitment to all student-athletes in their pursuit of a college degree and academic excellence.

In order to achieve these goals, Academic Services has several major objectives:

1. Maintain the academic integrity of the University
2. Help student-athletes maximize their academic potential
3. Comply with University and NCAA rules and regulations
4. Assist every student-athlete as they work towards graduation in four years

Academic Services provides many services that begin when First Year students arrive on campus and continue through graduation. Services provided include but are not limited to:

- Consistent counseling and appropriate interventions regarding academic matters
- Refer student-athletes to campus offices where they can meet regularly with their professors and college advisors
- Monitoring the progress of student-athletes through regular communication with professors
- Provide tutorial assistance for the student-athletes

A new computer/study space was completed inside the Coleman-Morse Building for the start of the 2007-08 school year. This new 2,500 square-foot room can handle any combination of 80 student-athletes or tutors at once. There are also nine study rooms used for small group meetings or private sessions with tutors. The study space has approximately 20 desktop computers available for use and has wireless connections available for laptops.

**T**he University of Notre Dame ranks number one in the country in terms of graduating its student-athletes, according to statistics released recently by the NCAA.



Whether measured by the federal government in its Department of Education report or by the NCAA through its newer Graduation Success Rate (GSR) numbers, graduation rates for Notre Dame student-athletes rank among the national leaders in most categories among major football-playing colleges and universities.

### 2007 NCAA Graduation Rates

All data for student-athletes who enrolled between 1997 and 2000 (numbers are percentages)

#### All Student-Athletes

Federal Rate

1. Duke, 91
2. Stanford, 90
3. **Notre Dame, 89**
4. Northwestern, 87
5. Boston College, 85

GSR

1. **Notre Dame, 98**  
(tie) U.S. Naval Academy, 98  
(tie) Northwestern, 98
4. Duke, 97
5. Boston College, 96

#### Male Student-Athletes

Federal Rate

1. Stanford, 90
2. Duke, 89
3. **Notre Dame, 85**
4. Northwestern, 83
5. Boston College, 79

GSR

1. U.S. Naval Academy, 98
2. **Notre Dame, 97**
3. Northwestern, 96
4. Boston College, 95  
(tie) Duke, 95

#### Female Student-Athletes

Federal Rate

1. **Notre Dame, 94**
2. Duke, 93
3. Northwestern, 92  
(tie) Rice, 92
5. Penn State, 91

GSR

1. **Notre Dame, 100**  
(tie) Vanderbilt, 100  
(tie) U.S. Naval Academy, 100
4. Northwestern, 99  
(tie) Duke, 99  
(tie) Rice, 99  
(tie) Wake Forest, 99

#### Black Student-Athletes

Federal Rate

1. Wake Forest, 86
2. Stanford, 84
3. Vanderbilt, 82
4. Northwestern, 81
5. Boston College, 76  
(tie) Rice, 76  
(tie) Duke, 76
8. **Notre Dame, 75**

GSR

1. U.S. Naval Academy, 96
2. Wake Forest, 93  
(tie) Northwestern, 93
4. **Notre Dame, 91**
5. U.S. Air Force Academy, 88

#### Football Student-Athletes

Federal Rate

1. Stanford, 91
2. Duke, 90
3. Boston College, 87
4. Vanderbilt, 85
5. Wake Forest, 80
6. **Notre Dame, 79**  
(tie) Northwestern, 79

GSR

1. U.S. Naval Academy, 95
2. Northwestern, 94
3. **Notre Dame, 93**  
(tie) Boston College, 93  
(tie) Stanford, 93  
(tie) Duke, 93





# ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Eight years ago, the Notre Dame department of athletics and the University embarked on creating an ambitious athletics facility master plan so Irish student-athletes would have access to state-of-the-art venues for practice, training and competition.

That blueprint, which touched nearly every varsity sport, continues to come to life. By the time the plan is completed, the entire area just east of the Joyce Center and north of Edison Road will boast a comprehensive and impressive athletic quad.

## NEW FACILITIES ALUMNI SOCCER STADIUM

- The new \$5.7 million stadium had its groundbreaking April 26, 2008 and is expected to be completed in June 2009. The stadium will be a lighted facility that will feature a natural grass field, locker rooms, restrooms, concession areas and 2,000 seats.

## ARLOTTA FAMILY LACROSSE STADIUM

- Groundbreaking for the \$5 million facility occurred April 17, 2008 and is expected to be completed in June 2009. Arlotta Stadium will feature 2,000 seats, lights, an artificial-turf field, locker rooms, restrooms and concession area.

## MELISSA COOK STADIUM

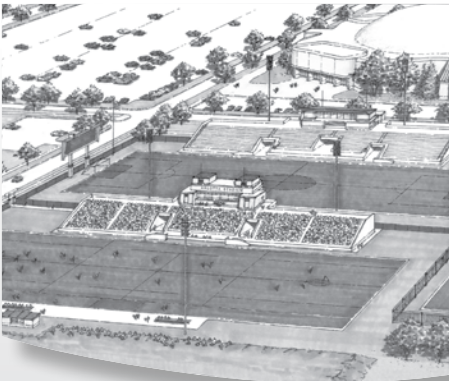
- Located on the southeast corner of campus, the new softball stadium opened April 12, 2008 and can accommodate up to 1,500 fans.

## TRACK STADIUM

- Ground was broken for construction of the \$3 million outdoor track in June 2008. The new nine-lane facility will meet IAAF guidelines and completion is expected in late October 2008.

## LABAR FOOTBALL PRACTICE FIELDS

- Three new practice fields adjacent to the Guglielmino Athletics Complex will be ready for the start of fall practice in August 2008. Two of the fields will be FieldTurf and the third will be natural grass.







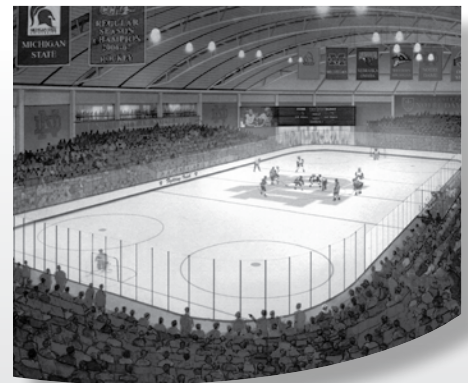
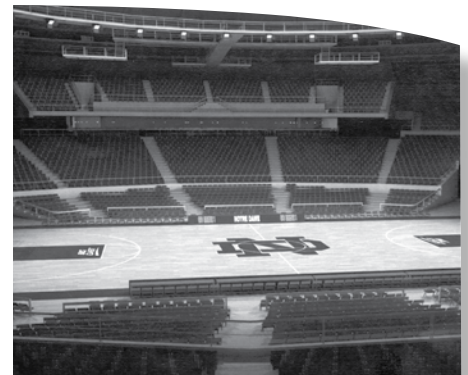
## RENOVATED FACILITIES

### PURCELL PAVILION

- Home to the Irish men's and women's basketball teams as well as the volleyball squad, construction on the \$26.3 million Joyce Center Arena addition and renovation will begin in September 2008.

### CHARLES W. "LEFTY" SMITH, JR. ICE RINK

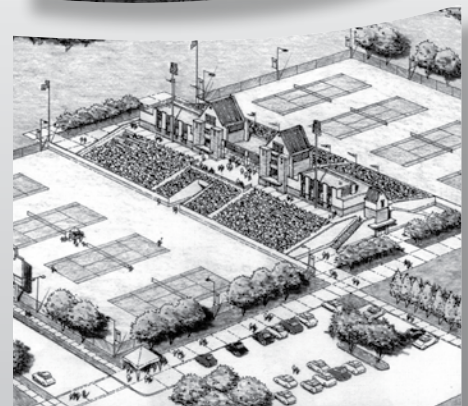
- Tentative plans for a \$30 million facility will create a new home for the Irish hockey team within the Joyce Center fieldhouse. The project would increase capacity to 4,000 while improving locker rooms, concessions and restrooms.



## PROSPECTIVE NEW FACILITIES

### OUTDOOR TENNIS COMPLEX

- The \$4.9 million project will create a new outdoor playing and practice home with seating for 2,000 and will meet NCAA requirements to host national championships on the Notre Dame campus.



### ROWING BOATHOUSE

- A new boathouse for the rowing team eventually will be constructed near the existing boathouse on the St. Joseph River.



**N**early \$70 million of the *Spirit of Notre Dame* development campaign has been earmarked for strategic athletics facilities renovation and construction designs.



# SPORTS MEDICINE

## SPORTS MEDICINE

- Head athletic trainer and physical therapist Jim Russ oversees a staff of three associate and eight assistant athletic trainers, plus two physical therapist/athletic trainers, all of whom are certified and boast nearly 200 years of collective experience.
- Irish athletes have access to three state-of-the-art sports medicine facilities in the Joyce Center, Notre Dame Stadium and the Guglielmino Athletics Complex.
- The Guglielmino facility encompasses more than 8,500 square-feet of cutting-edge sports medicine technology including the latest in physical therapy modalities and rehabilitation equipment, with two 3,500-gallon therapy pools, a full x-ray unit and an MRI machine.



# STRENGTH & CONDITIONING



## STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

- Director of strength and conditioning Ruben Mendoza is in charge of a department that has eight full-time coaches, an intern and a nutritionist.
- The 25,000 square foot Haggar Fitness Complex is located between the Loftus Sports Center and Guglielmino Athletics Complex.
- The Haggar Fitness Complex features a three-lane development track, a 45x18 yard Prestige Turf plyometric agility area, a Gatorade hydration station, six giant plasma screen televisions and a state-of-the-art sound system with 28 speakers and four subwoofers.





# EXCELLENCE ON THE FIELD...



## NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS ... BY THE NUMBERS

- 674** Total number of Irish student-athletes in 2007-08
- 26** Sports offered by Notre Dame
- 25** National Championships (11 in football, seven in fencing, two in women's soccer, two in men's tennis and one in men's golf, men's cross country and women's basketball)
- 93** BIG EAST Championships by Notre Dame in 13 seasons of conference play
- 8** Conference Championships won by Irish teams in 2007-08 (BIG EAST and Great Western Lacrosse League)
- 19** Irish sports that advanced either as a team or an individual to postseason play in 2007-08
- 29** All-Americans during the 2007-08 school year

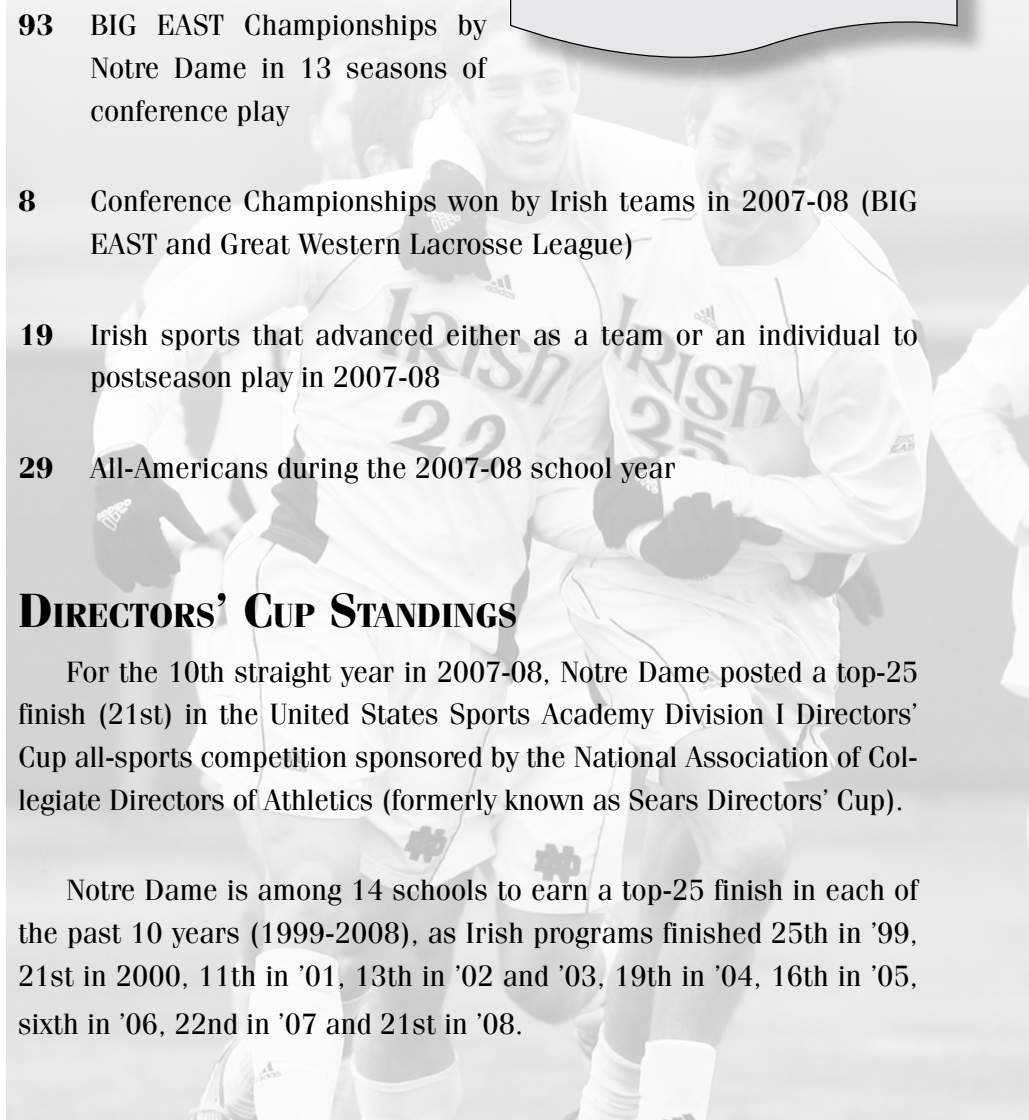
## MOST ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- 1. Nebraska ..... 261
- 2. Notre Dame ..... 201**
- 3. MIT ..... 145
- 3. Penn State ..... 145
- 5. Stanford ..... 126
- 6. Augustana (Ill.) ..... 125
- 7. Bucknell..... 116
- 8. Texas..... 112
- 9. UCLA..... 111
- 10. Illinois Wesleyan . 110

## DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

For the 10th straight year in 2007-08, Notre Dame posted a top-25 finish (21st) in the United States Sports Academy Division I Directors' Cup all-sports competition sponsored by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (formerly known as Sears Directors' Cup).

Notre Dame is among 14 schools to earn a top-25 finish in each of the past 10 years (1999-2008), as Irish programs finished 25th in '99, 21st in 2000, 11th in '01, 13th in '02 and '03, 19th in '04, 16th in '05, sixth in '06, 22nd in '07 and 21st in '08.



# ... EXCELLENCE OFF THE FIELD



## NOTRE DAME ATHLETICS ... BY THE NUMBERS

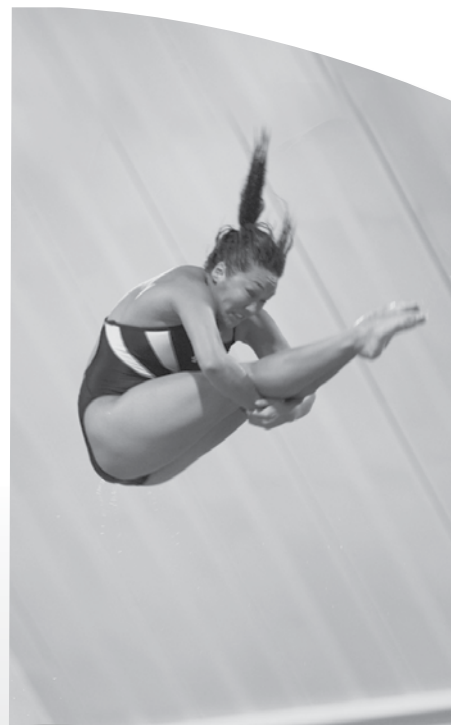
- 201** All-Time Academic All-Americans (second all-time)
- 8** Academic All-Americans in 2007-08
- 44** All-Time NCAA postgraduate scholarship recipients
- 18** Notre Dame teams (out of 22) with a graduation rate of 100% (best percentage in NCAA)
- 8** Irish athletic teams that earned a perfect score of 1,000 in the NCAA's Academic Performance Rate in 2007-08 (tied for most among Division I football playing schools)

## ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- Notre Dame has had 201 Academic All-Americans since 1952, second-most among all NCAA institutions
- From 2006-08, 32 student-athletes earned Academic All-America recognition, the most Academic All-Americans in a three-year stretch in school history
- Eight Irish student-athletes were named Academic All-Americans in 2007-08: Brittany Bock (women's soccer), John Carlson (football), Ashley Jones (women's soccer), Trevor Laws (football), Brett Lilley (baseball), Ryan Miller (men's soccer), Adrienne Nott (women's fencing), Jordan Pearce (hockey).

## POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Notre Dame has had 44 student-athletes receive a postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA since the program was founded in 1964. During the 2007-08 school year, John Carlson (football) and Brett Lilley (baseball) became the most recent recipients of the prestigious scholarship.





# STUDENT WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

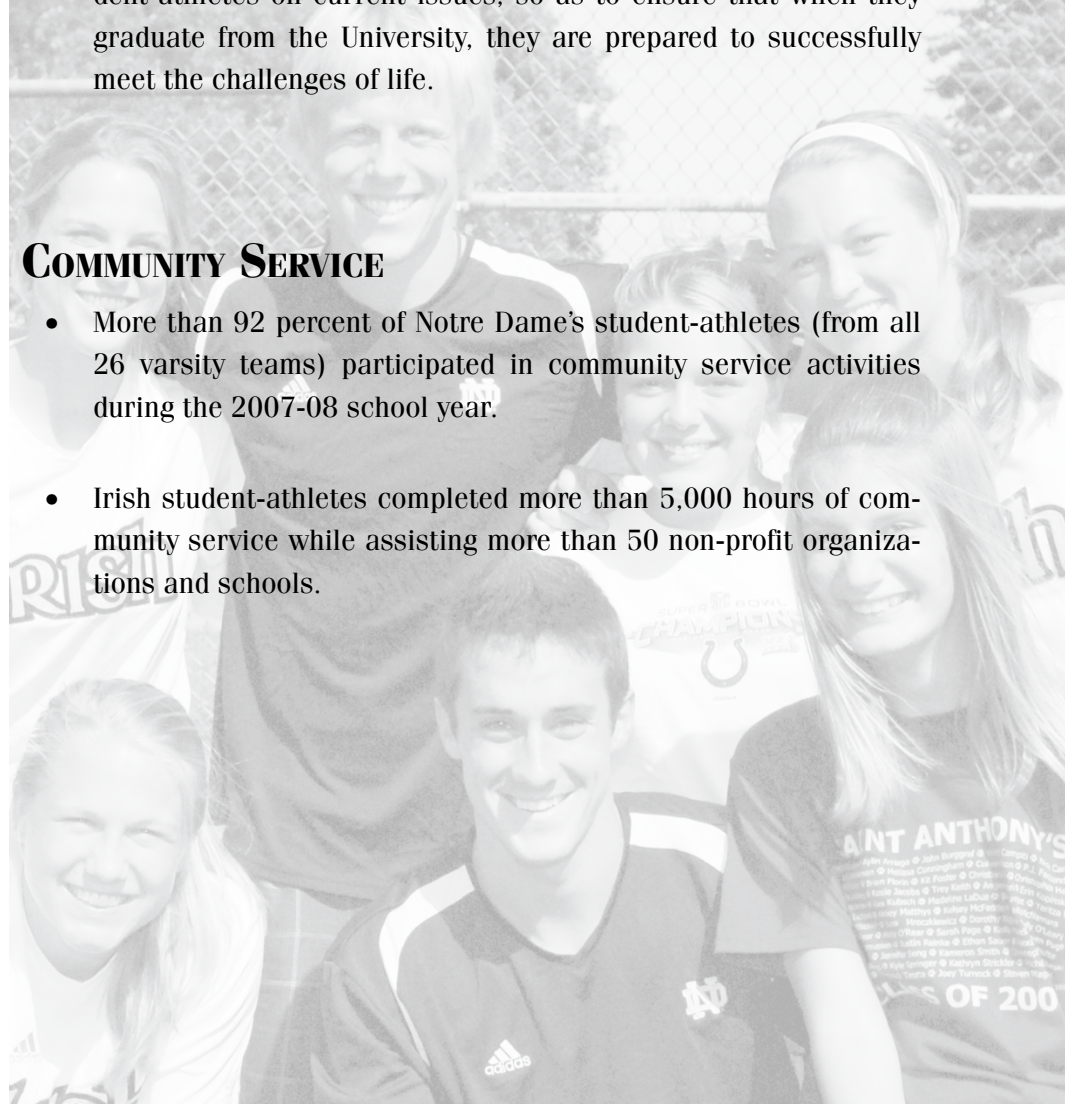


## STUDENT WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

- The Student Welfare and Development Program implements events and activities that are designed to facilitate learning within five key areas: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development.
- The program has three components: elective services (community service, leadership, social events); complementary services (encourages administrators and coaches to request coordination of workshops, events and activities); and essential services (student-athletes participate in a series of required skill-building and developmental workshops and activities).
- The Student Welfare and Developmental Program, founded in 1996, continuously seeks to develop programs that educate student-athletes on current issues, so as to ensure that when they graduate from the University, they are prepared to successfully meet the challenges of life.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- More than 92 percent of Notre Dame's student-athletes (from all 26 varsity teams) participated in community service activities during the 2007-08 school year.
- Irish student-athletes completed more than 5,000 hours of community service while assisting more than 50 non-profit organizations and schools.



# CITY OF SOUTH BEND



**S**outh Bend and Mishawaka are the two largest cities in St. Joseph County and help boost the population of the area to 266,431.

- The College Football Hall of Fame is located in downtown South Bend.
- The Studebaker National Museum is located in South Bend and displays carriages of four U.S. Presidents, prototypes and industrial treasures.
- The community's version of "Willy Wonka" can be found at The South Bend Chocolate Company and Chocolate Museum.
- Adventurers can enjoy both rafting and kayaking on the East Race Waterway, the first artificial whitewater course in North America.
- During the summer, the South Bend Silver Hawks (the Class A minor league affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks) plays at Coveleski Stadium.
- On Friday's prior to an Irish home football game, downtown South Bend features a Football Friday Tent Party with live music, food and drink on the grounds of the College Football Hall of Fame.





# NOTRE DAME MONOGRAM CLUB

## MONOGRAM CLUB

- The Notre Dame Monogram Club is comprised of nearly 7,000 individuals who have earned the University's varsity athletic insignia for their athletic or team-support endeavors or who have been honorary-monogram recipients.
- Yearly dues entitle members to a variety of benefits: annual golf outing; membership card; the *Inside Irish* publication; members' children eligible for Brennan-Boland-Riehle scholarship at Notre Dame; and ticket applications for home football games.

**N**otre Dame Monogram Club: Bridging the Gap Between Legend and Legacy

## ALUMNI

- The University's network of 275 alumni clubs—including 60 international clubs—is the most extensive in higher education.
- The Notre Dame Alumni Association's current membership reaches nearly 110,000.
- With graduates renowned for their loyalty and generosity, Notre Dame annually ranks among the top five in percentage of alumni who contribute to the University.
- In the world of business, Notre Dame alumni serve in chief executive and other leadership positions at firms such as Andrews McMeel Publishing; the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; General Electric; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Haggar Company; Marriott Corp.; Merck & Company; and Office Depot.

