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# ROCHESTER ATHLETICS

## 2016 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

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**Yvette Igbokwe '16**  
stayed a step ahead of the competition. She broke two records and advanced to run at NCAAAs.

**Cover: Tiffany White '17**  
earned All-League and All-Region honors last season.

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## A Message from the Director of Athletics—George VanderZwaag



This summer the University reached a momentous milestone. After 11 years, our historic fundraising campaign, *The Meliora Challenge*, officially came to a close. As a University we surpassed our goals, and within Athletics we have accomplished a great deal. We are maintaining a positive trajectory as we add to the significant enhancements to our facilities over the past 20 years.

These enhancements include a new fitness center, new squash/racquetball courts, a varsity softball field, an indoor rowing training center, and the Peter Lyman Outdoor Tennis Center. We've renovated many areas, too, including the Palestra, most of our field space, and the pool and its locker rooms, to name just a few. We owe much gratitude to each of you and to Robert B. Goergen '60 who made much of our work up to this point possible. We thank Brian F. Prince '86, '89S (MBA) for his leadership, which is making the current changes to Fauver Stadium and the surrounding facilities possible. We are also grateful to Ed Hajim '58 for establishing the alumni gymnasium in his name.

The current changes include a new residence hall that will contain the Varsity House at the stadium field level,

with two floors dedicated to varsity team locker rooms, equipment room, and sports medicine. The work on Fauver Stadium will upgrade the facility while retaining its historic character and charm.

Because of your generous support, our athletics facilities have dramatically improved over the past two decades. We thank all of you. Outstanding facilities help us attract exceptional students and provide them with resources that enrich their overall collegiate experience. Everything we do within Athletics focuses on our students, supports their educational experience, and encourages them to reach for high goals.

Come celebrate with us this Meliora Weekend, October 6–9. Saturday will be an eventful day for athletics—alumni games in the morning, followed by an all-varsity pregame tailgate, and our homecoming football game versus St. Lawrence in the afternoon. We will also hold our Hall of Fame Induction dinner and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first cross country national championship. These and many other events will add to the celebratory spirit of this year's weekend, which will mark our appreciation for our alumni, parents, and friends. I hope to see you there. *Meliora!*

# Athletic Hall of Fame

# DINNER

The 2016 University of Rochester Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 8, 2016. The dinner will be held in the Leibner-Cooper Room in the Goergen Athletic Center. The 2016 Hall of Fame inductees, their families and friends, and current Hall of Fame members are invited to share this special evening.

*Introducing this year's Hall of Fame inductees...*



## John R. Dunnigan '68

### Football

Dunningan was a three year starter as tight end and linebacker for the varsity football team. He was the team's leading pass receiver and outstanding blocker. He earned ECAC Team and Athlete of the Week honors in both 1966 and

1967. In 1967, Dunnigan was the leading ground gainer with over 700 yards in seven games. He broke 100 yards versus Hamilton, Williams, and Union and over 90 yards against Denison.



## Karen L. Kreutziger Coulombe '01

### Lacrosse

A four-year starter and four-year letterwinner, Coulombe walked on to the women's lacrosse team, where she was the first in school history to

earn All-America honors in 2000. She earned Academic All-America honors in both 1999 and 2000. She was an All-NYSWCAA all four years and an All-UCAA in 1998, 1999, and 2000. She was the two-time captain when the team won the IWLCA All-Region in 1999 and 2000.



## Barbara Bliss Mahnke '86

### Swimming and Diving

Mahnke was a four-time All American, qualifying for four straight years to participate at the NCAA Division III Women's National Swimming and

Diving Championships. During her career, she anchored six different relays that earned All-American honors. In 1986, Mahnke helped Rochester place 13th out of 63 teams at the NAAs. In that year, she qualified for the NCAA Championships in three events: the 200-yard medley relay, the 200-yard freestyle relay, and the 400-yard medley relay. She set school records in all three events. Mahnke was an All-American every year in the Yellowjackets' 400-yard medley relay team in which she finished in the Top 16 at nationals with a best finish in sixth place. She also set several individual school records in freestyle and individual medley events along the way.



## Andrew R. Milne '91

### Football

Milne tied the school record for most field goals made in a game and set a school record for most field goals made in a season. In 1987 and 1988, Milne made the ECAC Upstate NY All-Star Team earned the Pizza Hut Small School All-American

Honorable Mention, and was Little All-American as a senior. He also set records for the most extra points made in a season, most field goals made in a career, most field goals attempted in a career, and most consecutive games with a field goal. His senior year, Milne earned ECAC Player of the Week, UAA Player of the Week, made the UAA All-Star Team, and kicked five field goals (including a school record 50 yarder) in a 29-0 victory over Hobart.



## Ev Phillips

### Track Coach

Phillips coached the track team from 1960 to 1970. The team won the NYS Track and Field Outdoor Championships in 1963, 65, 66, 67, and 69 with a second-place finish in 1964. They also won NYS Indoor Championships in 1966 and

1967. During his career, Phillips coached the fastest 440-yard dash, the relay team that set a still-standing NYS record, and a second-place finish in the 1966 sprint medley relay team at Florida Relays against all schools including SEC.



## Joseph B. Sebastianelli '85

### Football

Sebastianelli was an outstanding four-year starter on defense, playing all three defensive line positions during his stellar career. He earned four varsity letters and the respect of his opponents being named to different All-Opponents teams.

His senior year he received the coveted Iron Man Award.



## Adrian N Smalls '88

### Basketball

A four-year letterwinner for the basketball team, Smalls was a co-captain for the team that won the Chase Scholarship Tournament. In that tournament, Smalls was awarded MVP and set the tournament's field goal percentage record

while also earning All-Association honors from the UAA. Smalls had 445 assists, third of all time; 938 points, 50th of all time; 138 assists in a season, fourth of all time; 100 career games played, third of all time; 95 consecutive games played, first of all time; two University three-point shooting records; and had the most steals in a single game. Smalls has volunteered as the assistant men's varsity coach for the University of Rochester since 1991.



## Timothy J. Voloshen '96 '00 (MS)

### Cross Country/Track

Voloshen was a three-time All American, twice in track and once in cross country, a three-time UAA Champion, and named to the UAA 25th anniversary team in cross country. He was a

member of the 1991 Cross Country National Championship team, and teams that placed second (1992), seventh (1993), and third (1994) in subsequent years. Rochester won the NYSCTC and UAA Cross Country Championship titles each of his four years. In track, he was UAA Champion in the 3000m Steeplechase in 1994, 1995, and 1996. In 1994, he set the UAA Steeplechase record and reset it in 1995. In the NYSCT&FA Outdoor Track, he also placed first for the 3000m Steeplechase.



## Jason A. Walker '96

### Soccer

Walker was a four-year starter on the soccer team. He was a four-year UAA selection earning First Team honors in 1994 and 1995. He shares the record for most assists in a game and holds the career assists record. In 1993, he earned All-New

York State Selection and All-American Selection in 1995. He was the UAA Player of the Year in 1995 and made it to two NCAA Tournament appearances—one UAA Championship and one ECAC Championship.

## Hall of Fame Nominations

The University of Rochester Athletic Hall of Fame nomination process is open to everyone. The 2017 selection process will begin again in January 2017. We encourage you to participate by submitting the names of worthy candidates. Please review the criteria listed below and then submit your nomination to the committee through Associate Director Terry Gurnett '77 at [tgurnett@sports.rochester.edu](mailto:tgurnett@sports.rochester.edu). Your submission should include as much factual information about the individual as possible. Nominees may be contacted to request more information if needed.

### CRITERIA:

- Distinguished themselves with University of Rochester athletics as an administrator, athlete, coach, manager, or friend
- Distinguished themselves as alumni by supporting athletics at the University
- Promoted good will for and enhanced the image of the University of Rochester
- The University strives each year to induct athletes from a range of eras. Please remember that nominees can be inducted posthumously

**Thank you for participating.**

## Student Honors

A total of eight Rochester Athletes received All-America honors this past year, along with three Academic All-America honors. Four earned Phi Beta Kappa honors.

### ALL-AMERICANS

- Ryosei Kobayashi '17 (Squash)
- Mario Yanez '17 (Squash)
- Neil Cordell '16 (Squash)
- Tomotaka Endo '18 (Squash)
- Patrick Rice '16 (Men's Track and Field)
- Alexandra Leslie '18 (Women's Basketball)
- Michelle Relin '16 (Field Hockey)
- Tara Lamberti '16 (Field Hockey)

### ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- Matt Mender '16 (Football)
- Jeff Weinfeld '16 (Football)
- Jeremy Hassett '16 (Cross Country/Track and Field)

### PHI BETA KAPPA CLASS OF 2016

- Gabrielle DiAngelo
- Jeremy Hassett
- Catherine Knox
- Neil Cordell

**Congratulations on your success both on and off the field!**



*Congratulations to all of the inductees!*



# 2016 Spring Sports Wrap-Up

Gunnar Zemering '18

provisionally qualified for NCAAAs, was the Liberty League Swimmer of the Year, and was ranked 30th in Division III in the 50 Yard Freestyle.

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## BASEBALL

(22-19, 15-9 LIBERTY LEAGUE, 4-4 UAA)

### Team Highlights

- Opened the season with a 12-8 victory against NYU in the UAA tournament
- Had a three-game winning streak in a tough UAA tournament in Florida
- Finished third in the Liberty League regular season
- Advanced to the Liberty League Tournament Championships
- Posted a season high of 18 runs and 19 hits, including 3 home runs in an 18-6 win over Medaille College

### Individual Highlights

- Seven Yellowjackets were awarded All-Liberty League status following the season: Evan Janifer '16, John Ghyzel '18, Nolan Schultz '16, and Steve Eychner '16 were named to the First Team; Jake Meyerson '16 and Dan Warren '16 were named to the Second Team; Aiden Finch '19 was named Honorable Mention
- Four Yellowjackets were named to the All-UAA Team: Echner, First Team; Janifer, Ghyzel, and Schultz, Second Team
- Three Yellowjackets earned All-New York Region honors from D3baseball.com: Eychner and Schultz, First Team; Ghyzel, Third Team
- Eychner and Schultz were named 2016 New York All-Region First Team by the ABCA, Ghyzel earned Second Team, and Janifer earned Third Team

## WOMEN'S ROWING

### Team Highlights

- Varsity 8 boat was selected as women's rowing Boat of the Week in the Liberty League for three consecutive weeks
- The women won the varsity 8 race at the Liberty League Championships
- The Yellowjackets came one point away from winning the LL conference title
- Novice 4+ took first place at the State meet in Saratoga Springs
- Varsity 8 finished fifth in the Grand Final at Saratoga Springs
- Rochester finished 7 of 14 at the NYS Championships

### Individual Highlights

- Four Yellowjackets earned All-Liberty League Honors from the first varsity 8 boat: Bella Clemente '16, Clare McMahon '16, Alice Bandeian '17, and Crystal Hoffman '17
- Hoffman and Sarabeth Rambold '18 were named National Scholar-Athletes by the CRCA

## SOFTBALL

(27-23, 10-2 LIBERTY LEAGUE, 2-6 UAA)

### Team Highlights

- Captured a 6-4 win against nationally ranked St. John Fischer's Cardinals
- Won its 400th all-time softball victory with an 8-0 win against Fredonia

- Swept a doubleheader against RIT putting them in first place in the Liberty League
- Defeated SLU in a doubleheader finishing in the top seed for the Liberty League softball championships
- Defeated Skidmore College in a doubleheader to make it to the NCAA Division III softball championships

### Individual Highlights

- Eleni Wechsler '17 earned Liberty League Pitcher of the Week
- Elizabeth Bourne '19 was honored with the Liberty League Softball Rookie of the Week award
- Two Yellowjackets were named to the All-UAA Softball team: Kayla Kibling '16 and Jocelynn Blackshear '18, Second Team
- Eight Yellowjackets made All-Liberty League Softball Team: Wechsler, Kibling, and Mackenzie Cronin '16, First Team; Harleigh Kaczegowicz '19, Rachael Pletz '19, and Jocelyn Blackshear '18, Second Team; Bourne and Lauren Muni '16, Honorable Mention
- Kibling was named a First Team All-Northeast Region honoree at shortstop by the NFCA

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE

(4-12, 1-8 LIBERTY LEAGUE)

### Team Highlights

- Defeated Bard College 14-4 for their first Liberty League win of the season

- Scored two hat tricks against Skidmore College on senior day
- Had a three-game winning streak against Swarthmore College, Elmira College, and Nazareth College

### Individual Highlights

- Jamie Wallisch '17 moved into the top 10 all-time in points for the Rochester women's lacrosse program by scoring a career high of 6 goals against Elmira College
- Madeline Levy '18 selected Rookie of the Week by the Liberty League
- Wallisch and Levy both earned second team honors from the Liberty League

## MEN'S GOLF

### Team Highlights

- Opened up the UAA championships with a 6-0 win over NYU
- Shot a season best round of 290 in the first round of the Jekyll Island Invitational
- Finished 21 of 30 teams at the Jekyll Island Invitational—one of the best fields in Division III golf
- Tied for 2 of 7 in the first day of the Liberty League Championship
- Finished 3 of 7 in the second day of the Liberty League Championship
- Finished in third place at the Hershey Cup tournament

### Individual Highlights

- Jona Scott '17 was selected as the UAA and Liberty League Golfer of the Week
- Dominick Schumacher '16 finished strong at the Hershey Cup golf tournament placing in a tie for 4 of 87 golfers
- Four Yellowjackets earned spots on the All-UAA team: Scott made First Team; Jason Paek '18, and Schumacher made Second Team, and G. W. VanderZwaag '16 earned Honorable Mention status
- Schumacher was named Liberty League Player of the Year and was selected as First Team All-Liberty League along with Scott; G. W. VanderZwaag was awarded Second Team accolades; Daniel Luftspring '17 earned Honorable Mention status

## WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

### Team Highlights

- Finished second at both the indoor and outdoor NYSCTC Championships
- Took fifth at the ECAC Indoor Championships
- Placed fourth at the ECAC Outdoor Championships, which was the highest finish in program history
- Qualified three Yellowjackets for both the NCAA Division III Indoor and Outdoor Championships
- Competed at the historic Penn Relays, and the team of 10 set new school records in two distance races

### Individual Highlights

- Cameron Edwards '16 won the 100 hurdles (:14.76) and the 400 hurdles (1:02.00) at the NYSCTC Outdoor Championships and was named Women's Track Athlete of the Meet
- Yvette Igbokwe '16 finished first in the 200 meter (26.73)
- Emily VanDenburgh '16 won a state title and set a new school record in the long jump at the NYSCTC Indoor Championships at Ithaca and repeated the feat at the NYSCTC Outdoor Championships at RPI
- Catherine Knox '16 set new school records in the 5,000 meters (17:11.47) and broke her own record in the 3,000 Steeplechase (10:57.20), which she set earlier in the Penn Relays
- Samantha Kitchen '17 broke a 27-year-old school record in the indoor 800 meters at Tufts (2:13.95) and won that event at the NYSCTC Indoor Championships
- Kylee Bartlett '19, Yvette Igbokwe, and Kitchen qualified for the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships
- Edwards, Igbokwe, and Knox qualified for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships
- Five Yellowjackets earned USTFCCA All-Region Honors during the indoor season: Bartlett, Edwards, Alexandra Goldman '17, Igbokwe, and Kitchen
- Four Yellowjackets earned six Outdoor All-Region awards from the USTFCCA: Edwards and

- Igbokwe each were two-time All-Region honorees; VanDenburgh and Bartlett were named once
- Knox was selected to the Academic All-District III First Team for Track and Field and Cross Country by the College Sports Information Directors of America

## MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

### Team Highlights

- Repeated as NYSCTC Indoor Championships after winning the 2016 title at Ithaca College
- Finished second at the NYSCTC Outdoor Championships at RPI
- Finished eighth in the team scoring at the ECAC Indoor Championships in Staten Island
- Ended the ECAC Outdoor Championships 20 of 53 teams

### Individual Highlights

- Patrick Rice '16 earned All-America honors after finishing fourth in the Heptathlon at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships
- Boubacar Diallo '16 broke the indoor school record in the Triple Jump at the ECAC meet and joined Rice at the NCAA Indoor Championships
- Rice also won NYSCTC titles in the Indoor Heptathlon and Outdoor Decathlon, and set a new outdoor school record in the Pole Vault (15'0.25")
- Diallo won NYSCTC indoor titles in the Long Jump and Triple Jump, and was the NYSCTC outdoor champion in Triple Jump
- Brant Crouse '17 won NYSCTC and ECAC titles in the indoor 500 meters, and set a new school record in that event (1:04.55)
- Two individuals and one relay team were named to the inaugural USTFCCA Indoor All-Region Team: Rice and Diallo as well as the distance medley relay

- team of Brant, Jeremy Hassett '16, Minte Kassu '16, and Cory Peruffo '18
- Four Yellowjackets earned USTFCCA Outdoor All-Region honors: Diallo, Rice, Jeffrey Hrebenach '16, and Jonathan Kuberka '16
  - Hassett was selected as the recipient of the Peter DiPasquale Scholar Athlete Award and earned Academic All-American honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America

## MEN'S TENNIS (9-10, 0-3 UAA)

### Team Highlights

- Picked up their first win of the spring against Vassar College winning 8-1
- Swept Nazareth College at home with a 9-0 win
- Won six games in a row defeating Nazareth, RIT, SLU, Union College, Hobart College, and NYU

### Individual Highlights

- Andrew Nunno '16 and Ben Shapiro '16 won the doubles competition against Ithaca College
- Masaru Fujimaki '19 was the lone double-winner against NYU in Florida
- Five Yellowjackets were double winners against Union College: Shapiro, Ian Baranowski '16, Ben Mermelstein '16, Aaron Mevorach '18, and Ryan Zu '17

## WOMEN'S TENNIS (6-11, 0-3 UAA)

### Team Highlights

- Had a three-game winning streak against, William Smith College, Ithaca College, and Nazareth College
- Got their first win of the season against Messiah College beating them 9-0 over in Lakeland, Florida

- Beat #13 ranked Coe College
- Won against Ithaca College with a 9-0 score

### Individual Highlights

- Christine Ho '16 was a double winner versus #20 Case Western Reserve University
- Ho and Camila Garcia '19 were both double winners against Coe College
- Ho achieved a tie for 17th in career singles and doubles wins in the game against RIT

## MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

### Team Highlights

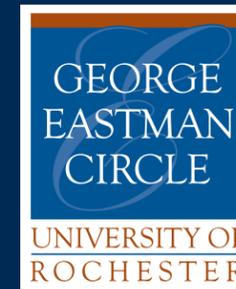
- Were named as Scholar All-America Teams by the CSCAA with a GPA of 3.30
- Produced an NCAA provisional qualifying time and two school records in the distance race at the UAA Championships
- Finished 7 of 8 at the UAA Championships

### Individual Highlights

- Gunnar Zemerling '18 broke his own school record in the 50 freestyle at the UAA championships with a time of 20.62 seconds
- Max Adler '19 and Kasper Moczulski '19 helped the team to have a strong day at the UAA Championships with their scores on the three-meter board—Adler was sent to the NCAA Division III Zone Diving Championships
- Eilliot Schwinn '19 broke a 27-year-old school record on the third day of the UAA Championships with a time of 4:09.24 on the 400 IM
- Zemerling was awarded the Liberty League's Swimming Male Performer of the Week and Schwinn was named the conference's Swimming Male Rookie of the Week

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2015-2016

# Athletic Department Award Winners

At the annual Athletics Awards Dinner on April 28, 2016, seven Rochester athletes were recognized for outstanding achievement.

**Merle Spurrier Award—Michelle Relin '16**, a senior on the women's field hockey team was the recipient of the Merle Spurrier Award. This award recognizes the senior woman who has made the most outstanding contribution to women's sports by exemplifying such qualities as leadership, enthusiasm, and service in her four years at the University. Relin, from Lititz, Pennsylvania, played in every single game in her collegiate career and was established as the most prolific scorer in Rochester field hockey history. She is a two-time All-American, who holds career records for points, goals, and game-winning goals. As a freshman, she was named Liberty League and ECAC Rookie of the Year. In her second year, Relin earned First Team All-Liberty League and was an All-Region selection. In her senior year, Relin led the Yellowjackets to their second-ever NCAA appearance where they reached the quarterfinals.

**Louis Alexander Award—Neil Cordell '16**, the three-time captain for the Rochester squash team was the recipient of the Louis Alexander Award. This award is given to the senior male athlete who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the University through significant achievements in athletics and general student activities. Cordell, from York, England, helped the Yellowjackets earn a #2 ranking in the country this past season, their best record overall. The College Squash Association named Cordell a four-time All-American. Cordell ended his career with

a record of 61-20 and is now ranked third in school history in career victories. He has placed at one of the top-four positions for Rochester in every match and is currently ninth in all-time winning percentage.

**Sylvia Fabricant Award—**There were two recipients of the Sylvia Fabricant Award this year. **Tylar Guerrieri '16** of the women's basketball team and **Tara Lamberti '16** of the women's field hockey team were both recipients of the Sylvia Fabricant Award. This award recognizes the senior woman who has made the most outstanding contribution to women's sports by exemplifying such qualities as leadership, enthusiasm, and service in her four years at the University. Guerrieri, from Pittsford, New York, was a two-time captain and a four-year letterwinner. In her last season, Guerrieri helped the team make it to the NCAA Division III tournament where they reached the Elite 8. She is a member of the Varsity Student Athlete Advisory Committee (VSAAC), where she served as secretary and treasurer of the group. Lamberti, from Penfield, New York, was a two-time All-American. She was named Second Team in her junior year and First Team as a senior. Lamberti was selected as the 2015 North Atlantic Region Player of the Year and was a finalist for Division III National Player of the Year. Upon finishing her last season, Lamberti was invited to the trials for the United States National Team.

**John Vitone Award—Sam Borst-Smith '17**, a junior on the men's basketball team, was the recipient of the John Vitone Award for his highly successful 2015-16 season. This award is given to the male sportsman of the year.

Borst-Smith won the State Farm Assist of the Year competition for his game-winning assist to teammate Mack Montague at the end of the Rochester-Chicago game on Super Bowl Sunday. He also surpassed the 1,000-point mark for his career and earned All-UAA honors. Borst-Smith, from San Pedro, California, earned All-NABC, All-ECAC, and D3hoops.com honors. He is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and volunteers for the Go4theGoal Foundation to raise money and awareness for the fight against pediatric cancer.

**Peter DiPasquale Award—Jeremy Hasset '16**, a member of the cross country and track and field teams was selected as the men's Scholar-Athlete for academic excellence. Hasset is a five-time NYSCTC Champion and has won seven medals at the ECAC track and field championships. The Newark, New York, native is a four-year letterwinner in cross country and indoor/outdoor track and field and a member of the Distance Medley Relay that holds the school record. He was elected Phi Beta Kappa, is a member of Tau Beta Pi, a Provost's Circle Scholar, and earned the Iota Book Award.

**Female Scholar-Athlete Award—Gabrielle DiAngelo '16**, a senior on the women's soccer team was selected as the Female Scholar-Athlete for academic excellence. She is a four-year letterwinner and a member of VSAAC, the Varsity Student Athlete Advisory Committee. She triple majored in political science, philosophy, and psychology and was named to the Dean's list every semester. DiAngelo earned the Iota Book Award and was elected Phi Beta Kappa as a junior along with being named a Provost's Circle Scholar.

## Ninth Annual Friends of Rochester Athletics Golf Tournament

The Ninth Annual Friends of Rochester Athletics Golf Classic was held on June 9, 2016, at the beautiful Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor, New York. We had our largest group ever with over 120 alumni, family, and friends.

The winning team consisted of Joe Reina, Eric Rozen, Steve Gutch '90, and Kevin Downey.

Please join us next year at Ravenwood—save the date: Thursday, June 8, 2017!

# Growing Forever Yellowjackets



Football Coach Scott Greene has a storied athletic background. A four-sport athlete in his teens, he was named Section V Football Player of the Year at Canandaigua Academy and went on to star at Michigan State University, where he was a two-time MVP and led the team in scoring. In 1996, Greene entered the NFL when he was selected by the Carolina Panthers in the sixth round of the draft. He played two seasons for the Panthers before joining the Indianapolis Colts as their starting fullback.

"I love the game and what it teaches. The values of football relate to the values of life: hard work and commitment," says Greene. When his playing career ended, Greene knew he wanted stay in football. After coaching at McQuaid High School for four years, Greene joined the University as an assistant coach in 2005 before being named head coach in 2006. Across 10 seasons, he has coached the team to 47 wins and is the third-winningest coach in Rochester football history.

Well versed in the intense focus required of Division I and professional athletes, Greene respects the emphasis that the University places on academics and the comprehensive educational experience. "You see how hard these athletes work in the classroom and at practice, and when they're done, they go and study," he says. "I appreciate the sacrifice they make to play the game they love."

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Greene describes a goal line stand during a game against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as one of the highlights of his Rochester coaching career. "We were on the goal line for eight plays. If RPI had scored, it would have been over. We held them and ended up winning the game."

But more than any statistic, what resonates with Greene most are the relationships his players develop. "The great thing about college athletics is the bond that's created. The friends you make at that point matter, and they last forever." He keeps in contact with many of his athletes and points to the large groups of football alumni who attend homecoming games together each year. "They will always be Yellowjackets."

"Coach Greene teaches us to not only have pride in our program but to also have pride in ourselves," says Brandon Passalacqua '17, a psychology major from Seneca Falls, New York, who was named to last season's Liberty League All-Academic team, an honor that requires a GPA of 3.2 or higher. "His guidance and leadership have helped me become a better football player and a better person."

Greene appreciates that he has a football family at Rochester but is also able to enjoy time at home. When he's not coaching, he is with his wife, Sarah, and their two sons, Carson and Colin, attending their sons' sporting events or spending time on Canandaigua Lake, where they live. And while he no longer plays football, he still fuels his competitive fire. "Golf is my outlet to compete—or pretend I'm competing," he quips.

Coming off three straight winning seasons, the football team graduated 24 seniors in May. "It's hard to replace that experience, but I love watching guys grow," he says. Greene looks forward to the opportunity to shape the next group of leaders in the 2016 season. "When you see them come in as freshmen and then see what they are capable of becoming, that's the part I love seeing."



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# RICHARD LEIBNER '59



It was November 9, 1959—a day of reckoning for the Yellowjackets' football team. It had been a great year to that point, with six straight wins. The mighty unbeaten Tufts University team was coming to town that day, though, and the Democrat and Chronicle favored them over our own yellow and blue.

The big game drew a crowd of 8,000 to Fauver Stadium—the second largest in history at that time. A pregame rally in front of Todd Union ignited the atmosphere. In the end, the Yellowjackets stomped Tufts in a surprising and electric 46–6 game.

Richard Leibner '59 was there. As one of two male cheerleaders for the team and, as he says, "one of the loudest voices on campus at that time," it's something he will never forget. "That season was a thrill ride. It gave us all the feeling that anything was possible."

In its season wrap up, the *Campus Times* proclaimed that "this was a team . . . the most superb all-around eleven in the gridiron history of the University of Rochester." Every member of that team excelled in the classroom and went on to distinguished careers. Leibner was one of them.

## A NOTABLE CAREER

After graduating from the University and getting his MBA at New York University, Leibner went to work for his father, Sol, an accountant in New York City. One of his clients was Nathan Bienstock. Nate ran a small personal management and insurance company and worked with some prominent writers and journalists, including John

Steinbeck, who also retained Sol as his accountant.

In 1964, Bienstock invited Sol to join his business and handle the accounting. Richard, a self-proclaimed news junkie, soon went to work with them and helped manage the affairs of such news personalities as Walter Cronkite and Charles Collingswood.

In January of 1965, Sol, Nate, and Richard formed N.S. Bienstock Inc., which grew to become one of the world's largest talent agencies for news personalities and reality programming. Its client roster has included Mike Wallace, Dan Rather, Chris Matthews, Anderson Cooper, Robin Roberts, Bill O'Reilly, and many others. Leibner's career milestones include negotiating a then unprecedented 10-year, \$22 million contract for Dan Rather to replace the retiring Cronkite on the *CBS Evening News*. He also moved Diane Sawyer and other CBS News personalities to ABC News when Roone Arledge became its president.

In 2014, United Talent Agency acquired N.S. Bienstock. As part of the arrangement, N.S. Bienstock retained its name, corporate identity, and New York offices. Leibner and his wife and business partner, Carole Cooper, would remain as co-presidents and continue to manage its day-to-day operations. When the *Hollywood Reporter* asked Leibner how long he would remain at the agency, Leibner replied, "As I've always said, they will have to carry me out."

## BROOKLYN STRONG

Leibner was never an athlete, but he loved sports. Growing up in Brooklyn, he was a rabid Dodger and then New York Mets fan. He was also the bat boy for James Madison High School's championship baseball team, a school that not only graduated Leibner—at the young age of 16—but also four Nobel Prize winners along with Bernie Sanders, Charles Schumer, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Leibner's most prized possession is a 1955 ring owned by George "Shotgun" Shuba, who was famous for his symbolic role in breaking down color barriers in professional baseball as a player for the Montreal Royals and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Shuba, Leibner recalls, offered a handshake to teammate Jackie Robinson after his home run during a game in 1946, which was captured in a timeless photo that marked the first interracial handshake in a professional ballgame.

Determination is something Leibner attributes to growing up in mid-20th century Brooklyn. "We all had a real can-do attitude. If you watch a war movie from that era, you'll always see a character from Brooklyn, and that character could get through just about anything."

## ALWAYS A CHEERLEADER

Leibner has always been a cheerleader for Rochester and Rochester athletics. In 1994, he established the Eleanor and Sol Leibner Scholarship, which is designated for a deserving incoming freshman student of diversity from Brooklyn. He and Cooper endowed the Leibner Cooper Family Foundation Scholarship as well, designated for full-time students studying business.

In 2011, Leibner and his wife also made a generous gift to establish the Richard A. Leibner and Carole Cooper Leibner Room inside the Robert B. Goergen Athletic Center. In 2014, the University presented Leibner with the James S. Armstrong Service Award, which is awarded to an alumnus in recognition of outstanding and extraordinary service, leadership, loyalty, and commitment to the University. Most recently, he made a gift that significantly upgraded the equipment in the Larry and Cindy Bloch Fitness Center.

Leibner's passion for sports continues to this day. He coaches first base and is the statistician for the Fringe, a Fire Island softball team. His passion for the University of Rochester also continues. "I have such great affection for my alma mater," he adds, "when I see someone on the streets of New York City or anywhere wearing the University's distinctive 'R,' I'll yell out 'Meliora,' and I'll always get a thumbs up."

## DID YOU KNOW?

What many people don't know is that Nathan Bienstock is Joel Seligman's grandfather. "I first met Joel when he was about 11 or 12," recalls Leibner. "I even have a picture in my office that Joel took when he was a boy, showing his grandfather sipping his favorite drink—a glass of vodka with plenty of ice. A few decades later, in 2005, I remember Bob Witmer called me. Bob, a longtime University trustee and close friend of mine, asked if I had any idea who the next University of Rochester president was going to be. I told him 'no,' and when he said it was going to be Joel, my jaw just dropped. Joel's leadership has drawn me even closer to this University."



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Eleni Wechsler '17

threw two no-hitters in 2016, one in the Liberty League playoffs, the other in the NCAAs.



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# MELIORA WEEKEND

OCTOBER 7-9, 2016

VARSITY CONTESTS, HALL OF FAME,  
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## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

3:30 p.m. **Goergen Athletic Center Tours**  
Goergen Lobby (Goergen Athletic Center)

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

9:30 a.m. **Alumni Cross Country/Track Fun Run**  
Fauver Stadium (Prince Athletic Complex)

10 a.m. **Women's Softball Alumni**  
GLC Softball field

**Rowing Event: Celebration of Achievements**  
Genesee Waterways Center and Dry Land Training Center  
(Day-long celebration goes until 5 p.m.)

**Men's/Women's Swimming Open Swim**  
Speegle-Wilbraham Aquatic Center (Goergen Athletic Center)

11 a.m. **Women's Lacrosse Alumni game**  
Towers Field (Prince Athletic Complex)

11:30 a.m. **All-Varsity Alumni Pre-Game Tailgate**  
Fauver Athletics Tent (Prince Athletic Complex)

1 p.m. **Football vs. St. Lawrence**  
Fauver Stadium (Prince Athletic Complex)

**Rowing Alumni Regatta**  
Genesee Waterways Center (GVP)

4 p.m. **Men's Cross Country**  
**25th National Championship Reception**

Friel Lounge (Susan B. Anthony Halls)

6 p.m. **Hall of Fame Dinner**  
Leibner-Cooper Room (Goergen Athletic Center)



**Kayla Kibling '16**  
stood up to all comers on the softball diamond and the basketball court. She helped both teams reach the NCAAs.

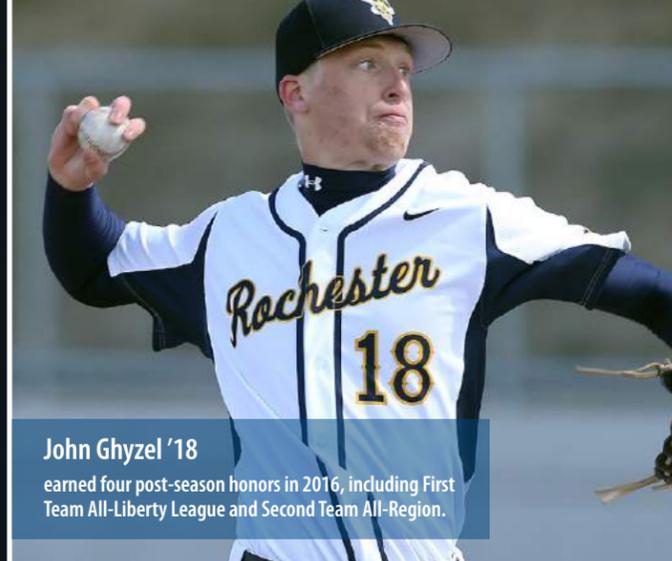


**Patrick Rice '16**  
competed in the multievent competition in both indoor (heptathlon) and outdoor (decathlon) track & field at NCAAs. He was an All-American indoors.



**Lauren Zickar '17**  
won 10 singles matches and 12 doubles matches as a junior.

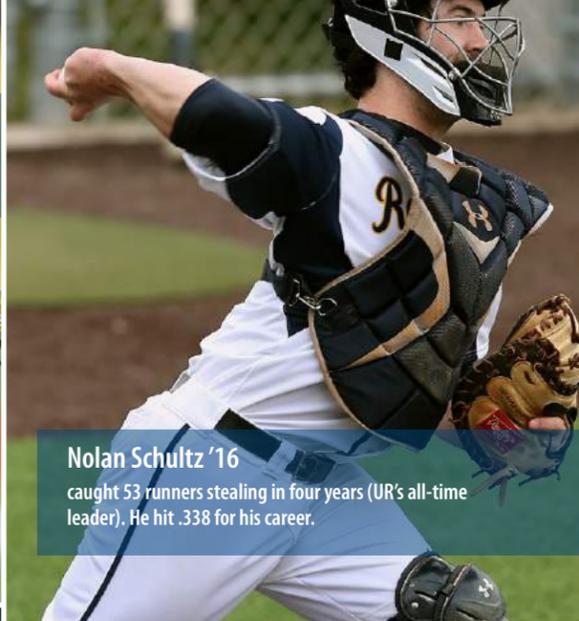
# MELIORA!



**John Ghyzel '18**  
earned four post-season honors in 2016, including First Team All-Liberty League and Second Team All-Region.



**Jamie Wallisch '17**  
earned All-Liberty League honors for the third time. She has 100 goals heading into her senior year.



**Nolan Schultz '16**  
caught 53 runners stealing in four years (UR's all-time leader). He hit .338 for his career.



**Dominic Schumacher '16**  
was the Liberty League Player of the Year in 2016.



**1st Varsity 8**  
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