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**2025 NCAA
Champion**

AUDREY MACLEAN '27

claimed the NCAA Division III
Women's Cross Country Title
on November 22, 2025

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Welcome Home TODD P. PHELPS



Todd P. Phelps assumed the role of director of Athletics on July 1, 2026. The Middlebury, Vermont, native had served as the deputy director of Athletics at North Dakota State University since 2015.

During his time with the Bison, Phelps served as the sport supervisor for football, men's basketball, and volleyball while overseeing marketing, fan engagement, and ticket operations. Phelps was part of a negotiation for a new multimedia rights deal with Learfield for both radio and television, totaling in excess of \$2 million annually. He supported and assisted with raising over \$110 million for facility renovations and capital projects, including the Sanford Health Athletic Complex and Scheels Center, the Football Indoor Practice Facility and operations building, and renovations of the outdoor track and field complex and the softball stadium. Phelps successfully negotiated department-wide uniform

and apparel deals with Nike in 2018 and Under Armour in 2024.

Prior to his time at North Dakota State University, Phelps served for one year as the associate director of Athletics, facilities and operations, at Oregon State University, where he was a member of the senior staff involved in strategic planning, policy development, and budget and facility planning. He held a similar role at Stony Brook University from 2008 through 2014, being promoted from assistant director to associate director midway through his time there. Before that, Phelps spent six years at Brown University, first as the manager of athletic facilities and operations and then as the assistant director of Athletics for operations.

Phelps began his career in college athletics in 1995 at Middlebury, serving as the assistant men's basketball coach and coordinator of facilities and operations for six years and assisting with volleyball in his initial two years before moving on to Yale University as the Athletic Department's facilities and operations assistant.

A 1995 graduate of Ithaca College, Phelps earned a Bachelor of Science in physical education, teaching K-12, and is currently completing a master's degree in business administration at North Dakota State University.

Phelps succeeds Erin Quinn '86, who recently retired after 36 years of service, including 20 as the director of Athletics.



"Returning to Middlebury for me and my wife Nancy is both a tremendous honor and a personal homecoming. This community helped shape who I am, and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a department with such an extraordinary tradition of excellence. I believe our responsibility is to honor that remarkable tradition while continuing to raise the standard in everything we do. My vision for Middlebury Athletics is to continue to be recognized as the premier Division III athletics program in the country—a place where competitive excellence, an exceptional student-athlete experience, and the values of a world-class liberal arts education come together every day. I am excited to work alongside our outstanding student-athletes, coaches, staff, alumni, and supporters as we build on this proud tradition and shape an even brighter future together."

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

During the 2025–26 academic year, 459 Panthers across 31 sports were honored as NESCAC All-Academic honorees. To be recognized, an individual must be a sophomore academically and hold good standing in their sport with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50 or equivalent on a 4.00 scale. Middlebury’s 459 honorees ranked third in the conference, while the institution’s 132 selections in the fall paced the league. Over the last 10 years, the navy and white led the NESCAC with 4,264 all-academic recipients and have seen 450 or more student-athletes recognized in each of the last five years.



The Middlebury Athletics Department recognized 11 student-athletes during the annual Senior Athletic Department Awards ceremony in late May. Britt Nawrocki and Tony Wang were lauded with the A. Bayard Russ ’66 Memorial Athletic Award, which honors an athlete or athletes who are most outstanding in two intercollegiate sports by best exemplifying the excellence of performance, competitiveness, leadership, tremendous desire, and team spirit of A. Bayard Russ ’66. Kristyn Carroll was recognized as the Deborah Parton ’76 Memorial Award honoree, which was established in 1981 and given to a member of a women’s team who best exemplifies the spirit and dedication of Deborah Parton ’76. Caroline Adams, Lindsey Burnham, Gavin Randolph, and William Zambito each received the Hazeltine-Klevenow Memorial Trophy, given to a member of a women’s team and a men’s team who are honored for best combining ability in athletics and excellence in scholarship. Mike Ahonen garnered the John P. Stabile ’40 Memorial Trophy, awarded annually to a member of a men’s team who best exemplifies the Middlebury spirit. Livia Davidson and Emily Rubio were lauded as the Mike Wilson ’57 Trophy winners, awarded to the Middlebury athlete who, while overcoming personal challenge, has shown such spirit, enthusiasm, and unselfish devotion to the members of the team that it has been an inspiration in creating team morale. Sebastian Segre received the Murphy Roberts ’17 Memorial Award, given to the Middlebury athlete who inspires teammates with the selflessness, enthusiasm, and team spirit demonstrated by Murphy Roberts ’17.



TRIPLE THREAT

Academic excellence, athletic achievement, and community service are the pillars of the Division III experience at Middlebury, and one graduating senior became a triple threat, achieving high levels of success across each.

Caroline Adams, a senior on the women’s lacrosse program, was selected as the College Sports Communicators (CSC) At-Large/College Division Academic All-America Team Member of the Year. She joins former teammate Hope Shue ’25 as the second Panther to earn the prestigious distinction in the At-Large category, headlining an elite group of 46 Academic All-Americans across 10 sports. Adams graduated with a dual degree in neuroscience and Spanish. The attacker earned multiple national and conference accolades, becoming the fifth consecutive Panther to be named the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) National Player and Attacker of the Year. She was also tabbed the NESCAC Offensive Player of the Year and named the NCAA Tournament’s Most Outstanding Player. Over her career, she logged three IWLCA All-American and All-Region honors and earned a trio of all-conference nods, landing on the first team twice. The four-time NCAA Champion had a banner senior year, pacing the NESCAC in goals (72), points (117), and draw controls (124). She became the first Middlebury player to have more than 100 draw controls in three seasons and capped her career with 473 victories over 86 career contests. The Panther graduated summa cum laude and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She was lauded as a Middlebury Hazeltine-Klevenow Memorial Trophy recipient. Adams earned the Middlebury First-Year Ward Prize for Writing and was named the President’s Undergraduate Language Scholar as a sophomore. She is a three-time NESCAC All-Academic team member and an IWLCA Division III Honor Roll designee. The Panther served on campus as coleader and sustainability chair of Middlebury’s Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and as a mentor for the Women in Health Science Club. Adams volunteered in the local community as an interpreter at the Open Door Clinic and as an Everybody Wins mentor at Mary Hogan Elementary School. She also participated in the United Way Days of Caring and was one of the top 30 volunteers in Middlebury’s Helper Helper campaign.

CSC ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

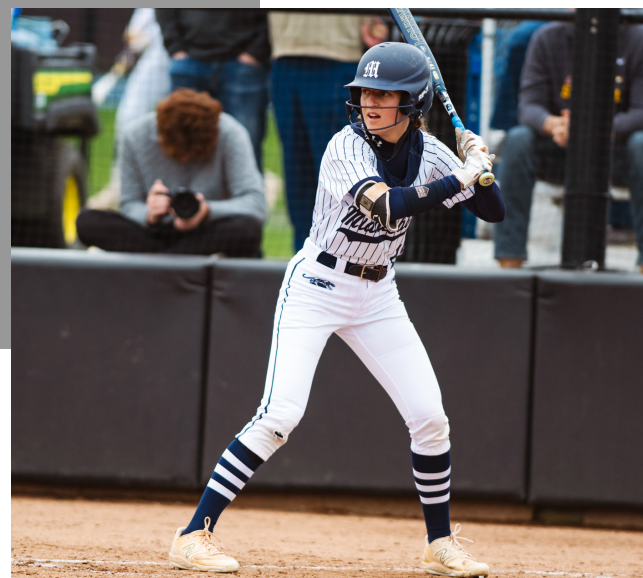
College Sports Communicators (CSC), formerly Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), began the distinguished Academic All-America program in 1952. Over the years, the organization has honored thousands of deserving student-athletes from numerous sports across all divisions with these elite Academic All-America scholar-athlete honors. Outstanding student-athletes must have a minimum 3.50 grade point average (GPA), be a sophomore academically, and meet high athletic standards before members vote on selections for each sport.



During the 2025–26 academic year, Middlebury had 10 student-athletes recognized, marking the third consecutive campaign for double-digit honorees. This year's metric was tied for seventh across Division III institutions. Beginning with Paul Righi '82, who earned the first honor for the navy and white in 1982, Middlebury has secured 77 Academic All-America honors. Kyle McCausland '25, Erin Nicholas '21, and Hope Shue '25 are members of a prestigious group who secured the national honor three times. Middlebury has tallied 57 Academic All-America honorees since 2020.



This year, the Panthers had three student-athletes earn the accolade for the second time with Kristyn Carroll '26, Audrey MacLean '27 and Julian Wu '26 garnering the laurel. The trio joined 11 other student-athletes who have won the award at least twice. Shea Brams '26 (Nordic skiing) and Ella Han '27 (women's golf) became the initial honorees in their respective programs' histories. Brams was one of only two skiers in Division III and one of eight women encompassing the three NCAA divisions and NAIA to secure at-large praise.



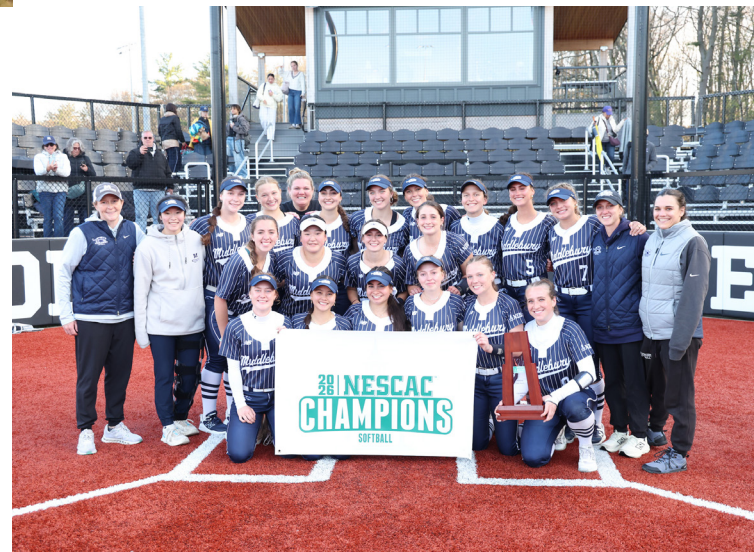


01 Audrey MacLean '27 Claims 2025 NESCAC and NCAA Titles

Audrey MacLean '27 claimed her second straight NESCAC title last fall and the 10th individual trophy in the history of the women's cross country program. Holding third place after the first split, MacLean pushed to the front after 2.6 kilometers and never relinquished the lead with a tape-breaking time of 20:47.8. Weeks later in South Carolina, she nabbed the lead after the first split and never looked back. MacLean crossed the finish line in 20:16.8, shaving 0.4 seconds off her career best to win the NCAA Championship by more than 48 seconds. With her effort, she became the second individual national champion in program history, joining Middlebury Athletics Hall of Famer Dorcas DenHartog '87, who won it in 1985. MacLean became the fourth three-time All-American in team history.

02 Softball Completes Historic Season With NESCAC Trophy and NCAA Run

Entering the NESCAC Tournament as the second seed, the Middlebury softball team rattled off consecutive walk-off victories over seventh-seeded Bates (3–2) and third-seeded Colby (6–4) to reach the championship game for the third time in program history. Using a five-run fourth inning, the Panthers held off Williams by a 7–5 margin to clinch their second conference title. Middlebury's record-breaking season continued in the NCAA Tournament, as the team logged two victories over Alfred (5–2) and conference rival Tufts (5–0) in the regional round before falling to Muhlenberg. The navy and white closed the campaign with an athletics-wide record of 35 victories, an All-American selection, five NFCA All-Region honorees, and four All-NESCAC selections.



03 Women's Lacrosse Wins Fifth Straight National Championship

Tied at three entering the second half, the #1 Middlebury women's lacrosse team outscored #2 Wesleyan 5–3 over the final 30 minutes to seal an 8–6 win in the NCAA Championship. This marked the program's fifth consecutive title and the 50th national championship in the history of Middlebury Athletics. Caroline Adams '26 was named the tournament's most outstanding player, while

Lucy Bishop '27, Siobhan Colin '28, Lauren Giuriceo '26, and Jaime Patton-Martin '29 were also on the all-tournament squad. With its 12th NCAA title, the program ties The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) for the most in Division III. The Panthers' 90 victories in the national bracket are also tied with the Lions. Head coach Kate Livesay '03 has claimed 10 combined national championships as a coach and a player. The senior class capped its career with a 90–1 overall mark, including an unblemished 20–0 record in NCAA Tournament play.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT

During the 2025–26 campaign, Middlebury Athletics received multiple accolades. The women's lacrosse coaching staff of Kate Livesay '03, Olivia Seymour, Amy Patton, and Bowen Holden earned Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) National and Regional Coaching Staff of the Year honors. Additionally, the softball staff of Kelly Bevere '99, Raeanna Dunn, and Lilah Desabrais and women's lacrosse staff were tabbed as the NESCAC Coaching Staff of the Year, and women's ice hockey coach Bill Mandigo earned the conference's Coach of the Year for the fifth time. Multiple coaches reached victory milestones over the academic year. Katharine DeLorenzo notched her 500th career victory and 400th triumph as leader of the Panther field hockey program. Athletic communicators Nick Lewis and Ben Blakely each earned national praise by CSC: Lewis was named "Best in Nation" for a feature on Meg Simon '26, while Blakely claimed District I runner-up honors for his historical feature on the 50 years of women's ice hockey.



NESCAC CHAMPIONS

01 **Anna McGrew '28**
50-yard Freestyle

Anna McGrew '28 became the fourth Panther to take home gold in the 50-meter freestyle at the NESCAC Championship, touching the wall at 22.73 seconds. Her time reset her school record from 2025 and broke the conference meet record of 22.98 seconds clocked back in 2018. She went on to earn All-American honors in the event at the 2026 NCAA Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.



02 **Mia Cuiffo '29**
50-yard Butterfly

In her debut season, Mia Cuiffo '29 led the pack with a time of 24.63 seconds to claim first place in the 50-meter butterfly at the NESCAC Championship. She became the second Middlebury swimmer to earn the top spot in the event, erasing the program record of 25.29 seconds set in 2016.



03 **Lilly Wurtz '26**
Discus & Shot Put

Lilly Wurtz '26 had a stellar outdoor track and field campaign, grabbing top honors in both the discus and shot put events at the conference meet. She claimed the discus title by throwing the implement 45.55 meters, becoming the second Panther in team history to earn the honor, while resetting the program record by 1.83 meters. In the shot put, Wurtz secured the top spot with her toss of 12.74 meters.



04 **Lily Haskins-Vaughan '29**
High Jump

Lily Haskins-Vaughan '29 made a strong impression in her debut slate, clearing 1.71 meters to earn the high jump title at the NESCAC Championships. The Panther is the fourth athlete in program history to earn the honor and the first since 2012. Haskins-Vaughan logged the league's Most Outstanding Rookie nod at the conference invite.



05 **Toby Warmack '29**
High Jump

Toby Warmack '29 cleared a personal best 2.03 meters to claim the NESCAC high jump title. He became the third athlete in program history to win the event.



06 **Bishop, Caspar, Kington, Lawton**
4x400-meter Relay

The men's 4x400-meter relay quartet of Wyatt Lawton '29, Emerson Kington '28, Lachlan Bishop '26, and Joey Caspar '28 rewrote the NESCAC meet record by over two seconds with a victorious time of 3:13.17. It marked the seventh occasion that a Panther relay squad has claimed gold in the event.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Middlebury logged 2,140 total hours of community service, which equated to an economic impact of \$77,346. Children and youth produced the most volunteer hours of any category with 831.5. The NCAA champion women's lacrosse program logged an impressive 380 hours, while women's soccer (284) and football (220) rounded out the top three programs. The Kelly Brush Foundation had 249 hours of service by the ski teams during their annual ride. The top five student-athletes each tallied over 40 hours of service, with Tessa Broderick '28 of women's soccer leading the way at 48. Kate Flynn '27 of the women's ice hockey team was right behind with 47.5 hours, while Corinne Hessler '28 (women's soccer, 45.5), Britt Nawrocki '26 (women's ice hockey and women's lacrosse, 44.5) and Caleb Boateng '26 (men's squash, 42.5) rounded out the group. Over half of Middlebury's teams hosted a youth camp or clinic. The department combined for over 280 hours during the annual United Way Days of Caring.



Brooke Dolan '26 was lauded with the John M. McCardell Jr. Public Service Leadership Award, which recognizes a student who best exemplifies efforts that bring Middlebury, both the College and the town, closer together for public benefit. Dolan was involved with the Charter House Coalition, an emergency shelter that assists individuals experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. The Panther was actively engaged with the organization and, as the copresident of the student group, planned and prepared meals that she and her team served to the shelter's residents. She worked as a Spanish interpreter at the Open Door Clinic, which provides medical assistance to individuals with limited or no insurance.



Meg Simon '26 was an exemplary role model for giving back to the community. She served as the co-chair of volunteering for the Middlebury women's ice hockey program and has worked with multiple local organizations, including the Middlebury Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) and Special Olympics Vermont. She was a member of the Yellow House Community, an organization that provides safe, residential housing and meaningful vocation to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. On campus, Simon held roles as the president of Middlebury College Access Mentors (MiddCAM) and a RADical Health Mentor. She became the fifth NCAA Division III athlete to receive the Hockey Humanitarian Award, a prestigious honor highlighting college hockey's finest citizen, and earned the College's Peter Kohn Service Award.

NCAA HOCKEY'S FINEST CITIZEN MEG SIMON '26

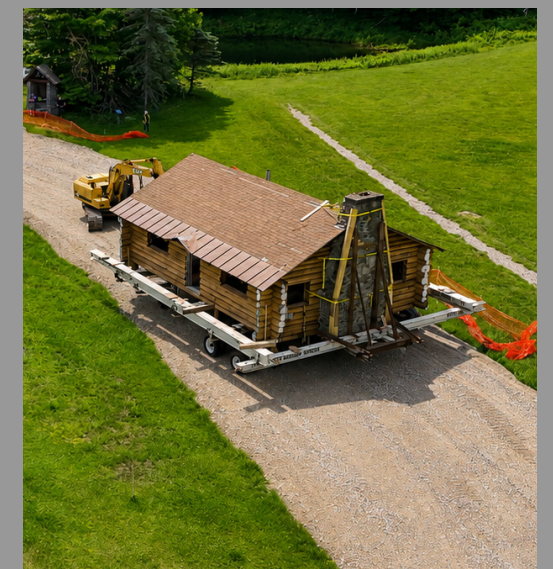




Home to the men's and women's basketball programs in the winter and the volleyball program during the fall season, Pepin Gymnasium received a full renovation of the court's floor and surface, including new branding. The four indoor tennis courts inside Nelson Recreation Center were resurfaced. The concrete floor on the Fritz Family Balcony was replaced with a rubber performance surface, including turf inserts at either end of the balcony. A countertop from the bookstore was upcycled and added at the front of the area. The Ralph Myhre Golf Course saw significant upgrades across the course and to the Tavern on the Tee and patio area.

BUILDING OUR FUTURE

South Street Field will close out a yearlong revitalization project thanks to a generous donor who wanted to honor Reid Payne '89, P'25, '28. The men's soccer field had fencing installed along each endline, with taller, wider netting and branded windscreens. Replacement goals were added for a more professional feel, as were branded covered benches. The focal point of the project will be a new scoreboard on the team side, and a dedication ceremony will take place in September with the donor and Payne's family. Alumni Stadium will be brighter this year; lights are being installed, thanks to several generous donors. This enhancement will directly impact the student-athlete experience, enabling appropriate practice times during darker winter days, and the possibility of hosting night games. The historic 1938 Hubbard cabin was relocated to a new site at the Snowbowl and will serve as the new hub for the alpine ski teams.



Always a PANTHER



Erin Quinn arrived in Middlebury, Vermont, in 1982 as a first-year on the football team and spent 41 years as a Middlebury Panther. During that time, he made a significant impact on Middlebury Athletics.

Quinn was named the head coach of the Middlebury men's lacrosse program in 1992, rewriting the program's record books during his tenure. He posted a record 202 victories, claimed three straight NCAA Championships, and guided the program to six NESCAC titles. Regarded as one of the best Division III men's lacrosse coaches in the sport's history, Quinn received numerous awards, highlighted by the Division III National Coach of the Year in 2001 and a spot in the New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame two years later.

After being named the director of Athletics in 2006, Quinn transformed Middlebury Athletics into a perennial Division III powerhouse. During this span, Quinn celebrated 22 team NCAA Championships, 16 individual national championships, and nearly 600 All-Americans. In 2012, Middlebury won the esteemed Learfield Directors Cup. It placed in the top 15 spots among Division III peers during each of Quinn's 20 years as the director of Athletics.

A coach at heart, Quinn had a deep understanding of the resources needed to run successful programs. He oversaw the comprehensive field and building construction for the Bostwick Family Squash Center, the Peterson Family Athletics Complex, and Virtue Field House, as well as renovations at nearly every existing facility. Quinn also recognized the value of recruiting top coaches and staff to serve the student-athletes, helping to endow numerous positions throughout his tenure. This strategic vision has set Middlebury apart as having one of the most elite athletic departments in the country.



ON THE WORLD STAGE

Several athletes and support staff from Middlebury College made an impact at the 2026 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. Peter Wolter '21 served as a guide for Jake Adicoff (Bowdoin '19) in the Paralympics, and the duo claimed gold in the sprint classic and the 20K freestyle.

Ali Nullmeyer '23 represented Canada at the Olympics, finishing 16th in the slalom in her second trip to the Games.

On the coaching side, Matt Whitcomb '01 completed his sixth year as the head coach of the United States Cross Country Ski Team. Whitcomb guided Ben Ogden to claim silver for USA in the men's sprint classic, ending a 50-year medal drought on the men's side. Ogden and Gus Schumacher teamed up to earn silver in the men's team sprint freestyle, while Jesse Diggins carved out a bronze in the women's individual freestyle.



Middlebury Inducts 2026 Hall of Fame Class

In April, Middlebury inducted eight members into the Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2026 class was composed of Ray Alcindor '93 (ice hockey), Emily Bracken '98 (lacrosse), Lauren Greer '13 (field hockey, ice hockey), Simi Hamilton '09 (Nordic skiing), Christina "Tina" Ilgner '86 (track and field, cross country), Nancy Olson '93 (tennis), Michael Stone '09 (lacrosse), and Chris Waddell '91 (alpine skiing).



THANK YOU

Middlebury Athletics would like to extend its deepest appreciation to all of our student-athletes, coaches, staff, alumni, campus partners, family, and friends. Each of you is part of the collective fabric that makes our community so special. Thank you for your continuous support.



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