



**CASE WESTERN RESERVE
UNIVERSITY**

CWRU
CONTINUING TO RISE

**Department of Physical Education & Athletics
Annual Report 2024-25**

COMPETE WIN RESPECT UNITE

Continued Success at the National Level



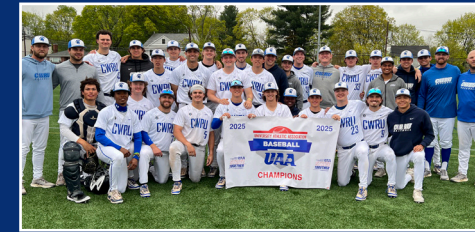
11 varsity athletic teams represented CWRU at NCAA Championships during the 2024-25 academic year



women's soccer, volleyball, women's and men's cross country, women's and men's swimming and diving, women's indoor track and field, baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis

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UAA Team Championships



baseball, men's tennis

Second Consecutive NCAA Woman of the Year Finalist



Alumna Hannah Kassaie was celebrated at the NCAA Convention as one of the nine 2025 NCAA Woman of the Year finalists, the second finalist in a row for CWRU



24

All-Americans

second most in CWRU history



Debuting a New Blue

All 19 CWRU varsity teams debuted new royal blue uniforms in coordination with Nike and the university's official rebranding



Homecoming Blue Bash



11

Academic All-Americans

third consecutive year with at least 10



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NCAA Elite 90 Award Winners

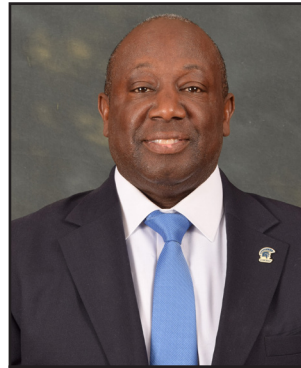
all were honored for the first time





DEAR SPARTAN FAMILY,

The Case Western Reserve University Department of Physical Education and Athletics **CONTINUED TO RISE** in 2024-25 following years of record-breaking achievements. All 19 of our varsity sports teams enjoyed success academically, athletically, and in the community, while embodying our core values of compete, win, respect, and unite. As Athletic Director, I am proud to present the Annual Report for our Division III athletic program — a reflection of a year defined by commitment, growth, and integrity. At the heart of Division III athletics is the belief that academic and athletic excellence go hand-in-hand, and our student-athletes continue to embody that ideal every day. As we look ahead, we remain committed to the mission of Division III — where athletics are not just an extracurricular activity, but a meaningful part of a well-rounded college experience. I'm deeply grateful to our campus community, alumni, and supporters who continue to invest in our vision and values. Together, we will build on this momentum and continue to prepare student-athletes for continued success.



TJ
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COMPETE

Our highest priority for success is in the classroom, where our student-athletes build their foundations for future careers outside of sports. We had **three** NCAA Elite 90 Award honorees during the year, an accolade that celebrates the player with the highest cumulative grade point average at an NCAA Championship. In addition, **11** of our student-athletes were recognized as Academic All-Americans for their accomplishments in the classroom and on the field, the third consecutive year the department has had at least 10 awardees. Overall, CWRU student-athletes had a combined **3.62 GPA** during the academic year, and **135** student-athletes received their degrees during the year.

WIN

Case Western Reserve was represented at **11** different NCAA Division III Championships during the academic year, highlighted by a **national championship match** appearance by the men's tennis team their fourth in the last five seasons. Both the men's tennis and baseball teams captured University Athletic Association championships, and **24** student-athletes were recognized as All-Americans, the second most in program history. The men's swimming and diving team secured its highest national finish since 1999, placing **25th**, and Abigail Wilkov of the women's swimming and diving team capped an incredible career with **two national runner-up** placements in diving events. In addition, our softball, volleyball, and women's soccer teams qualified for their NCAA Championships, and the women's indoor track and field team, women's tennis team, and men's and women's cross country teams had individuals compete at national events.

RESPECT

We continue to provide growth opportunities outside of the classroom for our student-athletes, helping them become model members of society. Opportunities like the **NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum**, which was attended by members of our softball and baseball teams, help them network, develop emotional intelligence, and embrace vulnerability. This year, we offered the **Conquer Life Games Program**, an eight-week initiative that improved student-athlete mental health through improv games. **Two** of our teams—volleyball and women's basketball—welcomed kids from **Team IMPACT**, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with terminal illnesses, to their programs. And, of course, we raised funds to support the **Special Olympics** through the **fifth annual Spartans Stronger Together 5K**.

UNITE

As a valued community partner, we strive to provide outstanding services to support uplifting the city and surrounding region. Multiple area high schools, sports teams, and non-profits were able to use our facilities to support their missions. We are also proud to be the home of **NYSP**, now in its **55th year**, a five-week camp that combines sports activities, educational enrichment, nutrition, and health services to more than **300 Greater Cleveland participants ages 8-16**.

After three successful years serving the Case Western Reserve University Department of Athletics and Physical Education, our students, coaches, staff, and faculty **continued to rise** during the 2024-25 campaign, and I am looking forward to continuing the pursuit of comprehensive excellence this coming year.

TJ Shelton

Assistant Vice President/James C. Wyant Director of Athletics, Chair of Physical Education

LED BY NATIONAL FINALIST MEN'S TENNIS TEAM, CASE WESTERN RESERVE WAS REPRESENTED AT 11 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

NCAA QUALIFIERS

FALL

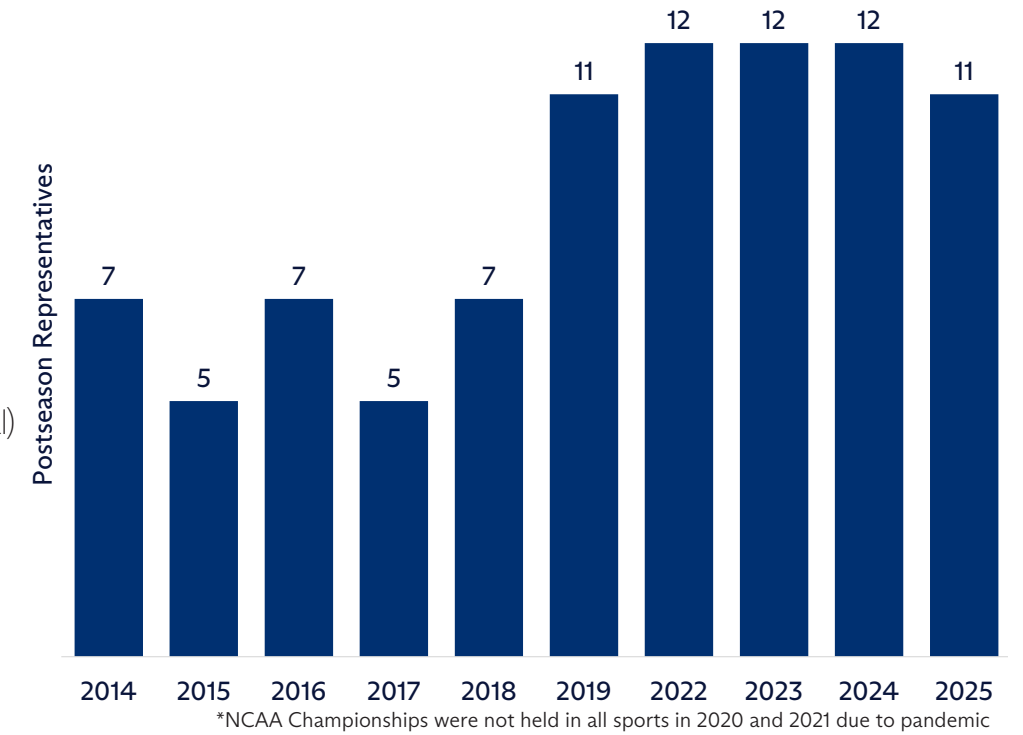
- Women's Soccer (Second Round)
- Volleyball (First Round)
- Women's Cross Country (Individual)
- Men's Cross Country (Individual)

WINTER

- Women's Swimming & Diving (17th)
- Men's Swimming & Diving (25th)
- Women's Indoor Track & Field (Individual)

SPRING

- Men's Tennis (National Finalist)
- Baseball (Regional Champion)
- Softball (Regional Finalist)
- Women's Tennis (Individuals)



The CWRU baseball, men's tennis, and volleyball teams at their respective NCAA Championship events. Baseball traveled to Baltimore for its first ever Super Regional, men's tennis headed to Claremont, California, for the national final, and volleyball was in Holland, Michigan, for the first three rounds of the tournament.



Head Coach Todd Wojtkowski (17 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (29-6, 3-0 UAA)

reached national championship for third time in last four seasons

second UAA Championship in last three years

NCAA Elite 90 Award (highest cumulative GPA at championship)

Ajay Mahenthiran

All-Americans

Ajay Mahenthiran (singles)

Anmay Devaraj (doubles)

Casey Hishinuma (doubles)

CSC Academic All-Americans

Ajay Mahenthiran, First Team

Casey Hishinuma, Second Team

All-UAA First Team

Anmay Devaraj (singles, doubles)

Ajay Mahenthiran (singles)

Casey Hishinuma (doubles)

All-UAA Second Team

Casey Hishinuma (singles)

Leon Chen (doubles)

Jon Tortorica (doubles)

All-UAA honorable mention

Matthew Plunkett (singles)



Head Coach Matt Englander (19 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (30-14-1, 14-5-1 UAA)

reached NCAA Super Regional for first time

second consecutive UAA Championship, 3rd in last 4 years

All-Americans

Nick Harms, D3Baseball First Team, ABCA Third Team

Dane Camphausen, D3Baseball Second Team

CSC Academic All-Americans

Nick Harms, First Team

Zack Carinci, Second Team

Tyler Stillson, Third Team

All-Region (D3Baseball/ABCA)

Nick Harms, First Team/First Team

Dane Camphausen, First Team/First Team

Jack Anderson, Third Team/First Team

Tyler Stillson, Third Team/Second Team

Franco Alonso, Third Team/Third Team

All-UAA First Team

Nick Harms, Position Player of the Year

Jack Anderson

Dane Camphausen

All-UAA Second Team

Franco Alonso

Zack Carinci

Tyler Stillson

UAA Coaching Staff of the Year



Head Coach Doug Milliken (15 seasons)
Team Accomplishments (5-1, 6th in UAA)
 placed 17th at NCAA Championship
 second consecutive top 20 finish, 5th-best national finish

All-Americans (number of events)
 Abigail Wilkov, First Team (2)
 Gabriella Chambers, Second Team (3)
 Eliza Dixon, Second Team (1)
 Claire Kozma, Second Team (3)
 Kate Menzer, Second Team (1)
 Angeli Paull, Second Team (2)
 Maggie Rose Rook, Second Team (1)
 Simone Vale, Second Team (1)

NCAA Elite 90 Award (highest cumulative GPA at championship)
 Abigail Wilkov

CSC Academic All-America Team Member of the Year
 Abigail Wilkov

CSC Academic All-Americans
 Abigail Wilkov, First Team
 Claire Kozma, Second Team
 Angeli Paull, Third Team

UAA Champion
 Abigail Wilkov, 1-meter dive

All-UAA
 Gabriella Chambers, Claire Kozma, Simone Vale, Kelly Vann; 200 Free Relay (3rd)
 Abigail Wilkov, 1-meter dive (1st)



Head Coach Alyssa Johnson (One Season)

Team Accomplishments (9-5-5, 1-4-2 UAA)

reached second round of NCAA Championship
 fifth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance

All-Region Fourth Team

Alexis Sassower

All-UAA Second Team

Jamie Goldfarb

Molly Shamah

All-UAA Honorable Mention

Sydney Schenk

CSC Academic All-District

Ceci Dapino

Carolyn Koutures

Alexis Sassower

Sydney Schenk

Molly Shamah

Maggie Storti



Head Coach Josie Henry (15 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (30-12, 13-5 UAA)

selected to NCAA Tournament for fourth year in a row
fourth consecutive season with at least 30 wins

All-American

KaiLi Gross, First Team

CSC Academic All-American

KaiLi Gross, First Team

Katelyn Lamm, Second Team

All-Region VII

KaiLi Gross, First Team

Lexi Miskey, Second Team

Katelyn Lamm, Third Team

All-UAA First Team

Katelyn Lamm, Position Player of the Year

KaiLi Gross

Lexi Miskey

All-UAA Second Team

Karen Potts



Head Coach Doug Milliken (15 seasons)
Team Accomplishments (5-1, 6th in UAA)

placed 25th at NCAA Championship
best national finish since 1999

All-Americans (number of events)

John Drumm, First Team (1), Second Team (2)

Mason Bencurik, Second Team (1)

Griffin Gushman, Second Team (1)

Emil LaSida, Second Team (1)

Peter Meng, Second Team (4)

All-UAA

Peter Meng, 400 IM (3rd)

CSC Academic All-District

Mason Bencurik

John Drumm

Griffin Gushman

Emil LaSida



Head Coach Karen Farrell (23 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (24-8, 5-2 UAA)

selected to NCAA Tournament for second year in a row
first time ever with back-to-back postseason appearances

All-Americans

Amanda Ngo, Third Team

Rea Marfatia, Honorable Mention

All-Region First Team

Rea Marfatia

Amanda Ngo

All-UAA First Team

Rea Marfatia

Amanda Ngo

All-UAA Honorable Mention

Lily Crouch

Carly Scott

CSC Academic All-District

Lily Crouch

Rea Marfatia

Amanda Ngo

Carly Scott



Head Coach Kathy Nortz Yohann (24 seasons)
Team Accomplishments (6th in UAA, 9th in Region)

second year in a row with All-American

All-American

Lauren Iagnemma, 36th Place

All-Region

Lauren Iagnemma, Fourth Place

Ashley Novak, 15th Place

All-UAA First Team

Lauren Iagnemma

CSC Academic All-District

Lauren Iagnemma

Ashley Novak

UAA All-Academic

Angie Getz

Julia Hluck

Lauren Iagnemma

Mandy Lam

Ashley Novak

Alyssa Storm



**Head Coach Kirsten Gambrell McMahon (12 seasons)
Team Accomplishments (13-7, 1-2 UAA)**

two All-Americans for fourth season in a row
NCAA doubles quarterfinalists

All-Americans

Lily McCloskey (doubles)
Katalina Wang (doubles)

NCAA Elite 90 Award (highest cumulative GPA at championship)

Lily McCloskey

CSC Academic All-American

Lily McCloskey, First Team

All-UAA First Team

Lily McCloskey (singles)

All-UAA Second Team

Lily McCloskey (doubles)
Katalina Wang (doubles, singles)

All-UAA Honorable Mention

Laurel Utterback (singles)



Head Coach Kathy Nortz Yohann (24 seasons)
Team Accomplishments (6th in UAA, 4th in Region)

eighth year in last nine with NCAA qualifier

NCAA Qualifier

Aidan Nathan, 102nd Place

All-Region

Aidan Nathan, Seventh Place

Jacob Slater, 27th Place

Donovan Crowley, 30th Place

UAA Rookie of the Year

Donovan Crowley

All-UAA Second Team

Aidan Nathan

CSC Academic All-District

Nate Gilbert

Jacob Slater



Head Coach Eric Schmuhl (13 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (4th in UAA)

best conference finish since 2017

NCAA Qualifier

Michaela Burkhauser, shot put, 20th

All-Great Lakes Region

Michaela Burkhauser, shot put, weight throw

Lauren Iagnemma, 3,000-meter run

Ashley Novak, 5,000-meter run

Holly Schreiber, pole vault

UAA Champion

Michelle Lee, weight throw

All-UAA

Michaela Burkhauser, shot put (2nd), weight throw (2nd)

Lauren Iagnemma, 3,000-meter run (2nd)

Michelle Lee, weight throw (1st)

Lauren Roskuszka, weight throw (3rd)

CSC Academic All-District

Rachel Ginn

Ayla Grabenbauer

Holly Schreiber



Head Coach Greg Debeljak (21 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (6-4, 6-4 PAC)

ninth consecutive winning season

longest stretch of winning seasons in team history

All-Region Third Team

Tony Thivener

All-PAC First Team

AJ Dudowski

Tony Thivener

All-PAC Second Team

Osi Chukwuocha

Noah Coyne

Ethan Dahlem

Owen Myer

Kaden Tong

All-PAC Honorable Mention

Dylan Cave

Nate Cikalo

Alex Fromberg

Sean-Michael James

Peter Kelly

Joseph Rhodes V

Sean Torres

Gabe Troch



Head Coach Carter Poe (Five Seasons)
Team Accomplishments (5-5-6, 0-3-4 UAA)

third consecutive .500 or better season

All-UAA Second Team

Lukas Dalakis

Kysen Kroeger

Bradley Winter

CSC Academic All-District

Cormac Apostolides

Lukas Dalakis

Kysen Kroeger

Camden Larson

Cameron Thayer

Bradley Winter

UAA Athlete of the Week

Eshwar Challa, September 23 (Defense)

Josh Cook, October 7 (Defense)

Lukas Dalakis, September 30 (Offense)



Head Coach Eric Schmuhl (13 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (5th in UAA)

broke one school record during season

All-UAA

Josh Bates, 400-meter dash (3rd)

Donovan Crowley, mile run (3rd)

Bryce Hodge, 60-meter hurdles (3rd)

Toby Langsner, weight throw (2nd)

CSC Academic All-District

Bryce Hodge

Toby Langsner

Joshua Park

UAA Athlete of the Week

Brendan Bradish, February 3

Donovan Crowley, February 3

Nate Gilbert, February 3

Praveen Sureshkumar, February 3



**Head Coach David Shapiro (Two Seasons)
Team Accomplishments (1-6, 3rd in UAA)**

three members placed at regionals

CSC Academic All-District

Louka Babic

Calvin Cai

John Conover

Marty Landes

Art Martinez

Mike Valerino

NWCA Scholar All-America

Calvin Cai

Chase Crutchley

Art Martinez

Thomas Wagner

UAA Athlete of the Week

Aidan Gassel, November 4

Art Martinez, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 13, Feb. 10



Head Coach Jennifer Reimer (18 seasons)
Team Accomplishments (7-18, 2-12 UAA)

upset #13 WashU in St. Louis

WBCA Academic Top 25 Honor Roll Special Mention

All-UAA Second Team

Mya Hartjes

CSC Academic All-District

Mya Hartjes

Evie Miller

Nyah Moore

Emily Plachta

Women's Leaders Tip-Off All-Tournament Team

Emily Plachta

Gratz Park Private Wealth Holiday All-Tournament Team

Emily Plachta



Head Coach Todd McGuinness (Nine Seasons)
Team Accomplishments (9-16, 5-9 UAA)

18th in D3 in 3-pointers made per game

Jostens Trophy Finalist

Sam Trunley

All-Region Third Team

Sam Trunley

All-UAA Second Team

Sam Trunley

All-UAA Honorable Mention

Umar Rashid

CSC Academic All-District

Anand Dharmarajan

Charlie Fox

Drey Fox

Sam Trunley



Head Coach Eric Schmuhl (13 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (5th in UAA)

eight members earned All-UAA honors

All-UAA

Josh Bates, 4×100 (3rd), 4×400 (3rd)

Bryce Hodge, 110-meter hurdles (3rd)

Toby Langsner, hammer throw (2nd)

Madhan Manikandaswamy

400-meter dash (3rd), 4×100 (3rd), 4×400 (3rd)

Troy Olson, 4×100-meter relay (3rd)

Yusuf Shaaban, 4×400-meter relay (3rd)

Charlie Stipanovich, 4×400-meter relay (3rd)

Jack Xia, 4×100-meter relay (3rd)

CSC Academic All-District

Nate Gilbert

Bryce Hodge

Toby Langsner

Joshua Park

Jacob Slater



Head Coach Eric Schmuhl (13 seasons)

Team Accomplishments (4th in UAA)

two UAA Champions

seven team members earned All-UAA honors

UAA Champion

Michaela Burkhauser, discus throw

Rachel Ginn, hammer throw

All-Great Lakes Region

Michaela Burkhauser, discus throw

Rachel Ginn, hammer throw

Ayla Grabenbauer, 3,000-meter steeplechase

Holly Schreiber, pole vault

All-UAA

Michaela Burkhauser, discus throw (1st), shot put (2nd)

Ailean Duffie, hammer throw (2nd)

Rachel Ginn, hammer throw (1st)

Ayla Grabenbauer, 3,000-meter steeplechase (3rd)

Michelle Lee, discus throw (2nd)

Holly Schrieber, pole vault (2nd)

Sarah Viveiros, javelin throw (2nd)



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Doug Mooney Program of the Year
2024 CWRU Men's Tennis
2024 CWRU Softball

Bill Sudeck Outstanding Student-Athlete Award
Abigail Wilkov · Senior · Women's Swimming & Diving

Glenn & Peggy Nicholls Female Athlete of the Year
Lexi Miskey · Senior · Softball

Dr. David Hutter Male Athlete of the Year
Nick Harms · Senior · Baseball

Dorothy L. Hoza Award
Lauren Iagnemma · Junior · Women's XC/Track & Field

Emily R. Andrews Award
KaiLi Gross · Grad Student · Softball

Arthur P. Leary Award
John Drumm · Junior · Men's Swimming & Diving

Philip K. "Nip" Heim Award
Sam Trunley · Senior · Men's Basketball

Robert Del Rosa Rookie of the Year
Donovan Crowley · First-Year · Men's XC/Track & Field

Nancy Gray Rookie of the Year
Kinzly Gootman · First-Year · Women's Soccer

Patricia B. Kilpatrick Award
Andrew Cedar · Senior · Men's Swimming & Diving
Lily Crouch · Senior · Volleyball
Nate Gilbert · Senior · Men's XC/Track & Field
Carolyn Koutures · Senior · Women's Soccer
Mandy Lam · Senior · Women's XC/Track & Field
Ajay Mahenthiran · Senior · Men's Tennis
Lily McCloskey · Senior · Women's Tennis
Abigail Meneses · Senior · Women's Soccer
Victor Nash · Senior · Men's XC/Track & Field
Carly Scott · Senior · Volleyball
Ansh Shah · Senior · Men's Tennis
Alyssa Storm · Senior · Women's XC/Track & Field
Alex Waltman · Senior · Men's Swimming & Diving
Abigail Wilkov · Senior · Women's Swimming & Diving



Case Western Reserve University, in conjunction with the Spartan Club, inducted six new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame on April 26, 2025, along with bestowing the University Award for Athletic Excellence. The official induction ceremony was held during Case Western Reserve's Legacy Week in the Excelsior Ballroom in the Thwing Student Center. The following six were inducted into the Spartan Club Hall of Fame:

MAGGIE R. DILLIONE, DO CWRU '14 · Swimming & Diving	ERIC KLAWITTER CWRU '14 · Tennis	KENDRA SCHERER CWRU '13 · Soccer
HARRY WEINTRAUB CWRU '14 · Track & Field	NICO WIMALASENA CWRU '12 · Soccer	LOU STARK Special Category





NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETE LEADERSHIP FORUM

- attended by Jasiah Harris (baseball), Nylah Durham (softball), and Giselle Bahena (softball coach)
- developed emotional intelligence, embrace vulnerability, build leadership skills

SPARTANS STRONGER TOGETHER 5K

- organized by BLAC, CASA, BSU, and Department
- raised over \$3,000 for Special Olympics
- over 350 people registered

TEAM IMPACT

- both Women's Basketball and Volleyball teams participated
- held signing day in the fall and activities throughout the season

CONQUER LIFE GAMES PROGRAM

- eight-week program for student-athletes to improve wellness through improv-like games



CWRU student-athletes continued to rise on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. Spartans train their leadership skills, organizing efforts, and personal development in myriad ways throughout the academic year. Below are a few examples from 2024-25.



Giselle Bahena, Nylah Durham, and Jasiah Harris at the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum



The DiSanto Field scoreboard prior to the 2025 Spartans Stronger Together 5K



The CWRU Women's Basketball Team with Vivian from Team IMPACT



Members of the CWRU Volleyball Team with Jacy from Team IMPACT and her family on signing day



SPARTANS
FACE THE CHALLENGE. DEFEAT THE ODDS.