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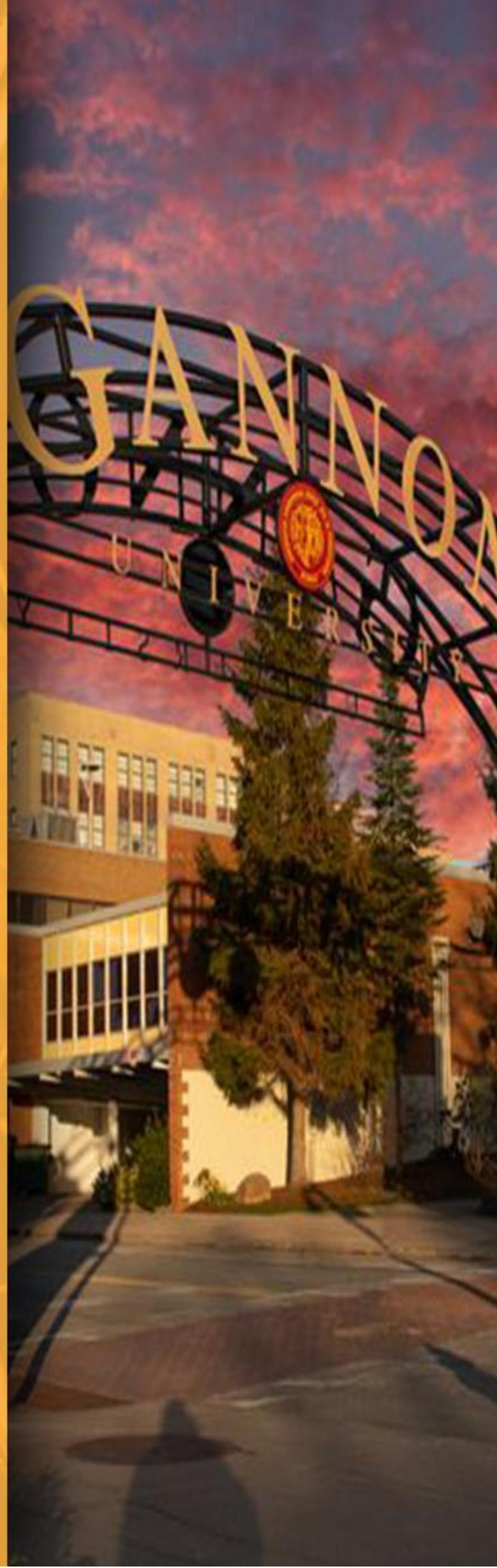
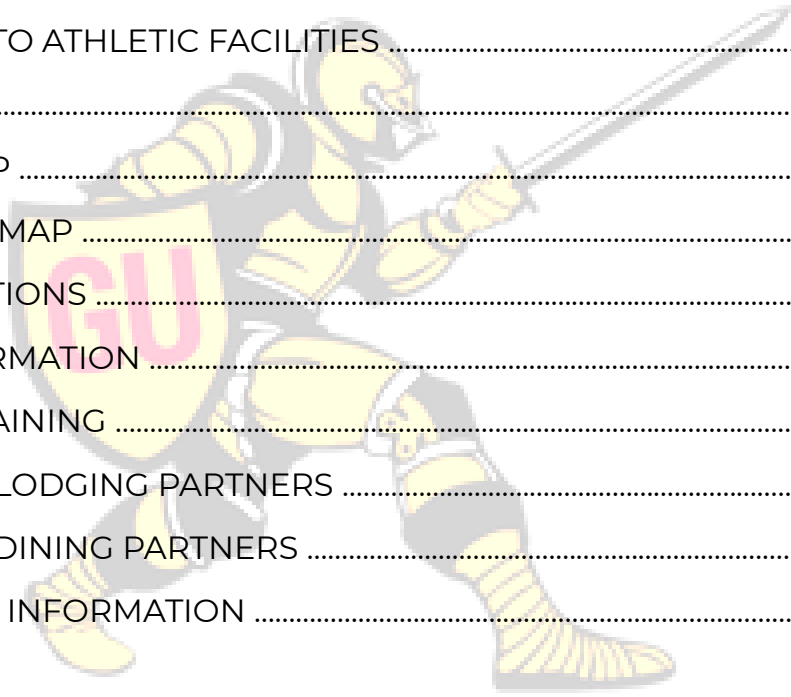


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GANNON UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

ABOUT

Gannon College of Arts and Sciences, founded as Cathedral College under the 1925 charter of Villa Maria College, was established by then-Archbishop John Mark Gannon, who in 1941 purchased one of the most elegant buildings in downtown Erie – the strong Mansion (now known as Gannon’s “Old Main”) – as the current campus’ central site. Renamed Gannon College in 1944, it received its own charter as a four-year men’s college. In 1964, Gannon became co-educational and established a graduate school. In 1979, the college attained university status. A private, Catholic, comprehensive, co-educational institution, Gannon has emerged as Northwestern Pennsylvania’s premier Catholic university and is a valuable community and regional resource.

MISSION

Key to Gannon’s mission is the personal and professional development of students. Leadership is fostered through a range of campus organizations and activities which enhance academic interests as well as volunteerism and community service, and which provides opportunities for intellectual, moral, and spiritual growth.

Today, Gannon University is committed to building on its successful history of preparing leaders by focusing on a dynamic future of change and new opportunities. Gannon is focused on a total commitment to academic excellence, to its Catholic identity, its future financial growth from external sources, its strengthened development of the faculty’s teaching and scholarship, its involvement in and service to the local and regional community, its undergraduate and graduate enrollment, and its enhancement of technology.

NICKNAME:	Golden Knights
MASCOT:	Victor E. Knight
COLORS:	Maroon and Gold
ATHLETIC AFFILIATION:	NCAA Division II
CONFERENCE:	Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC)
TEAMS SPONSORED:	23
ENROLLMENT:	4,705
PRESIDENT:	Dr. Walter Iwanenko Jr.
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:	Lisa Goddard McGuirk

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Baseball/Football/Lacrosse/Soccer/Softball

McConnell Family Stadium

430 Sassafras St.

Erie, PA 16507

Acrobatics and Tumbling/Basketball/Competitive Cheer and Dance/ Volleyball/Wrestling

Highmark Events Center

620 Peach St.

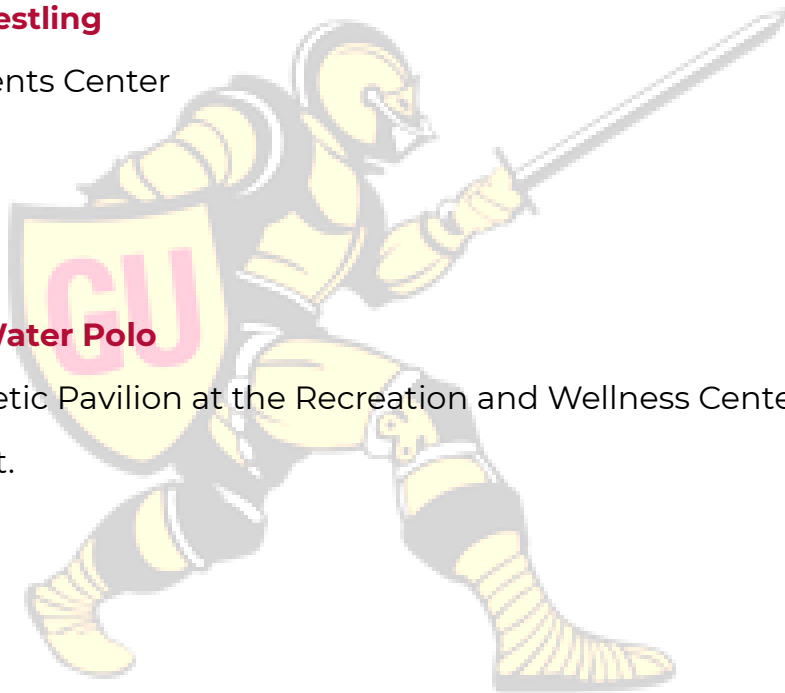
Erie, PA 16501

Swimming/Water Polo

Carneval Athletic Pavilion at the Recreation and Wellness Center

130 West 4th St.

Erie, PA 16507



MCCONNELL FAMILY STADIUM

McConnell Family Stadium originally opened as Gannon University Field during the spring of 2001, before being renamed McConnell Family Stadium on September 11, 2015, after a kind donation from Gannon alumnus Dennis McConnell, '70. The Gannon women's lacrosse team was the first to play on the field that spring. The football, women's soccer, men's soccer, baseball, softball, and lacrosse teams all began using the facility full-time during the 2001-02 academic year. Many other events have also been scheduled at the multi-purpose facility. Team locker rooms, concession stands, and restrooms are located on the east side of the facility.

The facility was renovated in the summer of 2022. The downtown stadium's most visible upgrade was the replacement of 167,000-square feet of FieldTurf. The Classic HD slit-film fiber is an industry leader. Gannon also replaced the McConnell Family Stadium scoreboard with a new Daktronics model featuring enhanced, LED lighting. Finally, fans will enjoy an updated, single-source sound system that will provide listeners with a complete game experience. The new system provides full-range audio and focuses the sound on the playing field and on the fan areas.



With a seating capacity of 2,500 and excellent lighting, McConnell Family Stadium allows Golden Knights' fans to watch their team day or night. The facility has a modern press box overlooking the field from the south side for all media and coaching staffs. IT also has the ability for radio and television broadcasts to be originated from the stadium.



HIGHMARK EVENTS CENTER

The Highmark Events Center, located on the campus of Gannon University, has been the home for Golden Knight teams since the basketball programs began play there during the 1949-50 season. The Gannon acrobatics and tumbling, competitive cheer and dance, wrestling, and volleyball programs also compete at the Highmark Events Center. The facility was originally known as the Gannon Auditorium, or affectionately referred to as “The Audi” by longtime Gannon faithful. The facility was rededicated and renamed the Hammermill Center in February of 1983 in honor of the Hammermill Paper Company, whose generosity enabled the University to make necessary repairs and improvements. In February of 2022, the facility underwent another transformation into the Highmark Events Center, part of a multi-million-dollar renovation plan to bring it in line with other state-of-the-art facilities.



The Highmark Events Center has a capacity of 2,800 with the building packed to the rafters on most basketball nights. The excitement generated by the Gannon teams throughout the years has created one of the best atmospheres in college athletics.

In January 2024, significant renovations began on the Highmark Events Center. Scheduled to be completed in January 2025, these renovations will help align the Highmark Events Center with other premier arenas in the region. While renovations take place, Gannon will play volleyball and basketball competitions at the Hagerty Family Events Center.



CARNEVAL ATHLETIC PAVILION

The Carneval Athletic Pavilion, named after longtime Gannon Team Physician and supporter Dr. Daniel Carneval, houses the aquatic center for the water polo and swimming and diving teams.

The Carneval Athletic Pavilion is located in the completely renovated Gannon Recreation and Wellness Center that houses basketball courts, an indoor track, racquetball courts, handball courts, a fitness center, weight rooms, an indoor turf facility and more.



DIRECTIONS TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Directions to McConnell Family Stadium (Baseball, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball):

FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON I-90: Take the I-79 North exit and merge onto I-79 North. I-79 will end and turn into Bayfront Parkway. Continue on Bayfront Parkway (marinas and bay will be on your left) to State Street. Turn right onto State Street (4th light after getting onto I-79). Travel three blocks and turn right onto Fourth Street. Travel three blocks and the stadium will be on your left.

Directions to Highmark Events Center (Acrobatics & Tumbling, Basketball, Competitive Cheer and Dance, Volleyball, Wrestling):

FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON I-90: Take the I-79 North exit and merge onto I-79 North. I-79 will end and turn into Bayfront Parkway. Continue on Bayfront Parkway (marinas and bay will be on your left) to State Street. Turn right onto State Street (4th light after getting onto I-79). Proceed south on State Street through the downtown district to West 9th Street. Turn right onto West 9th Street and travel 1-1/2 blocks. Turn right onto Peach Street and you will see a parking garage on your left where you may park. You may then walk to the Highmark Events Center on Peach Street between West 6th Street and West 7th Street.

Directions to Carneval Athletic Pavilion at the Recreation and Wellness Center (Swim & Dive, Water Polo):

FROM THE EAST OR WEST ON I-90: Take the I-79 North exit and merge onto I-79 North. I-79 will end and turn into Bayfront Parkway. Continue on Bayfront Parkway (marinas and bay will be on your left) to State Street. Turn right onto State Street (4th light after getting onto I-79). Proceed south on State Street through the downtown district to West 4th Street (three traffic lights). Turn right onto West 4th Street and proceed for 1.5 blocks to the Gannon Recreational and Wellness Center which will be on your right-hand side. The Carneval Athletic Pavilion Pool is located inside the Gannon Recreation and Wellness Center.

PARKING

General Parking

For visitors, there is street parking available throughout the downtown Erie and Gannon University campus area. Street parking requires the use of the MeterEZ phone app. There are also several parking garages operated by the Erie Parking Authority near campus. For more information on parking garages, please visit erieparking.com.

Team Bus Parking

McConnell Family Stadium (Baseball, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball)

Team bus parking for events at McConnell Family Stadium will be in the North Hall parking lot off of West 4th Street. Buses can drop off the team and equipment in the drop-off zone in front of McConnell Family Stadium. A host will meet you at the gate to direct the team to their locker room and the bus to its designated parking spot.

Highmark Events Center (Acrobatics & Tumbling, Basketball, Competitive Cheer and Dance, Volleyball, Wrestling):

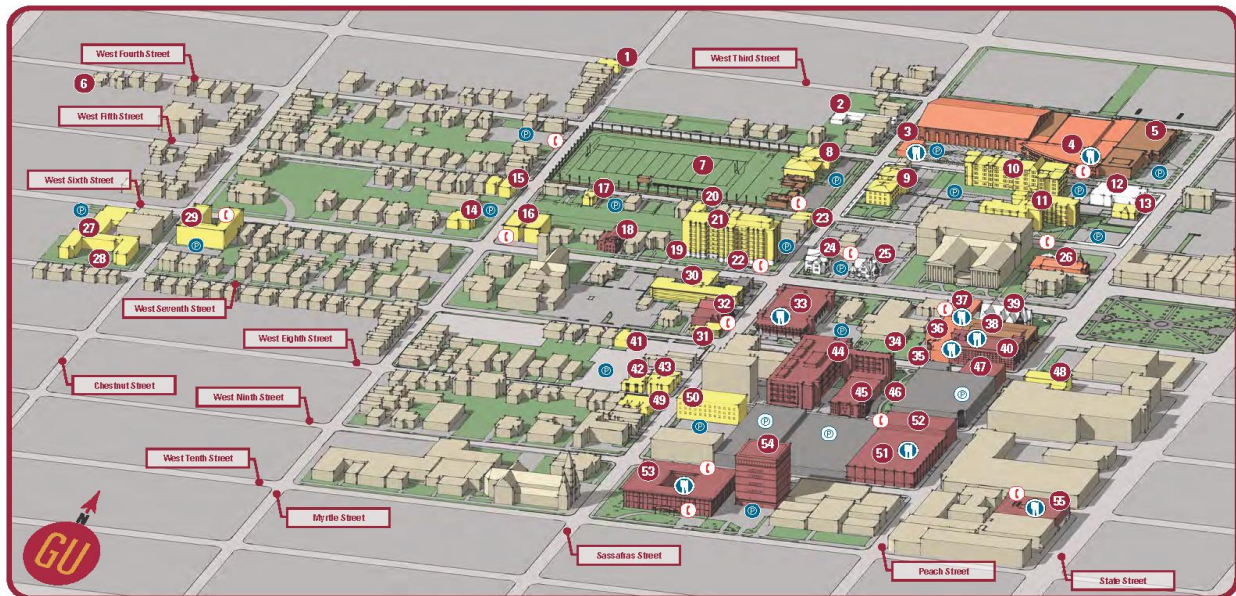
Team bus parking for events at the Highmark Events Center will be on 7th street underneath the arch or wherever possible surrounding the venue. Buses may drop off in front of the Highmark Events Center and then proceed to their designated parking area with the help of a team host.

Carneval Athletic Pavilion at the Recreation and Wellness Center (Swim & Dive, Water Polo):

Team bus parking for events at the Carneval Athletic Pavilion in the Recreation and Wellness Center will be in the North Hall parking lot off of West 4th Street. Buses may drop off in front of the Recreation and Wellness Center and then proceed to their designated parking area with the help of a team host.

CAMPUS MAP

GANNON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS MAP



ADMINISTRATION ○

- 40 Admissions- Global (International)
- 25 Admissions- Graduate
- 24 Admissions- Undergraduate
- 19 Campus Police & Safety
- 25 Cashier
- 25 Courthouse Commons
- 55 Erie Technology Incubator (ETI)
- 24 Gitnik Manse
- 12 Human Resources
- 39 Old Main
- 2 Physical Plant
- 25 Registrar
- 55 Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- 12 University Services

STUDENT SERVICES ●

- 22 Health & Counseling Services
- 3 The Knight Club
- 37 Keim Commons
- 26 Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel
- 4 Recreation & Wellness Center
- 52 University Bookstore
- 36 Waldron Campus Center

ACADEMIC ●

- 51 A.J. Palumbo Academic Center
- 40 Beyer Hall
- 45 Center for Advanced Engineering
- 55 Center for Business Ingenuity
- 47 Center for Communication and the Arts
- 18 Forensic Investigation Center
- 54 Institute for Health and Cyber Knowledge (I-HACK)
- 33 Nash Library
- 53 Robert H. Morosky Academic Center
- 32 Schuster Theatre/Scottino Hall
- 44 Zurn Science Center

ATHLETIC FACILITIES ●

- 5 Carneval Athletic Pavilion
- 38 Highmark Events Center
- 7 McConnell Family Stadium

RESIDENCE HALLS ●

- 14 Catholic House
- 11 Finegan Hall
- 8 Freeman Hall
- 21 Harborview Apartments
- 29 Kenitworth Apartments
- 9 Lubiak Apartments
- 10 North Hall
- 50 South Hall
- 48 Walker Building
- 30 Wehrle Hall
- 27 West Hall
- 16 Wickford Apartments

OTHER RESIDENCES ●

- 49 201, 203 & 205 W. Eighth St.
- 42 202, 204 & 210 W. Eighth St.
- 20 221 & 223 W. Fifth St.
- 17 253 W. Fifth St.
- 15 301 & 305 W. Fifth St.
- 1 302 Myrtle St.
- 13 418 Peach St.
- 23 502 & 504 Sassafras St.
- 31 632 Sassafras
- 43 724 Sassafras
- 41 219 W. Seventh St.

ON-CAMPUS DINING ○

- 36 Beyer Hall Dining
- 36 Chick-fil-A
- 53 Courtyard Cafe
- 36 Doc's Landing
- 4 Fresh Cafe
- 51 Intermetzo
- 3 Knight Club
- 55 Cafe 900
- 33 Urban Brew

LANDMARKS

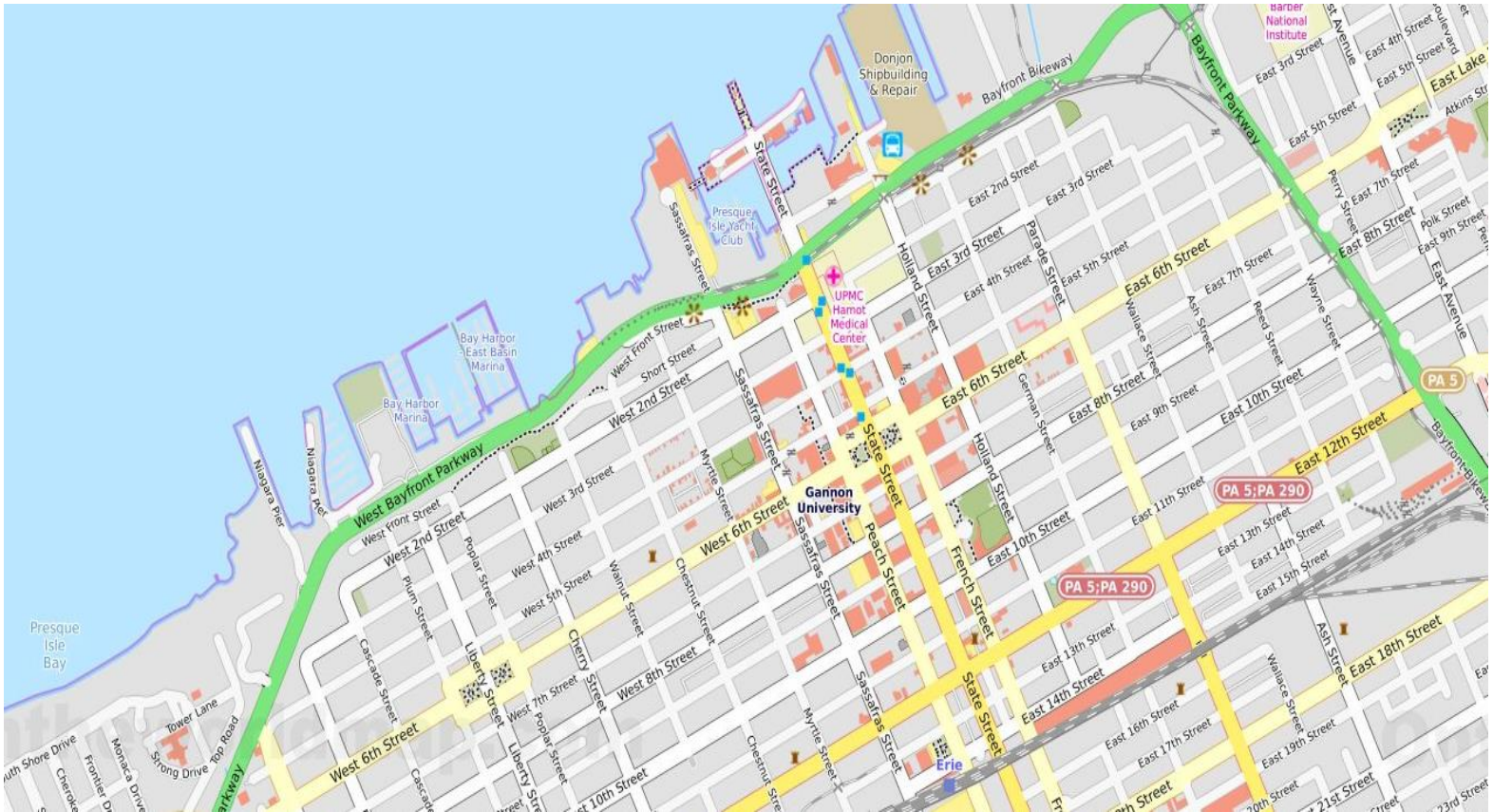
- 46 A.J's Way
- 34 Friendship Green
- 35 Gannon Arch

COMMUNITY

- 28 Gannon Goodwill Garden
- 6 St. Joseph House of Faith in Action

- Ⓟ Gannon Assigned Parking
- Ⓢ Public Parking
- Ⓣ Emergency Call Box

LOCAL AREA MAP



MEDIA RELATIONS

GANNON SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE

Phone: (814) 871-7418

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Twitter: @GUKnights

Instagram: @gannongoldenknights

Facebook: Gannon University Athletics

CREDENTIALS

All media credentials should be arranged by writing or calling the Gannon Media Relations Office, preferably one week in advance. All credentials will be limited to working press only, and will be evaluated on a first-come, first-

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served basis up to the press box or press table capacity.

PRESS BOX

Gannon's working facilities at McConnell Family Stadium are located on the south side of the facility. The press box contains three booths. Space is available for the home coaching staff, two radio stations, and several members of the media. Visiting coaching staffs and television accommodations can be found on the second level of the press box.

PRESS TABLE

Gannon's working facilities at the Highmark Events Center are located on the west side (bench side) of the facility. Space is limited and credentials are issued on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is available for one visiting radio station.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Credentials for sideline photography should be requested in writing per credentials guidelines. Photography credentials are issued to media and department photographers only. Photographers must remain outside the restraining line enclosing the field at McConnell Family Stadium and must remain off the court at all times at the Highmark Events Center.

SERVICES

Working media and scouts will be supplied with media guides, gameday programs, and pre-game notes and statistics. Complete halftime statistics will be available, along with a complete statistics package and play-by-play provided at the completion of the contest.

RADIO

Permission to broadcast must be obtained from the Director of Athletics Media Relations at least two weeks in advance of the game. Space to accommodate one visiting radio station is available. Gannon provides a courtesy telephone line for visiting radio stations free of charge. The courtesy line number at McConnell Family Stadium is (814) 871-5776 while the courtesy line number at the Highmark Events Center is (814) 871-7326.

TELEVISION

Special arrangements must be made with the Director of Athletics.

INTERVIEWS

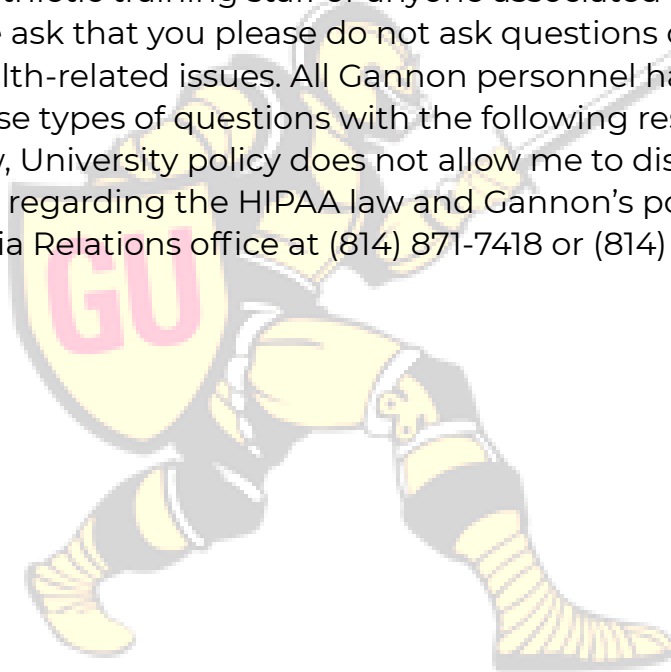
All requests for interviews with players and coaches must be made through

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the Media Relations Office or head coach and not through the players. No interviews will be granted Friday evening or Saturday prior to football contests or prior to any sporting event. Post-game interviews will follow a 10-minute “cooling off” period after the contest. All weekday interviews will take place before or after practice unless otherwise arranged differently.

PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) went into effect on April 14, 2003. Although the law was not initially intended for intercollegiate athletics, the law holds the university liable for its intent. Thus, Gannon University will not be allowed to comment on any health-related questions concerning our student-athletes. This pertains to coaches, student-athletes, the athletic training staff or anyone associated with Gannon University. We ask that you please do not ask questions concerning any injuries or health-related issues. All Gannon personnel have been instructed to answer those types of questions with the following response: “Considering the HIPAA law, University policy does not allow me to discuss that”. If you have any questions regarding the HIPAA law and Gannon’s policy, please call the Athletics Media Relations office at (814) 871-7418 or (814) 871-7008.



TICKET INFORMATION

All Gannon athletics home events are free to the public with the exception of women's and men's basketball games and football games. All Championship events are ticketed as determined by the conference and national office.

Spectators are encouraged to purchase tickets online through Hudl Tickets using the link [HERE](#). Tickets are also available at the door for football and basketball games. The ticket windows for football and basketball home events will open one hour prior to the start of the game. General admission tickets do not need to be purchased ahead of time, unless bringing a group of ten or more. Cash and card payments are accepted throughout the venues.

Ticket prices for football and basketball games are listed below:

Football

- **Single Game (Online Purchase)**
 - \$10 – Adult
 - \$5 – Senior Citizens and Students
- **Single Game (POS)**
 - \$12 – Adult
 - \$6 – Senior Citizens and Students

Basketball

- **Single Game/Doubleheader (Online Purchase)**
 - \$20 – Reserved Plush Seat
 - \$10 – Adult General Admission
 - \$5 – Senior Citizens and Students General Admission
- **Single Game/Doubleheader (POS)**
 - \$22 – Reserved Plush Seat
 - \$12 – Adult General Admission
 - \$6 – Senior Citizens and Students General Admission

SPORTS MEDICINE

The Gannon University Sports Medicine staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the campus of Gannon University. Our hope is that this page will make your trip easier and answer any questions you may have before your arrival.

Gannon University's athletic trainers will be available to assist you during your visit. Teams traveling with an athletic trainer are welcome to use our facilities. If your team is traveling without an athletic trainer, please notify us in advance. We will be happy to accommodate your needs if prior arrangements have been made (***Please note: Coaches may not authorize treatment for any athlete. A note from the prescribing physician or athletic trainer must accompany any athlete requiring treatment.***)

GANNON UNIVERSITY SPORTS MEDICINE SERVICES

A certified athletic trainer will be on site for every event, and a team physician will either be on site or on call. Ambulance services will be present at all football games.

FACILITIES

All facilities will be available at least 90 minutes prior to an event. If you need access to a facility prior to these times, please contact a member of the athletic training staff prior to your visit to make arrangements.

All visiting teams will be supplied with the following items:

- Water
- Ice and ice bags
- Biohazard equipment
- Emergency equipment (splints, crutches, backboard, AED) – on sidelines
- If there are any other supplies you will need, please notify us prior to your arrival.

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Ambulance Service	911	
Saint Vincent Hospital / Emergency Room (232 West 25th Street)	814-452-5000	
UPMC Hamot Hospital / Emergency Room (201 State Street)	814-877-6000	
EmergyCare	814-870-1010	
Gannon University Police	814-871-7690	
Rite-Aid Pharmacy (916 State Street)	814-456-0560	

PREFERRED LODGING PARTNERS

Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel (Official Hotel of the Gannon Athletics Hall of Fame Game)

55 West Bay Drive
Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (814) 454-2005

Courtyard Marriott - Bayfront

2 Sassafras Pier
Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (814) 636-1005

Homewood Suites - Erie

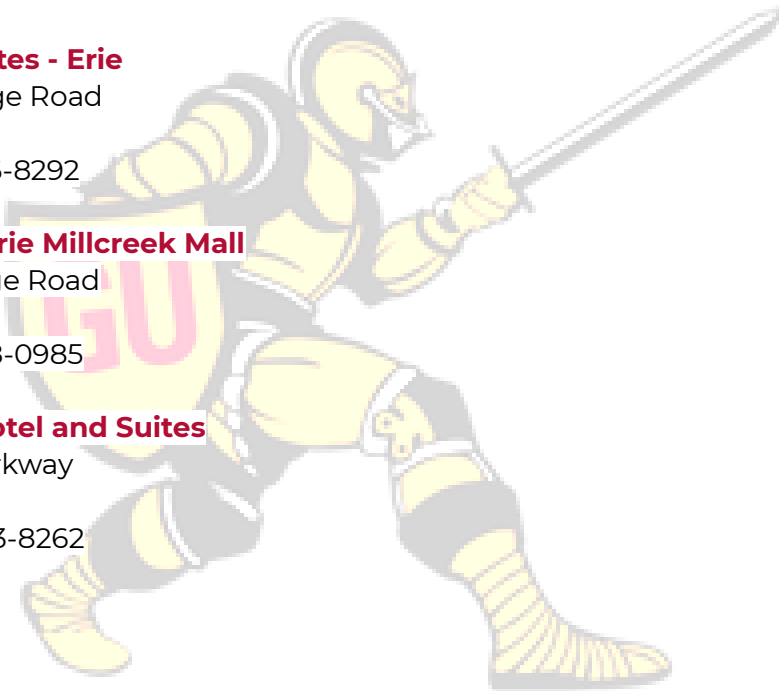
2084 Interchange Road
Erie, PA 16565
Phone: (814) 866-8292

Fairfield Inn - Erie Millcreek Mall

2082 Interchange Road
Erie, PA 16565
Phone: (814) 868-0985

Cobblestone Hotel and Suites

701 Bayfront Parkway
Erie, PA 16507
Phone: (888) 693-8262



PREFERRED DINING PARTNERS

Two45 Waterfront Grille (Located in the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel)

55 West Bay Drive
Erie, PA 16507

Phone: (814) 454-2005

**Catering and Team Meals Available

Porky's Pizzeria

302 West 8th Street
Erie, PA 16502

Phone: (814) 454-5000

Moe's Southwest Grill

2187 West 12th Street
Erie, PA 16505

Phone: (814) 455-2121

Catering: (724) 816-4945

Jimmy John's

515 State Street
Erie, PA 16501

Phone: (814) 315-9334

Jimmy John's

821 West Erie Plaza
Erie, PA 16505

Phone: (814) 923-4648

Tap House

333 State Street
Erie, PA 16507

Phone: (814) 520-5419

Public House

4575 West Ridge Road
Erie, PA 16506

Phone: (814) 520-8495

Chick-fil-A

2519 West 12th Street
Erie, PA 16505

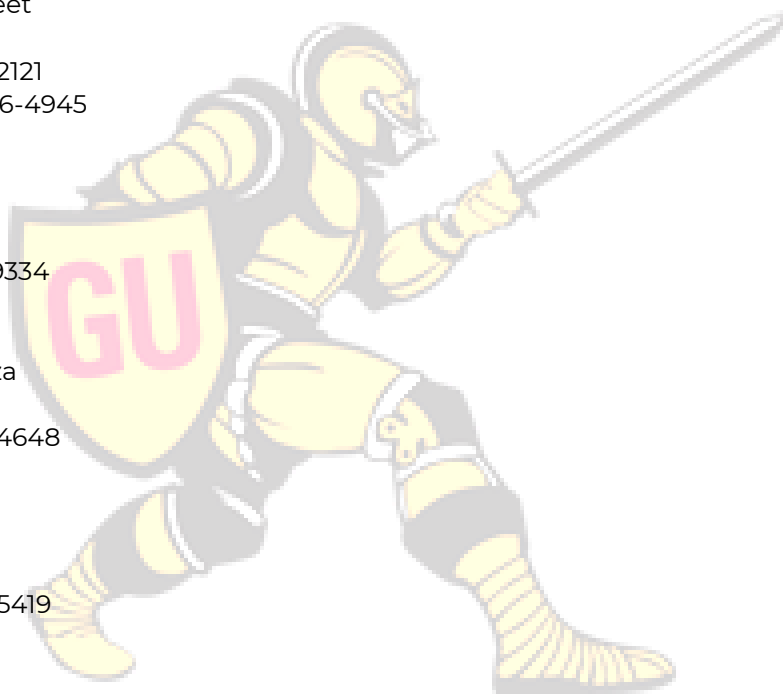
Phone: (814) 835-8954

Dinner Is Served By "Lisa"

2519 West 12th Street
Erie, PA 16505

Phone: (814) 835-8954

**Catering and Team Meals Available



ERIE VISITOR INFORMATION

Erie, Pennsylvania, the state's fourth-largest city and an exciting trend of community progress, is the home to Gannon University.

Downtown, there are new developments taking place every day -- new restaurants, luxury apartments and shopping centers. Erie is home to the Blasco Library, Maritime Museum, and the Bicentennial Observation Tower that offers great views of Presque Isle Bay and the city. The Warner Theatre has also recently been restored. The construction of a luxury hotel and convention center complex was completed on the bayfront. Presque Isle Downs and Casino, a horse racing track, was also built in Summit Township.

Erie is home to several sports teams. The Erie Seawolves, an affiliate of the Detroit Tigers, are a Double-A baseball team that plays in the Eastern League. Former Erie players include Justin Verlander, Cody Ross, Jose Guillen, Aramis Ramirez, Todd Worrell, Todd Zelle, David Espinosa, Curtis Granderson, Omar Infante, Jair Jurrjens, John Lackey, Dontrelle Willis, and Joel Zumaya. The Anaheim Angels stopped in Erie during the summer of 1999 to play in an exhibition game where fans were able to see Mo Vaughn, Garrett Anderson, and others. The Detroit Tigers stopped in the summer of 2001. Fans were able to see Dean Palmer, Bobby Higginson, Damion Easley, and others.

The Erie Otters play hockey at the Erie Insurance Arena in the Ontario Hockey League. The OHL has seen players such as Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky come through its ranks. The Otters have had a total of 40 players selected in the National Hockey League Entry Draft, including at least one first-round selection in five straight NHL Entry Drafts from 1997-2001. Michael Rupp, a former Otter, was named the first star during Game 7 of the 2003 NHL Stanley Cup Finals. NHL players Connor McDavid, Ryan O'Reilly, Tim Connelly, and Brad Boyles are also among Erie's alumni.

Uptown, Erie has experienced an incredible surge of retail development. Many new stores, superstores, outlets, restaurants and hotels along with the giant 200+ store Millcreek Mall combine to make an exciting shopping mecca for the whole region.

All around town, the arts are alive and well with three playhouses, a superb philharmonic orchestra, art museum, professional ballet company and much more.

Historical sights abound include the completely seaworthy U.S. Brig Niagara, Commodore Perry's victorious flagship in the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie.

Across the bay, Presque Isle State Park juts seven miles out into Lake Erie. This biologically diverse 3,200-acre peninsula welcomes visitors every day to swim, hike,

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bike, fish, wind surf, rollerblade, cross-country ski, ice skate or just motor around and enjoy nature in all of its beauty. Just outside of town are wooded foothills, farms and vineyards, fed by rivers and lakes "great" and small.

Additional visitor information can be found at [visiterie.com](https://www.visiterie.com).

