



OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THE OCTOBER EDITION!

Thank you for being part of the Bonnie's family and for your generous support of the Bonnie's Athletic Fund (BAF). The new year is already off and running, and your commitment is fueling exciting new opportunities for our student-athletes. From the first practices of the season to the energy on campus as classes begin, it's clear that Bona Nation is ready for another year of excellence—on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. Here's what's happening across Bona Nation this month:





A STRONG START TO THE YEAR

The new academic and athletic year is in full swing, and thanks to your incredible generosity, the Bonnies Athletic Fund's momentum continues to grow. We're proud to share that over \$300,000 has already been raised—an amazing testament to your commitment to our student-athletes. Your support is fueling enhanced training opportunities, facility upgrades, and team travel as our Bonnies compete with pride. Let's keep pushing forward—together, we're making a lasting impact!

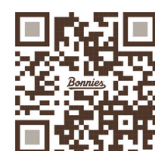


HELP US REACH OUR GOALS!

The academic and athletic year is rolling forward, and the Bonnies Athletic Fund continues to soar thanks to your unwavering support. Together, we've now raised over \$300,000 for our student-athletes! Your generosity is driving progress in training, travel, and facility enhancements across all programs.

As we look ahead, let's keep the momentum going with a new goal — \$400,000 by next month. Every gift, no matter the size, moves us closer to providing the championship experience our Bonnies deserve.

Together, we're building something extraordinary. Go Bonnies!

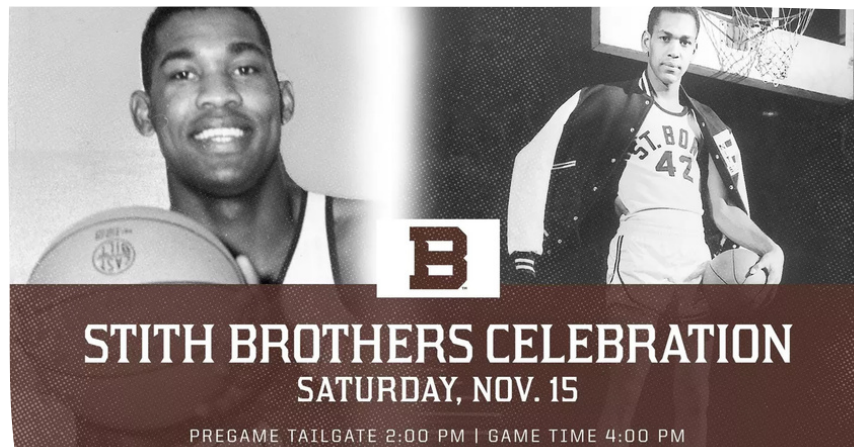




COACH'S CORNER: **BRENDAN STORRIER, NEW** **MEN'S LACROSSE COACH**

"Being the head coach for the Bonnies is an unbelievable opportunity for my family and I. We are excited to get to campus meet the players, their families, and all of the St. Bonaventure community. I look forward to working with the faculty and staff on mentoring these young men and continuing to build a culture of excellence.

Storrier arrives in Western New York after building a powerhouse at Limestone University in South Carolina. While leading the Saints, Storrier's teams posted an impressive 66-13 record and four straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances in the last four years.



Bonnies To Hold Stith Brothers Celebration Saturday, Nov. 15

St. Bonaventure Basketball will pay tribute to perhaps the most famous family in program history at the Saturday, Nov. 15 game when the Bonnies celebrate the Stith brothers as part of a full day of activities surrounding that afternoon's matchup vs. Youngstown State.

Bona Athletics Hall of Fame member Sam Stith is set to return to the Enchanted Mountains to honor his late brother Tom as part of a celebration of Tom's induction into the National College Basketball Hall of Fame, announced last December.

At halftime of the Nov. 15 game, Sam Stith will receive his younger brother's Hall of Fame induction award during an on-court ceremony. He will also be available for autographs with fans at the inaugural Bonnies Basketball Tailgate Series event presented by Colton RV & Marine from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in the Richter Center.

The first 1,500 fans in attendance will receive a limited edition Tom Stith figurine depicting the Hall of Famer in his famous letterman's jacket.

Tip time inside the Reilly Center is set for 4 p.m. as the Bonnies battle the Penguins, who finished 21-13 last season and came one step away from the NCAA Tournament by reaching the finals of the Horizon League Tournament.

STUDENT-ATHLETES SPOTLIGHT:

JILLIAN LOZO- WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



1. What made you choose St. Bonaventure (or your school) and your sport?

"The first time I stepped on St. Bonaventure's campus, I knew that this was the place I wanted to spend the next four years of my life. I loved the campus and most of all I loved the community at St. Bonaventure. Everyone was super friendly, and everyone seemed to take care of the others around them. It seemed like a very tight-knit community that I knew I wanted to be a part of. Being part of Cross Country over the years has provided me with lessons and experiences I will never forget. It has given me the opportunities I need to be successful in this sport. But most importantly it has given me the love of running, the best friendships I have ever created, and has given me a sense of purpose to life. Running is everything to me. I don't think I could live in a world without it. It serves as a safe haven, a place of refuge I go to when I am upset or stressed. Cross Country reminds me of happiness and a place of freedom."

2. Who has been the biggest influence in your athletic career?

"The biggest influence in my athletic career is my dad. He has always been the person I look up to most and the one I talk to about everything related to cross country and running. He constantly encourages me to work harder and keep improving, and every race I run, I run for him. My dad has shaped me into both the athlete and the person I am today, and I couldn't be more grateful to have such a caring and supportive role model in my life. He continually pushes me to reach my full potential and is always there to guide me and talk me through my races when I need it most."

3. What's your major and why did you choose it?

"My major is Inclusive Childhood and Early Childhood Education. I chose this major because I believe childhood is one of the most valuable and formative stages of life. I want to help children reach their full potential and give them the best possible start in life. My goal is to foster their growth while making each child feel seen, heard, and safe. The more time I spend with children, the more certain I am that this is the career I'm meant to pursue."

4. What do you hope to do after graduation?

"Although graduation is still a few years away since I am only a freshman, I hope to return to St. Bonaventure to complete my master's degree in Inclusive Special Education. My goal is to become a Special Education teacher or an Elementary School teacher. Ideally, I would like to teach Kindergarten or 1st grade if I'm given the opportunity."

5. What's your pregame routine or superstition?

"Before every cross country race, as we stand on the line stretching and getting ready to run, I take three deep breaths and shake out my hands and legs to calm my nerves and focus my energy on the race. I always say a quick prayer, thanking God for the opportunity to run and asking Him for strength throughout the race. In those moments, I often think back to my high school days and reflect on how far I've come. That quick reflection always puts me in the right mindset before the gun goes off."

6. What advice would you give to younger athletes?

"The advice I would give to younger athletes is to remember that everything happens for a reason, and every step in your athletic journey shapes who you are becoming. Never take the opportunities you're given for granted. Every practice, race, and setback has a purpose. Even the tough days are valuable because they build perseverance and mental strength. Every moment, both good and bad, contributes to the athlete and person you are today, so be grateful for all of it."

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Monthly Gift: \$25 – \$74

- Thank you card from your coach
- BAF Membership (Brown & White benefits)
- 20% discount at Sports Locker
- Back a Bonnie pin
- Two complimentary tickets to 2 Men's Basketball games*

The Reilly Circle

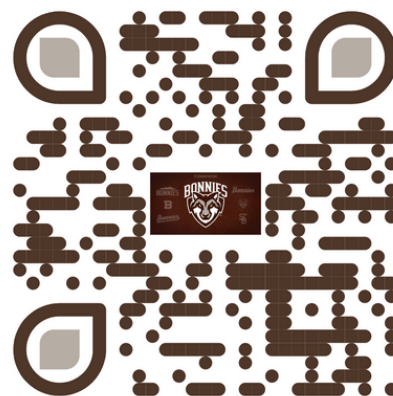
Monthly Gift: \$75 – \$149

- Thank you card from your coach
- BAF Membership (Reilly benefits)
- 20% discount at Sports Locker
- Back a Bonnie pin
- T-shirt from your favorite Bonas team
- Two complimentary tickets to 3 Men's Basketball games*

The AD Circle

Monthly Gift: \$150+

- Thank you card from your coach
- Team photo
- BAF Membership (Captain benefits)
- 20% discount at Sports Locker
- Back a Bonnie pin
- Hoodie from your favorite Bonas team
- Two complimentary tickets to 4 Men's Basketball games*
- Priority registration for Golf with the Bonnies (Rochester)



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Together, we are building champions in competition, in the classroom, and in the community. Let's keep the momentum going
— **Go Bonnie's!**

