

2024-25 ST. BONAVENTURE DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS ANNUAL REPORT



A MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS BOB BERETTA



Dear Bona Nation,

When entrenched in the daily grind of an academic year, one hardly has time to pause and reflect on all that has been accomplished throughout the year.

To sum up the 2024-25 academic year into one word: Transition.

This past year was filled with turbulence and uncertainty with the intercollegiate athletics enterprise at large confronted by unprecedented transformation as a result of the impending settlement of the House, Hubbard, Carter vs. NCAA anti-trust cases.

Faced with a March 1 deadline to indicate its intent to “opt-in” to the prospective settlement terms, the athletic department announced its intention to abide by the terms on Feb. 28.

We collaborated with President Jeff Gingerich to develop and execute a comprehensive communications plan to explain the options and our eventual decision to opt-in. The plan included several town hall sessions for the campus community, many Zoom calls with various University and Athletic Department stakeholders and even individual phone calls with key constituents.

On June 6, the case was finally settled and athletic departments across the college athletics industry began operating with a bit of clarity regarding the path ahead. And with the new era of collegiate athletics officially upon us, one that now permits institutions to directly share additional benefits with student-athletes, we launched the Bonnies Basketball Excellence Fund to directly support the Bona men’s and women’s basketball programs and assist in sharing additional benefits with student-athletes.

Despite the incredible industry disruption of this past year, the St. Bonaventure University Department of Athletics enjoyed a busy, productive and successful academic year. In particular, we worked diligently to improve our foundation, making great strides in facility enhancements, student-athlete experience, Department structure, sport program leadership, fundraising, facility planning and reporting processes.

We began the 2024-25 academic year with 396 student-athletes included on intercollegiate athletic rosters, the highest total ever at SBU, and entered the Spring semester at 389.

With a new Director of Athletics in place as of July 24, 2024, the Department continued to undergo a transformation in both structure and organization. Additionally, a new system of plans and processes was installed to better guide and steer the Department.

An emphasis was placed on structure, communication, transparency and relationship-building, all with the singular goal of enhancing the overall collegiate athletic experience for our student-athletes.

As part of my first 100 days, I completed 75-minute meetings with over 100 Coaches, Staff, Campus Leaders, Alumni, Student-Athletes, Parents of Student-Athletes and other key constituents. Several consistent themes were identified. Those topics were critical to the process of developing our Department’s Mission, Vision and Guiding Principles, all submitted as key elements of my 100-Day Report.

The purpose of the meetings was to listen intently and try to understand the opportunities and challenges that everyone (and every group) perceived as being most significant – for themselves, our Department of Athletics, and the University.

Content from the meetings was also instrumental in the development of the Department’s first Operational Plan, which outlined our 13 highest priorities, with each priority containing six Operational Goals, and four Recommended Actions for each goal. The Operations Plan will help guide our Department through the development of a new Strategic Plan to be completed this summer.

Thanks to the tremendous partnership of our University Facilities team, led by Jared Smith, we continue to make transformative improvements to our athletic facilities. In all, 16 administrative offices, three suites and the Women’s Swimming & Diving locker room were renovated in the Reilly Center the past eight months.

We also began significant upgrades to the main level of the RC and the first, second and third floors of the University Fitness Center (UFC) as we continue to enhance the overall experience for our student-athletes, staff and guests. We are scheduled to install new floor tiles, stairway treads and lighting on the main level of the RC this summer, while entering Phase 2 of our major athletic facility rebranding campaign.

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During the month of May, we began executing a master plan for the basement of the RC, which will allow for the creation of dedicated locker rooms for Baseball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer and Women's Lacrosse, as well as Men's and Women's Cross Country/Track & Field. We will also create new space for an enhanced student-athlete lounge, all-sports team video room, Men's and Women's Basketball team video room, and shared changing spaces for the Men's Tennis/Men's Golf, and Women's Tennis/Women's Golf teams. When complete this summer, all athletic teams will have dedicated locker room space in the Reilly Center for the first time ever. This plan will require approximately 40 Unit, staff and coaches moves.

In addition to installing artificial turf, adding a second golf simulator and completing additional enhancements for the Golf team at the UFC in January, we renovated three offices for Head Coaches, removed the large, outdated bar on the second floor, and prepared to replace the carpeting on all three floors, while redesigning the main entrance. We also plan to add a compartmentalized netting system in the turf area this fall that will allow multiple teams to utilize the turf area simultaneously. The upgrades already completed in the UFC allowed over 200 student-athletes to utilize a space that was previously unavailable during the harsh and problematic winter weather training months.

Major renovations to Handler Park at McGraw-Jennings Field, the Men's Basketball locker room, Father Gerald McCaffrey Tunnel and the Men's and Women's Basketball hallway are also scheduled to begin shortly (Handler Park began this week) with completion dates expected at various times this summer and fall. In all, we plan to invest nearly \$4 million in athletic facility construction, renovations and branding this summer. That is a significant development for an Athletic Department that, candidly, has fallen behind in facility maintenance and upgrades recently.

To address the overall competitiveness of several of our athletic programs, the Athletic Department's Executive Staff conducted a holistic review of the athletic aid allocation amongst all sport programs. The goal was to identify methods to better distribute aid in order to improve the competitive level of several programs that currently stand below 50 percent of Atlantic 10 Conference athletic aid average. The goal is for each program to be funded at least 80 percent of league average. To achieve that goal, we adjusted athletic aid allocations for several teams, beginning with the 2025-26 academic year.

In the past five months, we have hired new Head Coaches for the Men's Soccer (Mick Giordano), Women's Soccer (Melissa Sherwood), Men's (and Women's) Golf (Patrick Damore), Men's Lacrosse (Brendan Storrier) and Softball (Camden Decker) programs. That's a tremendous amount of transition for a coaching staff that has featured tremendous stability the past several years. We're excited for these talented coaches as they enter they begin their respective St. Bonaventure coaching careers.

And of course, we added our first Men's Basketball General Manager back in September in the form of one of our most famous and passionate alums, Adrian "Woj" Wojnarowski. That hiring elicited a torrent of global media attention, landing St. Bonaventure University exposure in most every form of traditional and social medial platform imaginable. "Woj" was instrumental teaming with Head Coach Mark Schmidt in securing the talent that will fill the Bonnies' 2025-26 roster.

In early May, we announced our intent to add Women's Golf as St. Bonaventure's 20th intercollegiate athletic program with competition beginning in Fall 2026. This strategic addition will serve to bolster the overall enrollment strategy of the University with a limited investment. We recently gained approval for the Women's Golf team to train at Bartlett Country Club, limiting the investment required to provide quality training facilities. The Women's Golf team will also gain access to the simulators and putting green located in the UFC, realizing additional efficiencies.

While our Men's Basketball team ended the season with just six healthy and available scholarship players, we nonetheless accepted a bid to the National Invitation Tournament (and declined a bid to the College Basketball Crown). In fact, we earned a home game in the NIT and our staff executed the event within 48 hours of receiving the invitation. Despite losing to Kent State, we were able to successfully host the contest and draw a crowd just under 4,000.

Other program highlights included the Men's Swimming and Diving squad placing second at the Athletic 10 Conference Championships and the Women's Lacrosse team earning a berth in the Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament for the second time in three years, recording one of the most successful seasons in program history.

Academically, Bonnie student-athletes compiled a 3.398 overall grade point average for the Fall 2024 semester. The Fall 2024 semester saw 79 percent of Bona's student-athletes (306 out of 389) post a GPA of 3.0 or better. Fifty-five percent of Bonnies student-athletes achieved a 3.5 semester GPA or better (213 of 389) while 77 percent (301) boast a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. Twenty-three scholar-athletes feature a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

In all, 18 Bonaventure Division I programs saw their team GPA surpass 3.0 while 14 teams earned a GPA of 3.4 or higher during the most Fall 2024 semester.

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To recognize the academic excellence of our student-athletes, we introduced a new event, the Scholar-Athlete Breakfast, honoring the academic achievements of sophomore, junior and senior student-athletes who carry a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or greater. Each student-athlete (more than 90) invited one faculty member who has been instrumental to their academic success to the event.

Our student-athletes continued that academic excellence during the second semester as Bonnies student-athletes compiled a 3.385 overall grade point average for the Spring 2025 semester.

It marks the 40th consecutive semester that St. Bonaventure student-athletes have boasted a department GPA of better than 3.0 – a run of nearly two full decades. Further, the department cumulative GPA stood at 3.387.

The Spring 2025 semester saw 80 percent of Bona's student-athletes (304 out of 382) post a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Fifty-seven percent of Bonnies student-athletes achieved a 3.5 semester GPA or better (219 of 382) while 82 percent (314) boast a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.

Fifty-eight student-athletes posted a 4.0 GPA in 2025 compared to the 45 student-athletes during the Spring 2024 semester (12% to 15%) while 17 scholar-athletes feature a cumulative GPA of 4.0

Throughout the 2024-25 academic year, the Athletic Department implemented several new student-facing programs to enhance the student-athlete experience, with a strong emphasis on providing career preparation seminars and presentations. Additionally, we introduced new training for staff and coaches and emphasized community service, starting a new "Bonnies for a Better Tomorrow" program to track and facilitate service-learning opportunities. In all, student-athletes accounted for 3,585 hours of community service.

To better tell the stories of our incredible student-athletes, our Athletic Communications team introduced three new features that appeared regularly on our website. Thanks to a strengthened partnership with the Jandoli School, many J-School students gained the opportunity to build their portfolios by providing dynamic content regarding Bonnie student-athletes. All editions of Behind the Bonnies, From the Heart and Bonnie Insiders can be found at the respective links provided.

On April 28, we held a revamped version of our annual Bonnie Athletic Awards. Athletic Department leadership worked with our Student Athlete Advisory Council to adjust the year-end student-athlete awards event. Based on SAAC's recommendation, we combined the Senior Awards event with the Bonnie Athletic Awards. Other changes included altering the program format, Reilly Center setup, adding a "pre-event" with food and beverage, adjusting the seating area, and introducing new awards for all of our senior scholar-awards and honorees. The event was also available via live web stream for the first time. The new-look event drew raves from our student-athletes. A complete list of award-winners can be found in this publication.

As we continue to navigate the new environment facing college athletics, particularly the era of additional direct benefit sharing with student-athletes, both the Men's and Women's Basketball staffs worked with Sport Administrators and staff to completely rebuild their respective rosters. We have formed a strategy to share these additional benefits directly with select students as we secure funding to support the initiative. We worked directly with representatives from the University's legal team to develop a player agreement template that has been implemented for those players participating in the new benefit sharing program.

Thanks to so many of you who continue to support our student-athletes generously, we enjoyed record-breaking results on Athletics Giving Day, held on April 24. In addition to raising nearly \$500,000, we established records for dollars raised, number of donors, and number of student-athlete donors. We placed an emphasis on student-athlete "giving" for the first time, and saw more than 200 of our student-athletes participate. This will instill a charitable mindset and help create a culture of giving throughout our Department. In all, we surpassed last year's Giving Day total by nearly \$90K with 12 of 16 programs surpassing their respective goals.

In other External areas, our overall basketball season tickets sales declined by 100 tickets. Those sales numbers were sluggish throughout last spring and summer, and picked up once the men's roster was solidified. In a market where the ticket-holders have historically built relationships with players, the new environment of constant roster turnover could negatively impact overall community support. We did, though, surpass our goal for single game sales, limiting the loss.

Despite a difficult climate, we were able to continue to grow our corporate sales program. We surpassed \$800K in corporate sales for the first time, an impressive figure considering the size of our market. Additionally, we added a record \$93K in trade value.

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We also far exceeded all previous school records on our social media platforms this academic year. In all, the Athletic Department executed more than 7,000 athletics posts on our social media sites during the 2024-25 academic year and received more than 45 million impressions. Both figures surpassed previous Department records by a wide margin.

From a Capital Projects standpoint, the Athletic Department collaborated with the President's Office and other key constituents to outline a revised vision for future athletic facilities. The Athletic Performance Center and Outdoor Track & Field complex highlight the plan. The cost of the APC, a multi-use training facility for all student-athletes, is estimated at \$15 million, with the Track & Field complex estimated to cost \$9 million. Fundraising for both projects launched in the Fall and remains ongoing.

So, as you can see, the breadth of change sweeping our athletic department this past year was amazing. We look forward to continuing our journey towards excellence this busy summer, leading up to what promises to be another exciting academic year in 2025-26.

We hope this inaugural Athletic Department Annual Report provides a detailed overview of what was a highly successful past 12 months.

Hold on tight. The ride promises to be brisk!!

Thanks for your continued loyalty, dedication and support.

And as always, Go Bonnies!!

Bob Beretta
Vice President & Director of Athletics

ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY MISSION

- St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence as informed by our Franciscan and liberal arts traditions. In the words of our patron, we believe that there should be “no knowledge without love,” and thus seek to transform the lives of our students, inspiring in them a lifelong commitment to service and citizenship.
- St. Bonaventure embraces students, faculty and staff of all faiths and cultures and strives to bring out the best in every individual through meaningful relationships. As an academic and spiritual community, we endeavor to prepare our students for the challenges they will face in their professional careers and personal lives.

ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY VALUES

- Our Franciscan **COMMUNITY** affirms the unique dignity of everyone, each person reflecting the goodness of God, and invites all of our sisters and brothers to forge bonds of mutual acceptance and understanding that create a true sense of belonging.
- **We are a COMMUNITY...**
 - Nurturing **COMPASSION**
 - Seeking **WISDOM**
 - Building **INTEGRITY**

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT MISSION

- We guide and support our Student-Athletes in their quest for excellence in body, mind, and spirit
- We provide opportunities for our Student-Athletes to prepare for a life of citizenship and service
- We invite, gather and engage our St. Bonaventure Community in meaningful ways
- We develop and maintain lifelong relationships with our Student-Athletes and friends of the University

NEW ERA OF BONNIES LOGOS



NEW PRIMARY LOGO

The new Bona Wolf primary logo represents an updated, fresh look for a new generation of St. Bonaventure Athletics. Our re-energized identity is a natural progression and a modern appearance for the wolf logo used by the department since 1998. While the primary mascot mark proudly displays the Bonnies nickname, a secondary mark features just the new-look wolf. As for the long-asked question of 'why the wolf?' – the mascot has ties to the Franciscan tradition so deeply important to our university. It calls back to a legend of St. Francis of Assisi taming a fierce wolf in Gubbio, Italy. Following St. Francis' intervention, the wolf and the people of Gubbio lived in harmony.



OUR RICH HISTORY

What's old is new. For the first time in several decades, we adopt a block B logo as a secondary logo, connecting to the very origins of St. Bonaventure Athletics. A similar logo appeared on the first jersey worn by a St. Bonaventure intercollegiate basketball team during the 1919-20 season and returned as part of the men's basketball program's centennial celebration. The logo immediately resonated with Bonnies fans and became a popular throwback. Now stylized with a modern look, the B returns as a callback to our proud history with an eye to the future.

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REPRESENTING THE BONNIES BRAND

Along with the new logos comes reimagined wordmarks, bringing a fresh, modern look with greater brand consistency for Bonnies Athletics. The new wordmarks and numerals will create a unified brand for Bonnies uniforms into the future.

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**HONORING
THE PAST,
EMBRACING
THE FUTURE**

Fans of Bonnies Baseball will instantly recognize the interlocking STB logo which has adorned the team's hats over the past decade. The logo was initially the idea of former Bonnies Baseball student-athlete Andrew Revello, who tragically passed away following a car accident in 2013. The logo imagined by Revello, known as 'Dice' to his teammates, became a source of pride for the baseball team in the years following his passing. A century earlier, the first STB logo adorned the team jerseys in 1906. That legacy lives on now as the STB for the first time becomes an official mark of the department as an alternate logo to be used by all Bonnies teams.



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The stylized Bonnies cursive script first appeared on basketball jerseys during the 1982-83 season when the men's basketball team earned a postseason berth following a 20-win campaign. It also returned during the program's Centennial Season and gained popularity with fans old and new. A modernized version of the logo now officially joins the athletics brand refresh.



THE ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS

A key component of our refreshed branding is a never before used Enchanted Mountains Bonnies wordmark. This new wordmark represents the stunning beauty of St. Bonaventure's campus with the rolling hills of the Allegheny Mountains which are always visible overlooking campus and the Bonnies athletic fields while serving as an unforgettable image of the Bonaventure experience for our alumni wherever their home address may be following graduation.

BONNIES™

FALL 2024 ACADEMIC SUCCESS



3.398
FALL GPA

213
MEMBERS OF THE
DEAN'S LIST -
3.5 OR HIGHER



3.372
CUMULATIVE GPA

39TH
CONSECUTIVE
SEMESTERS WITH
AT LEAST AT 3.0

2024 MEN'S SOCCER

• The 2024 Bonnies men's soccer team finished 6-8-3, fighting for a spot in the Atlantic 10 Tournament until the final day of the regular season. The Brown and White continued their success on home turf, touting a 3-3-2 record. Bona's was unbeaten at home over a span of five games against Le Moyne (T, 1-1), Fordham (T, 0-0), Robert Morris (W, 2-1), Davidson (W, 3-1) and Bucknell (W, 4-1).

• Nicolas Pucci garnered Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Week honors Oct. 14 after posting a pair of Atlantic 10 shutouts on the road against George Washington (T, 0-0) and La Salle (W, 1-0). Pucci started 15 games as a junior, making 60 saves to lead the Bonnies.

• On the offensive end, the Bonnies were led by a trio of seniors - Andres Javitt, Umechi Akuazaoku and Kenzo Brito. Javitt paced the Bonnies with 13 points (4G-5A) while Akuazaoku was second on the squad with 10 points (4G-2A). Brito missed the first six games due to injury, but finished the season with nine points (2G-5A).



CSC Academic

All-District

Kenzo Brito
Andres Javitt
Bo Drath
Nicolas Pucci
Callum Shillington



2024 WOMEN'S SOCCER

• The 2024 Bonnies started the home slate unbeaten with a tie against Binghamton and a 2-0 victory over Youngstown State behind goals from Evie Underhill and Alessia Donia.

• The non-conference slate featured a trip to Texas where the Bonnies battled No. 8 Texas Tech and Baylor.

• Following the season, senior defender Sydney Hayward was selected to the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team. She carried a 4.0 GPA and played all but one minute between her junior and senior seasons.

Atlantic 10

All-Academic Team

Sydney Hayward

CSC Academic

All-District

Elisabeth Ptacek
Sydney Hayward
Hannah Walker

2024 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- The 2024 men's cross country team got off to an impressive start with three runners placing in the top five at the Little Three Championships in Buffalo. Aiden Scattergood paced the Bonnies with a second place finish while Sam Tomm and William McCarthy placed fourth and fifth, respectively.
- Scattergood continued his early season success with a first place finish at the Yellowjacket Invitational, posting a time of 25:26.2 which was 25 seconds faster than second place. Following his performance, Scattergood was honored as the Atlantic 10 Performer of the Week on Oct. 1.
- A total of 24 new personal best times were set by Bonnies runners at the Lock Haven and Gettysburg Invitationals leading up to the Atlantic 10 Championship.
- At the A-10 Championship in Mechanicsville, Va., Scattergood paced the Bonnies with a 27th place finish, posting the second fastest time in program history at 24:48.8.



2024 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- The women's cross country team kicked off the 2024 season at the Little Three Championships in Buffalo. Meghan Lex paced the Brown and White with a fourth place finish while Miranda Habshi finished eighth and Mia Winters placed 10th.
- Habshi went on to pace the injury-riddled Bonnies at the Yellowjacket Invitational with a 15th place finish out of 220 runners, helping the Brown and White to a seventh place finish out of 17 teams while missing three out of the top five runners.
- At Lock Haven, Winters and Habshi set top-five program times, finishing 18th and 31st out of 245 competitors. Bona runners set a total of nine personal best times. Winters was honored Oct. 1 as the Atlantic 10 Performer of the Week.
- Winters carried her momentum into the Gettysburg Invitational where she set the second fastest 6k time in program history at 21:55.9, finishing sixth in the race.
- Madison McMahon and Molly Gipson closed out the cross country season with new personal bests at Atlantic 10 Championships in Mechanicsville, Va.



“WE GOT WOJ!” – MARK SCHMIDT

Adrian Wojnarowski, '91, sent shockwaves through the sports world Sept. 18, retiring from ESPN and returning to his alma mater as general manager of the men's basketball program.

Wojnarowski has already made great strides to keep the Bonnies as one of the top basketball programs in the Atlantic 10, recruiting and signing elite-level prospects from all over the world.



ESPN NO. 1 PLAY OF THE DAY

Bonnies senior Andres Javitt shocked the Marra Athletics Complex Sept. 24 when he scored a game-winning bicycle kick goal in the 87th minute against Robert Morris.

Javitt's goal garnered thousands of interactions across social media, including the No. 1 play of the day on Sportscenter.

ST. BONAVENTURE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Being a Bonnie isn't just about the sport that they play, but also about giving back to the community.

We tasked our teams to be more active in the community this year and they did not disappoint, registering over 3,500 hours of community service.

Softball: 757.85 hours

Women's Cross Country/Track: 391.9 hours

Women's Swimming & Diving: 364.75 hours

Men's Swimming & Diving: 329.4 hours

Baseball: 280 hours

Women's Basketball: 236.7 hours

Men's Cross Country/Track: 216.75 hours

Women's Lacrosse: 203.25 hours

Women's Soccer: 201.75 hours

Men's Lacrosse: 174 hours

Men's Tennis: 156.5 hours

Women's Tennis: 99.75 hours

Golf: 64 hours

Men's Basketball: 54.5 hours

Men's Soccer: 48 hours

Total: 3,579.1 hours



FROM THE HEART

The 'From The Heart' feature series takes an in-depth look at St. Bonaventure student-athletes and coaches. Named for the beloved Merton's Heart that overlooks campus, this series will tell the stories of Bonnies athletic programs on and off the field.

Sept. 9 - [Bona's Fiske Continuing To Combat Cystic Fibrosis Through Annual Great Strides Walk](#)

Sept. 11 - [Women's Lacrosse Standouts Earn Silver Medals at U20 World Championship](#)

Oct. 1 - [Family Ties Bring Marolly Sisters Together at Bona's](#)

Oct. 8 - [Bona Swim and Dive Provides Helping Hands To The Community](#)

Oct. 24 - [Gottinger's Soccer Journey Leads Her Into Bonnies Record Books](#)

Nov. 6 - [Two Bonnies Carry On Hall of Fame Legacy](#)

Dec. 13 - [Bonnies Men's Soccer Senior Makes The Cut](#)

Feb. 5 - [For Bonnies Runners, Competition is a Year-Round Journey](#)

March 12 - [Venezuelan Diver and Coach Duo Lead St. Bonaventure Women's Dive To Resurgence](#)

March 20 - [Bonnies Baseball Using Analytics To Break Down The Numbers](#)

March 28 - [Bona's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Making A Difference](#)

May 5 - [Walkers Gives Back to Chicago Community](#)



INAUGURAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BREAKFAST

107 St. Bonaventure University student-athletes were honored at the inaugural Scholar-Athlete Breakfast April 2. Each student-athlete invited a faculty member who has played a significant role in their academic success to join them at the breakfast.

“I’m thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate the academic excellence of so many of our student-athletes,” Vice President and Director of Athletics Bob Beretta said. “The primary mission of the Athletic Department is to support the academic mission of the University. To have nearly half of our sophomore, junior and senior student-athletes earning at least a cumulative GPA of 3.6 is incredible.”

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hilmey was the keynote speaker Wednesday morning. Hilmey was named the provost and vice president of Academic affairs in August of 2023 and has been at St. Bonaventure in the Department of Chemistry since 2008. He was appointed as the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences in 2016.

The inaugural Scholar-Athlete Breakfast event recognized the academic achievements of sophomore, junior, senior and graduate-level student-athletes who have a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or greater.

“I am grateful for our student-athletes’ drive and commitment to achieving excellence in the classroom and for all those faculty members instrumental in helping realize those results,” Beretta said.



BEHIND THE BONNIES

“Behind The Bonnies” allows fans to get to know more about our student-athletes at St. Bonaventure. For a more in depth look at the series, head to GoBonnies.com under the content dropdown.

Behind the Bonnies Features

Peter Byrne, Golf

Alex Ryan, Men’s Cross Country/Track

Anna Bojana Forjan, Women’s Swimming

Thea Juul, Women’s Soccer

Miranda Habshi, Women’s Cross Country/Track

Will O’Connor, Men’s Soccer

Alexander Behr, Men’s Swimming

Sydney Hayward, Women’s Soccer

Casey Milloy, Men’s Cross Country/Track

Broeck Ostrem, Men’s Basketball

Luigi Termine, Men’s Swimming

Mia Winters, Women’s Cross Country/Track

Dylan Cacchia, Men’s Swimming

Kelly Barnes, Women’s Tennis

Jack DeRose, Men’s Basketball

Brecken Riley, Men’s Track

Hannah Richardson, Women’s Basketball

Faith Caldwell, Women’s Cross Country/Track

Mackenzie Pettinelli, Women’s Basketball

Duane Thompson, Men’s Basketball

Jonah Hinton, Men’s Basketball

Chance Moore, Men’s Basketball

Zoe Shaw, Women’s Basketball

Joshua Lopez, Men’s Cross Country/Track

TRUNK OR TREAT



St. Bonaventure Athletics began the holiday season with Trunk or Treat at the Marra Athletics Complex in October. Teams came together to hand out candy to the community. Hundreds of local community members came out to get in the Halloween spirit.

BROWN & WHITE NIGHT

The 2024-25 basketball season officially kicked off for Bona Nation with Brown and White Night. Instead of the tradition Fan Jam, we mixed it up this year, providing a more engaging environment for our fans.

Activities at Brown and White Night included a free clinic, autograph signings and photos.



2024-25 MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Bonnies men's basketball finished the season 22-12 overall, marking the seventh 20-win season under head coach Mark Schmidt. The Bonnies ended the non-conference slate 12-1, including a marquee win over Providence at Mohegan Sun Dec. 14.
- Chance Moore got out to a fast start in 2024-25 campaign, averaging 22.5 points and 7.5 rebounds to help the Bonnies to a 2-0 start and earning Atlantic 10 Player of the Week honors.
- The Bonnies and Melvin Council Jr. kicked off conference play with a thrilling victory over VCU and a road win at Fordham. Council averaged 22.0 points, 6.0 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game en route to Atlantic 10 Player of the Week and USBWA National Player of the Week honors.
- Bona's would accept a bid to the NIT, hosting Kent State in first round action.



**Atlantic 10
All-Conference
Third Team**

Melvin Council Jr.

**CSC Academic
All-District**
Chance Moore

**Atlantic 10
All-Academic Team**
Chance Moore



2024-25 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**CSC Academic
All-District**
Gabby Robinson-Forde

- The 2024-25 Bonnies were one of the youngest rosters in the NCAA with six freshmen averaging at least 12.9 minutes per game. Dani Haskell led the Bonnies in scoring, averaging 13.0 points and scored 20 or more points eight times.
- Freshman Zoe Shaw was a two-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week, averaging 11.0 points, 3.9 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game. Shaw led all A-10 freshmen in minutes (33.7) and three-point shooting percentage (39.7 percent). Fellow freshman Caitlin Frost was also honored as an Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week. Frost posted 9.0 points and a team-best 5.5 rebounds per game.
- During the season, Dani Haskell was honored at Franklinville High School where her No. 22 was retired.
- Associate head coach Tiara Johnson was inducted into the North Central Missouri College Athletics Hall of Fame.





2024-25 Women's SWIMMING & DIVING

CSCAA Academic All-America Team

CSC Academic All-District

Halle Myers
Anna Bojana Forjan

• The Bonnies picked up eight victories at Youngstown State to begin the season. In the home opener against Niagara, the Brown and White picked up seven wins, including three from Halle Myers. Bona's finished second at the Colgate Invitational with 10 wins before setting six pool records in a dual meet win at Le Moyne. The Bonnies also scored a dual meet win over Little Three rival Canisius.

• Myers picked up the first Atlantic 10 honor of the season for the squad Oct. 1. Pheobe McClaren and Dhavgely Mendoza also garnered A-10 accolades, earning Rookie of the Week honors Nov. 12 and Jan. 28, respectively.

• Mendoza shined in her first Atlantic 10 Championships, capturing a silver medal in the 1-meter dive. A new program record was set by McClaren in the 1650- freestyle while the 400-freestyle relay team of Anna Bojana Forjan, Ellie Kraus, Nele Vetter and Myers also set a program record.

• Mendoza went on to compete at the NCAA Zones competition March 10



2024-25 Men's SWIMMING & DIVING

• It was another successful campaign for the Bonnies men's swimming and diving program, capturing second place at the Atlantic 10 Championships for the team's best finish since 2016. Seven program records fell and five medals were won, including a gold medal from Aidan Kreiley in the 100-breaststroke. Also winning medals were Ben O'Neil (silver, 1-meter dive), Alexander Behr (silver, 200-butterfly), Ben Giera (bronze, 3-meter dive) and Kreiley (bronze, 200-breaststroke).

• The dual meet season was highlighted by a win over then undefeated Cleveland State as well as a clean sweep of Little Three rival Canisius. The Bonnies scored a win at the Colgate Invitational with 10 event wins and three podium sweeps. Ben Giera earned a NCAA Zones bid at the first meet of the season at Youngstown State.

• Freshman Mark Mizsei made his mark on the program, earning Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors twice, first on Oct. 2 and then again on Oct. 22.



CSCAA Academic All-America Team

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Alexander Behr
Aidan Kreiley

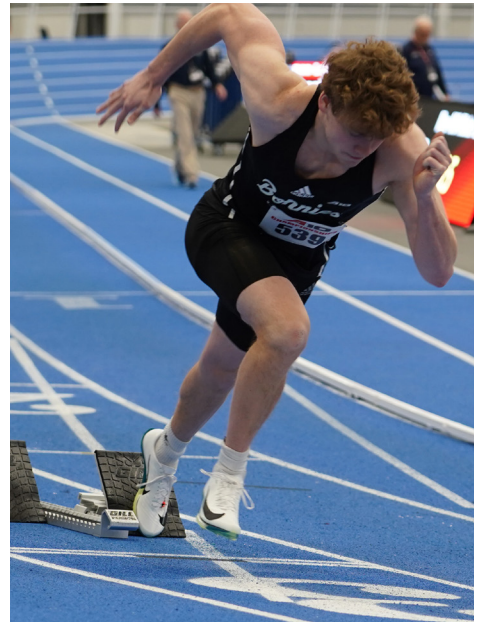
CSC Academic All-District

Alexander Behr
Aidan Kreiley
Sam Matthews



2024-25 MEN'S INDOOR TRACK

- The indoor track season kicked off at Houghton where Christian Figueroa and Aiden Scattergood turned in first place finishes. Figueroa won the 400-meter dash while also setting a program record in the 200-meter run as Scattergood took first in the 3000-meter race.
- The Bonnies captured two more event wins and four new program records were established at SPIRE. Brendan Chapple took home first in the 800-meter race while Clay Peets scored a win in the 3000-meter. Peets would win the same event at the Nazareth meet.
- Henry Morris etched his name in the Bonnies record book with the program best's time in the 500-meter at Youngstown State.
- Chapple and Scattergood turned in top 10 performances for the Brown and White at the Atlantic 10 Championships. Scattergood placed fifth and set a new program record in the mile while Chapple finished eighth in the 1000-meter run while setting a program record in the prelims. Figueroa turned in new program record times in the 200 and 400-meter dash.



2024-25 WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK

- Twin sisters Julia and Jenna Wyant immediately made their mark on the program at the first meet of the season at Houghton. Julia set a pair of program records in the 60 and 200-meter dash. Not to be outdone, Jenna captured first place and set a new program record in the 400-meter race. Mia Winters also scored a win in the season opener, racing to first in the 3000-meter run.
- A total of 24 personal best times were run between the SPIRE, Nazareth and Youngstown State meets. The Youngstown State meet was highlighted by two new program records from Madeline McKillop in the 800-meter and the team of Jenna Wyant, Madison McMahon, Adria Magnusson and McKillop in the 4x400 relay. Claire Cuneo picked up a win at Nazareth in the 5000-meter run in the final tune-up before the Atlantic 10 Championships.
- At the championship meet, McKillop finished 16th in the 800-meter race to lead the Bonnies. Julia Wyant carved out a new program record in the 200-meter dash while Elise Brooke ran a personal best time in the 3000-meter.

MEET THE TEAMS NIGHT



We kicked off the spring sports season with a Meet the Teams night at a women's basketball game. Captains from women's lacrosse, men's lacrosse, men's tennis, women's tennis, softball, baseball and golf were recognized during the game while a majority of our spring sport athletes gathered for a picture at center court during halftime.

2025 BASEBALL

• The 2025 Bonnies finished the season as one of the hottest teams in the Atlantic 10, winning seven out of the final nine conference games and capturing three straight series to end the year.

• Jayce Tharnish had one of the top hitting seasons in recent Bonnies history, finishing the year with a .403 batting average which ranked third in the Atlantic 10. He is just the seventh player ever in Bonnies program history to finish the season with a batting average of .400 or better. His 26 multi-hit games are the most by a Bonnies player since 1995.

• David Marshall Jr. turned in one of the best Atlantic 10 seasons in program history where he hit .377 with six homers and 33 RBIs, including a 1.002 OPS. He tied the single-game hits record with six against VCU and his 33 RBIs ties the program's top mark with SBU Hall of Famer Joe Rizzo set in 2006.

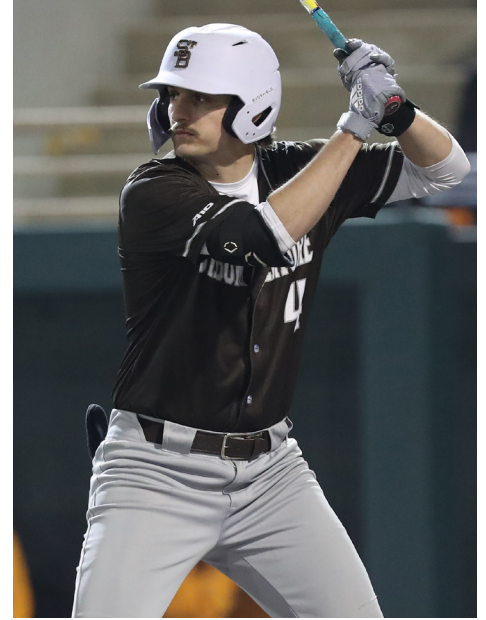
• Chris Hoalcraft led the Bonnies overall with 49 RBIs to go with a .289 average, seven doubles, two triples and seven home runs.

Atlantic 10 **All-Conference** **Second Team**

David Marshall Jr.
Jayce Tharnish

CSC Academic **All-District**

Antonio Cordeiro
Harrison Kaufman
Luke Roggenburk
David Marshall Jr.
Jayce Tharnish



2025 SOFTBALL

• The Bonnies sported a young roster in 2025. Mackenzie Frani was a two-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week while Nolah Moyer also picked up a Rookie of the Week honor. Karena Recrosio, Kymora Wang and Kendull Stull each garnered Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second Team honors following the season.

• Recrosio started all 46 games in left field for the Brown and White. She led the Bonnies and ranked fourth in the Atlantic 10 in batting average with a .372 mark. She also paced the Bonnies with a .439 on-base percentage. She finished the year ranked eighth in the A-10 in hits (51), tied for ninth in stolen bases (12) and tied for 10th in runs scored (33).

• Wang finished the year with a .348 batting average to 13 doubles, four triples, three home runs and 30 RBIs. Her 13 doubles ranked second in the Atlantic 10. She ranked fourth in slugging percentage (.576) and fifth in OPS (1.003). Stull hit .331 across all 46 games for the Bonnies to go along with 11 doubles, two home runs and 30 RBIs. Stull recorded six saves which led the Atlantic 10 and ranked seventh in the NCAA.

Atlantic 10 **All-Conference** **Second Team**

Kymora Wang
Karena Recrosio
Kendall Stull

CSC Academic **All-District**

Karena Recrosio
Sydney DeGram





2025 WOMEN'S LACROSSE

• It was a historic 2025 campaign for the Bonnies and head coach LeighAnn Stauffer, posting the program's first 10-win season since 2006. The Brown and White finished 10-8 overall and 6-4 in A-10 play, marking the first winning record in conference play since 2007.

• The Bonnies set a program record for goals scored in a season (239) and set the program record for goals in an Atlantic 10 game against Rhode Island (22).

• Brooke Piper etched her name in the program record book, posting the most goals (68) and points (78) in Bonnies program history. Joining her in the record book in 2025 was Fiona McGovern who broke the single season assists record with 40. McGovern also became one of two Bonnies in program history to reach 200 career points. Megan Schillinger surpassed the career record for draw controls (221) while also breaking the single season draw control record (143). Schillinger also set the program mark for draw controls in a game (14) at Stetson.

• Cicoria, G. Hollenbeck, McGovern, Nascimento, Piper and Schillinger were honored as CSC Academic All-District selections.

Atlantic 10 All-Conference First Team

Brooke Piper
Brit Colangelo

Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second Team

Megan Schillinger

Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team

Sydney Van Tassel

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Fiona McGovern

IWLCA Northeast All-Region Second Team

Brooke Piper



2025 MEN'S LACROSSE

• The Bonnies finished the 2025 season 6-10. The squad picked up its first win of the season in thrilling fashion in overtime on the road at Mount St. Mary's.

• The home schedule was highlighted by a 2-0 week at the Marra Athletics Complex with wins over Mercer and Cleveland State.

• Isaac Farmer was a two-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week, garnering honors on March 10 and April 28. Lad Harper also took home A-10 Rookie of the Week accolades for the Bonnies on Feb. 17. Kellen Pulera captured Atlantic 10 Player of the Week honors April 28.

• History was made for the men's lacrosse program on April 26 when the Bonnies scored their first-ever Atlantic 10 win over RV High Point at the Marra Athletics Complex, 10-9.

Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team

Isaac Farmer
Lad Harper
Aaron Eberhard

Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team

Drew Kenney
PJ Shanahan

CSC Academic All-District

Drew Kenney
Patrick Shanahan
Owen Tasse





2025 WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

- The outdoor season kicked off at the Bill Q Invitational. Madeline McKillop captured a win in the 400-meter hurdles while also setting a new school record. Jenna Wyatt also set a Bonnies program record in the 400-meter dash. Julia Wyatt took third in the 100-meter while Adria Magnusson grabbed third in the 800-meter. Mia Winters also raced to a podium finish in the 5000-meter run.
- Twin sisters Julia and Jenna Wyatt set a trio of new school records to lead the Bonnies at the Colonial Relays while the team as a whole set 11 new personal best times.
- Jayne Gavin posted a new school record in the 10,000-meter run at Cardinal Invitational while Julia Wyant was at it again with another school record in the 200-meter dash.
- At Atlantic 10 Championships, Meghan Litteer and Jenna Wyant set school records in the 100 and 200-meter runs, respectively. Molly Gipson and Mia Winters scored 16th and 17th place finishes in the 3000-meter steeplechase. In all five new personal best times were run.



2025 MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK

- Casey Malloy posted a win in the 5000-meter race at the Bill Q Invitational to begin the outdoor track season. Will McCarthy, Ethan Luce, Christian Figueroa, Henry Morris and Brendan Chapple also earned podium finishes for the Brown and White. Figueroa and Morris established new school records in their respective runs.
- Malloy was victorious once again in the 5000-meter run at the Colonial Relays. Aidan Scattergood, Figueroa and McCarthy set new program-best times while Brendan Chapple took third place in the 1500-meter race.
- At the Cardinal Invitational at St. John Fisher, the 4x800 relay team of Alex Ryan, Ryan Umiker, Scattergood and Chapple captured a win and a school record. McCarthy also scored a win in the 3000-meter steeplechase while also setting a school record. Carter Stevens finished third in the event.
- Morris and McCarthy capped off their seasons with school records at Atlantic 10 Championships while Clay Peets finished 11th in the 5000-meter run.

2024-25 WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Isabella Venter continued to be a consistent player atop the Bonnies lineup, posting 13 wins in singles and 16 doubles victories. Venter picked up singles wins over Georgetown and Seton Hall, earning Atlantic 10 Performer of the Week honors on March 11

- Venter teamed up with Tamara Bachmann at the Atlantic 10 Masters this past fall at Davidson where they scored a first round win over Saint Joseph's. Bachmann finished the year with 13 doubles wins.

- Sienna Smith captured 10 singles wins for the Brown and White while also scoring eight doubles victories. Kashish Bote ranked second on the Bonnies with 11 wins in singles.

CSC Academic All-District

Tamara Bachmann
Kelly Barnes
Sienna Smith
Isabella Venter



2024-25 MEN'S TENNIS

- Bonnies men's tennis battled injuries throughout the lineup in 2024-25.

- Connor Turner and Chase Cahill-Welsh each registered 11 wins in doubles action and scored 10 wins as partners at the top spot. Cahill-Welsh also led the Bonnies in singles action with six wins while Turner was right behind with five victories.

- Anargha Ganguly tallied seven wins, Alex Kim collected six and Luke Ollivierre scored five victories in doubles play.

2024-25 GOLF

- The Bonnies captured their eighth straight Little Three Championship to kick off the season. Michael Bucko was the individual winner after posting a score of -2. Dante Bertoni earned Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors after a sixth place finish in his first collegiate event.

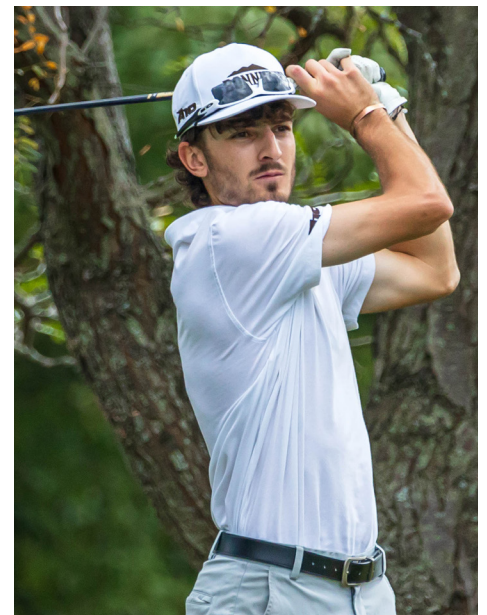
- The squad finished eighth at the Matthews Collegiate with Bucko and Gabe Williams posting T-10 finishes for the Bonnies.

- Williams fired a -6 round of 66 at the Murray Cup to capture the victory while Bucko finished +1 and fifth place overall. Williams was honored as Atlantic 10 Player of the Week while Braddock Damore received Rookie of the Week accolades Oct. 14.

- The spring season was highlighted by a T-7 finish from Bucko at the Atlantic 10 Championships after posting a final score of -2.

CSC Academic All-District

Peter Byrne



BONNIE ATHLETICS AWARDS

The St. Bonaventure Athletics annual awards banquet was held in the Reilly Center April 28.

This year's awards included the Rookie of the Year, the Breakthrough performer, the Reilly Award, the Resiliency Award and Athlete of the Year.

2025 Bonnie Athletics Award Winner

Female Athlete of the Year:

Brooke Piper, Women's Lacrosse

Male Athlete of the Year:

Jayce Tharnish, Baseball

Female Rookie of the Year:

Dhavgely Mendoza, Women's Diving

Male Rookie of the Year:

Isaac Farmer, Men's Lacrosse

Female Breakthrough Performer:

Katelyn Hicks, Women's Lacrosse

Male Breakthrough Performer:

Casey Malloy, Men's XC/Track

Female Reilly Award:

Kelly Barnes, Women's Tennis & Karena Recrosio, Softball

Male Reilly Award:

Tyler Schott, Men's XC/Track

Female Resiliency Award:

Ellie Kraus, Women's Swimming

Male Resiliency Award:

Arjun Pindiprolu, Men's Tennis



SENIOR AWARDS

BRIAN MORETTI SERVICE AWARD - ELLA SMITH, WOMEN'S LACROSSE



The Brian Moretti Service Award is presented to a senior for outstanding service, dedication and commitment to the Department of Athletics. This is the only award tonight that can be presented to an athlete or a non-athlete.

This award is given in memory of Assistant Sports Information Director, Brian Moretti, who passed away unexpectedly on March 5, 2014. Brian left an unforgettable impression through his work ethic, enthusiasm, and love of his craft.

With only two coaches this year, Ella stepped up and assisted women's lacrosse with many important logistics of the program. Not only did she help the women's lacrosse program, but she also assisted with other campus initiatives that brought positive attention to the Athletic Department. Ella helped run both the Special Olympics and Girls and Women in Sport Day – events that brought hundreds of young athletes to our campus.

RAY DEE LEADERSHIP AWARD - BRIDGET KENNEDY, WOMEN'S SOCCER



The Ray Dee Leadership Award is named after a 1964 Bona Graduate and former chair of the Board of Trustees. Ray was a very generous donor to athletics, and we are proud to remember him tonight through the presentation of this award.

The Ray Dee Leadership award is presented to a senior who, through their leadership, set a positive example for others to follow and builds pride for St. Bonaventure Athletics.

Bridget is someone who showed great leadership, dedication and integrity throughout her years at St. Bonaventure. This past fall she was Awarded the Dr. Neal J. Johnson Scholarship and earned other academic distinctions such as dean's list and Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll. She served the department through an internship with Strength and Conditioning, often going above and beyond what was asked of her and served the community by volunteering with the SPCA, Special Olympics, Girls and Women in Sport Day and more. She is truly a phenomenal example to her team and all our student-athletes.



SENIOR AWARDS

FEMALE LETTERWINNER AWARD - HALLE MYERS, WOMEN'S SWIMMING



The Letterwinner Award is presented every year to one male and female student-athlete who have assembled outstanding records of athletic accomplishments over their careers and have proven to be instrumental to their team's success.

Halle has been a top three Atlantic 10 point scorer for three years in a row. She is in the St. Bonaventure the top five list in the 50-freestyle, 100-freestyle and 100-butterfly and is a part of the 200-freestyle relay and 400-freestyle relay team records. Halle has over 30 individual dual meet wins over her career while also being a member of numerous relay winning teams.

MALE LETTERWINNER AWARD - ALEXANDER BEHR, MEN'S SWIMMING



The Letterwinner Award is presented every year to one male and female student-athlete who have assembled outstanding records of athletic accomplishments over their careers and have proven to be instrumental to their team's success.

Alex is a phenomenal athlete. He has earned silver medals in the 200-butterfly for three straight seasons at Atlantic 10 championships. He is the school record holder in the 200-butterfly, 200-freestyle, 200-medley relay, 800-freestyle relay, 400-medley relay and 100-butterfly. During his sophomore year he broke the A-10 Conference record in the 200-butterfly.



SENIOR AWARDS

FEMALE MERIT AWARD - FIONA MCGOVERN, WOMEN'S LACROSSE



The Merit Award goes to one male and one female athlete for outstanding athletic records, significant academic achievement and meaningful contribution to the St. Bonaventure Community.

Fiona was a key contributor to the women's lacrosse program since the beginning, garnering Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team honors as a freshman. As a sophomore, Fiona broke the single-season record for free position goals. She finished her Bonnies career with 125 goals and 93 assists for 218 points, ranking second all-time in the Bonnies record book in points, third in assists and fifth in goals. In the classroom, Fiona carried a perfect 4.0 GPA and is a two-time CSC Academic All-District honoree.

Fiona was also recognized as St. Bonaventure's recipient of the Atlantic 10 Postgraduate Scholarship. She plans to attend George Washington Medical School in the fall.

MALE MERIT AWARD - ALEXANDER BEHR, MEN'S SWIMMING



The Merit Award goes to one male and one female athlete for outstanding athletic records, significant academic achievement and meaningful contribution to the St. Bonaventure Community.

Outside of the pool, Alex is a CSCAA Academic All-American, he is a multi-time selection to the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team and has completed countless service hours over the years. He has set a phenomenal example in sport and has excelled outside of sport as well.



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ATHLETICS GIVING DAY

St. Bonaventure University is thrilled to announce the overwhelming success of its annual Athletics Giving Day, which took place on April 24. The event exceeded all expectations, rallying alumni, fans, and supporters nationwide in an inspiring show of pride and generosity for Bonnies athletics.

Over the course of 24 hours, more than 1,400 donors came together to contribute over \$513,000 in support of St. Bonaventure's 19 Division I athletics programs. This year's Giving Day broke previous participation and fundraising records, underscoring the deep commitment of the Bonnies community to student-athletes and the university's proud athletic tradition.

"The philanthropy of over 1,400 donors on Athletics Giving Day was nothing short of incredible," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Bob Beretta, '87. "We are so thankful for the support, which directly benefits our student-athletes. The momentum built throughout the day. We know how passionate our Bonnies fans and friends are and they did not disappoint."

Supporters took part in friendly competitions throughout the day, including team-based challenges and social media shout-outs that boosted engagement and helped unlock additional matching gifts. The funds raised will directly enhance the student-athlete experience through facility improvements, travel opportunities, equipment upgrades, and academic support.

The university extends its deepest thanks to all who contributed to this record-breaking day. Together, the Bonnies community continues to prove that when it comes to supporting its own, the spirit truly runs deep.

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HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2025



Three new inductees joined the St. Bonaventure University Athletics Hall of Fame June 7 as John Closs, '76 (men's swimming/track), Delmar Harrod, '80 (men's basketball) and Sean McNamee, '86 (men's swim and dive) were honored as the 46th induction class.

"I'd like to congratulate, Delmar, Sean and John on their selection to the St. Bonaventure Athletics Hall of Fame," said St. Bonaventure Vice President & Director of Athletics Bob Beretta. "Each personified excellence during their time in the 'Brown and White.'

"There is no higher tribute we can pay to a member of our Bona Athletics family, than to be chosen for this esteemed honor. We look forward to celebrating their induction into the St. Bonaventure Athletics Hall of Fame in June."

Christine Hanley, '11 (women's lacrosse), deferred her Hall of Fame Induction to next year's ceremony.

SPRING 2025 ACADEMIC SUCCESS

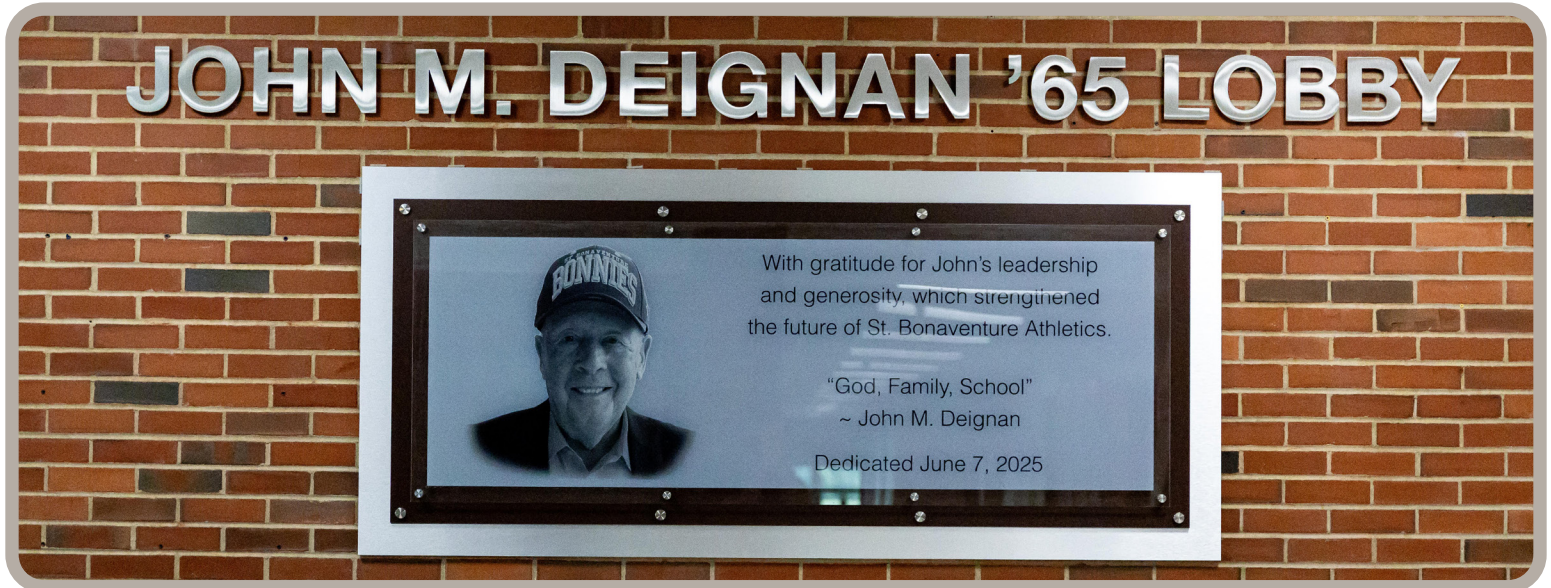

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JOHN M. DEIGNAN '65 LOBBY



John M. Deignan, '65, decided he wanted to make an impact not just in the future, but right now. Deignan, a former Wall Street executive, has made a \$1,000,000 commitment to the university's Bolder Bonaventure campaign.

Though he previously allocated this amount to the university in his estate, Deignan was inspired by St. Bonaventure's plans for a new Athletics Performance Center and decided to gift \$500,000 of that \$1 million now.

In recognition of the gift, the main lobby of the Reilly Center was named in honor of Deignan on June 7, 2025.



BONNIES OPT IN

St. Bonaventure University will opt into the House v. NCAA settlement, a landmark resolution addressing past restrictions on student-athlete compensation.

The decision allows the university to develop a more sustainable and equitable model for collegiate athletics while securing protections from future litigation related to name, image and likeness (NIL) restrictions.

“This is a move designed to strengthen our university as a whole, not just Athletics. President Gingerich and our Board of Trustees recognize the value a successful men’s basketball program brings to the university, and I appreciate their leadership in this moment of significant change,” said Bob Beretta, vice president and director of Intercollegiate Athletics. “Opting in to the settlement terms will allow St. Bonaventure Athletics to remain competitive nationally and to continue to deliver our student-athletes a championship experience.

“We will utilize our department resources strategically and develop pathways for student-athlete financial support that haven’t existed previously. We are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.”

The decision will not increase the financial investment the university makes in the Department of Athletics, said Dr. Jeff Gingerich, university president.

“From both a branding and historical perspective, remaining competitive in a league with the footprint and reputation of the Atlantic 10 is important for us,” Gingerich said. “Maintaining the status quo just didn’t make sense because the decision to opt in is essentially a procedural change. We’re focusing primarily on the method in which benefits are delivered to student-athletes rather than the level of investment the university makes in athletics.”

Opting into the settlement gives schools institutional control over player agreement details, shifting fundraising and accountability for player compensation from externally managed “collectives” — in SBU’s case Team Unfurl, formed by several alumni in 2023 — to the university.

Team Unfurl will continue to operate as an important support mechanism for SBU’s athletics program. The collective will continue to actively fundraise for SBU student-athlete NIL opportunities and pursue new and creative revenue streams.

The House v. NCAA settlement requires all Division I schools — even those that choose not to opt into the student-athlete compensation portion of the agreement — to pay into the \$2.8 billion settlement over the next 10 years to compensate current and former college athletes for the NCAA’s use of their name, image and likeness (NIL).

To fulfill its part of the financial settlement, St. Bonaventure will contribute an estimated \$263,000 per year over the next 10 years to the payout fund and adhere to new roster and scholarship limits.

Annual contributions from each school are dependent on a number of factors, including the number of teams sponsored at the Division I level and the amount of athletic aid distributed by each institution.

The Power Four conferences and those who opt into the settlement also must adjust to newly mandated roster caps for all NCAA sports. The roster cap requirement shouldn’t have a negative impact on university enrollment, Beretta said.

“Some of our sports may lose a few athletes, but with the growth of our track program and the ability of some of our other sports to reach their roster limits, we don’t anticipate an adverse effect on enrollment,” he said.

The NCAA and Power Four conferences — the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12 and SEC — are named in the lawsuit and settlement and members of those leagues are required to opt in to the settlement.

BASKETBALL EXCELLENCE FUND

A new era of collegiate athletics has officially begun with the approval of the House Settlement on Friday, June 6, paving the way for institutions to directly share additional benefits with students-athletes starting in the 2025-26 academic year.

Despite the uncertainty of the settlement over the past several months, Bona Athletics has been preparing diligently for all outcomes of the settlement. With the official approval now in place, St. Bonaventure is launching the Bonnies Basketball Excellence Fund to directly support the Bona men's and women's basketball programs and assist in sharing additional benefits with student-athletes.

To donate to the newly established excellence funds, [click here](#) and select Men's or Women's Basketball Excellence Fund in the dropdown. As with all gifts to St. Bonaventure, contributions are tax deductible.

St. Bonaventure University has a long, proud tradition of Basketball Excellence. Without question, basketball success is synonymous with St. Bonaventure, a crucial part of the Bonnies fabric and what binds the Brown and White family together.

"Every Bonaventure supporter will play an important role in ensuring that the incredible success that we have become accustomed to is sustained throughout this bold new period of a reshaped collegiate athletics," said Vice President and Director of Athletics Bob Beretta. "Together, we will continue to navigate the present challenges, capitalize on the new opportunities presented and maintain our steadfast commitment to our student-athletes and the mission of St. Bonaventure University."



WOMEN'S GOLF SPONSORED



St. Bonaventure University Vice President and Director of Athletics Bob Beretta announced May 8 the addition of women's golf as a Bonnies varsity sport beginning in the 2026-27 academic year.

"We are thrilled to add women's golf to our intercollegiate athletics portfolio beginning in 2026-27," Beretta said. "Women's golf has proved to be one of the fastest-growing sports in the NCAA the past several years and we are excited to have another St. Bonaventure athletic program compete for an Atlantic 10 Conference championship. The addition of women's golf also aligns with the University's strategic enrollment goals and assists in our gender-equity efforts."

St. Bonaventure will join fellow Atlantic 10 members Loyola-Chicago, Dayton, Richmond, Duquesne, La Salle, and Saint Joseph's in sponsoring women's golf.

St. Bonaventure will hire a Director of Golf who will oversee both the men's and women's programs as men's head coach Ryan Swanson announced his resignation to become golf professional at Lake View Country Club in North East, Pa.

"We would like to thank Ryan Swanson for his leadership as head coach of the golf program for the past nine years," Beretta said. "'Swanny' is a Bonnie through and through. His passion, loyalty and dedication to St. Bonaventure Golf, first as a player, then as a coach, is unmatched. We are immensely grateful for his selfless contributions to our University, the athletic department and the golf program over the years. We wish 'Swanny' the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Swanson, a Class of 2008 Bonnies Golf graduate, led the program to some of its finest seasons during his tenure while guiding several of Bona's all-time program leaders.

In addition to the new Director of Golf, Bona's will add an assistant coach to work with both programs as well.

Bartlett Country Club in Olean will serve as the home course for both the men's and women's teams.

"Introducing women's golf as our 20th intercollegiate athletic program would not be possible without tremendous assistance from the leadership at Bartlett Country Club," Beretta added. "We have been extremely fortunate to have our men's golf team train at Bartlett for many years. Extending this partnership to provide a first-rate training facility for our women's golf program is something we value greatly."

The inaugural Atlantic 10 Women's Golf Championship was held last month after the conference added women's golf to its sport profile for this academic year.

Women's golf becomes the 20th varsity athletics program at St. Bonaventure.

NEW VISION

St. Bonaventure University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics unveiled new plans Dec. 12, 2024 for facility construction and renovations that will serve its growing population of nearly 400 student-athletes competing on the Bonnies' 19 NCAA Division I teams.



The focal point of the plan is an Athletic Performance Center (APC), which will be built next to the east side of Reilly Center. At a size of 25,647 square feet, the APC will include three main components to support the holistic development of student-athletes: a strength and conditioning center, sports medicine, and a student-athlete lounge with a nutrition station.



The second project will see the construction of an eight-lane competition track on the Marra Athletics Complex, just south of the current multipurpose field. St. Bonaventure has not had a track on campus since Charlie Major track was removed in 2004. The new track will allow the Bonnies' men's and women's distance track teams to add to their rosters and give athletes who compete in sprint, jump and field events a facility of their own on campus.

Inside the track, a second artificial turf field will be built. It will be able to host both practices and competitions, allowing greater access for field time by more teams and decreasing the wear and tear on one facility. The entire track and field will also have state-of-the-art lighting. The fields will be accessible from several directions by new concrete pathways, leading to a shared grandstand with bleachers facing both directions. At the top of the grandstand will be a spacious press box for game broadcasts and operations and an outdoor VIP seating area.

The cost of the two major components is \$23 million — \$15 million for the APC and \$8 for the track with the turf field. All of the athletics facility projects will be funded through philanthropic support or grants. The timetable for construction will depend on fundraising goals being met.

BASEBALL FIELD RENOVATIONS



Thanks to the generosity of numerous benefactors, St. Bonaventure's baseball complex, Handler Park at McGraw-Jennings Field is set to receive major upgrades.

The process began last fall as all protective padding around the outfield fencing was replaced.

Continuing in May, construction began in earnest with many improvements including a new backstop and netting system extending down the third base line; bleacher seating with backrests for over 400 fans; ADA accessible seating behind home plate; a two-story press box with enhanced broadcast and media capabilities and updated sound system.

A ground-breaking ceremony for Handler Park at McGraw-Jennings Field took place May 31 following the memorial service for longtime Bonnies head coach Fred Handler.

The new construction marks the first major upgrades to Handler Park since the installation of the artificial turf playing surface in 2006. The field was set in its present-day location in 1958 with a dedication ceremony naming it in honor of St. Bonaventure alumni and National Baseball Hall of Fame members John McGraw and Hugh Jennings. The facility became known as Fred Handler Park at McGraw-Jennings Field in 2006 with the conversion of the playing surface from grass to state-of-the-art Sport Turf XP. A new scoreboard was put in place in 2020.



REILLY CENTER RENOVATIONS



The women's swimming and diving locker room went under a complete makeover throughout the course of the season.

New flooring, lighting, lockers and showers were installed.

The project started in the fall and was completed prior to the completion of the championship season.



Two rooms on the lower-level of The RC were renovated into film rooms for our coaches and student-athletes.

The old academic area will now be a film room for both the men's and women's basketball teams.

What was the old media room in Room 1 is now a film area for our other 17 Division I programs.



The men's basketball locker room received a complete face lift following the end of the spring semester with a budget of \$800,000 through private funding.

Renovations began in May and are expected to be completed this fall.

REILLY CENTER RENOVATIONS



New Branding Around The RC

Following the launch of our new athletics marks in July 2024, we began the process of turning over every old logo inside and outside the Reilly Center.

Change began with the installation of the brand new Bob Lanier Court along with new branding on the video board and lower-level doors of the arena.



Freshening Up the Reilly Center

The RC Ticket Office also received an upgrade during the spring with a new layout for a better workflow on basketball gamedays.

New ceilings, lighting and floors were put in on the main level of the Reilly Center, brightening up the hallways for our student-athletes.

UNIVERSITY FITNESS CENTER



The inside basketball courts of the University Fitness Center on West State Street was gutted and redone to allow our spring sports team a place to train during the winter months and other inclement weather.

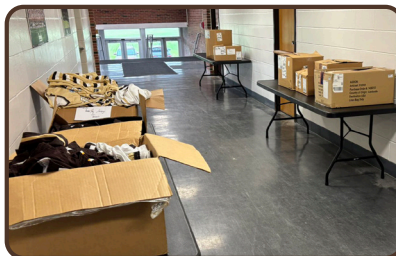
Funded through private donations, artificial turf was installed in January for the baseball and softball programs.

Golf's indoor practice spaces received a facelift with new turf and simulators added to two of the team's three practice bays with more to come.

Renovations continue to the main entrance as well as adding a sports medicine area. The carpet on all three levels will also be replaced.

ATHLETICS GARAGE SALE

During Reunion Weekend, we held a Garage Sale as we continue to cycle out items with old marks and logos. Teams cleaned out closets and gear lockers as we filled the main level of the Reilly Center with Bonnies apparel, signage, arena banners, chairs, men's basketball locker room items, and much more available for sale. Proceeds from the event will be used to help fund Phase 2 of the Athletic Facility rebrand program.



NEXT LEVEL BONNIES



Junior right-handed pitcher Michael Salina made St. Bonaventure history July 14 by becoming the Bonnies' highest MLB Draft pick with a fourth round selection by the San Diego Padres.

The Padres called Salina's name 130th overall as the Webster, N.Y. native is Bona's first MLB Draft selection since 2017. Aaron Phillips, a ninth round pick by San Francisco eight years ago, was the previous top Bona pick in program history. All-time, Salina is the 17th Bonnies player picked in the MLB Draft.

Salina is also the highest Atlantic 10 player selected in this year's draft.

"St. Bonaventure baseball is a place you can go and set a path toward professional baseball and Michael getting picked in the fourth round proves that," Bonnies head coach Jason Rathbun said. "I'm so happy for him and his family. They believed in our program and we believed in him. He has helped set a standard here that will last into the future. We're so proud of him."

Named by Perfect Game and D1Baseball as the top MLB Draft prospect in the Atlantic 10 entering this season, Salina led the Bonnies with 64 strikeouts in 58.1 innings of work in his Bonaventure debut in 2024.

Salina, who hit triple digits on the radar gun during fall ball, averaged nearly 10 strikeouts per nine and ranked top-10 in the conference for punchouts during his first season with the program with some of the most electric stuff in the A-10.

Injury cut short his 2025 campaign as he struck out 26 batters in 17.1 innings of work over four starts. He underwent Tommy John surgery this spring and will now continue his rehab process in the Padres organization. San Diego has minor league teams in Lake Elsinore, Ca. (A), Fort Wayne, Ind. (High-A), San Antonio (AA) and El Paso, Texas (AAA) as well as an Arizona Complex rookie league team. Salina is Bona's first-ever selection by the Padres in the MLB Draft.

NEW FACES



Melissa Sherwood, Women's Soccer Head Coach

Melissa Sherwood was named the new head coach for St. Bonaventure women's soccer Jan. 29, 2024.

Sherwood arrives at St. Bonaventure following multiple head coaching stints at Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference schools, most recently at Mount St. Mary's.



Mick Giordano, Men's Soccer Head Coach

Mick Giordano was announced as the eighth head coach in St. Bonaventure University men's soccer program history April 2, 2025.

Giordano comes to St. Bonaventure after spending the last five seasons at the helm of the UNC Asheville men's soccer program where he led the Bulldogs to back-to-back winning seasons and Big South Tournament berths for the first time in the school's Division I era.



Patrick Damore, Director of Intercollegiate Golf

Patrick Damore was named St. Bonaventure's first Director of Golf on June 18, 2025.

Damore will oversee both Bona's men's golf team as well as its new women's program which will debut in 2026.

He brings decades of experience as a PGA Pro to his new role at St. Bonaventure.



Brendan Storrier, Men's Lacrosse Head Coach

Brendan Storrier was announced as the new St. Bonaventure University men's lacrosse head coach June 25.

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.



Camden Decker, Softball Head Coach

St. Bonaventure University Vice President and Director of Athletics Bob Beretta announced the hiring of Camden Decker as the fifth head coach of the Bonnies softball program July 9.

Decker comes to St. Bonaventure after spending the last three seasons as an assistant coach at Troy where he helped guide the Trojans to winning campaigns in all three seasons.

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