

**2023 JOHN CARROLL  
UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC  
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION**

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:00 PM

COCKTAIL HOUR

7:30 PM

OPENING REMARKS

Brian Polian '97

Director of Athletics

Bill Donnelley '83

Chair of the Board of Directors

7:45 PM

BLUE GOLD CLUB WELCOME

Bryan Fialkowski '01 (HOF)

President, Blue Gold Club

8:00 PM

HALL OF FAME CEREMONY

**Master of Ceremonies: Brendan Gulick '13**

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**THE INDUCTEES**

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY**

**ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

**CLASS OF 2023**

PRESENTED BY:

**THE BLUE GOLD CLUB**

Mackenzie Griffin '13, Softball  
Jared Huelsman '01, Men's Soccer  
Rudy Kirbus '10, Men's Basketball  
Mike Minjock '13, Men's Track & Field  
Dejan Mladenovic '06, Men's Soccer  
Jim Moran '49, Football  
Gretchen Weitbrecht, Coach/Administrator  
The 1991-93 Men's Soccer Teams

*The honorees are presented in alphabetical order, concluding with Gretchen Weitbrecht and then the 1991-93 Men's Soccer teams.*

# WENZLER AWARD

If you walk across campus on any given day at John Carroll, there is a fair chance you will see someone in a Wenzler's Warriors T-shirt.

If you are the one wearing the shirt, someone may approach you and ask, 'What is a Wenzler Warrior?' The story of Lainey Donalson, who is this year's recipient of the Blue Gold Club's Wenzler Award, will help to paint the picture. The Wenzler Award, named for former John Carroll Sports Information Director Chris Wenzler, recognizes a John Carroll senior male or female student-athlete who best embodies Wenzler's values of being a servant-leader.

The story of Wenzler is a name that instantly brings good feelings if you are a member of the John Carroll community. If you knew him, you were fortunate. Chris changed the lives of countless Blue Streaks.

Chris first arrived in University Heights as a freshman in the fall of 1986. His family moved around when he was growing up, living in a variety of places across the country. Once he found a home at John Carroll, he never left. Today, you cannot tell the story of JCU Athletics without mentioning Chris.

Chris enjoyed his four years at John Carroll, initially playing football before diving into The Carroll News and on-campus activities. He remained at JCU after graduation, as the late Tony DeCarlo '66G hired him as sports information director.

The beginnings of his story as an SID are humble. With one Mac computer, a dot matrix printer, a typewriter, and a phone, plus just a couple work study students and later his wife, Melissa '90, '09G, Wenzler began a 30-year long career at JCU.

Chris built something at John Carroll that is very rare in Division III or in the NCAA: A sports information office of 40+ dedicated student workers. He became a mentor and advocate for so many students, launching countless careers and inspiring them to love and respect others throughout their time at JCU and beyond.

In June 2020, Chris passed away after a lengthy battle with multiple myeloma. As he might tell you if he were still here, his legacy lives on in those who knew him and loved him such as Melissa, his son, Oliver, and daughter, Madeline as well as the hundreds of Wenzler's Warriors who help keep his legacy and mission alive.



Tonight was always his night. He loved the Hall of Fame ceremony. He served as the master of ceremonies and guided the process from start to finish. In the final Hall of Fame ceremony before his passing, Chris was inducted into the Hall of Fame with the Class of 2019. One of his mentees, Brendan Gulick '13, will fill in for Chris tonight.

Chris would never admit it, as ever-humble as he was, but the JCU Athletic Hall of Fame would not be what it is today without his stewardship. Never one to shine the spotlight on himself, Chris kept the spotlight on the inductees and the student-athletes.

So tonight, we will shine the limelight on someone Melissa helped to recruit to John Carroll: Lainey Donalson.

Lainey is a Pittsburgh native, hailing from Mount Lebanon High School. Melissa Wenzler '90, '09G -- who now serves as Associate Director for Admissions, Athletics & Alumni Relations -- formerly had a recruiting territory in Pittsburgh. And wouldn't you know it? Lainey was part of Melissa's first recruiting class.

Lainey arrived at John Carroll in the fall of 2019 as a freshman, set to play with John Carroll Women's Lacrosse. Her initial year went well, as she immediately earned a steady role. She appeared in six games for the Blue Streaks, starting two, and notching 7 goals. But then, the COVID-19 pandemic arrived to the world.

The spring semester continued remotely, and the following fall semester also went online. The student body returned for the spring semester in 2021, as did Donalson. Soon afterwards, she hatched an idea with Alex Heishman '22 (the 2022 recipient of the Roman-Canning Award).

For a long time, a stigma has persisted with mental health,

# LAINNEY DONALSON '23



and student-athletes have long struggled in the dark with mental health battles while competing on the field. So, Donalson and Heishman founded a chapter of Morgan's Message at JCU to bring the topic to the light.

Morgan's Message is an organization dedicated to ending the stigma surrounding mental health and to bring awareness to the spotlight. The organization was founded in honor of Morgan Rodgers, a lacrosse player at Duke University who unfortunately passed away at 22 by suicide in July 2019.

Over the span of three years, Donalson guided JCU's Morgan's Message chapter, creating much greater awareness around mental health with dedication games, on-campus events, and educational sessions with speakers.

Donalson's leadership as the president was crucial in bringing the topic of mental health to the forefront of conversations and initiatives across campus. Thanks in part to her work, over ten teams have dedicated a Morgan's Message game, which includes wearing special T-shirts during warmups, a PA announcement, and a further conversation on the topic with coaches and players.

The organization has been vital in working to eliminate the stigma around mental health, both in athletics and across campus.

Additionally during her four years at John Carroll, Donalson dedicated significant time to service with the Carroll Reads Program through the Center for Service-Learning and Social Action (CSSA) at JCU.

Meanwhile on the field, Donalson became a star. In the spring of 2021, Donalson helped to guide the Blue Streaks

to the program's first-ever Ohio Athletic Conference Championship. John Carroll won both the regular season and tournament titles, making the program's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament. In 17 games, she tallied 22 goals, 38 draw controls, and 31 groundballs.

As a junior, she continued to have a major impact, steering John Carroll back to the OAC Tournament Championship. JCU did not win the crown this time, but her skills were on full display all season long. Donalson finished with 11 goals, 4 assists, 40 draw controls, and 29 groundballs.

As a senior, Donalson took center stage as a team leader. She started 16 games, notching 12 goals, 2 assists, 62 draw controls, and 41 groundballs while earning Academic All-OAC honors. A leader on and off the field, Donalson was a steady, positive force for the Blue Streaks.

Also during her time at JCU, Donalson worked for John Carroll Equipment, helping in a variety of ways. As a Sports Studies major, she set herself up well for success.

After graduation, Donalson began a full-time job with the Cleveland Cavaliers, serving as Account Executive.

Without a doubt, Donalson embodies what it means to be a Woman of Carroll.

I can think of no one more deserving of this award than Lainey," said Melissa Wenzler. "She embodies what the spirit of this award is all about - being a servant leader in the classroom, on the field and in the community. I am so proud of her!

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: MACKENZIE GRIFFIN '13

In her own words, Mackenzie Griffin's journey to John Carroll was "interesting" and "very unexpected."

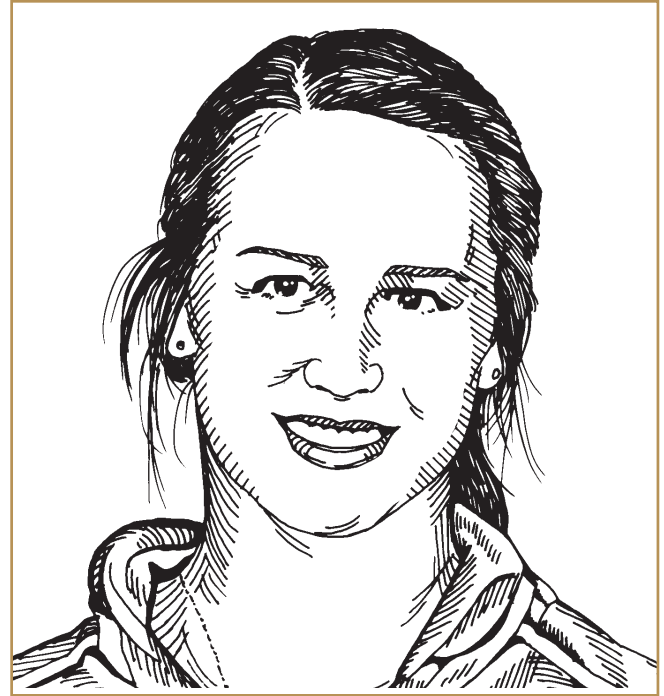
That's not too much of a surprise given that Mackenzie Griffin is a native of Lake Oswego, Oregon. But the timing adds to the story. Just a month before the start of her freshman year, Griffin was enrolled at the University of Oregon. Over that summer, Griffin was playing travel ball with her friend, Natalie, and the two happened to run into former JCU head coach Erin Brooks at a tournament in Las Vegas. Brooks approached Natalie about taking a visit to Ohio, which she accepted on the condition that Mackenzie come along, too.

As Griffin says now, "I had never been to Ohio and had no plans to visit Ohio," but she gamely tagged along on the visit. Mackenzie's parents are both Buffalo natives, so she found herself feeling at home during the visit. Despite jet lag, Griffin enjoyed the visit, which included a trip to Pizzazz and a chance to spend time with her future teammates Erin Riccardi and Julie Marlowe.

And so, that's how one of the best players in program history chose to travel 2,475 miles to her new college home. That decision would have huge ramifications.

From the moment she stepped onto the field, Griffin was an impact player. The catcher started all 41 games as a freshman, and led the team in batting average, hitting at a .364 clip.

As a team, the Blue Streaks reached never-before-seen heights. John Carroll Softball won the 2010 Ohio Athletic Conference Tournament Championship, the first in program history. Griffin remembers the tournament well, as it still stands as one of her most memorable JCU moments.



"I remember everyone getting sunburn on the first day [May 7] at ONU, and then it was snowing on the second day [May 8]. I remember saying, 'What is Ohio and what is going on?' But winning the first OAC Tournament Championship in the program's history was amazing."

Due to a since-changed OAC rule, the Blue Streaks did not get the OAC automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Instead, the season ended with a 7-3 win over Ohio Northern, a sweet feeling, but one that left JCU wanting more.

Griffin finished as a Second Team All-OAC player as a freshman, but her Oregon teammate decided to return home after the first season. What kept Griffin in Ohio?

"The environment was so welcoming," says Griffin. "The professors were welcoming, and the relationships with friends and teammates clicked instantly. It's a special bond you form since you're in this together. Coach Brooks and Coach [Kim] Tackett were amazing, they cared so much us and about the program, and that rubs

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: MACKENZIE GRIFFIN '13

off on everything you do. I appreciated them and everything they did for me and my teammates, I liked them as people, too.”

As a sophomore, Griffin continued to work on her craft, guiding the team to a 26-14 record and back to the OAC Tournament. The season did not end with a trophy, but it was still plenty successful for Griffin.

At the dish, Griffin tallied a .340 batting average, with 2 homers and 20 RBI with just 6 strikeouts in 141 at-bats. Griffin started all 40 games, and starred behind the plate, too, with just 3 errors and a .990 fielding percentage. She registered Honorable Mention All-OAC status.

Griffin again played a lead role as a junior. During the 2012 campaign, Griffin helped the Blue Streaks reach a new level. John Carroll won eight of their last nine OAC contests, roaring into the OAC Tournament. The Blue Streaks tore through the competition in Ada, defeating Otterbein, Mount Union, and then the host Ohio Northern to capture the OAC Tournament crown for the second time in three years.

And this time, the Blue Streaks got a taste of the postseason. The NCAA Tournament trip lasted three days, as after an opening loss, JCU earned the program's first-ever NCAA win in its first trip to the big dance. The journey ended with a loss to the host of the pod, Alma College, but Griffin still played well overall. In the tourney, she hit 4-for-9 with 2 runs and 2 RBIs, tallying the walkoff single in the team's lone victory.

For the season, Griffin finished with a .319 average, 4 home runs, 22 RBI, and 18 walks. Behind the plate, she notched a .986 fielding percentage, with just 4 errors in 45 games. She earned Academic All-OAC distinction. JCU finished with a 31-15 record.



*Mackenzie Griffin excelled as a hitter, catcher, and student at John Carroll.*

The conference was not prepared for Griffin's senior year. The veteran tore apart opposing pitching, breaking program records for batting average (.548) and doubles (20). Griffin added 3 homers and a team-best 43 RBI, with 18 walks against just 4 strikeouts. Her year at the plate stacks up as one of the best in program history, as she always delivered when the team needed it. And behind the plate, she only had 2 errors, with an amazing .992 fielding percentage.

Griffin played a major role in leading the Blue Streaks back to the NCAA Tournament, though the run was short. With a 26-13 record, including 10-2 at home and 14-4 in OAC play, the Blue Streaks were very fun to watch.

Griffin secured First Team All-OAC and NFCA All-Region honors, along with Academic All-OAC recognition. Griffin was awarded with the Capital One Division III Academic All-America® of the Year for softball, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Griffin was the first JCU student-athlete in any sport to receive this honor.

She broke career records for most games played (165), games started (165), runs scored (126), and hits (199). In other words, a no-doubt first ballot Hall of Famer.

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: JARED HUELSMAN '01

When it comes to elite defenders who have come through the John Carroll University Men's Soccer program, Jared Huelsman should be near the top of the list.

Growing up locally in Solon, Ohio, Huelsman knew he wanted to go to college somewhere close to Northeast Ohio. He wanted a strong business school with many connections in the soccer and professional world. Check and check. And he knew John Carroll was his home when his first connection with the Blue Streaks was on the pitch, with Head Coach Ali Reza Kazemaini.

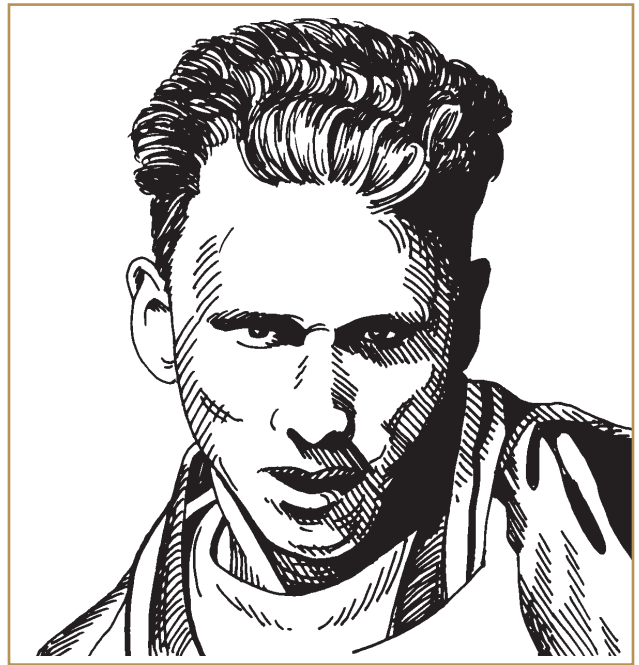
"Coach Kaz has a ton to do with me coming to John Carroll," says Huelsman. "I have been coached by him for many years growing up before John Carroll and in my youth. I knew I was going to play a good game for him and I knew I would want to play for him."

After committing to play for the Blue Streaks, Huelsman was an impact player as soon as he played on the pitch.

His freshman year was a successful one for the Blue Streaks. After a rough start in non-conference play during the 1997 season, the Blue Streaks were able to come back and win the Ohio Athletic Conference in the regular season with a record of 8-0-1.

Following the 1997 campaign, Huelsman was awarded his first All-OAC First Team recognition. He would then receive this award three more times, making him the first player in program history to receive four All-OAC First Team Awards. To this day, he is one of two to have this honor, as Will Turrittin did it in 2017-2021.

In his sophomore campaign, he got more involved at John Carroll. Becoming a resident assistant in Pacelli Hall, it seemed to not affect his soccer



career. Huelsman picked up his second All-OAC First Team recognition in 1998 as well as making First Team All-Region.

After missing the OAC Tournament his sophomore year, the Blue Streaks asked Huelsman to become a captain of the team his junior year, and he did not disappoint.

After a rough non-conference slate for the Blue Streaks, Huelsman experienced much larger adversity. In the middle of his season, Huelsman found out that his father passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack. But thanks to the John Carroll community, everyone was there for Huelsman during the passing of his father.

"Some of the people I cherish most in my life are people I met at John Carroll," Huelsman says. "From being a captain of the soccer team to everyone in the Office of Residence Life, they all were there for me when I needed them the most. If it was not for the John Carroll community, I do not know what would've happened to me my junior year."

Despite the rough start by the Blue Streaks, the

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: JARED HUELSMAN '01



team followed their captain to a runner-up finish in the Ohio Athletic Conference in 1999 with a 6-2 record. Huelsman would win his third All-OAC first team in his junior year, with strides or bigger expectations for his senior year.

In 2000, Huelsman continued to be captain of the team, and the team did not disappoint. JCU started out hot in out-of-conference play with a record of 6-1-1 and finished third in the OAC with an overall mark of 6-2-1.

With the tournament underway and the season on the line, Huelsman and the Blue Streaks traveled to Ada to play the Polar Bears of Ohio Northern. Losing to Ohio Northern in the regular season just three days prior, the Blue Streaks were eager to bounce back. After a hard fought 90 minutes, the Blue Streaks took home a hard-fought road win by a score of 3-2.

JCU's tourney hopes came down to one game, as they traveled to Wilmington to play in the OAC Tournament Final. Huelsman highlights this game as his favorite memory on the field. "I think the story is better than the statline," Huelsman says.

After an intense scoreless first half, the Blue

Streaks knew they needed to score first. JCU's hopes came true in the 52nd minute, when Brian Cavalier found the back of the net.

Hoping to stay in it, Wilmington found a crack and scored in the 84th minute, forcing the match into overtime.

In 2000, overtime rules were two regular 15-minute halves. If there was still a tie after 30 minutes, two more 15 halves of golden goal soccer are to be played. After playing 90 minutes of soccer, they were still tied at one after all overtime halves. So, it went on to penalty kicks.

"I remember being drenched in sweat after two and half hours of soccer," Huelsman recalls. "There were times I thought we were going to win and times I thought we were going to lose in that hour. This game was so close and deserved to go into overtime."

Both teams went back and forth taking penalty kicks. In true fashion, they were still tied after five shots each, and proceeded to go to sudden death in penalty kicks.

"After the eighth kicker, we finally scored," Huelsman says. "I will never forget that because I was the ninth kicker, and we took the OAC Tournament Championship back to University Heights."

This win granted the Blue Streaks their first NCAA D-III Tournament bid in program history. Huelsman also was awarded his fourth and final All-OAC First Team Recognition, as he finished his John Carroll soccer career on a high note.

In his four years at John Carroll, Huelsman played 67 games, finishing with a record of 41-25-4 with a record of 24-9-2 in the Ohio Athletic Conference play.

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: RUDY KIRBUS '10

Growing up just down the road from University Heights, Blue Streak blood ran in Kirbus' veins from a young age. His mother was a John Carroll alumna and gave Kirbus the chance to start his Jesuit education at Saint Ignatius High School.

His Ignatius education made for a seamless transition to John Carroll. Outside of a great education, Kirbus was able to stay close to home and give his family a chance to watch him play both basketball and football (Kirbus was also quarterback from 2006-2007). Most of all, "the people are what made John Carroll special," says Kirbus.

While being inducted into the Hall of Fame was not on his mind stepping on campus, continuing the tradition of success of John Carroll Basketball was. As a freshman, Kirbus was joining elite company with men like Pete Moran, Brandon Mimes, and Terry Walsh who led the team to the Final Four just before Kirbus stepped foot on campus.

As a freshman, Kirbus made an immediate impact. Kirbus played in 28 games, averaging 7.2 points per game. Making this big of an impact in his first season for a storied program was truly special for Kirbus.

The 6-4 forward helped JCU win the OAC Regular Season Championship as a freshman. His impact didn't stop there. In the NCAA Tournament, Kirbus topped the team with 23 points in the 2007 NCAA Championship sectional semifinal vs. Wooster.

As a sophomore, the Blue Streaks experienced a down year, failing to reach .500. But



Kirbus experienced solid individual success with 13.1 points per game and 4.2 rebounds per game.

During his junior campaign, Kirbus did not miss a beat, averaging 14.8 ppg and 5 rebounds per game and shot .832 from the free throw line, en route to All-OAC First Team honor.

The Blue Streaks won a school-record 21 consecutive games in 2008-09 on the way to OAC Regular Season and Tournament Championships. With Kirbus leading the charge his junior year, John Carroll made an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in a memorable year for the program.

One of Kirbus' favorite memories was from this season. In the Round of 32 of the NCAA Tournament, Kirbus' close friend, Chris Zajac, hit a buzzer beater to beat Carnegie Mellon at home. Kirbus remembers chasing him down as a sold out DeCarlo Center crowd erupted.

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: RUDY KIRBUS '10



this day, Kirbus says he still leans on the lessons taught by Coach Moran and the rest of the coaching staff. They are coaches and men who helped shape Kirbus' future in sports.

During his time as a Blue Streak, Rudy Kirbus was a three-time Ohio Athletic Conference Champion and guided John Carroll Men's Basketball to three NCAA Tournament Appearances. Kirbus played in 114 games and scored 1,358 points, which ranked second and sixth, respectively, at time of induction.

After the lessons learned on and off the court from Coach Moran, Coach O'Brien and Coach Stavole, Kirbus gives back to the next generation of student-athletes, as he now serves as the Athletic Director and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Andrews Osborne Academy.

"The gym was full of people who have supported my career, from CYO and high school to college," says Kirbus. Now, those folks were watching as he helped lead this Blue Streak team to the Sweet Sixteen. Something he'll never forget.

As a senior, Kirbus stood near the top of the team in scoring with 12.9 ppg and pulled down 4.7 rpg.

After guiding JCU to an OAC Regular Season crown and an NCAA Tournament appearance, Kirbus garnered First Team All-District, First Team All-Region, and First Team All-OAC honors.

Following his senior season, Head Coach Mike Moran hired Kirbus as a graduate assistant. This professional start helped him to become a coach and eventually, an Athletic Director. To



# MEET THE INDUCTEE: MIKE MINJOCK '13

For Mike Minjock, becoming a John Carroll University student/athlete was an easy decision.

Coming from across the city of Cleveland, Minjock attended Saint Ignatius High School looking to continue his Jesuit education and be a part of a tradition like no other, just like all of the other Wildcats who made the transition.

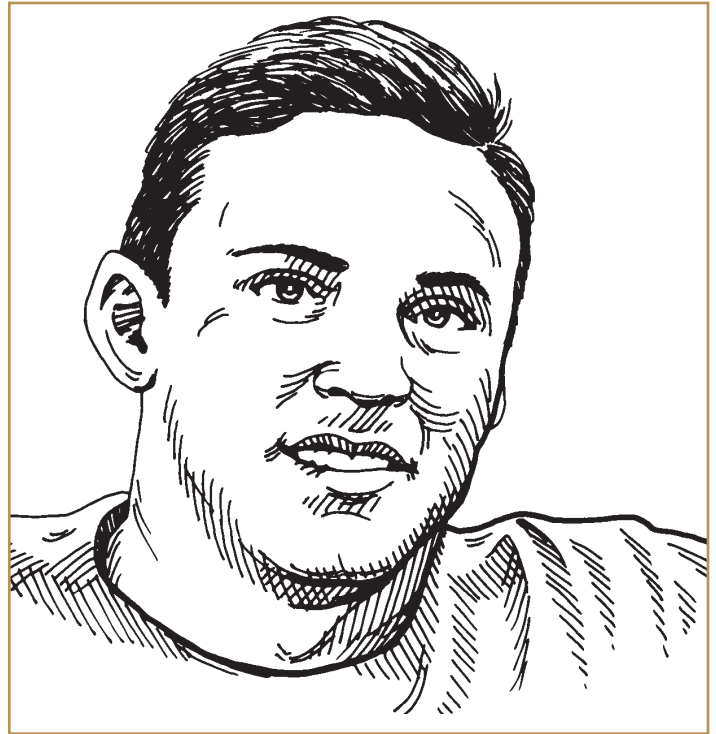
If there's one thing that Minjock says about John Carroll University that makes the place what it is today, it is the people. He dedicated most of his success to the coaching staff throughout his career forming the bonds and relationships that soon created a family culture that kept him focused and engaged on the track.

He was a three-time All-American, three-time Ohio Athletic Conference Champion, and twelve-time All-OAC honoree for John Carroll Men's Track & Field as a jumper and sprinter.

Minjock talks highly of his coaching staff, mentioning the start of Kyle Basista coming in his senior year at John Carroll, as well as Eric Biro, and ultimately, his jumps coach Kathy Glowe.

"Kyle brought a lot of energy to the team," says Minjock. "He came in and really changed the culture. He brought the team a lot tighter. With track, as much as it is an individualized sport, it is a team sport as well. He brought the two together."

As a jumper, Minjock owed a lot to Kathy Glowe. "I couldn't have asked for anyone better to lead me as a field athlete. From day one, we just forged a really great friendship. She was able to find out deep down what motivated me and why I wanted to be successful. Every day at practice and every rep, we focused on getting 1% better every day and on Saturdays, that's going to pay off."



As a junior, Minjock started to make a name for himself, claiming All-OAC honors in both the triple and long jump events, and qualifying for the 2012 NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field National Championships in the triple jump, becoming JCU's first indoor track & field All-American in 14 years. He earned a seventh place finish with a leap of 7.05 meters.

A few months later, Minjock won his first OAC Championship during the outdoor season in the long jump, while also earning All-OAC status in the triple jump, which led to a third-place All-American finish of 7.51 meters in the long jump.

With one year left for Minjock, he continued his success, earning All-OAC honors during the indoor season in the triple and long jump events. As the year went on, there was one moment in particular that stood out for Minjock during the 2013 OAC outdoor championships at Mount Union. With

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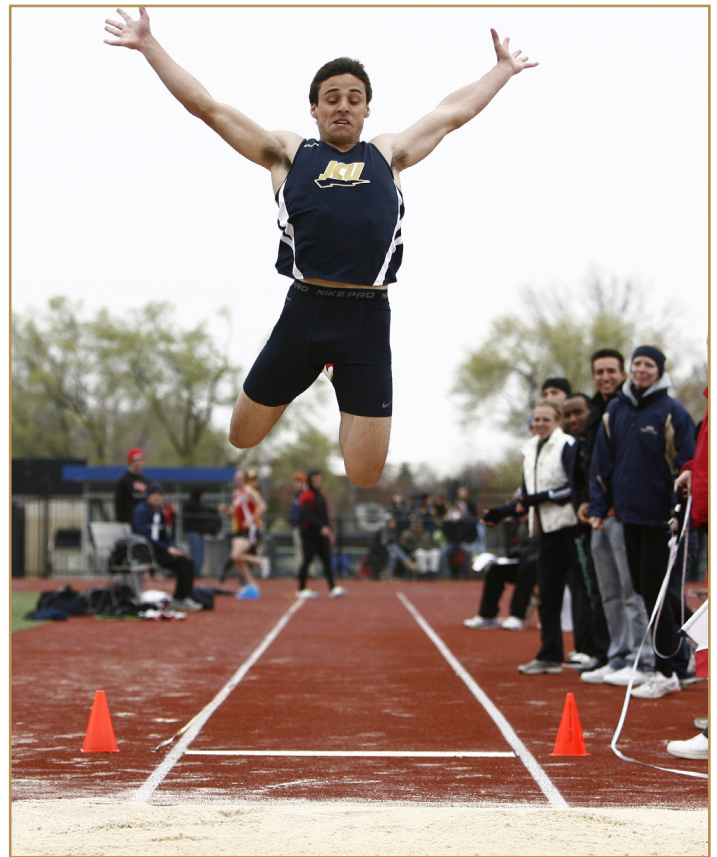
many family members attending the meet, Minjock was dealing with a hamstring injury during the long jump final, missing a few attempts. In his final jump, Minjock jumped to his best mark of the year, winning the long jump while also medaling in the triple jump, 100m, and 200m races.

“It was tough to focus that day,” recalls Minjock. “There was a lot of motivation there with a lot of family members in attendance to support me, so I had to make sure that I got the job done that day and impress the people that came to watch. That was probably my biggest core memory from competing.”

At the 2013 NCAA Division III Outdoor National Championships, Minjock ended his career on a high note earning a second-place All-American finish in the long jump with a mark of 7.61 meters, breaking the school record in the event.

For Mike, he placed a big emphasis on what John Carroll did for him after being a student-athlete in his career path.

“Being at John Carroll and being involved with athletics, you’re forced to get out of your comfort zone to meet a ton of new people. Along the



way, you make relationships with your teammates, coaches, and your competitors too. By competing in business, you communicate with friends and competitors alike.”

As Minjock makes his way into the Class of 2023 John Carroll University Hall of Fame, he remains known as one of the greatest jumpers to ever go through the John Carroll Men’s Track & Field program. For him, being in the JCU Athletics Hall of Fame means everything to the former Blue Streak jumper and for his family.

“It’s an incredible honor,” says Minjock. “I know that I had some success on the track, but to make it the first time through is very humbling. To make the list and be selected is super humbling and I know I made a lot of people proud, especially my parents.”

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: DEJAN MLADENOVIC '06

When the late Chris Wenzler '90 talked about the John Carroll Athletic Hall of Fame, he used this question to consider a person's candidacy: "Could you tell the story of John Carroll Athletics and the story of the program without him/her?"

For Dejan Mladenovic '06, the answer is no. That's why he's being inducted today.

As JCU Men's Soccer enters its 60th season, Mladenovic enters his 22nd season with the program. His four years as a student-athlete are what carry him into the Hall today.

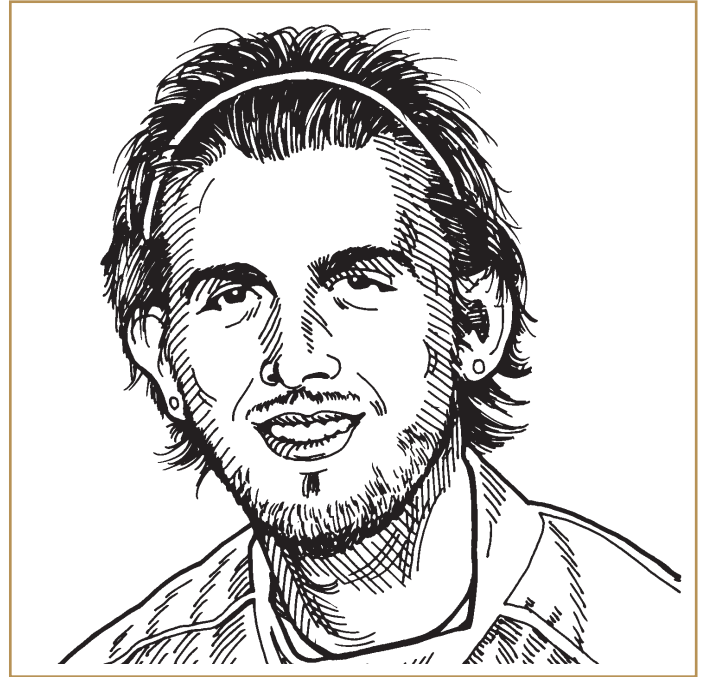
As the head coach today, Mladenovic tells recruits to choose JCU for the academics and the bright future career prospects. As a young, talented player from Normandy High School, Mladenovic didn't follow that advice, instead deciding to follow in the footsteps of T.J. Kolba '04.

From the start of his career, Mladenovic was a utility man, playing just about every position on the field at one point or another. The Parma native found a spot on the field as a freshman and conquered injuries throughout his career to stay on the pitch, with the help of head athletic trainer Don McPhillips.

As a freshman, Mladenovic tallied 4 goals and 4 assists in 2002. His reputation as a clutch player began way back then, as three of his four goals occurring in OAC play in October, including a game-winning goal vs. Mount Union and a game-tying tally at Wilmington.

Mladenovic's sophomore season proved to be a magical one for the program. He did not score as much, finishing with 1 goal and 1 assist, but the team accomplishments were even sweeter.

The Blue Streaks experienced historic success



during the 2003 campaign. John Carroll swept the Ohio Athletic Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championships with a 7-2 conference mark and fantastic tournament wins over Ohio Northern (4-0) and Otterbein (2-1).

John Carroll caught fire in the NCAA Tournament, with a 1-0 win at Ohio Wesleyan and then a 2-1 conquest of Carnegie Mellon. The Blue Streaks lost in the next round, but the Round of 16 appearance is still tied for the longest run in postseason history for the team.

In 2021, the 2003 JCU Men's Soccer team gained induction into the JCU Athletics Hall of Fame, becoming the first team in program history to be enshrined.

Mladenovic continued his strong career during his junior season. He tallied 3 goals and 1 assist, including the eventual game-winner at Marietta. The Blue Streaks tabbed a 6-3 mark in conference play, necessitating two tournament road games. John Carroll aced the first test with a great 2-0 win at Ohio Northern. But then the Blue

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: DEJAN MLADENOVIC '06

Streaks dropped a 2-0 loss at Wilmington to end the year.

Mladenovic saved the best for last in the Blue & Gold. Voted team captain entering the year, Mladenovic became a key team leader on and off the pitch.

The talented Serb tallied a career-high 11 goals and 5 assists for a whopping total of 27 points. He set the tone early in the year with a pair of clutch goals at Wittenberg and at #7 Calvin, but truly shined during OAC play.

With Mladenovic scoring in bunches, the Blue Streaks fired up an 8-1 mark in conference play, clinching the OAC regular season crown. He scored or assisted a goal in six of the eight league matches.

The OAC Tournament was one for the ages, too. In the OAC Semifinal, Capital scored in the 80th minute to go ahead, 1-0. Alex Bernot provided a critical goal to tie it in the 88th minute. Needing a game-winning tally, JCU turned to Mladenovic and Co. The veteran put a breakthrough pass to Milko Cecez, who slotted the ball past the goal for the game-winner in OT in the 95th minute.

The OAC Tournament Championship brought even more drama. Alex Bernot scored early, but Wilmington tied it in the 76th minute. Enter Mladenovic.

The senior launched a bicycle kick goal off a pass from Cecez for the game-winning OAC Championship goal. That effort helped to punch the team's ticket to the NCAA Tournament, including the chance to host a pod. JCU won the opening round vs. Washington & Jefferson, 3-1, before losing to Fredonia State in the second round in overtime, 1-0.



JCU finished the year at 13-7-1, and Mladenovic captured the program record for games played with 80. But his JCU soccer journey did not end there.

Soon after graduating, Mladenovic was hired as Hector Marinaro's assistant coach. And after a long stint as the Hector's right-hand man, Mladenovic took over as head coach in 2021.

Along the journey, Mladenovic has many folks to thank, including Don McPhillips, Chris Wenzler, and all of the program's alumni, but especially his dad, Zoran.

"My dad is truly the guy who made it all happen. What a lot of people don't know is that when I was a player here, I tried to quit twice. I was pretty beat up, hurt a lot, and pretty burned out from a lot of years of playing. He kept me focused, and I'm not in the position I am today without my dad. He's my best friend."

# MEET THE INDUCTEE: JIM MORAN '49

You have heard of Don Shula '51 and Carl Taseff '51. But you may not have heard of James "Jim" Moran '49 before tonight.

Over the past 75 years, John Carroll has built a pipeline to the National Football League, sending a host of Blue Streaks to work (and play) in the league. Moran is a special part of that legacy.

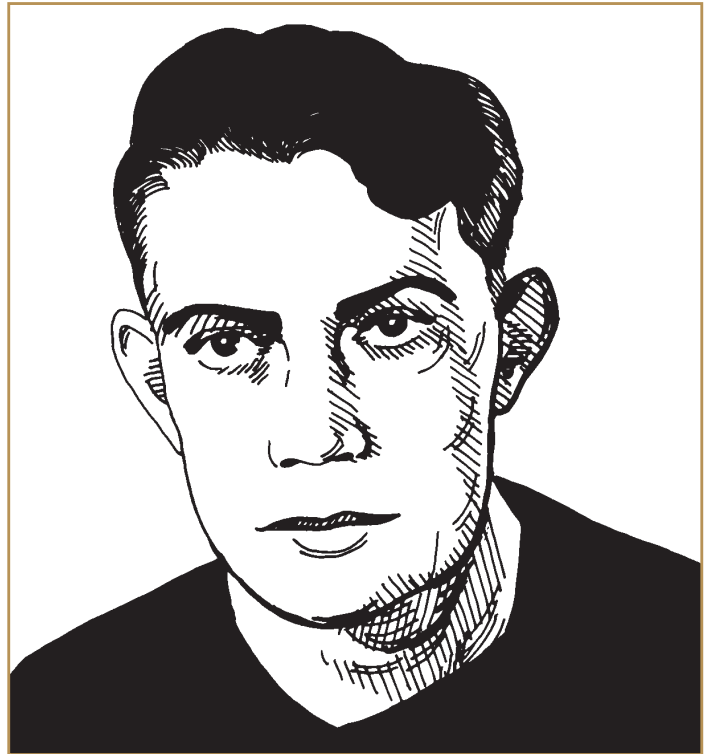
A total of 16 John Carroll alumni have been drafted to the NFL. The first? None other than Jim Moran '49.

Tonight is about the legacy of the late Moran, who would be 99 years old. But it is also about the entire Moran family.

Moran was previously considered for the Hall of Fame in the 1980's. In fact, Don Shula wrote a letter of support in 1983, the year of Moran's untimely passing at 59 years old due to cancer. But Moran was not selected then. So, until just recently, his name faded from view.

That is, until his grandson, Max Kolman, looked through the Plain Dealer archive. He approached his uncle, James "Bugs" Moran, and soon the family began researching about the family patriarch. With help of Noah Tylutki '21, '23G, Laurene DiCillo '87, and Bryan Fritz '75, the data was collected. Sure enough, the research supported Moran's case, and his induction was decided.

Moran arrived at John Carroll in 1942 as an 18-year-old kid from Sharon, Pennsylvania. Back then, John Carroll had a freshmen team, but Moran lettered on the varsity team. Additionally, Moran earned a letter for the basketball team. But before his sophomore year, just as the world changed dramatically, so did John Carroll and



life for Moran. As JCU shut down its athletic programs amidst World War II, Moran enlisted in the United States Navy.

Moran served his enlistment at Camp Shoemaker outside of San Francisco. His brother, Jack, also a John Carroll man, was deployed to Okinawa. In California, Jim played for the famed Fleet City Blue Jackets, one of the most well-known football teams of the time. Moran and his team often played in front of large crowds, including in front of 80,000 fans at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Jim was to be shipped off to the Philippines, but his commander ensured he stayed in California to play for the Blue Jackets.

In 1946, Moran returned home to John Carroll, despite an offer to play at a now-Division I school. JCU's head coach, Herb Eisele, called Moran and convinced him to play again for the Blue Streaks.

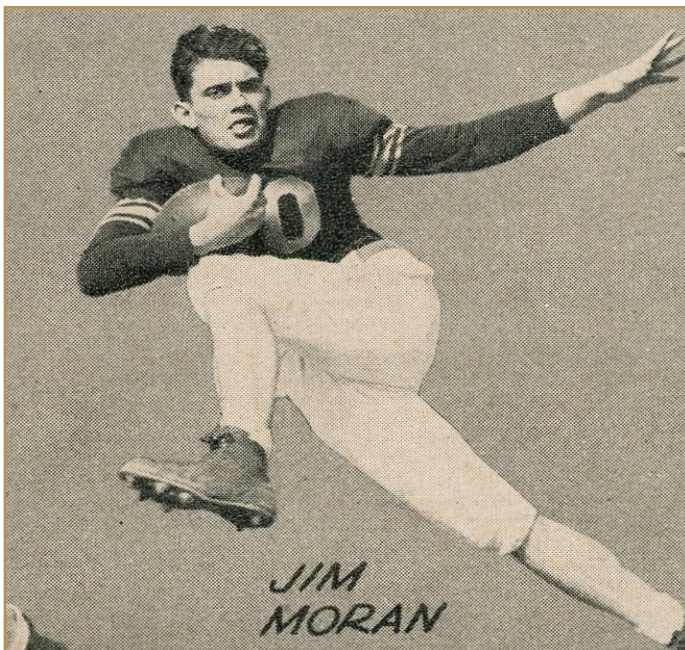
# MEET THE INDUCTEE: JIM MORAN '49

And Moran did, returning to the gridiron in 1946 as a left halfback in JCU's T-formation offense, earning a spot on the honor roll.

As a junior, Moran began to build his legacy. Nicknamed "Crazylegs" for his high-leg action while running, Moran became a key part of a record-setting 1947 offense. One newspaper article even called him the "Sharon Express." After a 1-7 record in 1946, the Blue Streaks roared for a 6-3 season in '47 with Moran helping to lead the way. Moran accounted for 410 receiving yards, a sizable chunk of Bob Kilfoyle's then-record 1,044 passing yards. Moran hauled in 18 receptions and 6 touchdowns, including scoring strikes of 54 and 73 yards.

Additionally, the do-it-all back carried the football 45 times for 258 yards. On defense, Moran led the team with 5 interceptions. And if that weren't enough, Moran added 11 kickoff returns for 258 yards.

As a senior in 1948, Moran's impact grew even



more. He topped the team with 287 receiving yards, adding 5 touchdowns, including a score of 91 yards. He notched 235 yards on 44 carries, an average of 5.3 yards per rush. Moran stood ahead of Shula on the depth chart, and mentored the young star. To conclude his college career, Moran played in the short-lived Great Lakes Bowl against Canisius, JCU's first-ever bowl game. JCU finished the season at 7-1-2.

Following his collegiate career, Moran was drafted in both the 1949 AAFC Draft (Cleveland Browns, 28th round) and the 1949 NFL Draft (Chicago Bears, 18th round). Moran ultimately did not make the roster, but can still lay claim to that significant distinction.

While Jim Moran will not be here tonight, his spirit lives on with his family. His son, Bugs, does not doubt that Moran will be present tonight.

"This is a huge honor, he was a great man. He's with us in spirit," says Bugs Moran. "If he were here tonight, he would thank everybody: The athletic department, Blue Gold Club, and the university for the impact it had on his life. And he would want the Blue Streaks to beat Wilmington.

"My father wore his class ring his entire adult life. We don't know what happened to it. But, in the back of the dresser after my mother died, I found his watch, which says 'Jim Moran 1949'. It was broken, but I took it to a jewelry store to have it repaired. I wore it to my daughter's wedding and mother's funeral. It's my way of bringing him with me. I'll be wearing it for the induction, too."

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: GRETCHEN WEITBRECHT

Gretchen Weitbrecht set a standard for all coaches at John Carroll University while becoming a leader of women in sports.

She began her coaching career in 1982 at Green Mountain College, then shifted to Kenyon College in 1984. There, she turned the program around, and finished with a 164-80 record.

Weitbrecht began her 27-year career at John Carroll in 1990, when she was hired as the head coach of volleyball and softball teams.

“I coached against [John] Carroll a couple of different times during my time at Kenyon College, and it was something about the atmosphere and the student athletes. I thought it was a more recruitable type of campus than Kenyon, but still academically strong.”

Her impact on the volleyball program was quickly recognized, as she led the Blue Streaks to the program’s first ever Ohio Athletic Conference Regular Season Championship in 1992. The historical season granted Weitbrecht her first OAC Coach of the Year award.

The 1992 season was the preview of what was to come for John Carroll’s Volleyball team, as the next season was, by far, her most decorated season. The 1993 squad became the first volleyball team to win the OAC Tournament, and the first female team at JCU to make an NCAA tournament. It also marked the first time John Carroll got to host an NCAA DIII playoff event on campus, and JCU Volleyball became the first program to win an NCAA Tournament game.

These feats Weitbrecht accomplished granted her another OAC Coach of the Year, and a AVCA All-Midwest Region Coach of the Year Award.



While the 1993 volleyball season was filled with many highs, Weitbrecht’s impact truly shined during the 1995 season.

“Looking back, we just graduated a talented group of females, so going into the ‘95 season, we started out 2-5. We eventually got it clicking, and we qualified for the third straight NCAA Tournament.”

From there, Weitbrecht and the Blue Streaks traveled to fourth-ranked Kalamazoo College, and knocked them off on their own home court. They also rematched against tenth-ranked Ohio Northern, and her unranked squad won in a thrilling comeback victory, 3-2.

In her 12 seasons as the volleyball coach, Weitbrecht finished with a 224-117 record. But her excellent coaching did not just have an impact on the volleyball team, but also the softball team. Like the volleyball team, she quickly changed the

## MEET THE INDUCTEE: GRETCHEN WEITBRECHT

culture, and put the softball team back on the map.

“They were a feisty group, so I had to stay on top of them, but they were 3-17 the year before I got here, then my first year, they went 15-13,” says Weitbrecht.

During her time as the softball head coach, Weitbrecht tallied 264 wins, and led the Blue Streaks to their first ever OAC Tournament in 2003.

Weitbrecht was assigned as the Senior Women’s Administrator and Interim Athletic Director in 2003. With her new, higher management jobs, she began to slowly step away from coaching.

“That’s why I eased out of coaching,” recalls Weitbrecht. “With the administrative requirements, especially with the NCAA and OAC, there was always new. I talked to Laurie Massa and my other superiors about easing out of coaching, and volleyball went first, followed by softball.”

Stepping into her new role at JCU, Weitbrecht helped JCU transition into the Ohio Athletic Conference, in which the Blue Streaks still compete in to this day.

“We were just coming into the OAC [in 1990], which was a new challenge for all the male and female student-athletes,” said Weitbrecht. “It was just a different level of competition, so getting that rolling and learning what kind of athletes we had to have, along with students that meet the John Carroll standard, was a challenge. So, making the transition into the OAC was a major focus at the time.”

John Carroll won the OAC Men’s All-Sports Tro-

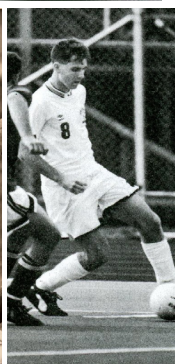
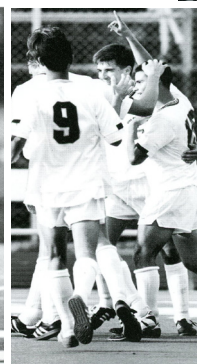
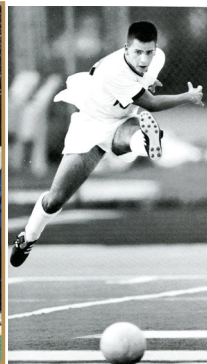
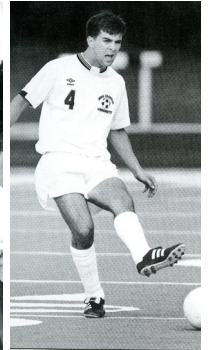


phy during her time as Interim Athletic Director in the 2003-04 season. However, this was not her lone major achievement while at JCU. Weitbrecht broke down multitudes of barriers in the college sports world by setting a path for many females to pursue a career in athletics here at John Carroll University.

“I think one of the positive changes over my time was the female staffing,” says Weitbrecht. “Coming in, I coached volleyball and softball, Roxanne Allen had basketball, and they were just starting the women’s soccer program. So, living through the positive changes in the women’s athletic program was pretty empowering.”

Weitbrecht served as an Associate Director of Athletics from 2004 through 2017, when she retired. She is the second female coach/administrator to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, following the legendary footsteps of Dr. Kathleen Manning.

# MEET THE TEAM: 1991-93 MEN'S SOCCER



Winning the Ohio Athletic Conference once is not easy to do in any sport. Doing it twice in your career is a feat many have not achieved. But winning three times in a row is something that the Men's Soccer team did in the 1991, 1992, and 1993 seasons.

A team that became the first in the Ohio Athletic Conference's history has a lot of accolades throughout the individual players, starting the strong dynasty that John Carroll University Men's Soccer is today.

"I did not realize that it was going to turn into a big dynasty like it is today, but I knew that this team had potential," said former captain Marty Gillespie. "Looking at the freshman and sophomore classes, I knew we had opportunities to win multiple championships for the school and the program."

The 1991 team had a strong start to these three teams getting inducted into the Hall of Fame, as they finished with a record of 15-1, winning 15 straight games. Led by the OAC Coach of the Year Mark Maslona and captains Marty Gillespie,

Pablo Ramirez, and Edmund Gai, this team controlled the pitch, as they outscored opponents 58-10 en route to their first OAC Championship.

"Despite having many wins this season, a big memory I had with the 1991 team is beating Otterbein at home with a 3-0 win," Gillespie stated. "That win was so huge because it signified that we won the Ohio Athletic Conference in front of our fans, friends, and families."

The team was ready to attack the 1992 season with their heads high, but a small detour occurred when their Coach of the Year announced he was leaving the program prior to the 1992 season.

"When Coach Maz told the team he was not returning next season, we were all devastated," said 1992 captain Eric Graf. "But we knew if he was going to leave, he would tell us first. After leaving, he gave me his whistle and told everyone that I was going to be the captain along with [Matt] Pelino, which I will never forget."

The new coach coming into this strong program

was Ali Reza Kazemini. Leaving his influence on the program as coach from 1992 to 2005, Coach Kaz was inducted into the John Carroll Hall of Fame in 2018.

The team finished with a 15-2-1 record after losing the first game of the season to Denison. After that loss, the team went on a 15-0-1 stretch to claim their second OAC title in a row.

“I would say that a stronger bond built off the field and better ball control on the field were considered reasons we won so many games in 1992,” said Graf. “We also had great bonding off the field whether it was euchre or just hanging out and watching a movie together.”

With their heads high into the 1993 season, there was only one thing on this team’s mind: winning the OAC for the third year in a row. With captains Pete Duggan, Matt Sullivan, Chris Cage, Dave Rishel, and Ricky Ferrari, there was a pretty good chance that this feat could happen.

Unfortunately for the team, it was not the start they wanted. They would lose the first three games of the season to #5 Kenyon, #1 Ohio Wesleyan, and Malone. The hopes of the three peat were in shambles as they hoped to turn their season around against Allegheny.

After beating Allegheny, the 1993 soccer team would win 17 straight games, finishing with a record of 17-3. In the process of steamrolling teams, they would claim their third OAC Championship as well as their first OAC Tournament Championship in 1993, as they beat Hiram in the championship match 2-1.

“There was no shortage of leaders on our team and everyone pitched in to right the ship”, said Goalkeeper Mike Lyons. “The one person that takes all the credit for the turnaround was Matt Sullivan. He said we were too serious. We had to relax and have some fun. He took it upon himself to improve the social aspects of the team. Ac-

ording to Matt, this led us to 17 straight victories”.

Throughout the 1991-1993 seasons, the Men’s Soccer team at John Carroll University finished with a record of 47-6-1. They also had a 25-2-1 OAC record and a 25-0-1 record at home during this span.

Although this team had a strong record, they were also able to produce ten All-OAC First Team Selections, six All-Ohio D-III Selections, one Hall of Fame Coach in Coach Kaz, and two Hall of Fame Players in Rick Ferrari and Mike Lyons.

“It was an honor to be inducted as a player, but I knew then that I had my teammates to thank,” said current Hall of Famer Rick Ferrari. “I played with so many incredible players and they were such a big part of my success, but they did not receive the recognition they deserved. Having these teams inducted into the Hall of Fame is more special because I can share the honor with them. They are now part of history and the John Carroll Hall of Fame.”

These three teams, going in as one, join the 2003 Men’s Team as the second Men’s Soccer squad in the Hall of Fame .

“We thoroughly enjoyed being around each other and would run through a wall for each other,” said Ferrari. “We could play a skilled game, or a physical one, and those teams would not be worked out. There is no doubt our success had more to do with the friendships formed than anything else. We loved playing the game, but got more satisfaction because of who we were playing with.”

“The strength of these teams was the bonds that were forged through friendships,” said Lyons. “We simply left it out on the field because you knew everyone else was doing the same. This mentality led us to many victories...and no losses at home”.

# MEET THE TEAMS: 1991-93 MEN'S SOCCER

## 1991 SOCCER SCHEDULE:

9/7/1991	at Nazareth	W	3-0
9/11/1991	DENISON	W	4-0
9/14/1991	ALLEGHENY	W	2-0
9/16/1991	OBERLIN	W	2-1
9/18/1991	WOOSTER	W	2-0
9/20/1991	at CWRU	W	2-0
*9/28/1991	at Capital	W	2-0
*10/1/1991	at Heidelberg	W	2-0
*10/6/1991	MARIETTA	W	6-0
*10/9/1991	MOUNT UNION	W	5-1
10/13/1991	ASHLAND	W	8-0
*10/16/1991	MUSKINGUM	W	6-1
*10/19/1991	at Ohio Northern	W	5-0
*10/22/1991	BALDWIN-WALLACE	W	6-2
*10/26/1991	OTTERBEIN	W	3-0
*10/30/1991	at Hiram	L	0-5

Overall: 15-1

Conference: 8-1

Home: 10-0 / Away: 5-1

\* = OAC game  
Home games in all caps

## 1992 SOCCER SCHEDULE:

9/11/1992	vs Taylor	W	4-0
9/12/1992	at Calvin	W	1-0
9/19/1992	at Allegheny	W	2-1
9/23/1990	CWRU	W	2-0
*9/26/1992	CAPITAL	W	2-1
*9/29/1992	HEIDELBERG	W	8-1
10/1/1992	MALONE	W	2-1
*10/3/1992	at Marietta	W	2-0
*10/7/1992	at Mount Union	W	3-1
*10/10/1992	at Muskingum	W	1-0
10/12/1992	at Ashland	W	3-1
*10/17/1992	OHIO NORTHERN	T	0-0
*10/20/1992	at Baldwin Wallace	W	3-2
*10/24/1992	at Otterbein	W	2-1
*10/29/1992	HIRAM	W	2-1
p11/4/1992	CAPITAL	W	4-2
p11/7/1992	at Hiram	L	0-2

Overall: 15-2-1

Conference: 8-0-1

Home: 6-0-1 / Away: 8-2 / Neutral: 1-0

## 1993 SOCCER SCHEDULE:

9/3/1993	vs Kenyon	L	0-3
9/4/1993	at Ohio Wesleyan	L	1-5
9/7/1993	at Malone	L	1-3
9/10/1993	ALLEGHENY	W	2-0
9/15/1993	at CWRU	W	6-1
*9/18/1993	OTTERBEIN	W	2-1
9/20/1993	at Oberlin	W	4-0
*9/22/1993	at Heidelberg	W	2-1
9/24/1993	vs Willmington	W	2-1
9/25/1993	vs Maryville	W	4-1
*9/29/1993	MOUNT UNION	W	3-0
10/5/1993	ASHLAND	W	5-0
*10/9/1993	MARIETTA	W	2-1
*10/12/1993	BALDWIN WALLACE	W	3-0
*10/15/1993	MUSKINGUM	W	1-0
*10/20/1993	at Hiram	W	4-1
*10/23/1993	at Ohio Northern	W	3-1
*10/25/1993	at Capital	W	9-0
p10/27/1993	HEIDELBERG	W	3-1
p10/30/1993	HIRAM	W	2-1

Overall: 17-3

Conference: 9-0

Home: 9-0 / Away: 6-2 / Neutral: 2-1



## CONGRATS TO THE 1991-93 MEN'S SOCCER TEAMS

Lucky to call these  
guys brothers!

Cheers to great  
friends and great  
memories.

*Love you all, Rish*



**Congrats to Deki, Jared, and the 91-93 HOF Soccer Teams. It has been an honor to be a part of this Blue Streak Soccer Family.**

**-Mike and Annmarie Lyons**



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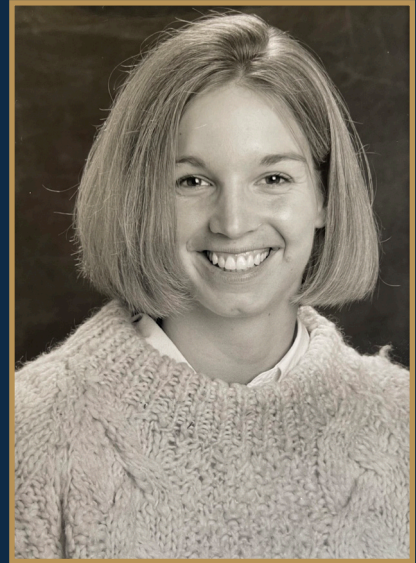
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The 1989 Football Team  
The 1974 & 1976 Wrestling Teams  
The 1975 Wrestling Team  
The 1981 Men's Swimming & Diving Team  
The 1989 Football Team  
1991-93 Men's Soccer Teams  
The 1993 Volleyball Team  
The 1994-1995-1996 Men's Golf Teams  
The 2003 Men's Soccer Team  
The 2004 Men's Basketball Team

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Luke Adkins, '04, Baseball  
John Ambrosic, '74, Men's Basketball and Baseball  
Pete Amico, '31, Football and Men's Basketball  
Chris Anderson, '97, Football  
Leo Arbeznic, '37, Football  
Eddie Arsenault, '40, Hockey and Football  
Mike Artale, '36, Football  
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Jason Barnett, '87, Wrestling  
Tim Barrett, '75, Football  
Luke Baum, '86, Men's Track & Field  
Charles Becks, Wrestling  
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Willie Beers, '93, Football  
Joe Bertolone, '75, Wrestling and Football  
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Jack Byrne, '55, Football  
Brad Cantwell, '85, Football  
Don Caravona, '68, Men's Basketball  
Drue Carney, '86, Soccer  
Edward Carney, '25, Football

Dan Carroll, '72, Football  
Mike Carswell, '84, Men's Basketball  
Nick Caserio, '99, Football  
Lori Feitl Castrigano, '81, Volleyball  
Brian Clarke, '85, Baseball  
Brian Cochran, '90, Football  
Mike Collica, '89, Wrestling  
Matt Colucci, '96, Wrestling  
John Colombo, '83, Men's Basketball  
Jill Comerford, '01, Soccer  
Tom Conley, Football and Basketball Coach/Athletic Director  
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Dan Coxon, '99, Men's Basketball  
Shayla Bell, '06, Women's Basketball  
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Marta Cutarelli, '89, Volleyball  
George Dalton, '55, Men's Basketball  
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Walter Dorsey, '21, Men's Basketball  
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Herb Eisele, Football Coach and Athletic Director  
Bill Eline, '51, Football  
Hank Erhardt, '37, Football  
Rich Eslich, '99, Wrestling  
Carl Estenik, '41, Football  
Al Evangelista, '77, Wrestling  
Bob Faught, '70, Men's Tennis  
Ellie Fernandez-Hess, '05, Women's Cross Country & Track & Field  
Rick Ferrari, '94, Men's Soccer  
Mark Ferstel, '86, Men's Swimming  
Bryan Fialkowski, '01, Football  
Bob Fitzgerald, '60, Football

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Al Francesconi, '43, Football and Men's Basketball  
Ramona Francesconi-Rogers, '79, Women's Basketball  
John Freedman, '41, Men's Basketball  
Gary Furin, '59, Men's Basketball  
Don Gacey, '65, Men's Basketball  
Francis Gaul, '29, Football  
Tim Gauntner, '63, Football and Men's Track & Field  
Peter Ghirla, '55, Football  
David Gibbons, '04, Men's Basketball  
Mike Gillmor, '93, Wrestling  
Vince Gloriso, '35, Football  
Mackenzie Griffin, '13, Softball  
Matt Glovna, '96, Men's Golf  
Chad Gross, '81, Wrestling  
Paul Habrecht, '00, Men's Soccer  
Ryan Haley, '95, Football  
Liz Hanna-Morrison, '90, Women's Tennis  
Dennis Hareza, '81, Wrestling  
Mark Hawald, '77, Wrestling  
Mark F. Hawald, '05, Wrestling  
Pete Hayek, '89, Wrestling  
Chuck Heaton, '38, Sports Publicity and Men's Tennis  
Mark Heidorf, '99, Men's Basketball  
Chris Heslep, '04, Men's Soccer  
Kevin Hinkel, '77, Wrestling  
Larry Holmes, '01, Men's Basketball  
Sig Holowenko, '31, Football  
Dave Hosea, '76, Men's Basketball  
Bridget Hough, '01, Softball  
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Marco Iglesias, '80, Men's Soccer  
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John Magyari, '84, Baseball  
Leslie Mahl, '95, Volleyball  
Mike Mangan, '91, Men's Soccer  
Kathleen Manning, '72, Women's Administrator & Coach  
Amy Marcelis, '02, Women's Soccer  
John Marcus, '39, Football and Men's Basketball  
Sam Marcus, '41, Football  
Bill Marks, '59, Football  
Ray Maria, '62, Men's Basketball  
Mike Markovic, '02, Wrestling  
Grant Mast, '98, Men's Soccer  
Bill Matejka, '60, Football  
Antonio McCladdie, '02, Men's Basketball & Men's Track & Field  
Patrick McDonnell, '27, Football and Men's Basketball  
Ray McGorray, '40, Men's Basketball  
Gus McPhie, '64, Football  
Don McPhillips, Athletic Trainer  
Carrie McVicker, '98, Softball  
Ken Meditz, '77, Wrestling  
Lindsey Meier Ahrens, '05, Women's Swimming  
Leo Miller, '87, Men's Track & Field  
Brandon Mimes, '08, Men's Basketball  
Mike Minjock, '13, Men's Track & Field

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Joe Minor, '52, Football	Terry Schaefer-DuBroy, '79, Women's Basketball & Volleyball
Dejan Mladenovic '06, Men's Soccer	Kevin Schaffner, '81, Baseball
Bryan Mohler '99, Men's Tennis	John Scheid, '72, Men's Track & Field
Mary Ann Montagne O'Leary, '90, Volleyball	Carrie Scherger-Brady, '01, Women's Swimming
Mike Moran, Men's Basketball Coach and Men's Golf Coach	Paul Schlimm, '56, Men's Basketball and Men's Golf
Jim Moran, '49, Football	Joe Schmidt, '90, Wrestling
James O'Connell Morgan, '40, Football	Jerry Schweickert, '60, Football/Football and Baseball Coach
Dan Mormile, '38, Football & Men's Basketball/Football Coach	Bill Scopel, '35, Football and Men's Basketball
Jack Mulhall, '76, Wrestling	Gary Shay, '02, Men's Swimming
Stacey Mullally-Bainbridge, '95, Volleyball	Darlene Sheehan, '95, Women's Basketball
Patrick Murphy, '90, Football	Russ Sherman, '54, Football
Bill Nardi, '35, Football and Men's Basketball	Don Shula, '51, Football
Tim O'Callahan, '82, Men's Soccer	Cindy Shumaker, '94, Women's Basketball
Matt O'Connor, '85, Baseball	Danielle Sluga-Felice, '95, Women's Soccer, Cross Country & Track & Field
Scott O'Donnell, '97, Football	Joe Smaltz, '57, Football and Men's Track & Field
John O'Rourke, '99, Baseball	Jamie Smrdel Kamensky, '10, Softball
Gene Oberst, Basketball & Football Coach Athletic Director	Judd Smith, '93, Wrestling
Christie Palumbo, '92, Women's Diving	Brian Sobolewski, '01, Men's Track & Field
Diane Palumbo-Galo, '87, Women's Tennis	Len Soeder, '50, Football
John Parsons, '69, Wrestling	Mike Soeder, '77, Football and Baseball
Matt Payne, '02, Football	Jack Spallino, '40, Men's Basketball
Heather Peltier-Melzer, '91, Women's Track & Field & Cross Country	Bob Spicer, '67, Football
Dave Pendergast, '68, Football	John Stavole, '58, Men's Basketball
Katy Perrone McGrath, '97, Volleyball	Dan Stefancin, '81, Wrestling
Jim Peters, '72, Men's Basketball	Chad Stein, '01, Men's Track & Field and Men's Basketball
Jim Petkunas, '95, Men's Swimming	James Stewart, '09, Men's Tennis
Michelle Petrillo, '05, Women's Tennis	Gene Stringer, '25, Football and Men's Basketball
David Pfundstein, '97, Men's Basketball	Mark Sullivan, '90, Football and Wrestling
Cyril Pinchak, '06, Men's Cross Country and Track & Field	Lou Sulzer, '40, Football
Kevin Pitorak, '04, Men's Soccer	Ryan Summers, '07, Wrestling
Jim Platz, '70, Football	Al Sutton, '40, Football, Men's Basketball and Hockey
D. Thomas Plunkett, '69, Men's Golf	Mike Sweeney, '47, Boxing
Gerald Porter, '58, Football	Tony Szczesiul '86, Men's Soccer
Gordon Priemer, '64, Football	Fran Talty, '42, Men's Basketball
Beth Priestap Frabotta, '94, Volleyball	Artie Taylor, '98, Men's Basketball
Fred Rancourt, '40, Football and Hockey	Carl Taseff, '51, Football
Dave Rastoka, '90, Football	Bob Tedesky, '51, Men's Basketball
John Ray, Football Coach	Geza Terezhalmay, '67, Men's Soccer
Craig Recko, '00, Baseball	Bill Thompson, '86, Baseball
J.J. Richardson, '98, Men's Basketball	Ron Timpanaro, '64, Football
Eric Richmond, '02, Men's Swimming	Joe Turi, Men's Swimming
Tom Rini, '00, Football	Carl Turk, '23, Men's Basketball, Football and Baseball
Joe Runkel, '91, Men's Track & Field	Stephanie Turner, '02, Women's Diving
Dan Ryan, '39, Hockey	Brian Unk, '96, Men's Golf
George Sample, '02, Football and Men's Track & Field	Eric Urzdik, '03, Football and Wrestling
Ed Sandrick, '70, Football	Ralph Vince, Football Coach and Athletic Director
Julie Scaffidi Ratchuk, '01, Women's Soccer	

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# ABOUT THE BLUE GOLD CLUB

Doug Virden, '81, Men's Diving  
Dave Vitatoe, '00, Football  
Randy Viviani, '82, Wrestling  
Paul Voinovich, '94, Men's Golf  
Steve Voinovich, '97, Men's Golf  
Kerry Volkmann, '71, Football and Wrestling  
Mary Vollmer, '87, Softball  
Richard "Dick" Walker, '55, Football  
Samuel Walker, '87, Wrestling  
Msgr. Richard Walsh, '23, Football  
Frank Walton, '60, Football  
Larry Wanke, '93, Football  
Matt Warnement, '94, Football  
Audrey Warnock, '89, Women's Basketball and Softball  
John C. Wasmer, Sr., '45, Dedicated JCU Football Stadium  
Dan Weir, '73, Wrestling  
Jim Weir, '78, Wrestling  
Gretchen Weitbrecht, Coach and Administrator  
Chris Wenzler '90, Sports Information  
Jud Whelan, '49, Football & Boxing  
Jim Wideikis, '99, Baseball  
Ben Wilkins, '97, Men's Golf  
Gene Wolanski, '37, Men's Basketball and Football  
Tim Wood, '69, Special Classification  
Bill Young, '40, Football  
Julie Zajac, '02, Women's Cross Country & Track & Field  
Regis Zebkar, '55, Football  
David Ziegler, '00, Football  
Ron Zwierlein, Swimming Coach and Athletic Director

Founded in the Spring of 1982, the John Carroll Blue Gold Club serves our student-athletes, both past and present, through commitment to its mission: **to support, promote, and recognize varsity athletics.**

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The Blue Gold Club serves to raise essential revenue to supplement specific needs that enhance the student-athlete experience at John Carroll, with the goal to provide the resources necessary to allow JCU athletes to compete at championship levels.

Some recent projects include:

- Signature Photo Project in the Athletic Department
- Renovation of the Herb Eisele Blue Gold Room in the DeCarlo Varsity Center (renovated summer 2020).
- HD Streaming of home athletic events through Boxcast
- The letterwinner program
- A new shooting machine for JCU Basketball
- Enhancements of the Varsity Weight & Conditioning Room in Shula Stadium, including new graphics, equipment, and specialty flooring
- New fencing and branding on Bracken Field and Schweickert Field

The Blue Gold Club also sponsors special events for JCU teams and plaques for teams that reach NCAA quarter-final status. The signature event for the Blue Gold Club is the annual JCU Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner.

To maintain the storied tradition of John Carroll athletics, the Blue Gold Club strives to increase its presence and continuously seeks to build the legacy of what it means to be a Blue Streak. Make a gift to the Blue Gold Club today.

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