

**Female Administrators Session
Presenter Fact Sheet**

Name: Dawn Rogers

Age: 40

Title: Director of Athletics

Institution: Xavier University

Education: B.S – Ithaca College ('86)
M.S. – University of Massachusetts ('87)

Family: Husband Rob and children: Owen (9) and Hazel (6)

Last Vacation: Cape Hatteras, NC

Last Book Read: Reading *Good to Great*

Last Movie Seen: Sideways

Greatest Achievement: The day Owen was born and the day Hazel was born were the two greatest days in my life.

Greatest Disappointment: No single event sticks out for me, but I do try to learn from each setback.

Athletics Administrator Most Admired: I had the good fortune to work for Mike Bobinski for 10 years and learned so much from him. He was an incredible mentor and friend.

Best Advice You Received in this Business: Be a good communicator, even when you want to avoid a situation, it is better to face it head on.

Recommended Reading: Something you enjoy! While there are wonderful books that will help you grow personally, I read mindless books in the summer that allow me to get my mind off the job. It has been a great way for me to relax.

Dawn Rogers

Xavier University

Dawn Rogers, senior associate athletic director at Xavier University since 1998, was named director for athletics in June.

“Given the recent ‘Elite 8’ appearance of our men’s basketball team, there was naturally a lot of interest by a lot of qualified candidates for this position,” said Xavier University President Michael Graham, S.J.

“The most qualified, however, was right here on campus. Dawn has been an important, trusted and vital member of our athletic administration for six years. She understands and embraces our mission, specifically as it relates to athletics and preparing student athletes to become men and women for others. I couldn’t be more pleased that she has agreed to accept the position of athletic director.”

Rogers becomes the 24th female athletic director currently serving at an NCAA Division I institution and the first woman to ever hold the position at Xavier. Rogers is the 10th athletic director in Xavier history.

“I am very grateful for this opportunity to lead the Xavier University athletic department,” said Rogers. “I came to Xavier six years ago hoping to be in this position, and I am looking forward to the challenge. I have a deep respect for Xavier as an institution, and I am eager to continue the development of our mission-driven athletic program. We have a great foundation for all 16 of our teams, and I look forward to the further growth of our department.”

Rogers replaced Mike Bobinski, who has moved to Xavier’s division for university relations and accepted the position of associate vice president for development, reporting to Gary Massa, vice president for university relations.

Head coach Kevin McGuff said, “I personally couldn’t be any happier. Dawn is a terrific person, and I am looking forward to continuing a great working relationship with her. Dawn’s passion for Xavier makes her uniquely qualified to lead our department. She’s committed to helping Xavier grow without compromising the integrity of the institution and is committed to success for all sports.”

Bobinski brought Rogers to Xavier when he was named athletic director in 1998. Bobinski and Rogers had worked together as athletic director and assistant athletic director respectively at the University of Akron.

In her previous role at Xavier, Rogers served as administrator for seven of Xavier’s athletic programs: baseball, women’s basketball, men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s swimming and volleyball. She also tracked student-athlete initial eligibility, coordinated financial aid and housing, and was the admissions liaison and oversees the department’s compliance program. In addition, Rogers worked closely with the student-athlete advisory council (SAAC) and the CHAMPS/Life Skills program.

Rogers serves on the NCAA AEC Cabinet and Athletic Certification Committee. In the Atlantic 10, she chairs the championships review committee and serves on the television committee. In addition to spending nine years as assistant athletic director at the University of Akron, where she was responsible for 10 varsity sports, eligibility, all academic programs and services, sports information, marketing and the ticket office, Rogers was director of promotions at Temple University from 1988-1989 and spent one year before that as corporate and group sales coordinator at the University of Cincinnati.

Rogers earned a master's degree in sports management in 1987 from the University of Massachusetts. She received her bachelor's degree in physical education and business from Ithaca College in 1986. She lettered in volleyball and track during her collegiate tenure. An avid runner, Rogers has completed 11 marathons.

Rogers, 40, and her husband, Rob, have two children, Owen and Hazel. They live in Mason.