



ATHLETICS ANNUAL REPORT
2018-19



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We are pleased to present the 2018–19 Athletics Annual Report, which celebrates the competitive success and academic achievements of more than 450 student-athletes who proudly represent Quinnipiac University.

The positive outcomes of our student-athletes are a testament to their hard work and their commitment to excellence. These values are shared by their coaches, administrators and the entire campus community. We all support the athletic endeavors and academic rigors that shape our student-athletes at Quinnipiac.

As always, we are grateful for your support of our 21 programs. Each of these programs is poised for continued success, both in competition and in the classroom. We appreciate the commitment you have made to demonstrate your confidence in Bobcats Athletics and its greatest asset, its student-athletes.

Sincerely,
Greg J. Amodio
Director, Athletics & Recreation



Cheering for the Bobcats is a dynamic part of the student experience at Quinnipiac.

Keeping score

Quinnipiac's student-athletes strive for excellence in the classroom as well as on the field, rink or court. Many of them pursue accelerated dual-degree programs, in which candidates earn a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in four years. Others complete internships and shine in extracurricular activities such as Greek life and campus media.

ALL STUDENT ATHLETES
— DEPARTMENT WIDE —
AVERAGED A
3.448 GPA

ALL VARSITY TEAMS HAD A
3.0 GPA
OR BETTER
FOR A SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

WOMEN'S GOLF
AVERAGED A
3.78 GPA
Highest of the women's programs

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
AVERAGED A
3.72 GPA
Highest of the men's programs

191 STUDENT ATHLETES
— MADE —
DEAN'S LIST

369 STUDENT ATHLETES
— AS A DEPARTMENT —
FINISHED WITH A
3.0 GPA
OR BETTER

40 STUDENT ATHLETES
EARNED A
4.0 GPA

213 STUDENT ATHLETES
— RECOGNIZED AS —
SCHOLAR ATHLETES



Andrew and Aaron Robinson, who earned their bachelor's degrees in May, competed on the men's basketball team and polished their broadcasting skills on Q30 Television, the student-run TV station.



Quinnipiac men's sports named best in the MAAC

For the first time in Athletics history, Quinnipiac won the MAAC Pepsi Zero Men's Commissioner's Cup in 2018-19, after achieving the most success in men's sports among the league's 11 schools. The MAAC also awards a Commissioner's Cup to the school with the most success in women's sports and the most as an overall department.

Quinnipiac won the Women's Commissioner's Cup in 2016-17.

The Commissioner's Cup is given each year for excellence in the 24 championships conducted within the MAAC. An institution's total points are based on a men's/women's basketball point score, plus its top six point scores, regardless of sport.

For the 2018-19 season, Quinnipiac won the MAAC Baseball Championship and a share of the regular-season title. The Bobcats also reached the MAAC Championship in soccer, lacrosse and tennis, earned the No. 3 seed in the MAAC Basketball Championship and finished fourth at the MAAC Cross Country Championships.

"I would like to congratulate the coaches and student athletes of our men's programs who contributed to winning the MAAC Commissioner's Cup," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Greg Amodio. "It takes a collective effort to achieve this milestone, and it clearly demonstrates the commitment to excellence shared throughout our university and the entire athletic department."

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to achieve this milestone."**

– Greg J. Amodio
Director, Athletics & Recreation



A spring for the ages

The Quinnipiac baseball team enjoyed a historic season in 2019. The Bobcats shocked No. 10 East Carolina, 5-4, on May 31 for the program's first NCAA tournament victory. The win gave Quinnipiac a school-record 30 victories and captured media attention from around the country.

The Bobcats qualified for the NCAA tournament for just the second time in school history after beating Fairfield, 6-5, in 13 innings for the program's first MAAC championship. Pitcher Andrew Workman became the first student-athlete in program history to capture a major MAAC award after he was named Relief Pitcher of the Year. Four other Bobcats—Ian Ostberg, Tyler Poulin, Andre Marrero and Colton Bender—earned All-MAAC honors. QU student-athletes also took care of business in the classroom. Thirteen Bobcats were selected to the MAAC All-Academic Team: Colton Bender, Anthony Cruz, Colin Donnelly, Chris Enns, Kyle Horton, David Longstreth, Dylan Lutz, Connor Mahoney, Brian Moskey, Ian Ostberg, Nick Paasch, Joe Preciado and Evan Vulgamore.

Poulin, a senior pitcher from Randolph, New Jersey, was chosen by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 29th round of the Major League Baseball draft. Poulin was 7-2 for the Bobcats in 2019 with a 3.83 ERA. He ranked in the top 10 in the MAAC in earned run average, batting average against, innings pitched and strikeouts. He also was the first Bobcat since 2017 to be drafted.

A SEASON OF FIRSTS:

- First NCAA tournament victory
- First MAAC championship
- First 30-win season



Bobcats capture fourth Cleary Cup

The men's ice hockey program posted another strong season in 2018-19 with a No. 7 national ranking, a 26-10-2 record, a trip to the NCAA tournament and a fourth Cleary Cup. Quinnipiac earned a share of last season's Cleary Cup after finishing as co-regular season ECAC champions with Cornell.

On Dec. 29, head coach Rand Pecknold earned the 500th victory of his career with a 6-0 shutout of Colgate at NYCB Live, the home of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum on Long Island, New York.

Junior goalkeeper Andrew Shortridge and defensemen Brandon Fortunato '19, Brogan Rafferty '19 and Chase Priskie '18, MBA '19, all signed NHL contracts after the season. Shortridge was named an All-American after leading the country with a 1.51 goals against average and a .940 save percentage. Priskie, who led all Division I defensemen with 17 goals, was a top-10 finalist for the Hobey Baker Award as the nation's top college hockey player.

Forwards Scott Davidson '19 and Craig Martin '19 also signed professional contracts in the American Hockey League after the season. Davidson won the Calder Cup with the Charlotte Checkers, and Martin joined the Springfield Thunderbirds. In addition, Luke Shippo '19 signed a contract in the ECHL.

Boston Bruins rookie defenseman Connor Clifton '17 became the first Quinnipiac alumnus to score in the Stanley Cup Final when he found the back of the net May 27 in a 5-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues in Game 1. In July, Clifton was rewarded for his impressive NHL debut with a three-year, \$3 million contract extension.



Samoskevich earns gold with Team USA

Melissa Samoskevich '19 earned a gold medal with the U.S. Women's National Team in April at the IIHF Women's World Championship in Espoo, Finland. Samoskevich scored goals against Finland and Russia to help the Americans win their fifth straight world championship.

Samoskevich and the Americans won in convincing fashion, outscoring the opposition, 41-5, in seven games, including 10-0 and 8-0 victories over Russia.

Samoskevich, a captain from Sandy Hook, Connecticut, led Quinnipiac with 13 goals last season as part of a talented senior class. Along with Anna Kilponen, Kenzie Lancaster, Kate MacKenzie and Randi Marcon, the group posted a 79-48-20 record over their four years.

Lancaster and Marcon, both alternate captains, were honored at the end of the season. Lancaster was recognized for her achievement on the ice, in the classroom and in the community with the Mandi Schwartz Student-Athlete of the Year award given by ECAC

Hockey and the Sarah Devens Award given jointly by ECAC Hockey and Hockey East. Marcon earned the Coaches' Award for her efforts on and off the ice as a team leader.

“It’s so awesome playing here because there’s such a strong support system and the facilities are great, obviously. Not everyone can say they’ve had the Frozen Four at their school.”

– Melissa Samoskevich '19



Bobcats earn third straight NCAA berth

The women's basketball program earned a third consecutive NCAA tournament berth in March. The 11th-seeded Bobcats battled sixth-seeded South Dakota State in the opening round at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, New York.

Redshirt senior Jen Fay and senior Paula Strautmanc combined for 40 points and 14 rebounds in a 76-65 loss to the Jackrabbits. Fay, the Female Senior Athlete of the Year at Quinnipiac, also scored 25 points in an 81-51 victory over Marist for the program's third straight MAAC crown.

Fay became the first player in program history to win four conference championships and play in four NCAA tournaments.

Quinnipiac finished the season at 26-7 and undefeated in the MAAC at 18-0, its fourth unbeaten regular season in conference play in program history. The Bobcats extended their MAAC winning streak to 52 games, the 10th-longest conference winning streak in NCAA history and the longest in MAAC history.

Quinnipiac Women's Basketball was the only program in the nation to be ranked in the top 10 in scoring defense, turnover margin and total steals. The team also scored a number of MAAC postseason awards, including Tricia Fabbri as Coach of the Year, Taylor Herd as Sixth Player of the Year, Aryn McClure as All-MAAC First Team and MAAC All-Tournament Team, Fay as All-MAAC Second Team and MAAC Tournament Most Outstanding Player, and Strautmanc as All-MAAC Second Team and MAAC All-Tournament Team.



Young leads Quinnipiac to postseason play

Graduate student Cameron Young, who scored a MAAC record 55 points at Siena in February, ended his career as the MAAC Player of the Year. Overall, the Bobcats earned the No. 3 seed in the MAAC tournament and finished the year with a 16–15 record—the program's first winning season since 2013–14—to earn a postseason bid for the fifth time in school history.

Along the way, the Bobcats finished the season ranked No. 5 nationally in 3-point shooting with 11.2 per game. Quinnipiac opened the season at No. 9 Villanova, the defending national champion and the highest-ranked opponent the program has played in its history.

In addition to Young, several Bobcats were honored by the MAAC including Rich Kelly on the All-MAAC Second Team and Tyrese Williams on the All-MAAC Rookie Team. The MAAC's All-Academic Team featured Travis Atson, Kelly, Kevin Marfo, Jacob Rigoni, Aaron Robinson, Andrew Robinson and Young.

Young also earned an invitation to the NABC All-Star Game at the Final Four in Minneapolis and a spot on the NABC Division I All-District team. He finished his career with 1,350 career points in 70 games for the Bobcats to average 19.3 points per game, a program record. He also set a Division I single-season record at Quinnipiac with 728 points in 2018–19, the third-most points in a season regardless of division.

BUCKET LIST

- Opened season at defending national champion Villanova
- Earned fifth postseason appearance in program history
- Ranked No. 5 nationally in 3-point shooting (11.2 per game)



Bobcats reach league title game

6

Quinnipiac made a postseason appearance for the sixth consecutive year, advancing to the MAAC championship game.

13

Eamon Whelan finished last year tied for No. 10 nationally with 13 goals. He scored in 11 games for the Bobcats and was honored by the MAAC, United Soccer Coaches, New England Soccer Journal and CoSIDA.

49

Rashawn Dally was selected with the 49th pick in the 2019 MLS SuperDraft by FC Cincinnati.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC Offensive Player of the Year: Eamon Whelan

All-MAAC First Team: Rashawn Dally, Jeppe Haehre, Eamon Whelan

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Jordon Bennett, Dejan Duric



Quinnipiac returns to MAAC postseason

14

Fourteen Quinnipiac players recorded a point last season, including four freshmen.

74

Jess Cascio played 74 games in her career, the second most in program history and most in the Bobcats' Division I era.

222

Olivia Myszewski has recorded 222 saves in her career, which ranks fifth all-time at QU.

HONORS AND AWARDS

All-MAAC Second Team: Jess Gargan, Al Pelletier, Selena Salas

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Selena Salas

MAAC All-Academic Team: Madison Borowiec, Jess Cascio, Isabel Dunning, Charlotte Edmunds, Katrina Friedman, Jess Gargan, Kelsey Goldring, Ally Grunstein, Kylie Lance, Devan Malcolm, Olivia Myszewski, Sarahkate Norton, Al Pelletier, Hannah Reiter, Mackenzie Tibball, Lauren Triglione



Bobcats reach MAAC title game

4

Goalkeeper Nick DiMuccio finished the season ranked No. 4 nationally with 13.88 saves per game.

5

Foster Cuomo finished his Quinnipiac career with 102 goals and 156 points to rank No. 5 in program history in both categories.

15

Sophomore Jake Tomsik is one of only 15 Quinnipiac players to reach 100 career points.

HONORS AND AWARDS

All-MAAC First Team: Will Abbott, Jake Tomsik

All-MAAC Second Team: Foster Cuomo

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Will Abbott, Nick DiMuccio, Demitri George

MAAC All-Tournament Team: Foster Cuomo, Mike Fletcher



Beckett, Deegan earn All-Rookie honors

5

Freshman Maddie Deegan scored five goals against Siena to become the first freshman since 2017 to score five times in a game.

8

The Bobcats finished eighth nationally in free position scoring percentage at 48.7%.

19

Quinnipiac scored 19 goals on March 6 against Hartford, the highest single-game total since a 20-11 win over LIU Brooklyn in 2013.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Gabby Beckett, Maddie Deegan

MAAC All-Academic Team: Ashley Bobinski, Victoria Bobinski, Aubrey Conti, Julia Corrice, Haley Everding, Brianna Fitzgerald, Jenna Henningsen, Bianca Kaluta, Allie Kelsey, Allison Kuhn, Kayla Moreau, Cara O'Meally, Alexa Paul, Alyssa Quivelli, Taylor Sanna, Mara Smith, Kristen Sobolewski, Ellie Swenson, Megan Szawlowski, Sami Walters



Bobcat runners earn best MAAC finish since 2014

2

Quinnipiac finished second at the season-opening Stony Brook Invitational. One week later, Michael Kiernan finished second individually at the Siena Invitational.

6

All six returning runners at the Stony Brook Invitational recorded personal-best finishes on the 6K course.

10

The Bobcats finished in the top 10 percent of their sport in the NCAA's Academic Progress Report. It marked the fourth straight season the program was recognized.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC Runner of the Week: Tommy Consalvo (October 10)

MAAC All-Academic Team: Matthew Allen, Ryan Ansel, Tommy Consalvo, Michael Kiernan, Ben Lanza, Joseph Lazzaro, John McMahon, Jeff Venter



Quinnipiac finishes third at New England's

4

Four of Quinnipiac's top-five finishers at the Siena Invitational placed in the top 15. Kaitlin Bakas earned a top-10 finish.

15

Kaitlin Bakas led the Bobcats at the MAAC Championships with a 15th-place finish in 22 minutes, 28.4 seconds.

21

The Bobcats finished 21st at the NCAA regional meet. Morgan Voight was Quinnipiac's top finisher in 74th place.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC Runner of the Week: Morgan Voight (October 10)

MAAC All-Academic Team: Kaitlin Bakas, Amanda Carlson, Meghan Curtin, Kaitlyn Hebert, Danielle Marcone, Maria Ricalton, Elizabeth Songer, Sara Wilcox, Morgan Voight

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Kate Gihorski



Bobcats reach NIRA semifinals

1

The Bobcats hosted the inaugural Rugby Barefoot Touch Tournament to raise money for the Dominic Yoia Endowed Scholarship funds.

4

Emily Roskopf became the first player in program history to be named a four-time NIRA All-American.

72

Freshman McKenna Haz led Quinipiac with 72 points, including 28 conversions.

HONORS AND AWARDS

NIRA All-American: Mikah Maples, Emily Roskopf

MA Sorensen Award: Emily Roskopf, finalist



Quinnipiac advances to national semifinals for fourth straight year

2

Camren Diaz and Melanie Mancini were named NCATA All-Americans.

5

The Bobcats posted a five-game winning streak during the season, the second longest in program history.

27

Quinnipiac placed a league-best 27 student-athletes on the NCATA academic honor roll.

HONORS AND AWARDS

ECAC Athlete of the Year: Camren Diaz

ECAC Specialist of the Year: Cassidy Osher

ECAC Coach of the Year: Mary Ann Powers

All-ECAC: Camren Diaz, Carly Duval, Asia Johnson, Melanie Mancini, Erin Redding

All-ECAC Honorable Mention: Karen DiFilippo, Megan Hamel, Cassidy Osher



Bobcats reach MAAC championship for second time

7

The Bobcats won all seven points in two MAAC matches last season. The team has accomplished that feat every year since joining the league in 2013-14.

11

Hielke Moore and Patrick Cachapero won 11 doubles matches in 2018-19 and finished 4-1 in MAAC play.

18

Alester Magalit earned 18 singles wins in 2019, the most of any Quinnipiac player.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC Rookie of the Year: Alester Magalit

All-MAAC Second Team Singles: Patrick Cachapero, Hielke Moore

All-MAAC Second Team Doubles: Patrick Cachapero, Aleksa Martinovic, Hielke Moore, Axel Stern

MAAC All-Academic Team: Patrick Cachapero, Hielke Moore, Axel Stern, Austin Yannone



Quinnipiac extends MAAC regular-season winning streak

43

The Bobcats have won 43 consecutive regular-season matches in the MAAC, the longest active streak in Division I tennis.

58

Courtney Nash won more than 58 percent of her matches last season for the highest winning percentage on the team.

70

Jennifer Lu finishes her Quinnipiac career with 70 singles wins, second-most in program history.

HONORS AND AWARDS

All-MAAC First Team Singles: Jennifer Lu, Courtney Nash, Kamilla Nella

All-MAAC First Team Doubles: Payton Bradley, Kamilla Nella

All-MAAC Second Team Singles: Payton Bradley, Layla Rodriguez, Dominique Vasile

All-MAAC Second Team Doubles: Jennifer Lu, Layla Rodriguez

MAAC All-Academic Team: Payton Bradley, Proyfon Lohaphaisan, Jennifer Lu, Alexandra Mircea, Layla Rodriguez, Dominique Vasile, Stephanie Yanosov, Amy Zammarieh



4x800 relay team breaks school record

2

The 4x800 relay team of Emily Young, Brooke Hagen, Meghan Curtin and Ahmetra Davies broke the school record—twice in two days—at the ECAC Indoor Championships with a time of 8:56.10.

4

Britney Del Mundo set a school record and finished fourth in the triple jump at the MAAC Indoor Championships after leaping 11.37 meters.

60

Symone Foster took second in the MAAC Indoor Championships in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.66 to break the program record.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC All-Academic Team: Kaitlin Bakas, Kelsey Coughlin, Meghan Curtin, Britney Del Mundo, Lizzy Dew, Jillian DiGiacinto, Emily Dryzgula, Brooke Hagen, Karissa Laramie, Amy Laverty, Samantha Leal, Danielle Marcone, Michaela Mendygral, Maria Ricalton, Kaleigh Roberts, Meaghan Scullin, Ellie Songer, Carly Timpson, Morgan Voight, Marlo Wehrer, Sara Wilcox, Emily Wolff



Best finish in program history at New Englands

1

Freshman Kalli'ana Botelho became the first Bobcat in program history to compete in the heptathlon: 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, 800-meter run and javelin. She finished third at the SCSU Northeast Combined Events Challenge in April.

4

The Bobcats finished fourth out of 41 teams at the New England Championships for the best team finish in program history.

400

Marlo Wehrer won the 400-meter hurdles at the MAAC Outdoor Championships with a time of 1:00.26. Wehrer also was part of the 4x400-meter relay team with Aisha Gay, Meaghan Scullin and Melissa Solomon that took first at the MAAC Outdoor Championships in 3:54.77.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC Outdoor Track & Field Rookie of the Meet: Kalli'ana Botelho



Bobcats finish season on three-game win streak

4

For the fourth straight year, a Quinnipiac field hockey student-athlete was chosen to play in the NFHCA All-Star Game. Last season, the Bobcats were represented by Elisa Ruiz Martinez.

9

Inès Ruiz Martinez finished the season tied for the national lead with nine defensive saves. She led the country with 0.6 defensive saves per game.

15

Freshman Brooke Whipkey led the team in scoring with 15 points, recording six goals and nine assists.

HONORS AND AWARDS

All-Big East Second Team: Elisa Ruiz Martinez

NFHCA All-Mideast Region Second Team: Elisa Ruiz Martinez

NFHCA Division I Scholars of Distinction: Jess Halley, Brooke Whipkey



Lai compiles best season in program history

1

Queenie Lai ended the season with the lowest scoring average in program history at 75.82.

2

The Bobcats tied Dayton for second place at the MAAC Championship at Magnolia Golf Course in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

145

Luciana Tobia graduated as Quinnipiac's all-time leader with 145 birdies.

HONORS AND AWARDS

MAAC Golfer of the Month: Alexandra Sazhin (October)

MAAC Golfer of the Week: Queenie Lai (March 6, 13, 20)

MAAC All-Academic Team: Kaelyn Chi, Queenie Lai, Alexandra Sazhin, Luciana Tobia, Elena Ybarra



Three Bobcats earn all-MAAC honors in Barrow's inaugural season

1

First-year head coach Hillary Barrow earned her first career victory Feb. 15 after beating Holy Cross, 5-2.

5

Erin Larsen's on-base percentage of .439 ranked fifth in the MAAC.

60

Freshman Lauren King recorded 60 strikeouts last season and posted the fifth-lowest ERA in the MAAC.

HONORS AND AWARDS

All-MAAC Second Team: Erin Larsen

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Alexis Otero, Lauren King

MAAC All-Academic Team: Kendall Brundrett, Brigid Douglas, Erin Larsen, Rachel Marchuk, Taylor Troyan



Miller leads Quinnipiac to second postseason victory

2

Maria Pansari finished the season with 3,470 career assists to rank second on Quinnipiac's all-time list.

7

Kyle Robinson was hired as the seventh head coach in program history on Jan. 17.

34

Kat Miller recorded 34 kills in a postseason victory over Niagara on Nov. 15 to set a Quinnipiac record for single-match kills.

HONORS AND AWARDS

All-MAAC First Team: Kat Miller

MAAC All-Rookie Team: Lydia Jones

MAAC All-Academic Team: Natalie Alechko, Gabby Horman, Lauren Miller, Kaleigh Oates, Maria Pansari, Alejandra Rodriguez, Morgan Sherwin



Paying it forward

Quinnipiac's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee hosted the 3rd Annual Boomer's Boo Bash last fall outside of the Rec Center on the Mount Carmel Campus.

Dozens of area children spent the afternoon trick-or-treating and playing games with their favorite Quinnipiac student-athletes. The event featured prizes, a costume contest, photos with Boomer and candy. Along with reaching out to local children at the Boo Bash, Quinnipiac's student-athletes proudly give back to the Hamden and North Haven communities each year. Here are just a few examples:

Men's ice hockey defenseman Brandon Fortunato, above left, and women's ice hockey forward Kenzie Lancaster, above right, are among the student-athletes who have volunteered their time. Last season, men's ice hockey and men's basketball read to children at Green Acres Elementary School in North Haven. Likewise, the women's basketball team volunteered at West Woods Elementary School in Hamden.

Softball team members helped to elevate the profile of Special Olympics Connecticut, and women's lacrosse helped to organize the Friendship Walk to promote inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The cross country and track teams also volunteered at the North Haven Memorial Library.

SOME OF THE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Boomer's Boo Bash, Mount Carmel Campus
- Green Acres Elementary School, North Haven
- North Haven Memorial Library
- Special Olympics Connecticut
- Friendship Walk



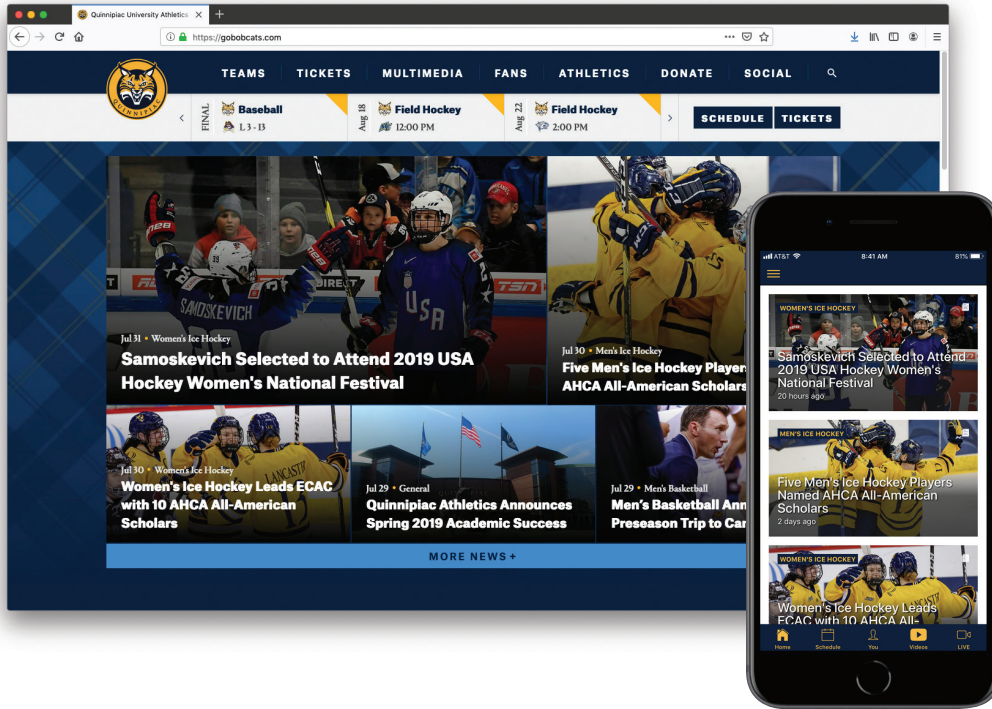
Gillian Scott of the acrobatics & tumbling team volunteered her time to do some face painting at Boomer's Boo Bash last fall.



Looking good

On the heels of a new \$30 million sports complex that includes the Quinnipiac Field Hockey Stadium and the Quinnipiac Soccer & Lacrosse Stadium, Athletics launched the People's United Center locker room branding project this year.

The locker room refreshes include updated amenities, inspired designs and custom graphics that reflect the success, commitment and tradition of men's and women's basketball and men's and women's ice hockey.



In the news

The all-new gobobcats.com, an enhanced and redesigned website, provides fans with a fun, user-friendly experience while they follow their favorite Bobcats athletic programs.

The website includes a score ticker at the top of the page for easy access to scores, schedules and rosters. Likewise, multiple stories will be featured on the home page when the website is opened to keep fans up-to-date on the latest features, game recaps and other content.

Additionally, Quinnipiac Athletics launched a new mobile app this spring with a sleek design to give fans an interactive way to get all the latest news and scores in #BobcatNation. Within the app, fans can choose their favorite Quinnipiac sports teams for even easier access to game starts, final scores and news.

In March, Quinnipiac served as the host institution for the NCAA Women's Frozen Four at the People's United Center for the second time in school history. The university hosted the Frozen Four in 2014 as well. This time, No. 1 seed Wisconsin joined No. 2 seed Minnesota, No. 4 seed Clarkson and unseeded Cornell in Hamden. Wisconsin won its fifth national championship with a 2-0 victory over Minnesota to cap the weekend's festivities.



Supporting Quinnipiac Athletics

More than 400 individuals joined the Bobcat Club—the team that supports the teams—last year. An annual gift of \$100 or more to any athletic program qualifies for membership.

Last year, Bobcat Club members were invited to two special events. Longtime college basketball broadcaster Bill Raftery spoke at a season tipoff reception for men's and women's basketball. A similar gathering, a faceoff reception for men's and women's ice hockey, also was held. Future events include pregame receptions at campus and off-campus venues as well as opportunities to meet coaches and athletic administrators. Save the date for the 2019 faceoff reception Sept. 12 and for the tipoff reception Oct. 30.

In another show of support for Quinnipiac Athletics in March, more than 2,200 donors gave nearly \$146,000 to the Bobcat Challenge. Over those five days, Quinnipiac's 21 sports programs competed against each other to see which programs could raise the most support from alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and fans. The funds help provide better equipment, travel opportunities, better academic support and career mentoring.

On the women's side, acrobatics & tumbling and field hockey finished with the most donors in the Bobcat Challenge with 505 and 466, respectively. On the men's side, soccer and lacrosse were the top finishers. Soccer had 104 donors and lacrosse had 71.

The 28th Annual Bill Mecca Roundball Open in May was another successful fundraising event for student-athletes. Once again, the tournament was played at two venues to accommodate the tremendous interest in what has become a great day of golf with friends. Shown above from left are Stephen Jandreau '82, Marc Austin '83, Kevin Morgan Sr. '84 and Louis DelMastro '82.

There are other ways to support Quinnipiac's athletic programs. People also can go to gobobcats.com to purchase season tickets, group tickets and single-game tickets.



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