

From the A.D.'s Desk



Dear Friends of Saint Anselm College,

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We will begin this edition by highlighting several NCAA Division II Championship berths this fall! Women's soccer got things started when team was [selected to its second-consecutive NCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championship](#). The Hawks entered the tournament with 10 wins (for the second-straight year) and battled to a 1-1 draw with Bridgeport before [losing in penalty kicks](#). Four student-athletes earned [NE10 All-Conference accolades](#), led by **Olivia Gotobed**, who posted seven goals and five assists in 2022.

Volleyball entered the 2022 NCAA Division II East Region Championship [as the #7 seed](#) with a record of 20-9. The Hawks [pulled off a First Round upset](#) of #2-seeded Daemen with an impressive 25-23, 25-22, 25-17 sweep of the Wildcats in the program's first straight-set NCAA postseason victory. Saint Anselm, making its fourth NCAA postseason appearance over the last six years, would [fall in the East Region semifinal](#) by a score of 3-1 to rival SNHU. **Lauren Casey** and **Audrey Wetjen** were both [named to the NCAA Division II East Region All Tournament Team](#).



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Jane Harrington became the first women's cross country student-athlete since 2003 to qualify for the NCAA Division II Nationals when she recorded the fastest 6K time of her career to [finish seventh out of 144 runners at the NCAA Division II East Region Championship](#). Harrington's performance earned an at-large bid to the National Championship, which takes place in Seattle on Friday, December 2. Her teammates finished fifth overall, matching the program's best NCAA Regional effort in at least 25 years.

The nationally-ranked field hockey team [punched its ticket to the 2022 NCAA Division II Field Hockey Championship](#) earlier this week and will play in the First Round on Sunday, November 27. This will be the program's fifth NCAA Championship appearance since the 2016 season—all under the leadership of Head Coach **Carolyn King-Robitaille**, who was [named the Northeast-10 Coach of the Year](#) in 2022. **Maggie Malloy** was [chosen as the NE10 Player of the Year](#) while **Mackenzie McConnell** [earned the league's Goalkeeper of the Year award](#).

Football [won its final game of the 2022 season](#) to finish with a record of 6-4, the program's first winning campaign since 2014. Eight student-athletes were recognized by the NE10 with All-Conference awards, led by **Anthony Brown**, [tabbed as First Team All-Conference](#) at wide receiver. Women's tennis also had a strong ending to its fall season, [qualifying for the NE10 postseason for the first time since the 2010-11 campaign](#).

This fall marked the [debut of women's golf as a varsity sport](#) at Saint Anselm, and the women's bowling team [also began competition as a varsity sport](#) on the Hilltop. Newcomers **Alora Assad** and **Nicole Butkus** led the team in scoring average for women's golf, while **Ruth Magana** was [recognized at the Lady Eagles Invitational in Baltimore last weekend](#) by posting the highest individual single-match score of the two-day tournament (246 against Chestnut Hill).

With fall sports wrapping up with exciting NCAA postseason opportunities still in progress, we turn our attention to our winter sports teams who have all gotten underway. With a 9-3-1 record in league play, our women's ice hockey team is [in pursuit of the New England Women's Hockey Alliance's automatic qualifying bid to the National Collegiate Women's Ice Hockey Championship](#) to be held in mid-March.

Our men's ice hockey team [opened its season with a 5-2-1 overall record](#) and will compete in two tournaments before the New Year, while both basketball teams recently tipped off their 2022-23 seasons. We hope to see alumni, family, and friends at Stoutenburgh Gym and Sullivan Arena in the days and weeks ahead!



On behalf of everyone in the Athletics Department, we wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving from the Hilltop.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daron Montgomery".

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