

From the AD's Desk



Dear Friends of Saint Anselm College,

As we press pause on our academic and athletic pursuits for the holidays, the Department of Athletics would like to reflect on a successful first semester on the Hilltop.

- The Saint Anselm College fall athletic programs had an incredible showing in 2025, highlighted by conference championships, all-conference honors, and impressive academic performances. Saint Anselm College had the honor to host Northeast 10 Conference Championships for men's and women's golf, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, and women's soccer.
- The eight fall athletic programs earned 39 All-Conference honors while representing Saint Anselm College this season. Academically, all of the Saint Anselm College athletic programs assisted in earning the President's Award for Academic Excellence, which recognizes colleges that earned an Academic Success Rate of 90% or higher.
- The women's soccer program brought home its first Northeast 10 Conference Championship since 1991, defeating Franklin Pierce in penalty kicks to advance to the NCAA Tournament. Head coach Lee Moyce was named the conference's Coach of the Year in his debut season, leading a program-record 11 student-athletes to All-Conference recognition. Sophomores Meghan Deneen and Kaitlyn LeBrun were awarded D2CCA All-Region honors while they were joined by senior Nina Muir and sophomore Catherine McCarthy on the United Soccer Coaches All-Region list. We are proud of our student-athletes and coaching staff for their hard work and perseverance.
- The nationally-ranked field hockey team took home its third NE10 Championship in its history, defeating Bentley in double overtime to reach the NCAA Tournament for the eighth time in program history. The Hawks were led by the East Region Coaching Staff of the Year, selected by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association, led by head coach Carolyn King-Robitaille in her fourteenth season. Seven student-athletes were named to All-Conference teams while five Hawks were selected to All-Region status by the NFHCA. Millie Forster had a standout senior season, being named the NE10 Defensive Player of the Year, appearing on the NFHCA Senior Team, and earning First Team All-America selections from the NFHCA and Synapse Sports. Joining Forster on the Synapse All-America list were sophomore Meghan Carey and freshman Breanna Shorey.
- Junior Nursing major and field hockey student-athlete Colleen Stankiewicz was the recipient of the NE10 Elite 24 Award, which honors the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average (GPA) participating at the finals site at each NE10 Championship. She held an impressive 3.959 cumulative grade point average at the time of the NE10 title game.
- The winter programs are off to a hot start, as women's ice hockey leads the New England Women's Hockey Alliance standings with an 11-2-1 mark. Freshman goaltender Kayla Czukoski was named the Hockey Commissioner's Association National Women's Goaltender of the Month for her strong play in November. The men's ice hockey team is 3-3-1 in conference at the break, and will return to action on home ice on Friday, January 2 in our first contest of the second semester. Men's basketball is 8-3 at the break, highlighted by a five-game winning streak spanning from mid-November to early December. Women's basketball is off to a perfect 6-0 start, their best mark through six games since the 2019-20 campaign. The men's and women's indoor track & field teams began their slate with a first and third place finish, respectively, at the PSU Winter Classic earlier this month. The Hawks return to action on Saturday, January 17 back in Plymouth.

New Hire: We are pleased to welcome Alyssa Williamson to the Hilltop as the ninth head coach in the 44-year history of the softball program. Williamson comes to the Hilltop after a four-year stint at the University of Maine-Farmington, where she guided the Beavers to two North Atlantic Conference playoff appearances. She is a proven program builder whose commitment to competitive excellence, academic accountability, and student-athlete well-being aligns perfectly with Saint Anselm's mission. We are excited about the leadership, energy, and vision Coach Williamson brings to our softball program.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Go Hawks!

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