

# Men & Women's Rowing History

## 2021-2022

**OUA Rowing Championships:** Women 7<sup>th</sup> | Men 8<sup>th</sup>

**Canadian University Rowing Association Championships:** Women 9<sup>th</sup> | Men 11<sup>th</sup>

The 2021/22 season was a successful return to sports for the Gryphon's rowing team as they added another three medals to their collection at the OUA championships. Both rosters had significant turnover this season, including the loss of last season's silver medal winner Grace Hutton. This year's conference championship was altered from the previous season with the event now taking place on a single day. Representing the women's team was 2<sup>nd</sup>-year Hayley Chase who secured a bronze medal in the Women's Singles. With a time of 8:48.044 she was just 16 seconds away from gold. Alongside her on the podium was 4<sup>th</sup>-year Abbegayle Smith, who captured OUA bronze in the Women's Lightweight Singles with a time of 8:56.160. Kurtis Sobkowich (4<sup>th</sup>-year) was the men's lone OUA medal winner this season with a silver medal finish in the Men's Lightweight singles. A 10-second gap separated him and third place. The Gryphons went on to the Canadian University Rowing Association championships where they captured two top-ten finishes in individual races. The women's team finished 9<sup>th</sup> and the men finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 18 schools. Kurtis Sobkowich continued his impressive season with a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Men's Open Single, just 2.58 seconds away from capturing another medal. Representing the women, Hayley Chase rowed to a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish, just 8 seconds away from the podium.

### Gryphon Medalists at 2019 OUA Rowing Championships

#### SILVER

Kurtis Sobkowich (Men's Lightweight Single)

#### BRONZE

Abbegayle Smith (Women's Lightweight Singles)

Hayley Chase (Women's Singles)

#### Team Awards

Student-Athlete Mentor Award - Clayton White (Men's Rowing)

### 2021-22 Coaching Staff:

**Head Coach:** Dave Leger (10<sup>th</sup> season)

**Assistants:** Ashley Hosker, Brian Sulley, Mike Alcorn, Michelle St. Pierre, Pearl Schachter, Peter Cookson, Alan Payno Montoya, Garrah Parkes

**Team Manager:** Maira Hunt, Maryn Work

### 2021-22 Roster:

#### Men:

Kayne Boyall  
Andrew Jones  
Thomas Lacheur

Cedric Pecora  
Adrian Colin Rodenburg  
James Rourke

Kurtis Sobkowich  
Mark Teeter  
Caelan Weber-Martin

#### Women:

Hayley Chase  
Kira Darou-Santos  
Kirpa Dhillon  
Sequoia Elson  
Claire Gardiner  
Emily Gow

Kiera Hickie-Bentzen  
Emily Jenkins  
Alia Masood  
Vanessa Peters  
Sarah Ribey  
Isabelle Schwarz

Jennelle Smeltzer  
Abbegayle Smith  
Madison Thomas  
Rhianne Whittaker  
Tess Wortley

## 2020-2021

### SEASON CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

### 2020-21 Coaching Staff:

**Head Coach:** Dave Leger (9<sup>th</sup> season)

**Assistants:** Ashley Hosker, Pearl Schachter, Peter Cookson

**Novice Coach:** Brian Sulley

**Assistant Varsity Coaches:** Jack Wilhelmk, Michelle St. Pierre,

**Coordinator & Coach:** Novice Program: Mike Alcorn

**Team Manager:** Maira Hunt, Maryn Work

### 2020-21 Roster:

#### Men:

Kayne Boyall  
Quinn Everett  
Mitchell Flach  
Karl Grambow

Christopher Lim  
James Lovett  
Cedric Pecora  
Colin Rodenburg

Kurtis Sobkowich  
Mark Teeter  
Darian Zuraw

#### Women:

Hayley Chase

Kirpa Dhillon

Sequoia Elson

Claire Gardiner  
Emily Gow  
Jaelis Holmes  
Paige Hutchinson  
Grace Hutton

Emily Jenkins  
Amelia Krelove  
Alia Masood  
Juliana Nunes  
Vanessa Peters  
Kate Pollock

Sarah Ribey  
Isabelle Schwarz  
Abbegayle Smith  
Rhianne Whittaker  
Sabrina Wong  
Tess Wortley

## 2019-2020

**OUA Rowing Championships:** Women 7<sup>th</sup> | Men 8<sup>th</sup>

**Canadian University Rowing Association Championships:** Women 9<sup>th</sup> | Men 8<sup>th</sup>

The Guelph Gryphons rowing teams came into 2019 looking to build on last year's successes including a women's program defining bronze medal at the Canadian University Rowing Association Championships. The team looked to build throughout the season by participating in 4 regattas before the OUA Championships. Grace Hutton ascended the podium at the OUA Championships in St. Catharines, ON, coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's 1X race while the Women's 4+ team grabbed a gold in the development race. The Gryphons were inches away from multiple podium finishes in various races as the men had three 5<sup>th</sup> place finishes and pair of 6<sup>th</sup> place finishes. The rowers headed across the country to Elk Lake, B.C. for the 2019 Canadian University Rowing Association Championships. The men would improve on their performance last year and come 8<sup>th</sup> in the team standings while the women came in 9<sup>th</sup> in the team standings. Grace Hutton and Caelan Weber-Martin came in 5<sup>th</sup> in their individual races while the men's heavyweight 8+ team came in 6<sup>th</sup> in their team race. The future looks bright for the Gryphons as they accomplished nine Top 10 finishes at the Canadian University Rowing Association Championships.

### Gryphon Medalists at 2019 OUA Rowing Championships

#### Gold

- Kirpa Dillon, Emily Jenkins, Abbegayle Smith, Darian Zuraw, and coxswain Nicole Gaul (Women's Development 4+)

#### SILVER

- Grace Hutton (Women's 1X)

#### Team Awards

Men's M.V.P. – Caelan Weber-Martin

Women's M.V.P. – Grace Hutton

### 2019-20 Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Dave Leger (8<sup>th</sup> season)

Assistants: Mike Alcorn, Peter Cookson, Ashley Hosker, Fiona McCrea, Pearl Schachter, Brian Sulley, Jack Wilhelm

Team Manager: Garrah Parkes

Student Manager: Maira Hunt

### 2019-20 Roster:

Anthony Ciaccia  
Mitchell Flach  
Thomas Gordon  
Karl Grambow

Andrew Knoop  
James Lovett  
Colin Rodenburg  
Mark Teeter

Caelan Weber-Martin  
Clayton White

Jessica Baker  
Genevieve DesOrmeaux  
Sarah East  
Katherine Flaherty

Paige Hutchinson  
Grace Hutton  
Amelia Krelove  
Madelaine Landell

Samantha McCarthy  
Kate Pollock  
Rhianne Whittaker

## 2018-2019

**OUA Rowing Championships:** Women 4<sup>th</sup> | Men 10<sup>th</sup>

**Canadian University Rowing Association Championships:** Women 3<sup>rd</sup> | Men N/A

From the opening Guelph Invitational all the way to the Canadian University Rowing Championship, the Gryphons had a memorable year on the water. There were several great results throughout the OUA season, including the annual stops at the Head of the Trent and Brock regattas. It was the Guelph women who began to rise above the competition thanks in part to fifth-year star Carly Zanatta. Zanatta had several first-place finishes throughout the season, both on her own in the single lightweight races and also when competing in lightweight double events with bow partner Kaitlyn Dennis. The Gryphon men, led by male MVP Caelan Weber-Martin, had several strong races, including many where boats were within a second of a top-three finish. The team built on those results at the OUA Rowing Championships on Henley Rowing Course in St. Catharines. Guelph would reach the podium six times at the conference regatta, including gold medals from Zanatta in the lightweight single and from Emma de Wit and Claire Benwood in the lightweight pair. Zanatta and Dennis teamed for silver in the lightweight double and Guelph had bronze medal performances in the heavyweight women's double, the lightweight women's four, and the lightweight women's eight. The Gryphon women finished fourth, with the men placing 10<sup>th</sup>. Zanatta would cap the season with three medals at the Canadian Rowing Championship. Her and Dennis took gold in the lightweight double, she placed second for silver in the lightweight single, and in the lightweight four, Zanatta teamed with Dennis, de Wit, Benwood, and coxie Genevieve Desormeaux to earn a bronze. Guelph's women finished second overall at nationals, the best ever result in program history.

## Gryphon Medalists at 2018 OUA Rowing Championships

### GOLD

- Carly Zanatta (Lightweight Women's Single) \* OUA All-Star status \*
- Emma de Wit & Claire Benwood (Lightweight Women's Pair) \* OUA All-Star status \*

### SILVER

- Carly Zanatta & Kaitlyn Dennis (Lightweight Women's Double)

### BRONZE

- Erin Boulton & Jessie Drzewicki (Heavyweight Women's Double)
- Katherine Flaherty, Amelia Krelove, Sarah East, Kathryn Pollock, Genevieve Desormeaux (Lightweight Women's 4)
- A. O'Neill, Kaitlyn Dennis, Emma de Wit, Claire Benwood, Sarah East, Amelia Krelove, Genevieve Desormeaux, Kathryn Pollock, Katherine Flaherty (Lightweight Women's 8)

## Gryphon Medalists at 2018 Canadian University Rowing Championships

### GOLD

- Carly Zanatta & Kaitlyn Dennis (Lightweight Women's Double)

### SILVER

- Carly Zanatta (Lightweight Women's Single)

### BRONZE

- Carly Zanatta, Kaitlyn Dennis, Emma De Wit, Claire Benwood, Genevieve Desormeaux (Lightweight Women's 4)

## Canadian University Rowing Association - Major Award Winners

CURC Women's Coach of the Year – Mike Alcorn

### Team Awards

Men's M.V.P. – Caelan Weber-Martin

Women's M.V.P. – Carly Zanatta

### 2018-19 Coaching Staff:

Head Coach: Dave Léger (7<sup>th</sup> season)

Assistant Coach: Brian Sulley

Assistant Coach: Mike Alcorn

Assistant Coach: Fiona McCrea

Assistant Coach: Jack Wilhelm

Assistant Coach: Peter Cookson

Assistant Coach: Pearl Schachter

Assistant Coach: Ashley Hosker

Team Manager: Garrah Parkes

Student Manager: Maira Hunt

### 2018-19 Roster:

Griffin Bailey

Alexander Boland

Karl Grambow

Mykael Hughes-Mussio

Andrew Knoop

Benjamin Milligan

Justin Salvucci

Caelan Weber-Martin

Clayton White

Claire Benwood

Erin Boulton

Emma De Wit

Kaitlyn Dennis

Genevieve Desormeaux

Jessie Drzewicki

Madeleine Duncan

Sarah East

Katherine Flaherty

Kelsey Hill

Maira Hunt

Paige Hutchinson

Catherine Jany

Amelia Krelove

Madeleine Landell

Samantha McCarthy

Audrey-Lynn O'Neill

Kassandra Pedenko

Kathryn Pollock

Michelle Ragany

Carly Zanatta

## 2017-2018

OUA Championships: Women 3<sup>rd</sup>, Men 9<sup>th</sup>

Canadian University Rowing Association Championships: Women 4<sup>th</sup>, Men 8<sup>th</sup>

Gryphon rowing coach Dave Léger referenced an old saying this year – medals are won in the winter. That captured this year's edition of the team, a hard-working group that put in the necessary training to perform well when the OUA schedule commenced. Guelph's rowers had some good results in the first couple regattas of the season in London and the local event, the Guelph-Mac-Challenge. By the end of September, the Gryphons were on the rise and sent eight boats to the famous Head of the Trent regatta in Peterborough. Kaitlyn Dennis and Carly Zanatta were first in the lightweight women's double, while Zanatta placed second in the lightweight women's single. There was another second-place finish from the lightweight women's four of Ashley Hosker, Kate Pollock, Claire Benwood and Emma De Wit and the men's heavyweight eight of Alex Boland, Gordon McGinn, Griffin Bailey, Karl Grambow, Kolton Segers, Caelan Weber-Martin, Clayton White, Mykael Hughes-Mussio and coxie Madeleine Landell came in third. Dennis and Zanatta proved to be a formidable duo again in an OUA Championships tune-up at the Brock Regatta, taking first in the heavyweight pairs but then producing an impressive second in the lightweight pairs, a more unfamiliar single oar format for the two. The Gryphons returned to the Canadian Henley Rowing Course in St. Catharines for the OUA's at the end of October and finished third in the women's team standings, with the men placing ninth. The team took home five medals, including the lone gold by Dennis and Zanatta in the heavyweight pairs and a well-earned bronze from the men's heavyweight four of White, Weber-Martin, Hughes-Mussio and Boland. A week later at the Canadian University

Rowing Championships, the women finished fourth in the team standings and the men came in eighth. Dennis and Zanatta capped a memorable season with silver in the lightweight double, with Zanatta taking another silver in the lightweight single.

Griffin Bailey	1L	Karl Grambow	1L	Gordon McGinn	1L	Caelan Weber-Martin	2L
Alexander Boland	4H	Mykael Hughes-Mussio	2L	Kolton Slegers	1L	Clayton White	2L
Claire Benwood	3L	Madeleine Duncan	1L	Maira Hunt	2L	Kathryn Pollock	1L
Erin Boulton	1L	Annika Engholm	1L	Catherine Jany	1L	Michelle Ragany	1L
Kaitlyn Dennis	4H	Christine Flaherty	2L	Brin Krueger	1L	Sarah Vantfoort	3L
Genevieve Desormeaux	1L	Kelsey Hill	2L	Madeleine Landell	1L	Carly Zanatta	2L
Emma De Wit	2L	Ashley Hosker	3L	Madeline McGrath	1L		

### **Awards Summary**

#### **OUA All-Stars**

Kaitlyn Dennis  
Carly Zanatta

#### **Team Awards**

Women's MVP- Kaitlyn Dennis  
Men's MVP- Clayton White

### **Coaching Staff**

Head Coach: Dave Léger

Assistants: Michael Alcorn, Myles Cameron, Peter Cookson, Fiona McCrea, Brian Sulley, Jack Wilhelm

Manager: Garrah Parkes

## **2016-2017**

OUA Championships (team results): Women 5<sup>th</sup>, Men 11<sup>th</sup>

Canadian University Rowing Association Championships (team results): Women 6<sup>th</sup> Men N/A

For the first time in school history, a member of the Gryphons women's varsity rowing team was named OUA Rower of the Year. Third year single sculler Carly Zanatta took home the honour after a sensational 2016 season that saw her capture a total of four individual medals (2 at the OUA championships, 2 at the Canadian University Rowing Championships). Zanatta's Gold and Bronze medals in the lightweight singles and heavyweight singles at the OUA Championships helped the Gryphons women's team finish 5<sup>th</sup> out of 13 schools in the final team standings. At the Canadian University Rowing Championships in Welland, which the Gryphons co-hosted alongside Western University, Zanatta helped lead the Gryphons women's team to a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in the team standings in a field of 17 schools. The Gryphons competed in a total of six regattas during the season, with Zanatta achieving podium finishes at each of the six regattas.

Other strong contributions to the women's rowing team in 2016-17 include the lightweight double of Katie Dennis and Sarah Vantfoort and the heavyweight women's four of Olivia Shotyk, Megan Kamachi, Zyra Edwards, Kerin Hudson and Ainsleigh Hennig.

The Gryphons varsity men's rowing team were made up of a smaller than usual roster in 2016-17. At the OUA Championships, the men's four placed 7<sup>th</sup> and the men's double was 9<sup>th</sup>. However, due to a limited number of events at CURC's, the Gryphons men's team was not represented at the year-end national event. The Gryphons co-hosted the Canadian University Rowing Championships, which were held in Welland. Gryphons head coach Dave Léger, who was instrumental in helping the Gryphons be named co-host of CURC's, was named the recipient of the prestigious President's Award for his outstanding contributions to the sport.

Alexander Boland	3L	Aidan Hickie-Bentzen	2L	Caelan Weber-Martin	1L
Myles Cameron	3L	Mykael Hughes-Mussio	1L	Clayton White	1L
Claire Benwood	2L	Kelsey Hill	1L	Erika Schwass	3L
Kaitlyn Dennis	3L	Ashley Hosker	2L	Olivia Shotyk	4H
Emma De Wit	1L	Kerin Hudson	2L	Irene Tanneur	1L
Chantal Dzisiak	3L	Maira Hunt	1L	Sarah Vantfoort	2L
Zyra Edwards	3L	Megan Kamachi	3L	Carly Zanatta	1L
Christine Flaherty	1L	Siobhan Mellors	1L		
Ainsleigh Hennig	5L	Harriet Minc	1L		

**Head Coach:** Dave Léger

**Assistant Varsity Coach:** Jack Wilhelm

**Assistant Varsity Coach:** Fiona McCrea

**Assistant Varsity Coach:** Tanya Lonsdale

**Novice Coach:** Brian Sulley

**Novice Coach:** Rob James

**Coordinator & Coach, Novice Program:** Mike Alcorn

**Coach, Novice Program:** Matt Larter

**Coach, Novice Program:** Adam Arthurs

### **Medals at OUA Championships**

Carly Zanatta – Gold – (lightweight single)

Carly Zanatta – Bronze – (heavyweight single)

### **Medals at CURA Championships**

Carly Zanatta – Silver (single)

Carly Zanatta – Bronze (lightweight single)

### **OUA Major Award Winners**

Carly Zanatta – OUA Female Rower of the Year

### **Canadian University Rowing Association - Major Award Winners**

Dave Léger – President’s Award (outstanding contributions to the sport)

### **Team Awards**

MVP (M) – TBD

MVP (W) – TBD

## **2015-2016**

OUA Championship Results: Women 9th; Men 10th

Following intense winter training and summer racing seasons, the smaller varsity team embarked on the 2015 campaign with optimism and enthusiasm. With a modified strength and conditioning program and new selection standards, the team was challenged to take their performance to the next level.

At the OUA Championships, hosted by Brock, the Gryphons men’s team took part in a limited number of entries and placed 10<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools in the final team standings. The men’s 4 with coxswain: Katherine De Klerk (cox), Lukas Hilgendag, Alexander Boland, Matthew Larter and Justin Salvucci finished first in the B Final, 7<sup>th</sup> overall; the lightweight men’s double: Gregory Hanta and Myles Cameron finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the B Final, 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

The Gryphon women’s rowing team finished 9th out of 12 schools at the OUA Championships. Highlighting the regatta for the Gryphons was the women’s 4+ (Ainsleigh Hennig, Erika Schwass, Zyra Edwards, Megan Kamachi, Kerin Hudson) who edged out Brock’s crew for third place, and earned the first OUA podium finish for a Gryphon crew boat since 2011. Lightweight women’s 2x (Kaitlyn Dennis and Sarah Vantfoort) qualified for the A final and finished with a strong fifth place while first-year Sarah Vantfoort placed fourth in the lightweight women’s 1x.

Alexander Boland	2L	Jacob Devries	1L	Aidan Hickie-Bentzen	1L	Matthew Larter	4H
Myles Cameron	2L	Gregory Hanta	4H	Lukas Hilgendag	3L	Justin Salvucci	1L
Claire Benwood	1L	Zyra Edwards	2L	Megan Kamachi	2L	Erika Schwass	2L
Katherine De Klerk	4H	Ainsleigh Hennig	4H	Sarah Kassenaar	3L	Olivia Shotyk	3L
Kaitlyn Dennis	2L	Ashley Hosker	1L	Rachel Keirstead	1L	Sarah Vantfoort	1L
Chantal Dzisiak	2L	Kerin Hudson	1L	Rachel Malcove	1L	Emily Walsh	1L

Coach: Dave Léger

Assistants: Mike Alcorn, Allie Golding, Rob James, Dan Noble, George Payne, Brian Sulley, Pat Weir, Jack Wilhelm

Manager: Michelle St. Pierre

## **2014-2015**

OUA Championship Results: Women 8th, Men 10th

CURC (Canadian University Rowing Championships) Results: Women 9th, Men 15th

This past year saw many strong races by Gryphon Rowing crews. Several races stood out as particularly noteworthy this season.

Brock Invitational: LM2x (Gregory Hanta, Matthew Larter) - 6th overall, LM4+ (Gregory Hanta, George Payne, Myles Cameron, Matthew Larter, Michelle St. Pierre) - 6th overall

Head of the Charles 2014: Collegiate Women’s 4+ (Nicole Abernethy, Dale Hewett, Rachael Kearns, Olivia Shotyk, Erika Schwass) - 8th overall (retain entry)

Guelph Development Invitational: JV Women’s 2x (Megan Kamachi, Emily Gill) and JV Women’s 4+ (Amy Vandeneyn, Kaitlyn Dennis, Audra Worsley, Chantal Dzisiak, Ainsleigh Hennig) - 1st overall

OUA Championships: M4+ (Daniel Noble, Matthew Howlett, Cameron Elgie, Alexander Boland, Katie De Klerk) - 7th in A final, LW2x (Sarah Kassenaar, Angela Strong) - 3rd in B final

Canadian University Championships: W8+ (Sarah Kassenaar, Erika Schwass, Jasmine Carter, Emily Gill, Megan Kamachi, Rachael Kearns, Olivia Shotyk, Dale Hewett and Nicole Abernethy) - 7th overall , LM4+ (Ben Watson, Gregory Hanta, Myles Cameron, Matthew Larter and Katherine De Klerk) - 7th overall

Alexander Boland	1L	Cameron Elgie	3L	Matthew Howlett	3L	George Payne	5L
Myles Cameron	1L	Gregory Hanta	3L	Matthew Larter	3L	Benjamin Watson	1L
Nicole Abernethy	3L	Lukas Hilgendag	2L	Daniel Noble	1L	Angela Strong	3L
Jasmine Carter	2L	Zyra Edwards	1L	Sarah Kassenaar	2L	Amy Vandeneyn	1L
Katherine De Klerk	3L	Emily Gill	1L	Rachael Kearns	2L	Audra Worsley	1L
Kaitlyn Dennis	1L	Ainsleigh Hennig	3L	Erika Schwass	1L		

Chantal Dzisiak	1L	Dale Hewett	2L	Olivia Shotyk	2L
		Megan Kamachi	1L	Michelle St. Pierre	4H

Coach: Dave Léger

Assistants: Mike Alcorn, Allie Golding, Rob James, Iain Storosko, Brian Sulley, Jack Wilhelm

Manager: Anik Hanning

### Team Awards

MVP (M) – Matthew Larter

MVP (W) – Olivia Shotyk

## 2013-2014

OUA Championship Results: Women 9th, Men 9th

CURC (Canadian University Rowing Championships) Results: Women 6th, Men 11th

This year at the 2013 OUA Championship Regatta in St. Catharines, Ont. the Gryphons qualified a total of four boats into the finals. The top finishers were the men's lightweight 4+, who were fourth overall facing off against six other boats. With a strong race, the crew (Matthew Dupuis, Mike Alcorn, Matthew Larter, Iain Storosko and Ainsleigh Hennig) held off the University of Toronto, McGill and McMaster boats for Guelph's highest finish of the championship. Finishing fifth was the women's 2x, including the team of Julie Calvert and Madelaine Thiel who finished fifth in the finals. The lightweight women's double team of Ariel Lenske and Angela Strong continued their run of strong performances in heats and advanced to finals with a sixth place finish. Lastly, the women's four team (Rebecca Bell, Dale Hewett, Marisa Toffolo, Rachael Kearns and Michelle St. Pierre) finished a close third in their heat, and sixth overall in the finals.

At the Canadian University Rowing Championship in Montreal, the men's team placed 11th and the women placed sixth overall.

Michael Alcorn	2L	Lukas Hilgendag	1L	Matthew Larter	2L	Iain Storosko	3L
Calin Deguefe	2L	John Hillier	4H	George Payne	4H	Jackson Wittig	4H
Matthew Dupuis	1L	Christopher Lach	1L	Ian Pierce	2L		
Nicole Abernethy	2L	Anik Hanning	3L	Rachael Kearns	1L	Michelle St. Pierre	3L
Rebecca Bell	4H	Ainsleigh Hennig	2L	Ariel Lenske	5L	Angela Strong	2L
Julie Calvert	1L	Dale Hewett	1L	Amy McClure	4H	Madelaine Thiel	3L
Jasmine Carter	1L	Krisandra Ivings	4H	Teresa Reitz	4H	Marisa Toffolo	1L
MacKenzie Charter	1L	Sarah Kassenaar	1L	Olivia Shotyk	1L	Madelaine Tregenza	1L
Katherine De Klerk	2L						

Coach: Dave Leger

Assistants: Christian Baxter, Allie Golding, Anik Hanning,  
Krisandra Ivings, Rob James, Craig Lehmann,  
Brian Sulley, Jack Wilhelm

### Awards Summary

**OUA Awards:** Rob James – Novice Men's Coach of the Year

### Team Awards

MVP of the Year (Men) – George Payne

MVP of the Year (Women) – Amy McClure

## 2012-2013

OUA Championships: Men 7th; Women 9th

Mark Henry (Brampton, Ont.) led the Gryphons at the OUA Championship regatta in St. Catharines, Ont. this year, winning gold in the lightweight men's single and bronze in the heavyweight men's single to lead the Gryphon men's team to a seventh place finish. The Gryphons carried this tempo to the Canadian University Rowing Championships where they came in seventh. Henry added another impressive race to claim silver in the lightweight singles as well as a bronze in the heavyweight singles.

On the women's side, the Gryphon team finished ninth overall at the OUA Championships. Emily Jago (London, Ont.) led the Gryphons; she fell just short of the podium to finish fourth in the women's single. At the Canadian University Rowing Championships, the women's squad was able to bounce back to take a sixth place finish with Tani Weber (Flesherton, Ont.) leading the Gryphons with her sixth place performance in the women's heavyweight singles.

Michael Alcorn	1L	Mark Henry	4H	Justin Michael	3L	Iain Storosko	2L
Patrick Boivin	1L	John Hillier	3L	George Payne	3L	Jackson Wittig	3L
Gregory Hanta	2L	Matthew Larter	1L	Ian Pierce	1L	Tyler Yukick	1L
Nicole Abernethy	1L	Emily Barham	1L	Rebecca Bell	3L	Morgan Brown	3L

Calin Deguefe	1L	Krisandra Ivings	3L	Cailey MacDonald	2L	Angela Strong	1L
Katherine De Klerk	1L	Emily Jago	3L	Amy McClure	3L	Madelaine Thiel	2L
Anik Hanning	2L	Emily Kosakowski	1L	Teresa Reitz	3L	Tani Weber	5L
Ainsleigh Hennig	1L	Ariel Lenske	4H	Michelle St. Pierre	2L		

Coach: Dave Leger  
 Assistants: Rob James, Craig Lehmann, Don Lewis,  
 Cristin McCarty, Brian Sulley, Mike Veltri,  
 Jack Wilhelm

Manager: Colleen Best

### Awards Summary

**OUA All-Stars:** Mark Henry

### **Team Awards**

MVP of the Year (Men) – Mark Henry

MVP of the Year (Women) – Emily Jago

## 2011-2012

The Gryphon rowing team had another very impressive performance at the OUA Championship Regatta in St.Catharines this season. Individually, the Gryphons captured four medals. The men placed fifth and the women placed sixth in the overall team standings for the OUA.

Kerith Gordon (Halifax, NS) led the women's team capturing a silver medal in the Women's Lightweight Singles. The Lightweight Women's Fours won bronze and included teammates Ariel Lenske (Cowichan Bay, BC), Teresa Reitz (Erin, ON), Erin Stephenson (Waterloo, ON) and Michelle St. Pierre (Flesherton, ON).

On the men's side, the Gryphons earned a bronze in the men's Lightweight Singles from Mark Henry (Brampton, ON). Henry and crew mate Tyler Wilson (Port Dover, ON) teamed up to take another Bronze in the Lightweight Men's Doubles in a barn-burner of a race.

At the Canadian University Rowing Championships in Welland, Gordon captured a national silver in the Women's Lightweight Singles. Her results propelled the Women's team up two places in the overall team standings from ninth in 2011 to seventh this year. Gordon also won the B Final in the Women's Lightweight Doubles with partner Tani Weber (Hamilton, ON).

Gregory Hanta	1L	Craig Lehmann	1L	Alex Patrician	2L	Alexander Stephen	1L
Mark Henry	3L	Bruce MacKenzie	1L	George Payne	2L	Tyler Wilson	4H
John Hillier	2L	Justin Michael	2L	Zach Ramsay	1L	Jackson Wittig	2L
Meagan Anstruther	1L	Anik Hanning	1L	Cailey MacDonald	1L	Erin Stephenson	2L
Rebecca Bell	2L	Kirsten Henderson	3L	Amy McClure	2L	Michelle St. Pierre	1L
Lindsay Bennett	1L	Krisandra Ivings	2L	Teresa Reitz	2L	Madelaine Thiel	1L
Morgan Brown	2L	Emily Jago	2L	Chloe Sciuk	1L	Tani Weber	4H
Kerith Gordon	4H	Ariel Lenske	3L				

Coach: Alan Oldham  
 Assistants: Colleen Best, Kevin Bowman, Dave Leger,  
 Mike Veltri, Jack Wilhelm

Manager: Colleen Best

### Awards Summary

### **Team Awards**

MVP of the Year (Men) – Mark Henry

MVP of the Year (Women) – Kerith Gordon

## 2010-2011

The Gryphon rowing team had a very impressive performance at the OUA Championship Regatta in St. Catharine's this season. Individually the Gryphons captured three medals.

Men's team captain Mark Henry (Brampton, Ont.) captured OUA gold in the men's lightweight singles final. Henry executed a brilliant finish in the final 500m of the 2000m race to capture Guelph's first men's OUA gold medal in 30 years with a winning time of 7:15.6. Adam Rabalski (Guelph, Ont.) earned OUA silver in the men's heavyweight singles final in a time of 7:22.3. This was his first OUA medal and his second and final OUA Championships as a Gryphon oarsman as he will be graduating in 2011. Leading the Gryphon women's team was Kerith Gordon (Halifax, N.S.) who took OUA bronze in the women's lightweight singles final with a time of 8:06.8.

At the Canadian University Rowing Championships in Victoria, the Gryphon men captured three medals. Adam Rabalski captured a gold medal. Mark Henry captured silver in the lightweight men singles. The duo of Tyler Wilson (Simcoe, Ont.) and Mike Veltri (Simcoe, Ont.) took bronze in the lightweight men's doubles.

Andre Boraks	1L	Justan Lougheed	1L	Adam Rabalski	2L	Michael Veltri	2L
Chris Britton-Foster	1L	Justin Michael	1L	Iain Storosko	1L	Tyler Wilson	3L
Mark Henry	2L	Alex Patrician	1L	Jeremy Tomaszewski	1L	Jackson Wittig	1L
John Hillier	1L	George Payne	1L				
Lauren Arthurs	2L	Abby Greenbloom	2L	Ariel Lenske	2L	Erin Stephenson	1L
Rebecca Bell	1L	Kirsten Henderson	2L	Amy McClure	1L	Slyvie Vigneux	1L
Morgan Brown	1L	Krisandra Ivings	1L	Heather Reid	2L	Tani Weber	3L
Kerith Gordon	3L	Emily Jago	1L	Teresa Reitz	1L	Catherine Zidar	2L
Nicole Gough	3L						

Coach: Alan Oldham  
 Assistants: Colleen Best, Steve Lee, Dave Leger,  
 Owen Martin, Jack Wilhelm, Svend Wortley

Manager: Nicole MacLean

### Awards Summary

#### **Team Awards**

M.V.P Men – Mark Henry

M.V.P Women – Kerith Gordon

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## **2009-2010**

Championship Results: OUA – Men 8<sup>th</sup>; Women 5<sup>th</sup>

The Gryphon rowing team endured a very exciting season this year, with the men placing eighth and the women finishing fifth at the OUA Championships on the waters of the Royal Canadian Henley Course. Overall the Gryphons captured a total of four OUA medals, which is the best showing ever for the Gryphon Rowing Team.

Guelph's first OUA rowing gold in 30 years was awarded to Kerith Gordon (Halifax, NS) and Nicole Gough (St. Catharines, ON) for their winning performance in the women's lightweight doubles. Mark Henry (Brampton, ON) and Jakub Kwiecinski (Brantford, ON) took silver in men's lightweight doubles. Bronze medals came in the women's doubles of Kirsten Henderson (Ottawa, ON) and Courtney Kiss (Picton, ON), who stroked the best race of the season. Ian Edwards (Layton, ON), racing in the men's singles also took bronze, emerging from a four boat side by side battle through the last 1000m to capture the third medal position.

Ian Edwards	2L	Jakub Kwiecinski	4H	Ian Turner	1L	Tyler Wilson	2L
Mark Henry	1L	Adam Rabalski	1L	Michael Veltri	1L		
Lauren Arthurs	1L	Abby Greenbloom	1L	Ariel Lenske	1L	Danielle Sullivan	1L
Kerith Gordon	2L	Kirsten Henderson	1L	Danielle Naylor	1L	Tani Weber	2L
Nicole Gough	2L	Courtney Kiss	3L	Heather Reid	1L		

Coach: Brian Sulley  
 Assistants: Jess Blom, Dave Leger, Owen Martin,  
 Alan Oldham, Chris Wade, Jack Wilhelm, Svend Wortley

### Awards Summary

#### **Team Awards**

M.V.P Men – Jakub Kwiecinski

M.V.P Women – Kerith Gordon

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## **2008-2009**

Overall, the women finished 8<sup>th</sup> while the men were 11<sup>th</sup> at the OUA Championships. After a long drought, Guelph finally regained their place on the medal podium at the OUA Rowing Championships, taking bronze in the Women's Lightweight Double Sculls. This thrilling performance by rookie athletes Kerith Gordon (Halifax, NS) and Samantha Fairley (Port Dover, ON) was backed up by a solid season from a smaller, leaner 2008 crew, including sixth place finishes in the Women's Heavyweight Single Scull and Men's Heavyweight Double Scull. Although the remaining five crews were unable to advance to the finals, Guelph's return to the medal podium has proven that the renewed emphasis on year-round training, and focusing on a smaller, more elite team, has already shown significant benefits. With a record number of athletes training hard this winter, 2009 will be an even more exciting year.

Ian Edwards	1L	Thomas Kane	1L	Owen Martin	1L
Latham French	3L	Jakub Kwiecinski	3L		

Hannah Anderson	1L	Samantha Fairley	1L	Monika Hauck	1L	Tani Weber	1L
Jessica Blom	3L	Kerith Gordon	1L	Courtney Kiss	2L		
Julia Bruzzese	2L	Nicole Gough	1L	Amanda Murdoch	4H		

Coach: Brian Sulley

Assistants: Don Leclair, Chris Wade, Jack Wilhelm

### Awards Summary

#### **Team Awards**

M.V.P – Julia Bruzzese

## **2007-2008**

Although a very positive season in terms of team growth and spirit, this was very much a rebuilding season for the team, with the women finishing eighth and the men finishing eleventh at the OUA Championships. Rookies and young veterans did bring a great deal of positive attitude however, which helped significantly to mitigate the loss of the more veteran rowers. One of the highlights of the Championships was in the Women's Heavyweight Singles where Julia Bruzzese (Thunder Bay, Ont.) took third in her heat to advance to the final and placed fifth overall. Focusing on bringing the incoming experience and fitness level up for 2008, the winter training program was re-vamped by coaches Tanya Lonsdale and Fiona McCrea and implemented largely by coach and former Gryphon rower Liam Brennan. With fundraising activity at an all-time high, and our new home on Guelph Lake ready for the 2008 season, the future of the program is brighter than ever.

Mike Ackland	1L	Wesley Ernst	4H	Jakub Kwiecinski	2		
Ryan Black	3	Latham French	2	Matt Simpson	1L		
Dave Corston	2	John Hauser	4H	Tyler Wilson	1L		
Megan Balsillie	3	Courtney Kiss	1L	Veronica Porter	3	Arielle Stockdale	3
Catherine Barrington	1L	Adeline Koon	1L	Sonia Preisler	1L	Lauren Tucker	3
Jessica Blom	2	Katrina Laquian	2	Erin Priestley	2	Mallika Viegas	1L
Julia Bruzzese	1L	Jenn McCallum	1L	Chasity Savage	1L		
Emilia Graca	1L	Amanda Murdoch	3	Hannah Skotty	3		
Marianna Horn	1L	Erin Pasloski	3	Alison Smith	1L		

Coach: Brian Sulley

Assistants: Liam Brennan, Walter Kehm, Tanya Lonsdale, Fiona McCrea, Jack Wilhelm

### Awards Summary

#### **Team Awards**

M.V.P – Veronica Porter

## **2006-2007**

This season was expected to be a rebuilding year for the Gryphons. However, the Gryphs put in a strong performance, suggesting the next few years hold a great deal of promise. Overall, the women finished seventh while the men finished eighth. With the bulk of the crew comprised of first and second-year athletes, these placings were not unexpected. Looking forward, next season looks promising with a large group of returning athletes heavily involved in winter training and competing for various clubs throughout the summer. Next fall will also see the Gryphons move to a new home at the west end of Guelph Lake. A very exciting future lies ahead.

Ryan Black	2	Latham French	1L	Charles Inthathirath	2	Tim McCormick	2
Andre Boraks	1L	Myles Harding	4H	Jakub Kwiecinski	1L	Kyle Vernest	1L
Wesley Ernst	3	John Hauser	3	Ian Lovett	1L		
Megan Balsillie	2	Katrina Laquian	1L	Amanda Murdoch	2	Sherry Scott	1L
Jessica Blom	1L	Alison Leahey	1L	Erin Pasloski	2	Hannah Skotty	2
Greer Boyce	1L	Charlotte MacFarlane	1L	Veronica Porter	2	Jessica Southall-Millward	1L
Lindsay Davis	4H	Nicole MacLean	1L	Erin Priestley	1L	Arielle Stockdale	2
Christine Gibb	1L	Bonnie McGinty	1L	Whitney Radforth	3	Erin Trombley	1L
Crystal Hyatt	3	Melinda Montgomery	2	Allison Schneider	1L	Lauren Tucker	2

Coach: Brian Sulley

Assistants: Walter Kehm, Tanya Lonsdale, Fiona McCrea, Jack Wilhelm

## **2005-2006**

The Guelph Rowing Program has shown significant growth, both in numbers and in performance. Although more medals were won in 2004, Guelph's overall standing was raised considerably this year. Entering more events than ever before, the Gryphons are now on their way to being able to field a crew in every event. The women finished 6th overall in the standings, one spot up from 2004. The men finished 5th overall, one point behind McGill and also much improved compared to 2004. Individually, Kerry Trainor captured the silver in the Women's Open Single, hot on the heels of a member of Canada's National Team. The future of the Gryphon rowing program is looking better than ever.

(No.: indicates letters earned in that sport, 1L: indicates 1<sup>st</sup> letter earned, H: indicates Honour Award - 4 or more letters earned over 4 years)

Ryan Black	1L	Andrew Elgar	3	Myles Harding	3	Tim McCormick	1L
Liam Brennan	3	Wesley Ernst	2	Charles Inthathirath	1L	Steve Morris	1L
David Dittmar	2	Eric Fyon	1L	David Lamb	3		

Megan Balsillie	1L	Sonya Kamp	2	Erin Pasloski	1L	Kerry Trainor	2
Lindsay Davis	3	Alissa Lumsden	4H	Veronica Porter	1L	Lauren Tucker	1L
Brie Edwards	4H	Melinda Montgomery	1L	Julia Prajza	1L		
Julia Herzog	1L	Amanda Murdoch	1L	Whitney Radforth	2		
Crystal Hyatt	2	Nina Paddock	2	Arielle Stockdale	1L		

Coach: Brian Sulley  
Assistants: John Hauser, Walter Kehm, Jeff Kirchner, Don Lewis,  
Tanya Lonsdale, Fiona McCrea, Jack Wilhelm

## Academic All-Canadians

David Dittmar, David Lamb  
Lindsay Davis, Brie Edwards, Crystal Hyatt, Kerry Trainor

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars -  
OUA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars -  
OUA MVP -  
OUA Rookie of the Year -  
OUA Coach of the Year -

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Meredith Vandermeer

## 2004-2005

2004 proved to be incredibly successful for the Gryphon crew. With the loss of many 2003 crew members to graduation, it was expected to be a rebuilding year. As it turned out, this could not have been further from the truth. The crew's efforts culminated with 2 silver medals and a bronze at the OUA Championships and a 4th place finish overall on the Women's side. Victoria Jewett captured silver in the Women's Open Single and joined forces with Kerry Trainor to claim silver in the Women's Double as well. The Women's Lightweight Four comprised of Alissa Lumsden, Nina Paddock, Whitney Radforth, Lauren Wells and coxswain Lindsay Davis, took the bronze. At the Canadian University Rowing Championships, Victoria Jewett captured the bronze in the Women's Open Single.

(No.: indicates letters earned in that sport, G: indicates Gold G - 1<sup>st</sup> letter earned, H: indicates Honour Award - 4 or more letters earned over 4 years)

Liam Brennan	2	Andrew Elgar	2	John Hauser	2	Brett Moodie	2
David Corston	1L	Wesley Ernst	1L	Jeff Kirchner	4H		
David Dittmar	1L	Myles Harding	2	David Lamb	2		

Jessica Baines	3	Brie Edwards	3	Michelle Lenarduzzi	1L	Kimberley Pokocky	4H
Meg Brison	4H	Crystal Hyatt	1L	Alissa Lumsden	3	Whitney Radforth	1L
Annie Davies	2	Victoria Jewett	4H	Gillian Nichols	1L	Kerry Trainor	1L
Lindsay Davis	2	Sonya Kamp	1L	Nina Paddock	1L	Lauren Wells	4H

Coach: Brian Sulley  
Assistants: Walter Kehm, Don Lewis, Jack Wilhelm

## Academic All-Canadians

Brett Moodie  
Meg Brison, Brie Edwards

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars -  
OUA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars -  
OUA MVP -  
OUA Rookie of the Year -  
OUA Coach of the Year -

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Victoria Jewett

## 2003-2004

In 2003, the Gryphons fielded the largest crew ever. Without a doubt, they also had their best performance yet at the OUA Championships. Victoria Jewett captured a bronze medal in the Heavyweight Singles while the Women's Lightweight Coxed Four and the Men's Lightweight Doubles posted 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes. Jewett went on to represent Guelph at the Canadian University Rowing Championships where she placed 6<sup>th</sup>. At the Indoor World Rowing Championships, Rugby Gryphon Leanne Ashworth finished 11<sup>th</sup> and was the second fastest Canadian female. Overall, the team set tougher standards for next season.

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Liam Brennan	1G	Myles Harding	1G	Jens Koblitz	1G	Brett Moodie	1G
Graeme Cunningham	1G	Jeff Kirchner	3	David Lamb	1G	Paul-Britman Rapai	1G
Andrew Elgar	1G	Rob Knight	1G	Shawn MacDonald	2	Robert Sainsbury	1G

Ashley Alton	2	Emily Di Sante	1G	Sara Kalechstein	2	Ashley Robinson	1G
Jessica Baines	2	Carolyn DiMeo	1G	Kristen Keller	1G	Katherine Stuart	1
Meg Brison	3	Brie Edwards	2	Alissa Lumsden	2	Lauren Wells	2
Tiffany Clarke	3	Kimberly Henry	1G	Katie MacDonell	2	Megan Willie	1G
Emily Clegg	1	Eleanor Hopkins	1G	Meredith McNulty	2		
Annie Davies	1G	Karen Hough	2	Kimberley Pokocky	3		
Lindsay Davis	1G	Victoria Jewett	3	Jessica Rando	1G		

Coaches: Walter Kehm, Ben Millen, Kelli MacCulloch, Bill Rivers, Brian Sulley, Jack Wilhelm  
Manager: Elise Tatone

## Academic All-Canadians

Meg Brison, Brie Edwards, Meredith McNulty

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars -  
OUA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars -  
OUA MVP -  
OUA Rookie of the Year -  
OUA Coach of the Year -

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Jeff Kirchner

## 2002-2003

2002 was a year to apply what was learned from the mistakes and successes of the previous season. At the OUA Championships in St. Catharines, a definitive victory over Toronto earned the Women's 8+ a berth in the final. The next race saw the Women's Double earn a silver medal in a fantastic race against Queens. The Women's Four rowed to a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in their field. In the last women's event, the Open Women's 8+ final, the Gryphons ended up in 5<sup>th</sup> spot. In men's action, the Open Men's 4+ fought hard against an elite field to finish 7<sup>th</sup>. The Men's Lightweight Four finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of seven. Dan Larson was awarded the Novice Coach of the Year.

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Mark Hallman	1G	Jeff Kirchner	2	Shawn MacDonald	1G	Ryan Munn	2
John Hauser	1G	Thomas Le Maguer	1G	John Moore	2	Julian Sulatycki	1G
Ashley Alton	1G	Karin Grubb	2	Alissa Lumsden	1G	Kim Pokocky	2
Jessica Baines	1G	Karen Hough	1G	Katie MacDonell	1G	Elise Tatone	2
Meghan Brison	2	Victoria Jewett	2	Meredith McNulty	1G	Lauren Wells	1
Tiffany Clarke	2	Sara Kalechstein	1G	Sara Mohr	1G		
Brie Edwards	1G	Tanya Kozlovic	1G	Sarah Norris	1G		

Coaches: Colin Darling, Walter Kehm, Ben Millen, Bill Rivers, Brian Sulley

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars -  
 OUA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars -  
 OUA MVP -  
 OUA Rookie of the Year -  
 OUA Coach of the Year -

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Jeff Kirchner

## 2001-2002

In its first official season, the Rowing crew had an exciting season. At the OUA Novice Championships, the Women's A Eight team comprised of Lauren Wells, Julie Catania, Katherine De Guerre, Katie Mountjoy, Sara Kalechstein, Karen Hough, Annie Davies, Tanya Kozlovic and coxswain, Melissa Koshmider, won their heat with ease and the final race to claim the championship title. The Women's B crew placed 5th in their heat following several mishaps early in the race. On the Men's side, the Novice Eight group had a rocky start to their race, but was able to keep their focus and drive to the finish line for a crew-best performance. At the OUA Varsity Championships, the Women's Heavyweight Four team of Christine Gidda, Rachel Thomas, Sarah MacPhee, Megan Walsh and coxswain, Kirsten Reader, captured the bronze. The Lightweight Women's Eight group placed 5th, a mere 15 seconds behind the first place team. With marked improvement, the Heavyweight Men's Four grabbed a 5th place finish as well and the Heavyweight Women's Eights placed 6th.

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Omar Ingthorsson	1G	Jeff Kirchner	1G	John Moore	1G	Ryan Munn	1G
Meg Brison	1G	Lisa Gainer	1G	Sarah McCans	1G	Meredith Vandermeer	1G
Marisca Carruthers	1G	Christine Gidda	1G	Isla Milne	1G	Megan Walsh	1G
Martha Carruthers	1G	Karin Grubb	1G	Kerri Nielsen	1G	Robin Wick	1G
Tiffany Clarke	1G	Victoria Jewett	1G	Kimberley Pokocky	1G		
Lisa Daley	1G	Anya Lis	1G	Kirsten Reader	1G		
Sarah Evans	1G	Paula Mackie	1G	Elise Tatone	1G		
Jasmine Frickleton	1G	Sarah MacPhee	1G	Rachel Thomas	1G		

Coach: Brian Sulley  
 Assistants: Joseph Bell, Bill Rivers, Reid McLeod, Walter Kehm

## OUA Awards

OUA 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Stars -  
 OUA 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Stars -  
 OUA MVP -  
 OUA Rookie of the Year -  
 OUA Coach of the Year -

## Team Awards

MVP of the Year – Meredith Vandermeer