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WAKE FOREST
ATHLETICS
2023-24

A WORLD CLASS

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

Wake Forest Athletics provided its 400-plus student-athletes with an opportunity to compete during the 2023-24 academic year in front of record crowds full of Demon Deacon faithful. A total of 470,792 fans and 48,945 students attended 147 Demon Deacons home contests in Winston-Salem. Throughout the year, eight teams were ranked in the top-25 and seven teams earned postseason berths as men's tennis earned a spot in the Final Four with a Winston-Salem Super Regional title, women's and men's golf competed in the NCAA championship and men's soccer extended their ACC-best NCAA tournament appearances streak. The McCreary Football Complex was officially dedicated in August, the "In Her Wake" initiative to further enhance women's athletics was implemented, and Mit Shah made another transformational commitment to men's basketball.



2024 ACC Women's Golf Champions



2023 ACC Men's Soccer Atlantic Division Champions



Wake Forest Field Hockey experiencing the Netherlands



Leia Braunagel



DK Suresh Ekamparam & Holden Koons

INTEGRITY

IN ACADEMICS, FINANCE, COMPLIANCE, INCLUSION & SAFETY

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Wake Forest's 2023-24 graduating class continued to set the standard for academic and competitive excellence. This accomplished group included a total of 113 graduating student-athletes. They collectively won more than 785 athletic contests, claimed seven Atlantic Coast Conference championships and the 2023 National Championship in women's golf! They represented 24 states and nine countries, earned 134 All-ACC Academic honors over their four years and produced three ACC Scholar Athletes of the Year. A school-record 339 Wake Forest student-athletes were also named to the 2023-24 ACC Honor Roll. Additionally, Wake Forest Athletics had a combined 96% graduation success rate from its 2013-16 cohort. The Deacs also had nine programs score a perfect 1,000 in the latest Academic Progress Rate scores in June. Men's and women's golf, and women's tennis all recorded perfect Multi-Year scores as well.



Kendron Wayman

Athletics was proud to host its graduates at an event on May 19 at the Sutton Center. Additionally, Wake Forest Athletics collaborated with its colleagues across all areas of the University to host commencement for the entire Class of 2024 and their families on Hearn Plaza on May 20.



The Weaver-James-Corrigan and Jim and Pat Thacker postgraduate scholarships are awarded to selected student-athletes who intend to pursue a graduate degree following completion of their undergraduate requirements. Each recipient receives \$6,000 toward his or her graduate education. Those honored have performed with distinction in both the classroom and their respective sport, while demonstrating exemplary conduct in the community.



Immie Gillgrass



Graduating Wake Forest student-athletes



2024 ACC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE
GARRISON TUBBS



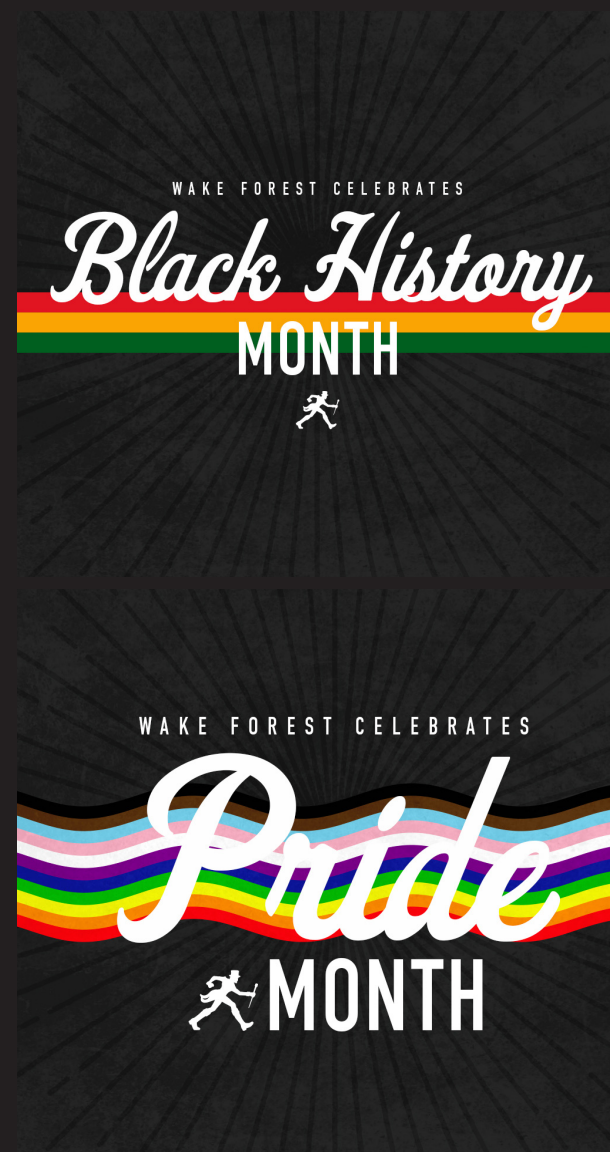
2024 ACC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE
2024 ACC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
BROOKE KILLINGSWORTH



2024 ACC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
MICHAEL JURGENS

INCLUSION HIGHLIGHTS

Wake Forest Athletics is committed to leading, educating, and supporting Demon Deacon student-athletes in addressing issues of social injustice and racial oppression. From celebrating equality, diversity, love and inclusion during Pride month, commemorating Juneteenth as a University holiday. Juneteenth is part of a rich heritage of emancipation and freedom celebrations by Africans and people of African descent throughout the Americas marking the abolition of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade in the United States.



WAKE FOREST ATHLETICS ANNOUNCES "IN HER WAKE" INITIATIVE

On National Girls and Women's Sports Day, Wake Forest launched the \$100 million "In Her Wake" initiative designed to provide centralized marketing messages that highlight the ongoing philanthropic efforts helping create a World Class Student-Athlete Experience at Wake Forest.

"In Her Wake" was created following the tremendous momentum from the celebration of 50 Years of Women's Athletics during the 2021-22 academic year, which saw 800 donors commit over \$4.1 million towards women's athletics. This fundraising effort has allowed Wake Athletics to share stories of trailblazers who came before them and the indelible mark those individuals would like to leave behind them.

These stories focused on current coaches at Wake Forest, such as track & field associate head coach Ashley Bastron, former student-athletes, such as 2024 Wake Forest Sports Hall of Fame inductees Maeke Boreel Paul and Jill Snyder-Kell and women's basketball legend Roper Halverson, and athletic donors, such as Ann Johnston, all of whom reflect on their legacies at Wake Forest as trailblazers within women's athletics.

Additionally, the "In Her Wake" initiative will further enhance scholarship support, creating opportunities in personal, leadership and career development, and provide strategic investments in areas that create a competitive advantage for individual sport programs.

This year, Truist and other lead investors have already committed over \$25 million to the "In Her Wake" initiative, as Wake Forest Athletics aims to surpass \$100 million by 2029.



ATHLETICS DONORS ACHIEVE ANOTHER RECORD GIVING YEAR

Active Participation --> More than 5,000 Individual Donors
Total Cash Gifts --> \$30.9+ Million (fourth-straight year surpassing \$30 million)
Excellence Funds (Sport-Specific Giving) --> Increased by 10%

Mit Shah Announces \$5,000,000 Commitment to Men's Basketball

Mit Shah, a 1991 Wake Forest graduate and the founder and CEO of Noble Investment Group, continued his support of Wake Athletics and the men's basketball program through another transformational gift. The gift of \$5 million continues the sustained effort to be A Model Intercollegiate Athletics Program and ensure Wake Forest is providing a World Class Student-Athlete Experience.



Wake Forest alumnus and trustee Mit Shah ('91)

Shah, who provided the lead \$12 million investment to build the Shah Basketball Complex and helped drive the creation of the Chris Paul Family Men's Basketball Clubhouse, made his latest investment in the spring of 2023 and was officially announced by the university in January.

This gift focuses on intensifying Wake Forest's strategic pursuit of basketball excellence in a highly competitive landscape and provides head coach Steve Forbes and his staff a broader means to invest in Wake's student-athlete experience, sports performance, medicine and wellness, innovation, and advanced technology. Shah's gift also includes the creation of the endowed "Shah Family Men's Basketball Scholarship," which will forever link the Shah Family with a player on the Men's Basketball team.

Mit Shah's investment has immediately energized the fan experience and atmosphere at the Joel with an enriched Wake Forest student experience, including providing a raucous new super-fan section for our local community, providing all of the tie-dye shirts for Tie-Dye Nation against Duke, and more enhancements to come.



Quincy Williams



Bob McCreary ('57) & Mit Shah ('91)



Dr. Chris Miles

Athletics Enhances Partnership with Atrium Health

Through an enhanced and innovative partnership with Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and Wake Forest University School of Medicine, healthcare for all 400-plus Demon Deacon student-athletes has been advanced in a multitude of ways, including on-campus care from trained physicians. Led by Dr. Chris Miles and Dr. John Hubbard, Wake Forest student-athletes will now receive the best care through streamlined communication systems between caregivers and Atrium Health for both medical care and surgery plans.

The partnership has led to the creation of the inaugural registered nurse sports medicine navigator dedicated to Wake Forest Athletics. This new position will assist with medical referrals and further streamline access to medical resources within the hospital system.

Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, and Wake Athletics will also continue to create opportunities for students to continue their world-class education and training while providing health services to Wake Forest student-athletes through the enhanced partnership.

Kentner Family Donation Leads to New Video Board at David F. Couch Ballpark

Following a generous gift from Pam and Jeff Kentner and their family, Wake Forest baseball announced the unveiling of a new state-of-the-art video board for the 2024 season to add to the Best Fan Experience in North Carolina.

Wake Forest partnered with Daktronics of Brookings, Montana, to create the LED-display Kentner Video Board, which stands at 23 feet high by 43 feet wide. The video board's 8-millimeter pixel spacing delivers high-resolution imagery and wide-angle visibility to fans in every seat, even during bad weather thanks to its leading environmental protection. Fans are able to see statistics, graphics and instant replay throughout the game thanks to the board's variable content zoning.



Chase Jones, Bob McCreary, President Susan R. Wentz, Michael Jurgens, Coach Dave Clawson

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP CIRCLE McCreary Football Complex Opens

The ILC has expanded significantly, now comprising 300 members—a 20% increase from the previous fiscal year. This group's new and increased contributions have generated over \$4 million in revenue.

OVERALL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

With over \$30 million in total cash gifts this past year, Wake Forest Athletics has achieved a four-year total of \$131 million, reflecting a 19% increase over the previous four years.

On Aug. 16, 2023, Wake Forest dedicated the new on-campus clubhouse for football student-athletes. The project came to life thanks to the incredible leadership of nearly 700 loyal supporters, including alumni Robert McCreary, Prentiss and Joan Baker, John and Lori Eckstein, Alan Fox, JJ and Kaye Smith, and Ben and Sally Sutton. The new complex features new lockers for 130 student-athletes, player lounge with a nutrition station, recovery area and entertainment area, training and treatment space, hot and cold plunge pools, and multipurpose space for meals, meetings and functions.



VALUE TO THE UNIVERSITY

WINSTON-SALEM AND THE TRIAD

Wake Forest baseball hosted a charity game on April 8 against NC State to benefit the Epilepsy Alliance of North Carolina. Donning special-edition lavender jerseys that were auctioned off, the program raised \$28,235.

The men's and women's soccer teams also partnered with Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist to raise more than \$10,000 for the Breast Care Center Patient Support Fund for patients in the Winston-Salem and Triad communities. The men's soccer team raised \$5,289 during their inaugural Mental Health Awareness match, with all proceeds benefitting to the Trinity Center in Winston-Salem.

Both the men's and women's soccer programs were recognized as the top ten programs in the country for their philanthropic efforts and community service over the past year. Throughout the year, Wake Forest athletics continued to demonstrate their efforts in giving back to Winston-Salem and surrounding communities, showing the entire nation the Wake Forest Pro Humanitate spirit. Included in the efforts this year, Wake Forest student-athletes partnered with numerous local organizations including A Bed and a Book, S.P.A.R.K., The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Winston-Salem, and the Second Harvest Food Bank along with Wake Forest events such as Project DESK, the Skip Prosser Literacy Program, Pump Up for Piccolo and Santa's Helper.



Seaver King



Rachel Kuehn



Wake Volleyball



Jahlane Forbes & Roald Mitchell



Cameron Hildreth



Santa's Helper



Deacon Dash



Victory Day

Highlighted by men's tennis hosting NCAA Regionals against South Carolina State and Arizona State, and Super Regionals against Stanford at the Wake Forest Tennis Center, four different teams held postseason play at home in 2023-24. Men's soccer continued its streak of NCAA Tournament appearances with a second round matchup against Indiana at Spry Stadium, men's basketball faced Appalachian State and Georgia at LJVM Coliseum, and women's golf hosted a regional at Bermuda Run Country Club.

The men's soccer program led by head coach Bobby Muuss once again showcased the Pro Humanitate spirit in 2023-24, logging more than 800 hours of community service – the fifth most of any Division I men's soccer program.

WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS



2024 ACC Women's Golf Champions!



Schooner Classic Champs

Stephens Cup Champs

Rachel Kuehn - ACC Champion

East Lake Cup Champs

ACC Celebration

WOMEN'S GOLF

The Wake Forest's women's golf team returned to the NCAA Championship for the sixth year in a row, placing ninth overall. Mimi Rhodes earned All-American honors after going even par through four rounds of play to finish inside the top-10. The Deacs continued their success from a National Championship last year, earning three regular season victories. Wake Forest also returned to the top of the ACC ranks, as they defeated Clemson in match play to win the ACC Championship for the eighth time in program history and the third in the past six years. Rachel Keuhn continued her outstanding Wake Forest career, as she won the individual ACC Championship, making it the first time that the women's golf team won the individual and team titles since 2019. Kuehn also placed first in the NCAA Regional, helping the Deacs clinch their 20th NCAA Championship appearance in program history. Kuehn, along with teammates Rhodes, Carolina Lopez-Chacarra, and ACC Freshman of the Year, Macy Pate, all received All-ACC Honors. Coach Kim Lewellen also added onto her illustrious career as she picked up her third ACC Coach of the Year award at Wake Forest.



Men's tennis celebrating Winston-Salem Super Regional Championship.

MEN'S TENNIS

Highlighted by an NCAA semifinal appearance, the third in program history and the first since 2019, the men's tennis team completed one of its most successful seasons since winning the national championship in 2018. Going into the NCAA Tournament as the sixth overall seed, Wake Forest hosted both the Regional and Super Regional rounds, beating Stanford in the Winston-Salem Super Regional final 4-1 to advance to the Elite 8 for the fourth time in school history. The Deacs defeated two-time defending National Champion Virginia 4-1 in the quarterfinals, becoming the first team to defeat the Cavaliers outdoors since 2021. The Demon Deacons finished the season with a 31-7 record and going 10-2 in the ACC. The Deacons also made the Wake Forest Tennis Center a fortress as the team went 18-1 at home. Individually, the Demon Deacons were led by a strong senior class, including Filippo Moroni, who qualified for the NCAA Tennis Individual Tournament, Luciano Tacchi and Matthew Thomson. Freshman Luca Pow experienced a breakout season for the Deacs, as he went 25-2 in singles matches. Graduate transfer Holden Koons also brought a spark to Demon Deacons, as he went 25-4 in singles matches and 24-4 in doubles matches with DK Suresh Ekambaram, finishing as the second-best doubles team in the country and qualifying for the NCAA Doubles Tournament. Moroni and DK both earned Second Team All-ACC honors in singles, while DK and Koons both earned First Team All-ACC honors for doubles. In the Singles and Doubles National Championships, Moroni advanced to the Round of 32, upsetting the second-ranked player in the country in the opening round. Meanwhile, DK and Koons advanced to the Round of 16 in the doubles tournament.



Nick Kurtz, Jack Winnay & Marek Houston

BASEBALL

Coming into the 2024 season as the consensus preseason No. 1 team in the country, Wake Forest baseball capped off a 38-22 season with a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the third season in a row. The 38 victories also marked the third-straight year the program has won 35 or more games, the longest streak since the 1997-2002 seasons. All-American Nick Kurtz continued his success from last season, leading the team with 21 home runs to earn First Team All-ACC honors and was named a Golden Spikes semifinalist. Fellow All-American Chase Burns broke the program record for most strikeouts in a single season as he went a dominating 10-1 en route to being one of only two pitchers in the history of the award to win the ACC Pitcher of the Week award six times in a season. Burns was named the ACC Pitcher of the Year, earned First Team All-ACC honors and was named a Golden Spikes semifinalist. In July, Wake Forest had six players selected in the 2024 MLB Draft including being only the second school to ever have three top-10 selections when Chase Burns went No. 2, Nick Kurtz was selected at No. 4 and Seaver King picked at No. 10.



Men's soccer celebrates 100 home victories since 2015

MEN'S SOCCER

Men's Soccer continued their dominant run, as they extended the longest NCAA tournament appearance streak in the ACC to 13-straight seasons and their fifth Atlantic Division Title in nine years, as the Demon Deacons finished the season 11-3-5. Spry Stadium continued to be the ultimate home-field advantage for the Demon Deacons as they went 8-2-3 at home and became the only program to win 100 home games since the start of the 2015 season. Head coach Bobby Muuss and his coaching staff earned their 50th ACC win in their time here at Wake, with the Demon Deacons earning 11 more conference wins than any other team in the ACC over the last nine years. Wake Forest had six players earn All-ACC selections, with senior Garrison Tubbs earning ACC Defensive Player of the Year, becoming the first Demon Deacon to win one of the ACC's year-end awards since 2018. Tubbs was also a finalist for the 2023 Mac Hermann Trophy, the award given out to the National Player of the Year, and was named a first-team All-American and a first-team Scholar-All-American. Additionally, he was named ACC men's soccer's Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



Hunter Sallis

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Finishing the 2023-24 season with a 21-14 record, the Demon Deacons reached the 20-win mark for the second time in the last three years. With 17 of those wins coming at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Stadium, the Demon Deacons are 48-7 over the last three seasons and are second in the entire country in home wins in the entire country over that span. On the court, the Demon Deacons were led by Hunter Sallis, who led the team in scoring (18.3 points per game) and was second in the ACC in scoring during league play (18.5 points per ACC game). Sallis earned first team All-ACC honors, marking the third straight year that Wake Forest has had an All-ACC selection, as well as being named the Associated Press ACC Newcomer of the Year. In the ACC Tournament, Wake Forest defeated Notre Dame 72-59 in the first round. Wake also secured home wins against Clemson, Duke, NC State, and Virginia. The Demon Deacons ended their season hosting two NIT games at LJM against App State and Georgia, highlighted by an 87-76 victory over the Mountaineers.



Elise Williams

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Demon Deacons advanced to the second round of the ACC Tournament for the fifth consecutive season as they defeated Virginia in the opening round of the tournament for the third consecutive season. The Demon Deacons finished the season 7-25 overall and 2-16 in the ACC after a season in which the Demon Deacons played against 11 NET Top-50 teams and 23 teams in the NET Top-100, causing Wake to manage the 8th hardest schedule based upon the NET Rank metric. On the court, Wake Forest hit on 204 3-pointers, the fourth most in a single-season in program court. Junior Elise Williams led the team in scoring (13.3 points per game and rebounds (5.0 rebounds per game), and passed the 1000 career point mark against Clemson this year. Williams also had a stellar month of February, where they averaged 18.1 points per game and held a 44.4 three-point percentage during Wake' Forest's nine games. Seniors Alexandra Scruggs and Kaia Harrison finished their Wake Forest careers as they both moved into the top two in program history for games played in a career.



Malik Mustapha

FOOTBALL

Wake Forest football continued to add to the winningest stretch in program history in 2023. Excluding the COVID-shortend 2020 season, Wake Forest's 53 victories since 2016 ranks third in the ACC during that span, only behind Clemson and NC State. The Demon Deacons also added three home wins during the campaign, pushing the team's record at home since 2019 to 23-7. Michael Jurgens and Malik Mustapha earned second team All-ACC honors, while Jasheen Davis, who moved up to fifth in career sacks, earned third team All-ACC honors. Wake Forest also had three players drafted in the 2024 NFL Draft, with Mustapha, Jurgens, and Caelen Carson all being selected.

WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Caiya Hanks



Casie Wooten

WOMEN'S SOCCER & WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's soccer picked up 10 victories, nine of which were shutouts, and made the ACC tournament for the second time in three years. The Demon Deacons only lost twice throughout the regular season and broke the program record for goals conceded, allowing only 15. Wake Forest ended the year 10-3-5, including a ranked win against Virginia and a draw against No. 3 North Carolina at Spry Stadium. Women's tennis made its eighth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance after earning 15 victories during the season. Six players had double-digit singles wins on the season, with Casie Wooten leading the way with 15. Wooten was selected to participate in the 2024 Singles Championships.



Michael Brennan



Rynard Swanepoel

MEN'S GOLF & TRACK AND FIELD

Men's golf advanced to their 48th NCAA Championship appearance, the most in ACC history, finishing in 16th place. Senior Michael Brennan added two more individual titles, including a second consecutive ACC Individual title. Track and Field sent four athletes to the NCAA Championships, as well as 11 All-ACC honorees following a record breaking ACC Championship meet. Leia Braunagel broke the program record for women's discus and Ashlyn Giles broke the program record for women's shot put, earning them both First Team All-ACC honors. Rynard Swanepoel, Robbie Grace and Megan Cook all set new program records this year as well in the men's 800m, women's long jump, and women's hammer throw respectively.



Nat Friedman



Emma Farrell & Ava Torrance

FIELD HOCKEY

Led by first team All-ACC selection Nat Friedman, field hockey ended the season with eight victories, including two wins against top-10 teams during the regular season. Friedman earned ACC honors for the fourth time in her career. The Demon Deacons also led the ACC in shutouts with seven.

VOLLEYBALL

For the first time since 2000-01, volleyball finished the season with 17 victories. The Demon Deacons earned eight victories against ACC opponents, marking consecutive years of eight or more conference wins in a season, a feat that has not happened since 2009-10. Head coach Randi Smart added to her non-conference record, going 9-2 against opponents outside of the competitive ACC.

BEST FAN EXPERIENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Wake The Demons

Wake The Demons in 2023 brought electricity for the Wake Forest student body ahead of the first game which features chants, cheers, and football traditions at Wake Forest University. Beginning in 2021, Wake The Demons took over the heart of campus on the night before the first home football game and kicked off with new President, Dr. Susan R. Wente, arriving via the Deacon motorcycle. With words of motivation from head football coach Dave Clawson, vice president and director of athletics John Currie, and women's golf coach Kim Lewellen, Hearn Plaza was packed with students enjoying live performances from the Spirit of the Old Gold and Black, cheerleaders and Dazzling Deacs with fireworks lighting up the sky to help cap an exciting night on the Reynolda Campus. In collaboration with the Office of Student Life, the Fan Experience team invested substantially to create a new tradition that future Wake Forest students would be able to enjoy and ultimately look forward to for years to come. This event helped drive excitement leading to the highest opening night student attendance of all time the next evening for Opening Night.



John Currie

President Susan R. Wente & Deacon mascot

Dave Clawson

Friday Night Fireworks

Born in 2020, the "night before the game" fireworks shows continued over the Wake Forest University Reynolda Campus in 2023, helping kick-off each home football game weekend to drive awareness and create excitement. Some Fridays provided unique opportunities to move fireworks shows to different campus locations in order to add to the excitement of other Wake Forest events such as soccer and basketball.



Football team captains

Football Breaks Sellout Record

Wake Forest football experience sellout crowds at four home games at Allegacy Stadium in 2023, the most in program history. Across six home games, 181,074 fans watched the Demon Deacons extend their home record to 23-7 since 2019. The average of 30,179 fans per game was also the highest median attendance since 2011. More than 21,000 students also made their presence felt at Allegacy Stadium throughout the season.



Athletics Introduces New Basketball Fan Zone

In partnership with Wake Forest students and campus leadership, along with a leadership gift from Mit Shah, Wake Forest students were able to experience gameday at LJVM like never before. For the 2023-24 season, Wake Forest athletics introduced the Screamin' Demon Fan Zone, a new and innovative student fan zone experience for select basketball games for both men's and women's basketball at LJVM. Exclusive to Wake Forest students, the fan zone provided a dynamic social atmosphere for all and featured live music, a video wall, and a variety of seating and eating areas, along with free food and non-alcoholic beverage options.

The Screamin' Demon Fan Zone was introduced on January 20th for the contest against Louisville and was used for both men's and women's basketball's major home games during the season, including the sellout contest against Duke on February 24 where the men's basketball team pulled off the upset against the Blue Devils.



Record Attendances at David F. Couch Ballpark

With Coach Tom Walter's team entering the season as the preseason No. 1 team in the country, along with coming off a trip to the College World Series last season, David F. Couch Ballpark held record-breaking attendances for the second consecutive season.

Throughout the season, Wake Forest baseball welcomed 76,888 Demon Deacon fans and 8,034 Wake Forest students over the course of 32 home games. The Couch experienced eight sellout crowds as the Demon Deacons went 25-7 at home.

Wake Forest baseball also broke the program record for largest weekend series attendance with 10,542 fans during the home series against North Carolina.

The Demon Deacons also experienced their highest opening weekend attendance with 8,270 attending their games against Fordham, Illinois, and Akron. The opening game against Fordham also broke the record for opening day attendance in program history with 3,514 fans in a soldout Couch.

The 2024 baseball season marked consecutive years of record-breaking attendance, shattering the 2023 season's record of 48,766 attendees.



LJVM Coliseum Hosted Record Crowds for Men's Basketball

For a second consecutive season, men's basketball experienced recordsetting crowds at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum during the 2023-24 season. Across Wake Forest's 19 home games, 153,436 Demon Deacon fans witnessed Coach Forbes' team go 16-1 during the regular season. Wake Forest students came in full force as well, as 15,200 came to cheer on the team at The Joel. On Feb. 24, 2024, Wake Forest defeated No. 8 Duke in front of an all-time Joel Coliseum attendance record crowd of 14,744 fans. Additionally, Wake Forest Athletics implemented an innovative fan supporter group on the baseline across from the student section and had an in-house DJ for all conference games.





LJVM Hosts Multiple High Profile Events

Along with hosting men's and women's basketball, Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum hosted a multitude of high-profile concerts, comedy shows, competitions and other events. LJVM continued to host Wake Forest's Face to Face series, which was highlighted by comedian, political commentator and former host of the Daily Show, Trevor Noah. The Joel also welcomed multiple comedians to Winston-Salem, hosting shows by Bill Burr, Bert Kresicher and Theo Von. LJVM was also home to additional sporting competitions throughout the year, including the North Carolina High School State Basketball Championships and the Bulls, Bands and Barrels Festival.



Allie Boehm

Successful Wake Forest Invitational Leads To 2025 Hosting Of ACC Championships For Track & Field And Field Hockey

Following the recent success of the Wake Forest Invitational, along with renovations to Kentner Stadium, Wake Forest was selected to host both the 2024 ACC Field Hockey and 2025 ACC Outdoor Track & Field Championships. For the second consecutive year, the Wake Forest men's and women's track and field programs held a home meet on the Reynolda Campus as the Demon Deacons hosted the Wake Forest Invitational on Friday, April 19 at Kentner Stadium. In total, 40 programs competed in the day-long event including schools from 17 states and Washington D.C., along with eight ACC conference members. Multiple facility and program records were broken during the historic event, as Rynard Swanepoel clocked 1:45.84 in the 800m and Megan Cook threw 60.21m in the women's hammer throw. In total the Demon Deacons recorded nine podium finishes, including first place performances by Swanepoel in the 800m, Leia Braunagel in the women's discus, Robbie Grace in women's long jump and Ashlyn Giles in women's shot put.

