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WAKE FOREST
ATHLETICS
2024-25

A WORLD CLASS

STUDENT-ATHLETE EXPERIENCE

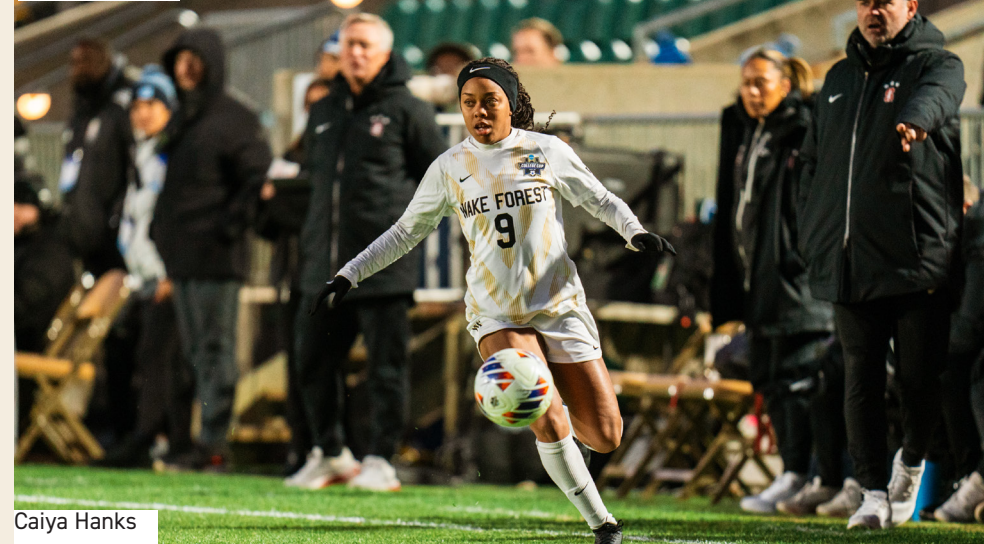
Wake Forest Athletics provided its 400-plus student-athletes with an opportunity to compete during the 2024-25 academic year in front of record crowds full of Demon Deacon faithful. A total of 493,175 fans and 60,160 students attended 179 Demon Deacons home contests in Winston-Salem. Throughout the year, seven teams were ranked in the top-25 and seven teams earned postseason berths as men's tennis won the 2025 NCAA National Championship, women's golf and men's golf both advanced to the NCAA National Championship, and women's soccer advanced to their first national championship game in program history. The Deacs will also be ushering in a new era in 2025, as Jake Dickert was announced as the third head football coach this century, while Jeff Hulsmeyer was named the new head volleyball coach.



Cameron Hildreth



Emma Farrell



Caiya Hanks



DK Suresh Ekambaran



Taylor Morin

INTEGRITY

IN ACADEMICS, FINANCE, COMPLIANCE, INCLUSION & SAFETY

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Wake Forest's 2024-25 graduating class continued to set the standard for academic and competitive excellence. This accomplished group included a total of 130 graduating student-athletes. They collectively won more than 842 athletic contests, claimed eight Atlantic Coast Conference championships, the 2025 National Championship in men's tennis, and the 2023 National Championship in women's golf! They also earned 125 All-ACC Academic honors over their four years and produced an ACC Scholar Athletes of the Year. A school-record 353 Wake Forest student-athletes were also named to the 2024-25 ACC Honor Roll. Additionally, Wake Forest Athletics had a combined 96% Graduation Success Rate from its 2014-17 cohort. The Deacs also had 11 programs score a perfect 1,000 in the latest Academic Progress Rate scores in June. Women's golf and women's tennis both recorded perfect Multi-Year scores as well.



Emily Colton

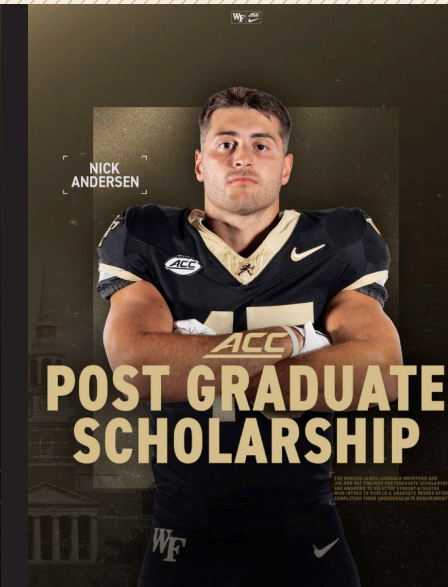
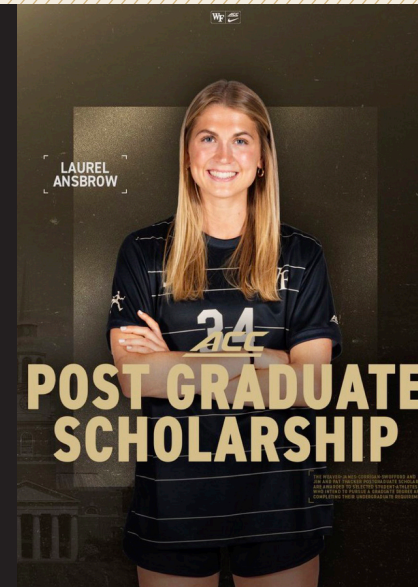
Athletics was proud to host its graduates at an event on May 18 at the Sutton Center. Additionally, Wake Forest Athletics collaborated with its colleagues across all areas of the University to host commencement for the entire Class of 2025 and their families on Hearn Plaza on May 19.



Quincy Bryant



Graduating Wake Forest student-athletes



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.



2024 ACC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE
LAUREL ANSBROW



2024 ACC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP HONOREE
NICK ANDERSEN



2024 ACC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
CAROLINA LOPEZ-CHACARRA

COMMUNITY

HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER WINSTON-SALEM

BREAKING GROUND



Wake Forest University and City of Winston-Salem Introduce The Grounds

In September 2024, Wake Forest University leadership, including Vice President and Director of Athletics John Currie, the City of Winston-Salem, and Carter and Front Street Capital, announced the development of The Grounds, a new entertainment destination designed to enhance the game day experience for residents, visitors, and fans.

The Grounds, which officially broke ground in December, will serve as a transformative 100-acre mixed-use development in and around Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Allegacy Federal Credit Union Stadium, David F. Couch Ballpark, the Wake Forest Tennis Center, and the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds and Arena. Seamlessly blending retail, dining, residential, and office in one vibrant community hub, The Grounds will enhance Winston-Salem's landscape and bolster its reputation as a premier sports and entertainment destination.

The Grounds will feature a pedestrian-friendly retail village featuring a central lawn to a new Deacon Walk that will serve as a gateway to Allegacy Stadium. The more than 40,000 square foot village will comprise local and regional chef-driven restaurants, boutique shops with integrated patios, plentiful outdoor gathering spaces, and loft-style residential units situated above retail buildings. Additionally, The Grounds will feature a 240-unit residential community with elevated amenities, greenspace views, and pedestrian access to the retail village, along with a 100-thousand square foot office building intended to be leased by Wake Forest University.



To learn more about The Grounds, visit www.visitthegrounds.com or scan the QR Code on the bottom of the next page.



THANK YOU

HEAD COACH DAVE CLAWSON

After 11 transformative seasons leading the Wake Forest Demon Deacons football program, Dave Clawson announced his resignation as head coach of the Wake Forest football team in December, leaving an incredible legacy as one of the most successful and impactful coaches in Wake Forest history. Since arriving in Winston-Salem in 2013, Clawson ushered in the most successful stretch in program history, leading the Demon Deacons to seven-consecutive bowl games (2016-22), an Atlantic Division Title in 2021, and the program's first top-10 ranking ever, which he did in back-to-back seasons in 2021 and 2022.

During the 2021 season, Clawson led the Deac's to a program-record 11 wins and a berth in the ACC Championship game, earning him the ACC Coach of the Year award. Clawson also totaled five bowl game victories over his tenure with the Demon Deacons, more than any other coach in Wake Forest history. Additionally, Allegacy Stadium became a fortress under Clawson, with the Demon Deacons posting a 23-7 home record from 2019-23, fueled by record-setting attendance and sellouts. Clawson and his staff have also developed All-ACC and NFL caliber talent, producing 62 All-ACC players since 2019 and have had 13 alums on NFL rosters. Those great players have set a myriad of Wake Forest and ACC records during their careers, including quarterback Sam Hartman setting the conference mark for career touchdown passes.

Off the field, Clawson continued to push forward the importance of academics, as the Demon Deacons posted the program's highest-ever GPA and led the ACC with 29 Academic All-ACC honorees in 2023.

Dave Clawson will continue to serve the Wake Forest community for years to come, as he will continue on with Wake Forest University as Special Advisor to Vice President and Director of Athletics John Currie.



WELCOME

JAKE DICKERT NAMED NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



Following an aggressive, but inclusive and intensive search process, Vice President and Director of Athletics John Currie formally announced the appointment of Jake Dickert to become the third head coach of the Demon Deacons program this century after the departure of longtime head coach Dave Clawson. Dickert, who has coached across all levels of the collegiate game over the last 17 years, joined the Deacs after spending the previous four seasons as the head coach at Washington State. During those four seasons, Dickert notched three winning seasons and three bowl game appearances, leading the Cougars to being ranked in the top-20 in each of the last two seasons. He has also helped build up NFL talent over his coaching tenure, having had seven players drafted over the last three NFL draft cycles.

In addition to his commitment towards winning and producing and developing NFL caliber talent, Dickert has also been known for his commitment towards excellence in the classroom and serving the community. Over his first three seasons as a head coach, Dickert has seen 45 players earn Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll honors (3.3 GPA or higher). Meanwhile, during his time in Pullman, Dickert has had multiple AFCA Good Works Team, Allstate Wuerffel Trophy Semifinalists for their work around the university and the community, as well as semifinalists for the William V. Campbell Trophy, awarded to the college football with the best combination of academics, community service, and on-field performance.



COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

Long-Time Collegiate Coach Jeff Hulsmeier Announced as New Head Volleyball Coach

In January 2025, with the support of President Wente and Wake Forest leadership, Currie made a change in the volleyball head coaching position and following an inclusive and intensive search process, he named Jeff Hulsmeier as the 13th head coach of the Demon Deacons' volleyball program.

Hulsmeier, who recently served as the associate head coach at Florida State for the past 10 seasons, brings over three decades of coaching experience at the collegiate level to Winston-Salem. During his time with the Seminoles, Hulsmeier helped guide Florida State to nine-straight NCAA Tournament and the 2023 ACC title. Prior to his time at Florida State, Hulsmeier served as the offensive and recruiting coordinator at Kansas State following head coaching stints at Purdue and Georgetown College. He also served as the head coach at both Western Kentucky and Arkansas State during the 1990s. During his time at Arkansas State, Hulsmeier led the Red Wolves to capture three Sun Belt regular season titles and two conference tournament titles, helping him win Sun Belt Coach of the Year in 1994. Hulsmeier also earned Sun Belt Coach of the Year in his first season at Western Kentucky in 1990 after creating one of the best turnaround years in school history.



Jeff Hulsmeier

Jeff Wyshner Sets All-Time Program Wins Record

Head women's tennis coach Jeff Wyshner became the all-time winningest head coach in program history during the 2025 season.

Wyshner, who finished his 15th season at Wake Forest, claimed his record-breaking 192nd win with the Deacs during a 7-0 shutout against Elon on Jan. 16th. He also became the first head coach in program history to eclipse the 200-victory mark when the Demon Deacons recorded their highest-ranked win of the season against No. 30 Clemson on March 30th.



Jeff Wyshner



Chloe Kovelesky



Krystal Blanch



Rocky Hansen and Luke Tewalt



Elizabeth Whaley, Brooke Wilson and Angelina Perez



Cooper Flax

WAKE FOREST AND TRUIST PARTNER TO LAUNCH “HER VICTORY” CAMPAIGN

Wake Forest Athletics and Truist continued their partnership during the 2024-25 academic calendar to help benefit women’s athletics through the creation of the “Her Victory” campaign.

The “Her Victory” campaign was officially launched during the fall of 2024 to serve as a platform designed to amplify the success across all women’s sports programs during the 2024-25 regular season. In support of these Demon Deacon female student-athletes, Truist tracked individual student-athlete performances across all women’s sports programs, pledging contributions based on those achievements.

In total, Truist pledged \$30,000 to women’s athletics and the “In Her Wake” initiative. Since its launch in February 2024, Demon Deacon donors, including Truist, have contributed over \$39 million in support of Wake Forest female student-athletes through the “In Her Wake” initiative.

In addition to the “Her Victory” campaign, Wake Forest Athletics highlighted current female student-athletes, coaches, and support staff through the “Play Like a Girl” video series. These stories highlighted the journeys of incredible female student-athletes, coaches, and staff members, including women’s basketball head coach Megan Gebbia, women’s golf’s Macy Pate, women’s tennis’ Nevena Carton, track and field’s Robbie Grace, field hockey’s Amelia Frey, , and athletic trainer Grace Goins.



Amelia Frey



Megan Gebbia



Macy Pate



Robbie Grace



Grace Goins



Nevena Carton

ATHLETICS DONORS ACHIEVE ANOTHER RECORD GIVING YEAR

Active Participation --> More than 5,000 Individual Donors

Total Cash Gifts --> \$33.0+ Million (fifth-straight year surpassing \$30 million)

Excellence Funds (Sport-Specific Giving) --> Increased by 65%



Alyssa Andrews and Ish Smith ('10)



Mit Shah ('91)



John Currie ('93) and Barry Faircloth ('93)



Aubrey Nisbet and Matthew Dennis

Steve and Johnetta Forbes Commit \$500,000 to Benefit Wake Forest Student-Athletes

In April 2025, men’s basketball head coach Steve Forbes and his wife Johnetta announced a leadership commitment of \$500,000 to the Wake Forest Men’s Basketball Excellence Fund. Wake Forest Athletics Excellence Funds program launched in 2018 as an avenue for alumni, family and friends to directly impact a specific program of their choice through a budget-enhancing gift specifically to that program.



Steve and Johnetta Forbes

Tony and Vi Golding Name Wake Forest Women’s Golf Head Coach Position

Following a generous gift from Tony and Vi Golding, the position held by 2023 NCAA Championship-winning head coach Kim Lewellen will now be formally known as the Tony and Vi Golding Women’s Golf Head Coach. For the Goldings, this commitment reflects a deeply personal commitment to Wake Forest — one rooted in years of friendship, admiration, and firsthand experience with the transformational impact of Demon Deacon golf. As avid Deacon fans and residents of Bermuda Run, Tony and Vi have become pillars of support for both the men’s and women’s golf programs, contributing to multiple initiatives across the two teams. That generosity is already having a direct impact on current student-athletes like All-American golfer Macy Pate, a key contributor to Wake Forest’s continued excellence. While Tony and Vi are proud of the milestones they’ve already helped make possible, they’re even more excited about what lies ahead.



Tony and Vi Golding

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. In total, 82 percent of Wake Forest student-athletes participated in over 1,644 total hours of community service across 1,134 total commitments. 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.



Santa's Helper



Victory Day



Men's Soccer with the Cox Family

Four programs eclipsed over 100 hours of community service during 2024-25, including football, who led the way with 564 total hours, as well as women's soccer, men's soccer, and women's track and field and cross country.



Wake Forest Track and Field Brings Major Economic Impact to Winston-Salem Community

Through hosting both the Wake Forest Invitational and the ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Kentner Stadium, the Wake Forest Track and Field program helped usher in a major economic impact within the city of Winston-Salem.

During the Wake Forest Invitational, which saw 1,180 athletes from 79 programs across 24 states compete, as well as over 3,000 spectators pack inside Kentner Stadium, Winston-Salem saw an \$88,500 food-related economic impact, a \$258,125 hotel-related economic impact, and a \$39,500 transportation-related impact for a total visitor spend of \$386,125 across three days. Meanwhile, the ACC Championship brought forth \$230,500 in food sales and \$600,000 in hotel accommodations across four days to Winston-Salem.

Ron Wellman Inducted Into NACDA Hall of Fame

Ron Wellman, the visionary leader who shaped Wake Forest Athletics for nearly three decades, received one of the highest honors in college sports—induction into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame.

Under his leadership, Wake Forest captured 22 ACC Championships, five NCAA team championships, and seven individual national titles. Wellman also helped develop countless student-athletes and coaches, producing nine National Players of the Year, four National Freshman of the Year award recipients, and 171 First-Team All-Americans. Additionally, under his guidance, Wake Forest celebrated 607 First-Team All-ACC selections, 41 ACC Players of the Year, 38 ACC Freshman of the Year honorees, 36 ACC Coaches of the Year, 18 ACC Tournament MVPs, and 27 Academic All-Americans.





John Currie ('93), Head Coach Tom Walter, Bob McCreary ('61), Marek Houston, and Barry Faircloth ('93)

Wake Forest Baseball Honors Legacy of Michele Acosta McCreary During 2025 Season

Throughout the 2025 baseball season, the Demon Deacons honored the memory and legacy of Michele Acosta McCreary, a beloved philanthropist and business leader who, alongside her husband, Bob McCreary ('61) have made a lasting impact on their communities, Wake Forest University, and Demon Deacon student-athletes.

As a tribute to her compassion and enduring spirit, the Wake Forest baseball team wore a commemorative "MM" sticker on their batting helmets, as well as on the outfield wall inside David F. Couch Ballpark.

In addition to the commemorative helmet stickers and outfield wall insignia, Bob McCreary honored his late wife's legacy by announcing the Michele Acosta McCreary Baseball Scholarship, a \$1 million scholarship designed to make it possible for student-athletes to pursue their dreams of playing baseball at Wake Forest.

Wake Forest Hall of Famer Erik Hanson Honors Legacy of Dr. Gene Hooks with Baseball Scholarship

Inspired by a story of how Dr. Gene Hooks generosity in finding funds for a baseball scholarship in order for him to play for the Demon Deacons, Wake Forest Hall of Famer Erik Hanson honored the legacy of Dr. Hooks with a scholarship named in his honor.

The Hooks-Hanson Scholarship is a \$2 million commitment for head coach Tom Walter to provide funds for a pitcher of his choosing on the Demon Deacon roster.



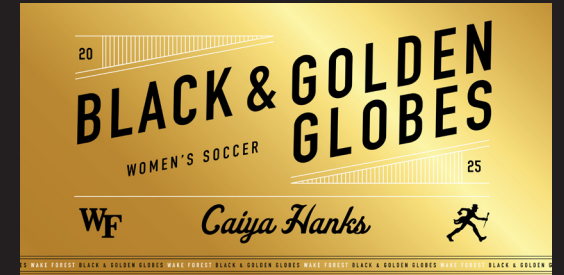
Kade Lewis, Dr. Gene Hooks ('50), Erik Hanson ('86), and Head Coach Tom Walter

Wake Forest Athletics Announces Arnold Palmer, Marge Crisp, and Newcomers of the Year

Capping off a year to remember, Wake Forest Athletics this week announced the winners of the Arnold Palmer Award (Male Athlete of the Year) and the Marge Crisp Award (Female Athlete of the Year), as well as the first rendition of the Male and Female Newcomer of the Year awards. The winners of these yearly awards were DK Suresh Ekambaram (Arnold Palmer), Caiya Hanks (Marge Crisp), Stefan Dostanic (Male Newcomer) and Emily Colton (Female Newcomer).



ARNOLD PALMER MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



MARGE CRISP FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



MALE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



FEMALE NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR



WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS



NCAA Men's Tennis National Champions



NCAA Super Regional Champions



ACC Regular Season Champions



ITA Indoor National Champions

MEN'S TENNIS

The Wake Forest's men's tennis team completed one of the most historically dominant seasons in collegiate tennis history as the Deacs capped off their season with the program's second NCAA National Championship and Wake Forest's 11th NCAA title, defeating defending national champion TCU, 4-2. The Demon Deacons were the best team in the country throughout 2025, finishing the season with a program-best 40 wins, including completing a perfect regular season for the first time in program history. Along with their NCAA Championship, the Demon Deacons also claimed the program's second ITA Indoor National Championship, also against the Horned Frogs, becoming only the fourth team ever to win both the NCAA and ITA Indoor titles in the same season multiple times. The Deacs also clinched the ACC Regular Season Championship, resulting in head coach Tony Bresky earning his second ITA National Coach of the Year honor, as well as his third ACC Coach of the Year honor. Additionally, five Demon Deacons earned All-ACC honors. Graduate student Stefan Dostanic gave the Demon Deacons a spark at the No. 1 singles position, finishing the season with a 12-3 record at singles while also being named NCAA Tournament MVP, earning second team All-ACC honors and clinching the ITA Indoor title for the Deacs. Junior DK Suresh Ekambaram clinched the NCAA title for Wake Forest, capping off an incredible season that saw him earn first team All-ACC honors in both singles and doubles, as well as the All-NCAA Tournament team. Suresh also excelled in the classroom, earning ACC Men's Tennis Scholar Athlete of the Year. Freshman phenom Charlie Robertson also earned first team All-ACC honors in doubles alongside Suresh, finishing his first collegiate season with a 12-8 singles record and an 18-2 doubles record. Sophomore Luca Pow led the team overall with 31 singles victories while adding third team All-ACC honors in doubles alongside graduate student Luciano Tacchi.



Women's soccer celebrating their College Cup semifinal win over Stanford

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Wake Forest women's soccer team capped off one of their best seasons in program history by making their first ever National Championship game appearance in program history. In just their second ever College Cup, the Demon Deacons claimed their spot in the national title game with a 1-0 victory over Stanford. Overall, the Deacs ended their historic season with a 16-4-4 record, including a 9-1-1 record inside Spry Stadium. Wake Forest also recorded three victories against top-10 opponents, including their first ever victory over a No. 1 team as they defeated Stanford at home on Sept. 19, 1-0. The Deacs also earned top-10 victories on the road against No. 3 Virginia and No. 6 Florida State, with the victory over FSU snapping the Seminoles' nation-leading 32-match unbeaten streak. Leading the way for the Demon Deacons was junior Caiya Hanks, who broke the program's single-season assist record with 12 assists on the season to go along with her 34 points and 11 goals, both of which sit inside the top-10 in Wake Forest history. Hanks also earned First Team All-ACC honors, the first Demon Deacon to do so since 2013, while also becoming the first player in program history to be named a finalist for the MAC Hermann Award, which is given to the best college soccer player in Division I soccer. Along with Hanks, the Deacs were led by 19 seniors, including Emily Murphy, Emily Colton, and Zara Chavoshi, all of which earned second-team All-ACC nods. In the off-season, multiple Deacs signed professional contracts, including Hanks signing for the Portland Thorns, senior Malaika Meena signing with Bristol City in England, Murphy joining Newcastle United, and Chavoshi moving to the Orlando Pride.



Men's soccer lifting the ACC Championship

MEN'S SOCCER

Highlighted by winning their fourth ACC Championship in a thrilling, penalty-kick shootout victory over Clemson, the men's soccer team continued their dominant run of form as they finished the season with a 12-5-7 record while also extending their ACC-best NCAA Tournament streak to 14-straight appearances. The Demon Deacons continued to use the magic of Spry Stadium as the ultimate home-field advantage, as the Deacs went 9-1-3 at home to extend their national-best mark of home wins since 2015 to 111. Head coach Bobby Muuss and his coaching staff also extended the Deacs' national-best win total since 2015 to 152, seven wins more than any other program during that span. During the NCAA Tournament, the Demon Deacons picked up two victories at home to advance to the NCAA quarterfinals, including victories over Maryland and Clemson, which saw the Deacs best the Tigers in walk-off fashion in overtime, 2-1.



Men's cross country celebrating their ACC Championship win

TRACK & FIELD/CROSS COUNTRY

The Wake Forest track & field and cross country programs added another successful season during 2024-25, including bringing another ACC Championship to Winston-Salem in men's cross country. Under the direction of ACC Coach of the Year John Hayes, the men's cross country team claimed their second ACC title in program history. Senior Luke Tewalt led the way for the Deacs with a seventh-place finish, while freshman JoJo Jourdon, who was named the ACC Freshman of the Year, finished eighth to guide the Demon Deacons to the title. Following a fifth-place finish at the NCAA Southeast Regional, the Deacs place seventh in their fifth-consecutive NCAA Championship meet appearance. Sophomore Charlie Sprott became the seventh Demon Deacon in program history to earn All-American honors, placing 32nd with a personal-best time of 29:21.6 in the 10k. The Deacs carried their momentum from the cross country season into both the indoor and outdoor seasons. Sophomore Rocky Hansen led earned First Team All-American honors after placing fifth in the men's 5000m at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Hansen had also earned First Team All-American honors after placing third on the backs of a record-breaking performance at the NCAA Indoor Championships. Hansen would also earn First Team All-American honors during the outdoor season, while senior Rynard Swanepoel, Tewalt, and Jourdon all earned All-American status.



Carolina Lopez-Chacarra

WOMEN'S GOLF

After winning the Lubbock Regional, women's golf earned their seventh-consecutive berth to the NCAA Championships. The Demon Deacons ended the season with three tournament victories, 12 top-five finishes, and finished second at the ACC Women's Golf Championship. Three Deacs earned All-ACC honors, including senior Carolina Lopez-Chacarra. Chacarra ended her stellar career at Wake Forest by earning two individual titles, including taking first place at the NCAA Lubbock Regional and the Jackson T. Stephens Cup. The Madrid, Spain, native also recorded seven top-10 finishes and a ninth place finish at the Augusta National Women's Amateur (ANWA) while earning a spot on the ANNIKA Award finalist list as the No. 6 player in the country. Sophomore Macy Pate earned her second All-ACC honor, capping off an incredible season that saw the Winston-Salem native record a second-place finish at the Charles Schwab Fall Collegiate, as well as shoot even par in her first appearance at the ANWA. Freshman Chloe Kovelesky had a standout first collegiate season, joining Chacarra and Pate with All-ACC honors while finishing in the top-10 multiple times throughout the year, including an individual win in her first collegiate match at the Lady Bulldog Invitational.

MEN'S GOLF

For the first time since 2021, the men's golf team advanced to the fourth round of the NCAA Championships following a playoff victory against Georgia Tech. Ultimately, Wake Forest finished stroke play in 15th. The Demon Deacons advanced to their 49th NCAA Championship appearance after climbing the leaderboard during the final round of the Amherst Regional. The Deacs shot their lowest round in their postseason history with a 265 (-15). The score also marked the second-lowest round in school history, trailing only the opening round of the 2021 Old Town Collegiate (264). Individually, senior Scotty Kennon closed out his Wake Forest career by earning both All-Region and All-ACC honors. Kennon added his second individual title after shooting a 202 (-11) at the 54th Furman Invite, recording the lowest 54-hole score in the history of the tournament. He also recorded a total of five top-10 finishes and seven top-25 finishes while holding a career-low 71.25 scoring average. Meanwhile, senior Marshall Meisel earned both PING All-American and All-Region honors, as well as All-ACC honors. Meisel played his best golf during the final matches of the season, including consecutive top-10 finishes at both the Amherst Regional and the ACC Championships. He finished the season with a 71.68 scoring average which ranked first on the team and was his lowest scoring average since his freshman season, helping him move into ninth in career scoring leaders.



Scotty Kennon

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Recording their best league finish since the 2008-09 season, the Demon Deacons matched a program-record with 13 ACC wins during the 2024-25 campaign. Finishing the season with a 21-11 record, including a 13-7 record against conference opponents, the Demon Deacons eclipsed the 20-win mark for the third time in the last four seasons. With 13 victories coming inside LJV, Wake Forest has now won 61 games at home since the 2021-22 season. Additionally, the Deacs matched a program-record with six conference wins away from home including being the first ACC program to sweep the West Coast swing with victories at Stanford and Cal. Defensively, the Demon Deacons were one of the ACC's best defensive units, ranking first in three-point defense, holding opponents to 30.7 percent from beyond the arc. The Deacs also ranked second in the ACC in field goal defense (.402), fourth in forced turnovers (427), and fifth in blocked shots (126). Individually, senior guard Hunter Sallis led Wake Forest in scoring with 18.3 points per game, helping him earn his second First Team All-ACC honor with the Old Gold & Black. Meanwhile, his backcourt partner, senior Cameron Hildreth posted 20-plus points in 10 contests throughout the season as he averaged 14.7 points, earning him an All-ACC Honorable Mention nod.



Hunter Sallis

FOOTBALL

Led by graduate student Taylor Morin and junior Demond Claiborne, Wake Forest football added to its longest winning stretch in its history. Excluding the COVID-shortened 2020 season, Wake Forest's 57 victories since 2016 is the fourth-most in the ACC during that span, with the Deacs trailing only Clemson, NC State and Miami. The Demon Deacons ended the season with a 4-8 record, including three road victories against UConn, Stanford, and a comeback victory over NC State. Morin and Claiborne notched historic seasons for the Deacs in 2024 as both eclipsed the 1,000 all-purpose yards. Morin closed out his Wake Forest career as the program's record holder with 2,974 career receiving yards. Morin also sits in the top-five in multiple categories, including second in both all-time appearances (61) and career punt return yards (809), as well as fourth all-time in Wake Forest history with 21 career touchdown receptions. Meanwhile, Claiborne became just the second Demon Deacon to ever log 1,000 yards and 250 receiving yards in a season, helping him earn All-American status. Claiborne also ranked second in single-season rushing touchdowns scored in the last decade, finding the endzone 11 times on the ground. Additionally, the Aylett, Virginia, native matched the record for the longest play in school history with his 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at Miami.



Demond Claiborne



Marek Houston

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Reaching the NCAA Tournament for the ninth-consecutive season, women's tennis matched the program record for the most consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances while also recording their fourth-straight 15 win season. Head coach Jeff Wyshner became the all-time winningest head coach in program history, earning his 192nd victory at Wake Forest following a 7-0 win over Elon. Wyshner, who finished his 15th season in charge of the Deacs, also became the first coach in program history to reach the 200-win mark with the Demon Deacons during the team's highest-ranked win of the season against No. 30 Clemson. Four Demon Deacons recorded 10 or more singles victories, including a team-best 13 wins from junior Nevena Carton. The Locust, N.J., native added three wins over ranked opponents, including back-to-back victories over No. 22 Sara Ziodato of Virginia and No. 26 Ozlem Uslu of Virginia Tech to earn her first career ACC Player of the Week nod. Meanwhile, the Deacs saw three doubles teams reach double-digit victories, with graduate student Anna Zhang and junior Whitley Pate leading the way with a 17-4 record, including a 15-0 start to the season.

BASEBALL

Wake Forest baseball continued its recent success during the 2025 season, securing its fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament berth while also recording its fourth straight 30-win season. The Deacs were powered by the long-ball throughout the season, belting 116 home runs across over 61 games to lead the ACC. Since the start of the 2022 season, the Demon Deacons have totaled 481 home runs, which leads the ACC and ranks third nationally. The Deacs placed at least three student-athletes on the All-ACC teams for the fourth-straight consecutive, including placing at least one athlete on the First-Team ballot in nine of the last 11 All-ACC teams. Sophomore pitcher Blake Morningstar earned First Team honors after rising the ranks, leading the team with a 6-2 record and a 3.87 ERA while serving as the Deacs' Friday starter. Meanwhile, sophomore Kade Lewis earned Second Team All-ACC honors after posting a team-best .376 batting average and 1.084 OPS. The Sartell, Minn., native also ranked second on the team with 85 hits, including a team-high 18 doubles, along with 11 home runs, leading him to 59 runs driven in. Junior Marek Houston ended 2025 with a team-best 86 hits, which included 15 home runs, helping him earn Third Team All-ACC honors. In addition, the Demon Deacons became the first program in NCAA history to have multiple first-round draft picks in three consecutive drafts, as juniors Marek Houston and Ethan Conrad were selected in the first round of the 2025 MLB draft.



Anna Zhang and Whitley Pate

WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS



Mia Schoenbeck

FIELD HOCKEY

Behind strong performances by several underclassmen, the Wake Forest field hockey team recorded seven wins, including four victories inside Kentner Stadium. The freshman and sophomore classes led the Demon Deacons throughout the season, with 62 of the team's 81 points coming from underclassmen, including four players with over eight points. Sophomore Mia Schoenbeck earned Second Team All-ACC honors as she was one of just three Demon Deacons to start every match, adding three goals and two assists in the process. Freshman Lauren Storey led the Deacs with 17 points on seven goals and three assists, the most points by a first-year Wake Forest student-athlete since 2016. Sophomore Faye Janse also joined Storey with 14 points on the season, with 12 of her 14 points coming in the final month of the season. Janse totaled six goals on the season, including the winning goals against Louisville and James Madison in double overtime. Meanwhile, freshman Mia Montag was one of just 15 athletes in the ACC to record six or more assists, including adding five assists in the final 10 games of the season.



Paige Crawford



Elise Williams

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

In the third year of the Megan Gebbia era, women's basketball team improved on their win total from the 2023-24 season. Out of their nine wins on the season, eight of them came inside Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, including the team's two wins against ACC opponents in Boston College and SMU. The Deacs also set a new program record for the most points scored in a single quarter during their season-opening victory against Queens, totaling 34 points during the third quarter of the team's 102-40 win. Senior Elise Williams concluded her stellar collegiate career with the Demon Deacons, becoming just the second player in program history, and the first since 1987, to record over 1,250 points, 500 rebounds, 300 assists and 200 steals in their career. Williams also ended her Wake Forest career 12th on the all-time scoring list with 1,348 points, as well as eighth all-time with 391 career assists. The Raleigh native also sits seventh in program history with 150 made three-pointers across her five seasons in Winston-Salem.

VOLLEYBALL

Wake Forest volleyball finished the season with 13 victories, with the Deacs posting their second-best non-conference record over the past six seasons at 8-3. Over the past six seasons, the Demon Deacons are an incredible 44-11 against non-conference teams and have won eight non-conference matches in each of the last three seasons. Several Deacs achieved personal milestones during the 2024 season, including junior Rian Baker reaching the 2,000 career assist mark, junior Emma Farrell eclipsing 1,000 career digs, junior Paige Crawford recording her 1,000th kill, and graduate student Sahara Maruska eclipsing the 1,000 digs and kills mark.

BEST FAN EXPERIENCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Wake Forest Host ACC Track & Field Championships

Off the backs of multiple successful Wake Forest Invitationals, Wake Forest hosted the 2025 ACC Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Kentner Stadium from May 14-17, marking the first time that the Demon Deacons have hosted the meet since 2006. Over the four day event, the Demon Deacons welcomed 700 athletes from 18 members institutions to Winston-Salem. Along with athletes and coaches, over 5,500 fans from across the country came to Kentner Stadium over the three full days of competition.

Overall, the Deacs earned nine All-ACC honors, including senior Luke Tewalt earning Second Team All-ACC honors in both the men's 1500m and 5,000m.



Hunter Jones



Elizabeth Whaley



Luke Tewalt



Faye Janse



Lauren Storey



Wake Forest Field Hockey Team

Demon Deacons Welcome Fans to Kentner at ACC Field Hockey Championships

For the first time since 2016, the Demon Deacons played host for the 2025 ACC Field Hockey Championships. From November 5-8, the Wake Forest Reynolda campus welcomed the eight best teams in the ACC and spectators from across the country to Kentner Stadium for multiple days of action-packed play. The No. 7-seeded Deacs capped off their season in the first round of the tournament hosting Big Four rival Duke.



Men's Tennis Shatters Indoor and Outdoor Attendance Records

Along with their record breaking season on the court, the No. 1 Wake Forest men's tennis team witnessed record breaking crowds at the Wake Forest Tennis Center and at Leighton Courts.

Throughout their national championship winning season, Wake Forest men's tennis welcomed 3,855 spectators to the Wake Forest Tennis Center over the course of 23 home matches.

Wake Forest men's tennis also broke the single match attendance record inside the Wake Forest Tennis Center, as 503 supporters witnessed the Deacs defeat No. 3 Ohio State.

Additionally, the Demon Deacons set a program record with 439 spectators packing into Leighton Courts to see the Deacs punch their ticket to the NCAA Championships against Texas A&M.



Women's Soccer Sets Record-Breaking Attendance

Behind one of the best seasons in program history, women's soccer experienced some of the largest crowds at Spry Stadium in its history.

Over the course of 11 home games, head coach Ton da Luz's team witnessed 12,371 spectators pack into Spry Stadium to cheer the Deacs on to a 9-1-1 record at home in 2024.

Women's soccer witnessed crowds of over 1,000 people on three different occasions during the season, including their record-breaking attendance of 3,761 spectators during the Demon Deacons match against No. 1 Duke. This marked just the second time in program history, and the first since 2000, where the Deacs experienced crowds of over 3,000 at Spry.

In addition to their record-setting attendance against Duke, the Deacs saw 1,229 fans witness the program's first ever win against a No. 1 team when they defeated Stanford, as well as having 1,621 fans in attendance for Wake Forest's 4-1 victory over Florida State.



Increased Crowds Cheer on Men's Basketball at LJVM Coliseum

Following back-to-back seasons with record setting attendances, men's basketball continued to see droves of Demon Deacon fans pour into Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum during the 2024-25 season. Across Wake Forest's 16 home games, 152,729 Wake Forest fans witnessed Coach orbes' team go 13-3 inside The Joel during the regular season. Wake Forest students came in full force as well, as x came to cheer on the team. On Jan. 21 and Jan. 25, 2025, the Demon Deacons hosted Bif Four rivals North Carolina and No. 2 Duke in back-to-back sellout crowds as over 25,968 fans watched the Deacs inside LJVM over the two games.



Men's Basketball Introduces Annual Seat Rights Program

In a continued effort to provide the Best Fan Experience in North Carolina, Wake Forest Athletics announced the Annual Seat Rights Program for the 2025-26 men's basketball season. Fans who participate in the Annual Seat Rights Program have the ability to lock in their seating location on an annual basis. The program also provides fans more flexibility and the assurance that fans can renew their existing seat location, or receive first priority to upgrade into the best seating options available ahead of each men's basketball season.

Women's Basketball Embraces Tie-Dye Nation

Women's basketball participated in their first-ever Tie-Dye game during the 2024-25 season during their game against No. 17 NC State on Jan. 30, 2025. Along with student giveaways that included tie-dye shirts and bucket hats, the Screamin' Demon Fan Zone made its return to LJVM Coliseum for the game against the Wolfpack. Over 1,700 spectators came to support the Deacs in one of the most exciting games of the season.



Aurora Sorbye



Aidan Ross

Wake Forest Track Hosts Third-Annual Invitational

Along with hosting the 2025 ACC Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the Wake Forest track and field program hosted their third-annual Wake Forest Invitational from April 17-18. In total, athletes from 59 programs from 21 states and Washington D.C. competed across both days of one of the premier track and field meets on the East Coast. Senior Emma Douglass shined for the Demon Deacons, shattering a 22-year school record by clocking a 2:03.49 in the women's 1500m. Additionally, freshman Aidan Ross claimed the Kentner Stadium record with a time of 28:28.14 to claim first place in the men's 10,000m.

In addition to the competition, the Demon Deacons also hosted an alumni mile run, a student 4x100m relay, and also honored 17 seniors and graduates.



Volleyball Witnesses Record-Breaking Crowd

The Wake Forest volleyball team witnessed the largest single-game attendance in program history when the Demon Deacons took on No. 1 Pitt inside Varsity Arena on November 22. In total, 866 people attended the matchup between the Deacs and the Panthers. The total surpassed the previous mark of 847 that was set earlier this season on Sept. 27 against Virginia. Throughout the 2024 season, nearly 9,000 Demon Deacon fans packed into Varsity Arena across 15 home games.

Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum 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 also continued to host Wake Forest's Face to Face series, which was highlighted by NFL Hall of Famer Peyton Manning and critically acclaimed, multiplatinum singer-songwriter and the first African American man to win Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony awards, John Legend. The Joel also welcomed multiple comedian Jo Koy, country musician Brantley Gilbert, and world-renowned YouTube group Dude Perfect to Winston-Salem. LJVM was also home to additional sporting events throughout the year, including the North Carolina High School State Basketball Championships, the CINCH Rodeo, the Bulls, Bands, and Barrels Festival, and AEW Dynamite.



Basit Umar



Emily Morris

Men's and Women's Soccer Combine to Host Five NCAA Tournament Games at Spry Stadium

The men's and women's soccer teams combined to host five postseason games during the 2024 NCAA men's and women's soccer tournaments. Throughout the five games, nearly 6,400 fans witnessed the Deacs go a combined 5-0 at Spry Stadium in the postseason. During their magical run to the National Championship game, the women's soccer team notched three wins at home, including a 4-0 victory over Morehead State, a 3-1 win over Colorado, and a nail-biting 1-0 win against third-seeded Ohio State. Meanwhile, fresh off of their fourth ACC title in program history, the men's soccer team continued to use Spry Stadium as the ultimate home field advantage to advance to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament. The Demon Deacons opened the tournament with a 2-1 victory over Maryland. The Deacs then provided some more Spry magic in the second round as they defeated No. 9 Clemson in overtime, off of a golden goal by freshman phenom Dylan Borso.



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