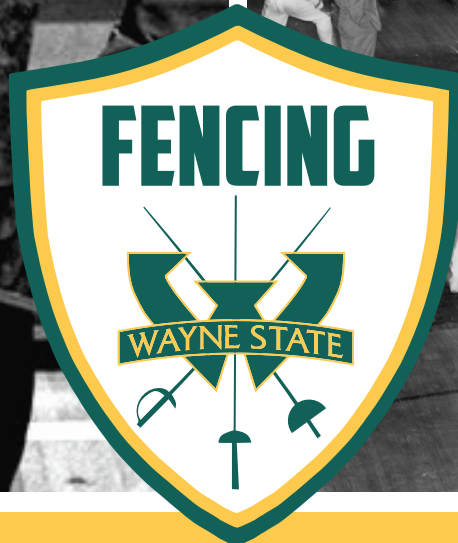
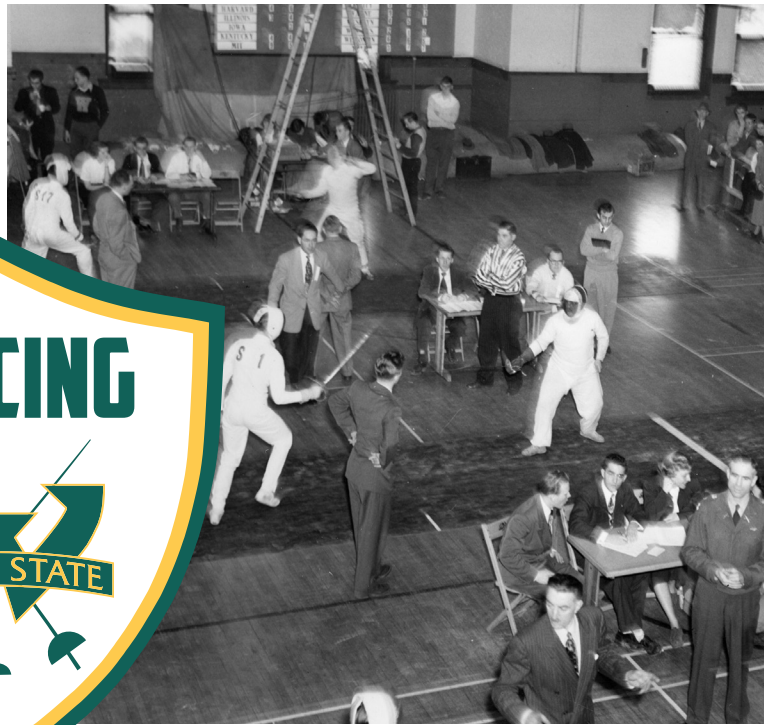


# WAYNE STATE FENCING



*80 Years of Fencing Excellence*

## FENCING PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

The women's fencing program won the first NCAA Championship in 1982 and the last in 1989. After 1989, men's and women's results were combined to crown one team NCAA Champion.

### MICHIGAN'S BEST

Former head coach Istvan Danosi compiled the best record in Michigan collegiate sports history with a 283-59 mark. Danosi won five NCAA Championships. In 1985 he was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He is the lone fencing representative in the hall. Istvan Danosi retired as a champion after winning the 1982 men's and women's NCAA titles.

### WSU'S BEST

Anna Garina is only the fourth woman in NCAA fencing history to have back-to-back NCAA titles and the first in women's epee (Penn State's Olga Kalinovskaya won four straight women's foil 1993-94-95-96; Notre Dame's Alicja Kryczalo won three straight women's foil 2002-03-04; and Yale's Sada Jacobson won two straight women's sabre 2001-02). Garina is the first WSU female fencer to be a three-time NCAA Champion and the first women epeeist in NCAA history to win three national titles.

### TOP FINISHER

Former WSU fencer Greg Benko owns Australia's top fencing finish in the Olympics when he placed sixth in 1976 at Munich, Germany. Benko and fellow Australia native Ernie Simon are tied for first in collegiate fencing history with three individual NCAA foil titles.

### WELL-ROUNDED

Gil Pezza won three national championships as a student-athlete. He followed that feat by winning four as head coach for WSU. Pezza stepped down in 1990 to join a law firm. Pezza helped write "Foil, Saber, and Epee Fencing: Skills, Safety, Operations, and Responsibilities."

### A VISIT WITH MUSSOLINI

Former head coach Istvan Danosi (1937-1957) once performed a fencing exhibition for Mussolini.

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

The 1983 men's national championship fencing team consisted of head coach Aladar Kogler and his son Attila. Brothers, Stefan and Bella Kogler teamed with cousin Attila to help their uncle capture his first NCAA championship as coach.

### NOT ONLY FENCING

In 2007, Michal Brichacek, a foil fencer embarked on a solo 12,000-kilometre bike trip from Anchorage, Alaska, to Panama City, Panama to raise money and awareness for the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The trip took almost four months.

### SLAVA'S BACK-TO-BACK NATIONAL TITLES

Slava Zingerman was a four-year fencing letterwinner (2006-10) who became only the second person in NCAA men's epee history to win three consecutive NCAA titles since the NCAA began competition in 1941.

### ZIAD'S FANTASTIC FINISH

Junior Ziad Elsisy upended Ohio State's Fares Arfa, the No. 2 seed, 15-7 in a semifinal bout at the 2017 NCAA Collegiate Fencing Championships being held at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Elsisy, the No. 3 seed for the championship rounds, then had to face top-seeded Eli Dershwitz of Harvard. After falling behind early, Elsisy rallied but eventually fell 15-10 to Dershwitz.

Elsisy was the first Warrior to compete in a gold medal bout since former three-time national champion Slava Zingerman claimed his third consecutive national title in the men's epee in 2009.

### PATI'S IMPRESSIVE CAREER

Pati Palczynska, a junior on the 2017-18 team, is already a two-time All-American and is the fifth sabrist in program history to reach 100 wins.

## NCAA WAYNE STATE INDIVIDUAL TITLES

| FOIL                      | EPEE                     | SABRE                     |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1942 Byron Kreiger (m)    | 1980 Gil Pezza (m)       | 1963 Bela Szentivanyi (m) |
| 1957 Bruce Davis (m)      | 1981 Gil Pezza (m)       | 1974 Steven Danosi (m)    |
| 1958 Bruce Davis (m)      | 1984 Ettore Bianchi (m)  | 1975 Yuri Rabinovich (m)  |
| 1974 Greg Benko (m)       | 1985 Ettore Bianchi (m)  | 1979 Yuri Rabinovich (m)  |
| 1975 Greg Benko (m)       | 1992 Harald Bauder (m)   | 1982 Neil Hick (m)        |
| 1976 Greg Benko (m)       | 2004 Anna Garina (w)     |                           |
| 1978 Ernest Simon (m)     | 2005 Anna Garina (w)     |                           |
| 1980 Ernest Simon (m)     | 2007 Anna Garina (w)     |                           |
| 1981 Ernest Simon (m)     | 2007 Slava Zingerman (m) |                           |
| 1985 Stephan Chavuel (m)  | 2008 Slava Zingerman (m) |                           |
| 1989 Yasemin Topcu (w)    | 2009 Slava Zingerman (m) |                           |
| 1996 Thorstein Becker (m) |                          |                           |

**12 NCAA Titles**

**11 NCAA Titles**

**5 NCAA Titles**

***28 Individual National Champions***



Anna Garina (right) defeated Notre Dame's Amy Orlando to win her second straight NCAA championship in 2005.



Slava Zingerman won three straight NCAA titles in the epee.

## WSU Men's Top Ten NCAA Finishes

(men's championships discontinued after 1989)

| Year           | Coach                | Rank       |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|
| 1946-47        | Bella de Tuscan      | 9th        |
| 1947-48        | Bella de Tuscan      | 7th        |
| 1950-51        | Bella de Tuscan      | 9th        |
| 1957-58        | Istvan Danosi        | 6th        |
| 1958-59        | Istvan Danosi        | 6th        |
| 1959-60        | Istvan Danosi        | 4th        |
| 1960-61        | Istvan Danosi        | 5th        |
| 1961-62        | Istvan Danosi        | 8th        |
| 1962-63        | Istvan Danosi        | 6th        |
| 1965-66        | Istvan Danosi        | 3rd        |
| 1970-71        | Istvan Danosi        | 8th        |
| 1971-72        | Istvan Danosi        | 7th        |
| 1972-73        | Istvan Danosi        | 3rd        |
| 1973-74        | Istvan Danosi        | 2nd        |
| <b>1974-75</b> | <b>Istvan Danosi</b> | <b>1st</b> |
| 1975-76        | Istvan Danosi        | 2nd        |
| 1976-77        | Istvan Danosi        | 3rd        |
| 1977-78        | Istvan Danosi        | 3rd        |
| <b>1978-79</b> | <b>Istvan Danosi</b> | <b>1st</b> |
| <b>1979-80</b> | <b>Istvan Danosi</b> | <b>1st</b> |
| 1980-81        | Istvan Danosi        | 2nd        |
| <b>1981-82</b> | <b>Istvan Danosi</b> | <b>1st</b> |
| <b>1982-83</b> | <b>Aladar Kogler</b> | <b>1st</b> |
| <b>1983-84</b> | <b>Gil Pezza</b>     | <b>1st</b> |
| <b>1984-85</b> | <b>Gil Pezza</b>     | <b>1st</b> |
| 1985-86        | Gil Pezza            | 6th        |
| 1988-89        | Gil Pezza            | 7th        |

## WSU Women's Top Ten NCAA Finishes

(women's championships discontinued after 1989)

| Year           | Coach                | Rank       |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|
| <b>1981-82</b> | <b>Istvan Danosi</b> | <b>1st</b> |
| 1982-83        | Aladar Kogler        | 2nd        |
| 1984-85        | Gil Pezza            | 4th        |
| 1986-87        | Gil Pezza            | 7th        |
| <b>1987-88</b> | <b>Gil Pezza</b>     | <b>1st</b> |
| <b>1988-89</b> | <b>Gil Pezza</b>     | <b>1st</b> |

## Wayne State Team Championships

Men's NCAA Team Championships

(men's championships discontinued after 1989)

| Year | Coach         |
|------|---------------|
| 1975 | Istvan Danosi |
| 1979 | Istvan Danosi |
| 1980 | Istvan Danosi |
| 1982 | Istvan Danosi |
| 1983 | Aladar Kogler |
| 1984 | Gil Pezza     |
| 1985 | Gil Pezza     |

Women's NCAA Championships

(women's championships discontinued after 1989)

| Year | Coach         |
|------|---------------|
| 1982 | Istvan Danosi |
| 1988 | Gil Pezza     |
| 1989 | Gil Pezza     |

Wayne State Women's Weapon Title

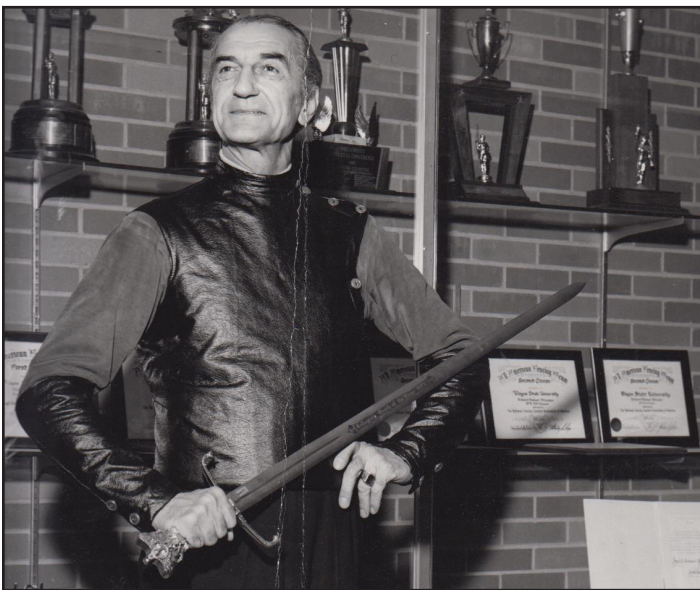
(recognized from 1990-1994)

| Year | Coach     | Weapon |
|------|-----------|--------|
| 1990 | Gil Pezza | Foil   |

## WSU Combined Top Ten NCAA Finishes

(men's and women's results combined starting in 1990)

| Year    | Coach      | Rank  |
|---------|------------|-------|
| 1989-90 | Gil Pezza  | T-5th |
| 1990-91 | Gil Pezza  | 9th   |
| 1991-92 | Jerzy Radz | 7th   |
| 1998-99 | Jerzy Radz | 9th   |
| 2000-01 | Jerzy Radz | 10th  |
| 2003-04 | Jerzy Radz | 9th   |
| 2004-05 | Jerzy Radz | 10th  |
| 2005-06 | Jerzy Radz | 10th  |
| 2006-07 | Jerzy Radz | 8th   |
| 2007-08 | Jerzy Radz | 9th   |



Istvan Danosi led Wayne State to five NCAA team titles.

## Wayne State Men's Fencing Wins Records

Victories from regular season dual meets, conference championships and NCAA events are counted toward win totals.  
Individual statistics are missing for 1941-42, 1950, 1952-58, 1971, 1981, 1984, 1996-2001 and 2005.

| FOIL -- 100 WIN CLUB |         |      |
|----------------------|---------|------|
| NAME                 | YEARS   | WINS |
| Greg Benko           | 1973-76 | 329  |
| Quentin Schneider    | 2011-13 | 233  |
| Hans Kaiser          | 2011-15 | 232  |
| Stephan Schroder     | 1990-91 | 156  |
| Zoltan Csete         | 1972-74 | 143  |
| Carl Klutke          | 1975-79 | 141  |
| Rich Maiazza         | 1969-72 | 136  |
| Avery Goldstein      | 1985-87 | 133  |
| Albrecht Kiel        | 1988-89 | 127  |
| Ernest Hyman         | 1965-66 | 122  |
| Michael Cho          | 1990-93 | 105  |
| Todd Farchione       | 1993-95 | 103  |
| Stephane Chauvel     | 1983-86 | 100  |

| EPEE -- 100 WIN CLUB |         |      |
|----------------------|---------|------|
| NAME                 | YEARS   | WINS |
| Slava Zingerman      | 2007-10 | 277  |
| Claus Block          | 1988-90 | 190  |
| Harald Bauder        | 1992-94 | 187  |
| Charles Schneider    | 1971-74 | 168  |
| Marek Petraszek      | 2004-07 | 167  |
| Joe Znoy             | 1975-77 | 139  |
| Aleks Mirvovic       | 1994-97 | 136  |
| John Olijnyk         | 1990-94 | 131  |
| Steven Kudla         | 2011-15 | 123  |
| Louis Fox            | 1965-68 | 116  |
| Henry Vaitkevicius   | 1994-97 | 111  |
| Ettore Bianchi       | 1982-85 | 106  |
| Gil Pezza            | 1978-81 | 103  |
| Geza Kogler          | 1979-81 | 100  |

| SABRE -- 100 WIN CLUB |         |      |
|-----------------------|---------|------|
| NAME                  | YEARS   | WINS |
| Jakub Gibczynski      | 2008-11 | 298  |
| Steve Danosi          | 1972-75 | 285  |
| Nick Silantyev        | 2010-13 | 236  |
| Ziad Elsisy           | 2014-SA | 216  |
| Yuri Rabinovich       | 1975-79 | 196  |
| Mike McCune           | 1993-95 | 154  |
| Jonas Cavillo         | 1993-95 | 146  |
| Neil Kessler          | 1985-87 | 139  |
| Andrew Haliw          | 1965-68 | 137  |
| Dave Aumock           | 1967-70 | 132  |
| Ramiz Romaya          | 1990-93 | 132  |
| Mike Duika            | 1972-74 | 125  |
| Bobby Smith           | 2004-07 | 116  |
| Matt Murphy           | 1991-94 | 102  |

## Wayne State Women's Fencing Wins Records

| FOIL -- 100 WIN CLUB |         |      |
|----------------------|---------|------|
| NAME                 | YEARS   | WINS |
| Zuzanna Sobczak      | 2013-17 | 321  |
| Paola Sacchetti      | 1993-95 | 312  |
| Olivia Dobbs         | 2009-13 | 303  |
| Loredana Ranza       | 1987-90 | 284  |
| Larissa Lehmkuhl     | 1990-93 | 272  |
| Tiaja Sabrie         | 2009-13 | 266  |
| Yasemin Topcu        | 1988-90 | 230  |
| Marie Deschuytter    | 2011-15 | 227  |
| Laura Galassi        | 1985-88 | 178  |
| Noreen Hydel         | 1976-79 | 171  |
| Peggy Baniszewski    | 1993-95 | 163  |
| Lindsey Howard       | 2004-07 | 141  |
| Rachel Broderick     | 2007-11 | 139  |
| Anna Vinnikov        | 2002-05 | 132  |
| Olga Boettcher       | 1988-89 | 130  |
| Inga Wallrabenstein  | 2001-03 | 125  |
| Gina Farkashazy      | 1980-83 | 112  |
| Kathy Watson         | 1982-85 | 107  |

| EPEE -- 100 WIN CLUB |         |      |
|----------------------|---------|------|
| NAME                 | YEARS   | WINS |
| Anna Garina          | 2004-07 | 199  |
| Justyna Konczalska   | 2006-08 | 196  |
| Marta Sciubisz       | 1999-01 | 134  |
| Rachel Davis         | 2011-14 | 118  |
| Brooke Schneider     | 1995-97 | 111  |
| Sara Shepard         | 1995-97 | 101  |

| SABRE -- 100 WIN CLUB |         |      |
|-----------------------|---------|------|
| NAME                  | YEARS   | WINS |
| Kaja Klodawska        | 2010-13 | 281  |
| Julie Saint-Cricq     | 2014-17 | 193  |
| Ann Bartoszewicz      | 2007-08 | 111  |
| Kasia Kuzniak         | 2006-07 | 111  |

## FENCING INDUCTEES INTO WSU HALL OF FAME

### **HARALD BAUDER**

Harald Bauder was one of the most successful fencers both in bouts and in the classroom. The 1992 NCAA men's epee fencing champion was also on the National Dean's List in 1991 and 1992.

Bauder, a native of Germany was a two-time first team All-American (1992-93), winning the title his sophomore season and placing fourth in 1993. In his final season, he earned second team honors with a fifth-place finish at the championships. He capped off his career by being named Outstanding Fencer by both the coaches and participants at the NCAA Division I Championships in 1994. Bauder won the epee event at the Midwest Intercollegiate Championships all three years he competed.

Bauder completed his undergraduate studies in just three years and earned a master's degree the following year. For his efforts, Bauder was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

### **GREG BENKO**

Benko a native of Melbourne, Australia, earned four varsity letters (1973-76) for WSU competing in the foil. Benko set an NCAA record by winning three national titles (1974, 1975 and 1976) during his career. The feat was later tied by WSU fencer Ernie Simon in 1981 and by Stanford University fencer Nick Bravin in 1993.

Benko helped lead the Tartars to their first ever NCAA team championship. Benko compiled an impressive 290-1 collegiate dual record in the foil, losing only one bout his freshman year in the 1973 NCAA championship match.

Before joining Wayne, Benko competed for the Australian fencing team at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. After finishing in the top 16 at the Games, Benko immediately came to Wayne State.

Benko placed sixth in the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics and ninth at the 1980 Moscow Olympics in the foil. He is a 19-time Australian National Foil Champion. He has been inducted into the Australian Olympic Hall of Fame and the NCAA Collegiate Hall of Fame.

### **ETTORE BIANCHI**

Bianchi was a four-year letterman who earned six All-American honors during his collegiate career. Bianchi lettered in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985 and led WSU to a national championship in each season. In 1984, and 1985, Bianchi was crowned the NCAA champion in the epee. He also earned All-American honors in 1982 and 1983.

Bianchi also excelled in the classroom. He graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average with a degree in business administration while majoring in finance. For his efforts, Bianchi was named to the NCAA Academic All-American team in 1984 and 1985.

Internationally, Bianchi starred on the Italian National Fencing team. He was a four-time member while finishing in the top six five times in the individual Italian championship.

### **ISTVAN DANOSI**

Maestro Istvan Danosi guided WSU to men's NCAA championships in 1975, 1979, 1980 and both the men's and women's titles in 1982. WSU finished in the top 10 nationally 10 times while he was the coach. He coached 40 All-Americans and guided the fencers to 15 individual championships.

He was the chairman of the U.S. Academy of Arms (National Fencing Coaches Association).

The Maestro came to WSU in 1957 after escaping his native country of Hungary. He went out a champion, retiring at the conclusion of the 1982 season with two NCAA titles.

### **STEVE DANOSI**

Danosi, a native of Budapest, Hungary, was a four-year letter winner for WSU and his father, head coach Istvan Danosi. The two are the first father-son combination in the Wayne State Hall of Fame. He was a three-time All-American his first three years at Wayne State. A torn achilles tendon kept Danosi from appearing in the 1975 NCAA Championships.

Danosi compiled a 285-5 record at WSU. He won the NCAA sabre title in 1974. He was the Great Lakes sabre champion in 1972-1975. Before WSU, Danosi was the youngest fencer to win the Michigan Senior Foil Championship in 1970. In 1975, Danosi was the first Wayne State athlete to receive the Donnelly Award, given each winter semester to a male and female student for outstanding academic and extracurricular

### **BRUCE DAVIS**

Davis was a three-year fencing letterman at WSU from 1957-59. He earned two individual NCAA foil championships in both 1957 and 1958. He placed third in 1959. Davis earned All-American honors all three years at WSU.

Along with his collegiate competition at Wayne State, Davis also competed for the Amateur Fencing League of America (AFLA) in the State of Michigan. He placed second in the Midwest in the epee in 1955. From 1955-1967, Davis placed in the top four in both the epee and foil in Michigan.

### **GINA FARKASHAZY**

Farkashazy was a three-time letter winner from 1981-83, after earning a freshman numeral in 1980. She competed in both the epee and foil. Farkashazy went undefeated in dual match competition her first year at Wayne State, finishing 29-0. She went on to win the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association (NIWFA) national championship meet. The NCAA did not sponsor women's fencing until 1982.

Farkashazy earned All-American First Team honors all four years at Wayne State, the last two from the NCAA. She led WSU to the first ever NCAA women's fencing title in 1982. She led the Tartars to a second-place finish at the 1983 NCAA Championships.

### **ANNA GARINA**

Ania "Anna" Garina was a four-year letterwinner in women's fencing (2003-07) for the Green and Gold. She was a three-time national champion (2004-05, 2007) and a four-time First Team All-American.

Garina was the first three-time NCAA champion in women's epee history and only the fourth women in NCAA fencing history and first in women's epee to win back-to-back NCAA Championships. In addition, she became the first WSU female fencer to win multiple NCAA championships.

Garina, who was selected as the 2006-07 WSU Female Student-Athlete of the Year, finished her career with 199 dual meet wins, the most of any female epeeist in WSU history.

She won the NCAA national title as a freshman in 2004, beating 2002 champion Kerry Walton of Notre Dame, 15-10, in title bout. Garina earned her second straight NCAA national title as a sophomore in 2005, defeating Notre Dame's Amy Orlando in the championship bout, 15-6.

As a junior she finished second in 2006 at NCAA Championships falling to Penn State's Katarzyna Trzopek in title bout, 12-11. Garina captured the 2007 NCAA national title, beating Notre Dame's Kelley Hurley, 15-13, in title bout. A native of Kiev, Ukraine, Garina graduated from WSU in 2007 with an accounting degree.

### **NEIL HICK**

Hick was a four-year letterwinner at WSU from 1980-83. In 1982, he was crowned the NCAA champion in sabre. Hick was a member of three national championship teams (1980-82-83).

In his freshman season he compiled a 27-6 record and was the Great Lakes Region individual sabre champion for the first of three consecutive seasons. In his national championship year, Hick recorded a 30-1 mark, and followed that with another 30 victories in 1982-83.

### **BYRON KRIEGER**

Krieger was the first WSU All-American. Krieger won the NCAA foil championship in 1942 and was 62-7 in dual meets at WSU including a 30-0 mark in the foil. Krieger competed in all three weapon events. He was a member of the 1952 and 1956 United States Olympic Fencing teams. He placed sixth in the 1951 Pan-American Games in both the foil and the sabre, while placing second in the epee. Krieger won 55 state and Midwest titles in all three fencing weapons.

He received the Detroit Sports Guild Outstanding Athlete Award in 1951 and was elected to the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame in 1974.

### **JAKUB KROCHMALSKI**

Jakub Krochmalski was a four-time fencing letterwinner (1999-2002) for Wayne State University earning All-America honors all four years.

After finishing in the top eight in the sabre as a freshman to earn Second Team All-America accolades, Krochmalski proceeded to finish in the top four the next three seasons claiming First Team All-America honors.

He compiled a 19-4 record in round-robin competition at the 2000 NCAA

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Championship and advance to the Gold Medal bout where he fell to Notre Dame's Gabor Szelle 15-12.

In 2001, Krochmalski won the NCAA Midwest Regional championship and reached the semifinals at the NCAA Championship finishing third with a 15-14 Bronze Medal bout win over Brown's Paul Friedman.

He again reached the Gold Medal bout of the NCAA Championship in 2002 after upsetting top-seeded Alex Weber of Penn State 15-10 in the national semifinals. Krochmalski was defeated by St. John's Ivan Lee 15-9 in the championship match. He finished his senior year with a 43-5 dual meet record.

A native of Lodz, Poland, Krochmalski graduated in 2002 with a business administration degree in management.

### GIL PEZZA

Pezza was a four-year fencing letterman at WSU from 1978 through 1981. He was a four-time NCAA All-American during that time. He was the first individual NCAA epee champion for WSU winning the title in 1980. Pezza came out victorious in the NCAA championship in 1981. Pezza won two team NCAA championships as a fencer in 1979 and 1980.

After graduating in 1981, Pezza was an assistant coach at WSU under first-year head coach Aladar Kogler. Pezza was promoted to head coach the following season and guided WSU to two team titles, which capped an unprecedented four straight team NCAA championships as a fencer in 1979 and 1980. He led the WSU women's fencing team to two NCAA championships in 1988 and 1989.

### PAOLA SACCHETTI

Paola Sacchetti was a four-time (1991-92 through 1994-95) women's fencing All-American during her career at Wayne State University. Sacchetti, a native of Milan, Italy, was named to the All-America Second Team in 1992, her first year at WSU. She compiled a 99-19 mark as a sophomore and finished in fifth place in the women's foil to earn Second Team All-America honors at the 1993 NCAA Championship hosted by Wayne State. The following year she placed 12th at the NCAA Championship to earn Honorable Mention All-America accolades after recording an 89-19 mark.

In her senior season, Sacchetti had a 124-14 record (89.9 winning percentage) leading the WSU women's foil team to a 16-7 regular-season record. At the 1995 NCAA Championship held in South Bend, Ind., she had her best national finish, third behind Penn State's Olga Kalinovskaya and Notre Dame's Maria Panyi to earn First Team All-America honors. Over the final three years of her collegiate career, she won 85.7 percent of her matches (312-52).

### ERNIE SIMON

Ernie Simon was a four-time All-American at WSU. The Melbourne, Australia, native tied fellow countryman Greg Benko's three foil NCAA Championship titles. The three national fencing titles ranks second in the NCAA record books.

In 1979, Simon led the Tartars with a 37-2 mark in dual meet competitions in the foil. He followed that performance with a third-place showing at the NCAA Championships. Simon helped lead WSU to two team NCAA championships in 1979 and 1980. In 1978, WSU finished third and in 1981 the team placed second.

### BELA SZENTIVANYI

Szentivanyi received fencing letters in 1960, 1962 and 1963. In that time he amassed a 75-14 career mark in dual meets, and posted a 63-13 ledger at the NCAA Championship competition. In 1963, Szentivanyi became the first WSU fencer to win a national championship in the sabre event.

Szentivanyi was the first international recruit brought in by former bench boss Istvan Danosi. Danosi coached Bela at the age of 14 in Hungary, and never forgot about the young prodigy.

Szentivanyi placed fourth at the NCAA Championships in his freshman campaign. In his senior season, he culminated his collegiate career by winning the 1963 NCAA individual sabre national championship. The three-time All-American captained the Tartars in both the 1962 and 1963 seasons.

### PAULA SWEENEY

Paula K. Sweeney was the first woman to be elected to the Wayne State Athletic Hall of Fame. She was a member of the Wayne State women's fencing team during the 1942-43 seasons. She was also captain of the squad during her senior season.

From 1941 to 1962, Paula was the women's fencing champion of Michigan. In 1953, she was the captain of the United States women's championship team and she was the U. S. women's individual champion during the 1948, 1952, and 1956 Olympics. In 1952, Paula was a member of the United States International team, that competed in the World Championship Games in Denmark.

### BELA DE TUSCAN

Bela de Tuscan was the WSU fencing coach from 1932 to 1957. He guided the Tartars to an 80-53-2 mark as head coach. He guided WSU to four top-ten finishes in that time.

A native of Hungary, de Tuscan was an outstanding fencer in his own right. He won a national sabre championship in 1919 in his native Hungary before coming to the United States.

Among other honors, Tuscan is the designer and patent holder of some of the electrical fencing equipment.

### RICHARD WATSON

Richard Watson was the first WSU fencer to win four NCAA All-American awards. Watson won four letters from 1947-50. Each year Watson made strides to improve. His freshman campaign he finished sixth at the NCAA Championships. In his sophomore and junior campaigns he placed fourth at the championships, and followed that up with a second-place finish in his senior season.

Watson compiled a career mark of 146-17 in dual meets including a 108-13 record in the sabre. He led his team to a seventh place showing at the 1948 NCAA Championships.

### YASEMIN TOPCU

Yasemin Topcu Block, a three-year (1988-90) member of the Wayne State women's fencing team, has been selected for induction into the WSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

She was a three-time All-America honoree and the medalist at the 1989 NCAA national championship meet held in Evanston, Ill. Topcu was a First Team All-American in 1988 after placing fourth and a Second Team selection in 1990 with an eighth-place finish. She helped the Tartars claim three consecutive national foil team titles in 1988, 1989 and 1990.

By winning the 1989 national championship, she became the first female national fencing champion in WSU history. Over her last two seasons, Topcu compiled a 144-43 mark for a winning percentage of .770.

### SLAVA ZINGERMAN

Slava Zingerman was a four-year fencing letterwinner (2006-10) who became only the second person in NCAA men's epee history to win three consecutive NCAA titles since the NCAA began competition in 1941.

As a freshman, he captured the 2007 NCAA national title as he defeated Benjamin Bratton of St. John's, 15-13. Zingerman compiled a 17-6 mark (+37 touches) during round-robin competition at the NCAA Championship to qualify for the semifinals. He also won the men's epee at the 2007 Midwest Fencing Conference championship.

The following year, Zingerman won the 2008 NCAA national title to become the third WSU men's epeeist to win back-to-back national titles joining Ettore Bianchi (1984-85) and Gil Pezza (1980-81).

In 2009, he won his third consecutive NCAA men's epee national title with a 15-7 victory over Princeton's Graham Wicas.

As a senior, he earned Second Team All-America accolades after placing seventh. Zingerman earned medalist honors for the third time in his career at the 2010 Midwest Fencing Conference championships. He also claimed the top spot at both the Remyenyik Open and the Danosi Open.

He compiled a 69-29 record at the NCAA Championships during his four years of competition and left WSU as a four-time All-American along with being the all-time epee wins leader in school history as he compiled a 247-54 overall mark.

**WAYNE STATE MEN'S FENCING ALL-AMERICANS****WAYNE STATE WOMEN'S FENCING ALL-AMERICANS**

1942 Byron Krieger (F)  
 1947 Richard Watson (S)  
 1948 Richard Watson (S)  
 1949 Richard Watson (S)  
 1950 Richard Watson (S)  
 1953 David Clinton (F)  
 1957 Bruce Davis (F)  
 1958 Bruce Davis (F)  
 1959 Bruce Davis (F)  
 1960 John Miller (S)  
 1961 John Miller (S)  
 1962 Bela Szentivanyi (S)  
 1963 Bela Szentivanyi (S)  
 1966 William Boucher (S)  
 1967 Andrew Haliw (S)  
 1968 Andrew Haliw (S)  
 1969 Richard Milazzo (F)  
 1970 Richard Milazzo (F)  
 1971 Richard Milazzo (F)  
 1972 Steve Danosi (S)  
 Richard Milazzo (F)  
 1973 Greg Benko (F)  
 Steve Danosi (S)  
 1974 Greg Benko (F)  
 Steve Danosi (S)  
 Mike Duika (S)  
 Charles Schneider (E)  
 1975 Greg Benko (F)  
 Steve Danosi (S)  
 Mark Masters (F)  
 Yuri Rabinovich (S)  
 1976 Greg Benko (F)  
 Yuri Rabinovich (S)  
 1977 Yuri Rabinovich (S)  
 1978 Gil Pezza (E)  
 Ernest Simon (F)  
 1979 Gil Pezza (E)  
 Yuri Rabinovich (S)  
 Ernie Simon (F)  
 1980 Gil Pezza (E)  
 Ernie Simon (F)  
 1981 Gil Pezza (E)  
 Ernie Simon (F)  
 1982 Neil Hick (S)  
 Ettore Bianchi (E)

1983 Ettore Bianchi (E)  
 Attila Kogler (S)  
 Stefan Kogler (F)  
 1984 Ettore Bianchi (E)  
 Stephane Chauvel (F)  
 Giovanni Giroto (S)  
 Bela Kogler (S)  
 Stefan Kogler (F)  
 1985 Ettore Bianchi (E)  
 Stephane Chauvel (F)  
 Peter Dinsdale (F)  
 1986 Markus Muller (S)  
 Neil Kessler (S)  
 Giovanni Giroto (S)  
 Stefan Kogler (F)  
 1989 Claus Block (E)  
 1991 Stephan Schroder (F)  
 1992 Harald Bauder (E)  
 Stephan Schroder (F)  
 1993 Harald Bauder (E)  
 1994 Harald Bauder (E)  
 1995 Aleks Mircovic (E)  
 1996 Thorsten Becker (F)  
 Aleks Mircovic (E)  
 1997 Henrikas Vaitkevicius (E)  
 1999 Jakub Krochmalski (S)  
 2000 Jakub Krochmalski (S)  
 2001 Jakub Krochmalski (S)  
 2002 Jakub Krochmalski (S)  
 2004 Wojciech Dudek (E)  
 Marek Petraszek (E)  
 2005 Marek Petraszek (E)  
 2006 Marek Petraszek (E)  
 2007 Marek Petraszek (E)  
 Slava Zingerman (E)  
 2008 Jakub Gibczynski (S)  
 Slava Zingerman (E)  
 2009 Slava Zingerman (E)  
 Mykhaylo Mazur (E)  
 2010 Slava Zingerman (E)  
 2015 Ziad Elsisy (S)  
 2017 Ziad Elsisy (S)

1980 Gina Farkashazy (F)  
 1981 Gina Farkashazy (F)  
 1982 Gina Farkashazy (F)  
 1983 Gina Farkashazy (F)  
 1986 Dianella Gobbato (F)  
 1987 Lorendana Ranza (F)  
 1988 Lorendana Ranza (F)  
 Yasemin Topcu (F)  
 1989 Lorendana Ranza (F)  
 Yasemin Topcu (F)  
 1990 Yasemin Topcu (F)  
 1992 Paola Sacchetti (F)  
 1993 Paola Sacchetti (F)  
 Larissa Lehmkuhl (F)  
 1994 Paola Sacchetti (F)  
 1995 Paola Sacchetti (F)  
 1996 Agata Wysiadecka (F)  
 1997 Agata Wysiadecka (F)  
 1998 Marta Sciubisz (E)  
 Agata Wysiadecka (F)  
 1999 Marta Sciubisz (E)  
 Agata Wysiadecka (F)  
 2000 Marta Sciubisz (E)  
 2001 Marta Sciubisz (E)  
 Inga Wallrabenstein (F)  
 2002 Inga Wallrabenstein (F)  
 2003 Anna Vinnikov (E)  
 Inga Wallrabenstein (F)  
 2004 Anna Garina (E)  
 2005 Anna Garina (E)  
 Anna Vinnikov (E)  
 2006 Anna Garina (E)  
 Katarzyna Kuzniak (S)  
 Justyna Konczalska (E)  
 2007 Anna Garina (E)  
 Justyna Konczalska (E)  
 2008 Karolina Budna (S)  
 Justyna Konczalska (E)  
 2010 Olivia Dobbs (F)  
 2015 Zuzanna Sobczak (F)  
 2016 Kasia Lachman (F)  
 Pati Palczynska (S)  
 Zuzanna Sobczak (F)

2017 Kasia Lachman (F)  
 Pati Palczynska (S)  
 Zuzanna Sobczak (F)



# JERZY RADZ

## Head Fencing Coach

### Wayne State University

#### 27th Season

Maestro Jerzy Radz has been the head coach of Wayne State University men's and women's fencing programs since 1991. He is the fifth head fencing coach for WSU since it began in 1932.

Prior to WSU, Radz was the head coach of the University of Wisconsin-Madison men's and women's fencing teams for one season when they won the Big Ten Conference Championships and finished 10th in the nation. Radz also coached at Washington University of Missouri in 1989-1990.

During his tenure, the Warriors have been one of the top collegiate fencing programs in the nation. Radz, the 2004 Midwest Fencing Conference Coach of the Year, has coached eight individual national champions at WSU. Harald Bauder won the men's epee in 1992, while Thorsten Becker won the men's foil in 1996. Anna Garina won the women's epee in 2004, 2005 and 2007. Slava Zingerman won three consecutive men's epee titles (2007-2008-2009).

Radz has also produced a number of NCAA Midwest Regional Champions. Garina was crowned Midwest Regional Champion in women's epee in 2004, while Anna Vinnikov (women's epee) and Wojciech Dudek (men's epee) were crowned champions in 2003. Throughout Radz's career at WSU, he has coached 50 All-Americans.

Men's fencing has existed on the intercollegiate level at Wayne State since 1932 and has fielded a team every season except in 1943-45 due to World War II. In that time, the Warriors have only had 10 losing seasons. WSU has won seven men's team NCAA Championships in 1975, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985. In addition, the men's team was an NCAA runner-up three times.

The women's program has been competing since 1975. They have won three team NCAA Championships in 1982, 1988 and 1990. In 1982, they were the first women's team to win an NCAA Championship.

The fencing program has been one of the most successful athletic programs at Wayne State. The program has attracted both American and international fencers from around the world that dates back to former head coach Bela de Tuscan,

who coached from 1932-1957.

Being no stranger to the sport himself, Radz has over 30 years of coaching experience in all weapons and has been active in organizing and conducting youth fencing programs that have developed world-class fencers. Radz earned his master's degree in physical education from the Academy of Physical Education in Warsaw, Poland.

In 1973, Radz started his coaching career at the Warsaw Sports Club, which is the most prestigious fencing club in Poland, and coached there from 1973-1988. In 1975, he began his teaching career when he accepted a position at a government sponsored sports school, working with 11-and-12 year olds. One of his students was Marek Gniewkowski, who was a member of the 1988 and 1992 Poland Olympic Team and placed fifth in the sabre competition in 1988. Radz was a member of the Polish Olympic coaching staff from 1979 to 1998.

For his efforts, Radz earned a fencing master's from the United States Fencing Coaches Association (USFCA) in 1990. The USFCA is a national academy

| Year | Combined Finish Under Radz |
|------|----------------------------|
| 2017 | 13th                       |
| 2016 | 14th                       |
| 2015 | 15th                       |
| 2014 | 17th                       |
| 2013 | 15th                       |
| 2012 | 17th                       |
| 2011 | 21st                       |
| 2010 | 15th                       |
| 2009 | 14th                       |
| 2008 | 9th                        |
| 2007 | 8th                        |
| 2006 | 10th                       |
| 2005 | 10th                       |
| 2004 | 9th                        |
| 2003 | 17th                       |
| 2002 | T-12th                     |
| 2001 | 10th                       |
| 2000 | 16th                       |
| 1999 | 9th                        |
| 1998 | 15th                       |
| 1997 | 13th                       |
| 1996 | 11th                       |
| 1995 | 11th                       |
| 1994 | 11th                       |
| 1993 | 17th                       |
| 1992 | 7th                        |

of the Academie D' Armes International (AAI), the diplomas are awarded through the USFCA and are recognized by the AAI and its national academies throughout the world.

Radz was named to the NCAA Fencing Committee for a three-year term beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

## WSU FENCING HEAD COACHES THROUGH THE YEARS

- Jerzy Radz (1991-SA)
- Gil Pezza (1983-91)
- Aladar Kogler (1982-83)
- Istvan Danosi (1957-82)
- Bella de Tuscan (1932-57)



The Matthaei Center on Wayne State University's campus.



The Mort Harris Recreation & Fitness Center on Wayne State University's campus.

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## A

Allan, Sarah..... 1998-99  
 Amos, Carol..... 1977-79  
 Aycock, Joanna..... 1998-01

## B

Baniszewski, Peggy..... 1993-96  
 Barauskas, Dana..... 1995  
 Barc, Samantha..... 2008-09  
 Bartoszewicz, Anna..... 2007-08  
 Bercea, Emanuela..... 2008-09  
 Berry, Cheryl..... 1984  
 Berry, Marcia..... 1980-81  
 Bertolini, Sue..... 1976  
 Boettcher, Olga..... 1988-89  
 Briones, Regina..... 2000-01  
 Broderick, Rachel..... 2008-11  
 Brooker, Rachelle..... 1980-82  
 Bryce, Katie..... 2008-12  
 Budna, Karolina..... 2008  
 Byrd, Diane..... 1977

## C

Chmielewski, Alicia..... 2004-07  
 Cisarvic, Katrina..... 1989  
 Clothier, Judy..... 1976  
 Collins, Amanda..... 2000-03  
 Cox, Laura..... 1986-87

## D

D'Agostino, Ashley..... 2008-09  
 D'Alessandro, Helen..... 1987  
 Dale, Martha..... 1994-97  
 Davis, Rachel..... 2011-13  
 Deschuytter, Marie..... 2011-14  
 DiNike, Beth..... 1980-81  
 Dobbs, Olivia..... 2009-13  
 Duda, Melanie..... 2000-03  
 Duika, Mary Ann..... 1976

## E

Erley, Gwen..... 1979

## F

Fabricius, Cindy..... 1979-80  
 Farkashazy, Gina..... 1980-83  
 Fenner, Jillian..... 2015-17  
 Flynn, Meghan..... 2012-16  
 Fox, Nancy..... 1976

## G

Galassi, Laura..... 1985-87  
 Garina, Anna..... 2004-07  
 Gay, Candace..... 1999  
 Gericke, Iris..... 1978-79  
 Gibbons, Bridget..... 2014-17  
 Gobbato, Dianella..... 1986  
 Goldstein, Sharon..... 1986-87  
 Gray, Sara..... 2013-15  
 Griffin, Amy..... 2000-01

## H

Hawley, Janice..... 1996-97  
 Hefner, Brianne..... 2010-13  
 Hefner, Kathryn..... 2001-04  
 Henley, Anita..... 1976-77  
 Henry, Gloria..... 1986  
 Holcomb, Rose..... 1976-77  
 Hollingsworth, Vicki..... 1978-80  
 Houthoofd, Julie..... 1983-85  
 Howard, Lindsey..... 2004-07  
 Hutchinson, Lisamarie..... 1979  
 Hydell, Noreen..... 1976-79

## J

Jackson, Amber..... 2014  
 Johnson, Cory..... 2004  
 Jones, Janelle..... 2004-05  
 Jones, Sierra..... 2015-17

## K

Kaul, Alexandra..... 2015  
 Kelly, Desiree..... 2008-11  
 Ketko, MaryBeth..... 2005-06  
 Killam, Donna..... 1978  
 Kincannon, Bianca..... 2009-11  
 Kliber, Amy..... 1999  
 Klodawska, Kaja..... 2010-14  
 Konczalska, Justyna..... 2006-08  
 Kotov, Anna..... 2008-10  
 Krause, Mary..... 1980-83  
 Kuzniak, Katarzyna..... 2006-07  
 Kwiatkowski, Melanie..... 2007

## L

Lachman, Kasia..... 2015-17  
 Lanni, Lydia..... 2008-10  
 Lartigue, Joyce..... 1981-83  
 Lawson, Jinelle..... 2002-05  
 Leffingwell, Larissa..... 2006  
 Lehmkuhl, Larissa..... 1990-93  
 Lerman, Eve..... 1980

## M

Magda, Natalie..... 2016  
 Mahliss, Barbara..... 1992  
 McChesney, Cydney..... 2013-15  
 Miller, Chelsea..... 2014-17  
 Moore, Kathleen..... 1994  
 Moore, Meredith..... 1997  
 Murray, Sarah..... 2002

## N

Nunley, Patricia..... 1984  
 Nuttall, Sara..... 1985

## O

Olijnyk, Tanya..... 1994-97  
 Otremba, Stacy..... 2005-06  
 Ozanich, Andrea..... 2013-15

## P

Palazzolo, Bernadette..... 2000-01  
 Palczynska, Pati..... 2015-17  
 Pauly, Francesca..... 1984-85  
 Perkins, Tiffany..... 2005

## Q

Quail, Alanna..... 1987

## R

Ranza, Loredana..... 1987-90  
 Reed, Charlotte..... 2008-12  
 Richmond, Gwen..... 1978  
 Romatowski, Brittany..... 2008  
 Russell, Rosana..... 1999

## S

Sabrie, Tiaja..... 2009-13  
 Sacchetti, Paola..... 1992-95  
 Saint-Cricq, Julie..... 2014-17  
 Schneider, Allyse..... 2005-07  
 Schneider, Brooke..... 1993-97  
 Sciubisz, Marta..... 1998-01  
 Shelby, Shawn..... 1977  
 Shepherd, Sara..... 1995-97  
 Skattebol, Hanne..... 1980  
 Smolinski, Dana..... 1995-96  
 Sobczak, Zuzanna..... 2013-17  
 Stanish, Margaret..... 1979  
 Stine, Kimberly..... 1997  
 Stranyak, Erin..... 2005-07  
 Strassburg, Samantha..... 2008-09  
 Sweeney, Sheila..... 1979  
 Szyzkowski, Lola..... 1976-77

## T

Thomas, Jennifer..... 1999-01  
 Tomasso, Lara..... 1987-89  
 Tomhon, Catherine..... 1987  
 Topcu, Yasemin..... 1987-90  
 Tsitlakidou, Despina..... 2014-17

## V

Van't Wout, Amanda..... 2009  
 Vinnikov, Anna..... 2002-05

## W

Wallrabenstein, Inga..... 2000-03  
 Washburn, Leslie..... 2002  
 Watson, Kathryn..... 1982-85  
 Westric, Judy..... 1983-85  
 Wilkerson, Shante..... 2010-12, 2014  
 Witt, Sally..... 2009-11  
 Wood, Danielle..... 2014  
 Wysiadecka, Agata..... 1996-99

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Abate, Michael ..... 1957  
 Abbas, Krzysztof..... 2009  
 Accica, Adam..... 2013  
 Albin, James..... 1974-76  
 Alexander, Jack ..... 1977  
 Alexander, John..... 1978  
 Alonso, Matthew..... 1990-91  
 Aumock, David ..... 1967-70  
 Avsharian, Paul ..... 1975-77  
 Ayad, Mohamed..... 1990

## B

Baniszewski, Mark..... 1990-93  
 Barry, James..... 1955  
 Bauder, Harald ..... 1992-94  
 Bearse, Brennan..... 2011-12  
 Becker, Thorsten..... 1996  
 Bendelow, Edward ..... 1964  
 Bendure, Donald ..... 1965  
 Benko, Greg..... 1973-76  
 Berman, Seymour ..... 1938-40  
 Bershas, Philip ..... 1958  
 Bianchi, Ettore..... 1982-85  
 Bindon, Mark ..... 1988  
 Bitonti, Frank ..... 1951-54  
 Bizek, Keith ..... 2012  
 Blass, Karl..... 1965-67  
 Block, Claus-Dieter..... 1988-90  
 Boucher, William ..... 1966  
 Brennan, Thomas ..... 1974  
 Brichacek, Michal ..... 2007-09  
 Briesmeister, Steve..... 2001  
 Briones, Rex ..... 2000-03  
 Bullert, George..... 1962-63

## C

Calvilo, Jonas..... 1992-95  
 Casmer, Andrew ..... 1996  
 Chapp, Ian ..... 2000-02  
 Chappuis, Merlin ..... 2012-13  
 Chauvel, Stephan ..... 1983-86  
 Cho, Mike ..... 1990-93  
 Cieslak, Tom ..... 1998-99  
 Clark, Jimmy ..... 1963-64  
 Clark, Robert ..... 1962-64  
 Clinton, David..... 1953-54  
 Cooper, Robert ..... 1941  
 Cottrell, Theodore..... 1965-67  
 Crawford, Hill ..... 1970  
 Crist, Matt ..... 2006  
 Crow, Louis ..... 1955-56  
 Csete, Zoltan, Jr. .... 1971-74  
 Cunningham, Harold..... 1953-56  
 Cunningham, Thomas ..... 1957-58

## D

Danosi, Steve ..... 1972-75  
 Dargis, Jacob ..... 2011-12

Davidson, Mark ..... 1971-72  
 Davis, Bruce..... 1957-59  
 Davis, Donald ..... 1948  
 Davis, Howard ..... 1969-70  
 Davis, Mike..... 1979-81  
 DeBenedictis, Dante..... 2009  
 Debowski, Mariusz ..... 2010  
 Decker, Thomas ..... 1968  
 deTuscan, Bella..... 1968-69  
 Dickinson, Lawrence ..... 1954  
 Diggs, Marvin..... 2009  
 Dinsdale, Peter..... 1985  
 Dinsmore, Samuel..... 1954-57  
 Dixon, Demetrius ..... 2010-11  
 Dowsman, Matthew ..... 1987  
 Duane, Warren ..... 1959-61  
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 Duika, Michael ..... 1972-74  
 DuRocher, Daniel..... 1968  
 Duryea, Jeffery..... 1988

## E

Eddy, David ..... 1948  
 Evans, Roy ..... 1949

## F

Farchione, Todd ..... 1993-95  
 Farmer, Bruce ..... 1973-74  
 Feldman, Cyrus..... 2007  
 Ferrante, Ryan ..... 2005-06  
 Ferris, Jon ..... 1999-02  
 Feul, Raymond ..... 1968-69  
 Fox, Louis ..... 1966-68  
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 Gannon, Walter ..... 1951-52  
 Garavaglia, Paul ..... 1970-71  
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## H

Haas, Michael..... 2013  
 Haliw, Andrew ..... 1966-68  
 Hanley, Patrick ..... 2001-04

Hanna, Ihab ..... 1990  
 Harte, Eric ..... 1978-79  
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 Heyman, Ernest..... 1965-66  
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 Hilton, Matthew..... 2013  
 Hochberg, Herbert..... 1948  
 Hoffman, Matt ..... 2011-12  
 Hodak, George ..... 1952-53  
 Hoppe, Wolfgang ..... 1956  
 Howard, Ephraim ..... 1945  
 Hoyt, Jordan ..... 2009  
 Hryhorczuk, Lew ..... 1961-62  
 Hurley, Mark..... 1976-77

## I

Isaac, Brandon ..... 2007-08  
 Isotalo, Esko ..... 1939

## J

Jackson, Kenneth ..... 1938-40  
 Jenkins, Gary ..... 1995-96  
 Jimmy, Ruub ..... 2011-12  
 Johnson, Carl..... 1947  
 Jones, Robert ..... 1977-78  
 Jopek, Jason..... 2000-03

## K

Kaczander, Theodore ..... 1936-39  
 Kaiser, Hans..... 2012-13  
 Kalmar, Ralph..... 1949  
 Kanar, William..... 1952  
 Keila, Dennis ..... 1964, 66  
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 Klein, Myer ..... 1945  
 Klekner, Tom..... 1978-81  
 Klemic, James ..... 1984-87  
 Klutke, Carl..... 1976-79  
 Kogler, Attila ..... 1983  
 Kogler, Bela..... 1981-84  
 Kogler, Geza ..... 1979-81  
 Kogler, Stefan..... 1982-84  
 Kozaren, James ..... 1962  
 Kreutzer, Gilbert ..... 1947  
 Krieger, Byron ..... 1939-42  
 Krochmalski, Jakub ..... 1999-02  
 Krug, Cliff ..... 1986-87  
 Krushensky, Richard ..... 1953-54  
 Kudla, Steven ..... 2012-13  
 Kumar, Nathan ..... 2010-12

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Langdorf, Joe .....2003-06  
 Larson, Dale ..... 1950  
 Laundroche, Robert..... 1956-58  
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 Lehikoinen, Jyri ..... 1993  
 Lentine, Nicholas..... 1951-53  
 Lernesjo, Ulf ..... 1986-87  
 Leskie, Alex ..... 1993-96  
 Lindensmith, Richard ..... 1964  
 Lieblang, Joe ..... 2004  
 Lisowsky, Bogdan..... 1963-65  
 Logan, Charles..... 1964  
 Logan, David ..... 1938  
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**M**

Mackey, William ..... 1959-61  
 Markakis, Nick..... 1961-62  
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 Masters, Mark ..... 1973-75  
 Mathias, Marc ..... 2000-03  
 Mazur, Mykhaylo..... 2009  
 McClendon, Marshall ..... 2006  
 McCune, Mike..... 1993-96  
 McDonald, Douglas ..... 1965  
 McDowell, James ..... 1965-66  
 Meadlock, William ..... 1948  
 Milazzo, Richard ..... 1969-72  
 Miller, Ellsworth ..... 1958-60  
 Miller, John ..... 1959-61  
 Miller, Robert ..... 1949-50  
 Mindszenty, Bartholomew ..... 1966  
 Minore, William..... 1950  
 Mirvovic, Aleks ..... 1994-97  
 Misewicz, Michael..... 1976-77  
 Morrison, Bruce..... 1962-63  
 Morrow, Vernal..... 1956-58  
 Mroczyk, Michael ..... 1975  
 Mulhinch, Craig..... 1981-84  
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 Mulligan, Tim ..... 2009-13  
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 Murphy, Matt ..... 1991  
 Murray, Michael ..... 1987-89

**N**

Ng, Michael ..... 1977-79  
 Neda, Robert ..... 2010  
 Nersessian, Raffi..... 2009-12  
 Nitzke, Theodore ..... 1996-99

**O**

O'Connor, John ..... 1949-50  
 Olijnyk, John ..... 1990-91  
 Opalewski, Andrew ..... 2008-11  
 Orlans, Jerome ..... 1969  
 Overfield, Robert..... 1948

**P**

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 Parshall, Donald ..... 1966-68  
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 Petraszek, Marek..... 2004-07  
 Pezza, Gil..... 1978-81  
 Pinchuck, Rene..... 1947-51  
 Pirallo, Ronald..... 1981-83  
 Platt, Lawrence ..... 1938  
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 Poblenz, Scott ..... 1994-97  
 Pope, Robert ..... 1987  
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Rabinovich, Yuri ..... 1975-77, 79  
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 Reed, Thomas..... 1988-89  
 Richardson, Cam ..... 1999-01  
 Riggs, John..... 1956  
 Ringl, Andy ..... 1972  
 Rits, Yevgeni..... 1996  
 Romaya, Ramiz ..... 1990-93  
 Rosenbaum, Jean..... 1948-50  
 Rutherford, John ..... 2007

**S**

Sauls, Lawrence ..... 1962  
 Scheer, Howard ..... 1983  
 Schneider, Charles..... 1971-74  
 Schneider, Quentin..... 2012-13  
 Schroder, Stephan ..... 1990-92  
 Scott, Dan..... 1980-83  
 Scott, Joe..... 1972-73  
 Segal, Mark ..... 1979-80  
 Segesta, Samuel ..... 1951-52  
 Sherman, William ..... 1945-47  
 Simon, Ernest..... 1978-81  
 Simpson, Oscar..... 1954-56  
 Silantyev, Nikita ..... 2011-13  
 Sliwa, Daniel ..... 1975-76  
 Sliwe, Robert..... 1971  
 Smit, Harry..... 1953-55  
 Smith, Bobby ..... 2004-07  
 Smith, Will ..... 1971-73  
 Soddy, Tom..... 1941  
 Spoutz, Earl ..... 1967-69  
 Starnes, Robert ..... 1952-54  
 Stein, Leon ..... 1956-57  
 Stewart, Matt..... 1989  
 Stoelting, Howard ..... 1951-52  
 Stone, Sanford ..... 1964  
 Struzek, Kenneth..... 1971  
 Stuart, Paul ..... 1966-68  
 Sukunda, Eli ..... 1969-71  
 Szentivanyi, Bela..... 1960, 62-63  
 Szlag, David..... 1983-85  
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**T**

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 Taines, Gerald..... 1944-46  
 Tejada, Anthony ..... 2004-05  
 Thibault, Brian ..... 2004-05  
 Tomlinson, Patrick..... 2007-08  
 Trainer, Vincent ..... 1948  
 Truba, Paul ..... 1938  
 Trupiano, Michael..... 1976

**V**

Vaitkevicius, Henrikas..... 1994-97  
 Vidovic, Justin ..... 1995-97

**W**

Wardle, Alvyn..... 1973-74  
 Watkins, John..... 1963-64  
 Watson, Richard ..... 1947-50  
 Weinstein, Sanford..... 1959-61  
 Westfall, Walter..... 1952-53  
 Whitefield, Norman ..... 1948  
 Wilkinson, Pierce..... 2005  
 Williams, Chris ..... 2002-04  
 Winston, Darrin..... 2011-13  
 Wirges, Klaus ..... 1988-89  
 Wong, Wayne ..... 1965  
 Wood, Francis..... 1958-59

**Z**

Zelkowski, John..... 1978-81  
 Zingerman, Slava ..... 2007-10  
 Znoy, Joseph ..... 1975-77  
 Znoy, Steve..... 2005-07  
 Zoltowski, Bruno ..... 1964

## A WINNING STRATEGY

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The success of any coach hinges on his or her ability to develop a strategy, whether it is for an individual play, one game or a stretch of seasons.

For Gil Pezza, Wayne State fencing coach in the 1980s, it was his ability to develop a strategy for the women's team in a rapid time of change for the college sport that helped propel the program to a prolific run of back-to-back-to-back national championships from 1988 to 1990. And now, as the 30-year anniversary of the first of those titles approaches, Pezza's strategy still looks flawless, and the results rank as some of the top moments in the Wayne State athletic department's 100-year history.

Pezza, a former two-time individual national championship fencer for Wayne State and eventual Hall of Fame inductee in 1993, recognized a shift in how college fencing was being organized. On the men's side, more fencers from each school were able to qualify at national competitions, which in theory, seems like a good idea. But in practice, it meant that a few powerhouse schools controlled the top of the leaderboard because often their second and third fencers were better than other schools' top player.

The crux: a school, already facing severe budgetary constraints, needed to go all-in on men's fencing if it wanted a true shot at winning a national title. Pezza, realizing that investment would be too great for Wayne State in the mid-1980s, shifted resources to women's fencing, at the time a much different sport than the men's.

Women could only fence in the foil event and at national events (though they can participate in all three today), there was both an individual and team title awarded.

"We focused intentionally on the women's team in terms of building depth," said Pezza, who coached from 1983 to 1991. "With the men, having two people per weapon for three events, and the competition being tougher, we decided to invest in the women's team. "It was planned and designed to be the best opportunity for Wayne State."



Hall of Famer Gil Pezza.

And an opportunity it was. After assembling a team of the best athletes, many from Europe, Wayne State – which won its first women's fencing national title in 1982 – won back-to-back titles in 1988 and 1989. The three national championships were the most of any women's fencing program during that eight-year stretch; Yale won twice and Notre Dame, Penn State and Pennsylvania each won once.

“We had great synergy between the athletes,” Pezza said. “And we just knew we had the talent to finish in the top two or three.”

Wayne State has the distinction of being both the first and last women’s fencing National Collegiate Athletic Association champions. The NCAA conducted a women’s fencing championship from 1982 until 1989.

### **THE LOST CHAMPIONSHIP?**

Beginning in 1990, the NCAA combined the men’s and women’s fencing results into one combined championship. That year, the Wayne State women’s team finished first in the foil; the combined result between the men and women was a tie for fifth place.

But don’t talk about the combined result with Loredana Ranza, who fenced for Wayne State beginning in the late 1980s.

Ranza (like Pezza, from Italy) remembers the 1990 women’s title like it was yesterday – and has the pain and scars to prove it.

A week before the national championship that year, she was driving around with some teammates when their car broke down. When she got out of the car to see what the matter was, she slipped on a patch of ice and tore a ligament in her left thumb. Some urged her to skip the finals, fearing she could do longer-term damage to her hand if she tried to fence at far less than 100 percent health.

But Ranza taped the foil weapon to her glove and then proceeded help the team win the 1990 women’s title.

“I remember when I was fencing (Notre Dame’s) Anne Barreda and was facing the Notre Dame crowd and they were making so much noise and were so loud and the moment I put the last dodge, the wave of blue and gold vanished.”

It was her last collegiate competition and the one she says she loves the most. Ranza to this day sits third in program history for all-time wins in the foil event, with 284. Paola Sacchetti, who played for Wayne State in the mid-1990s, holds the current record with 312.

“Loredana was the engine of the team,” Pezza said.

### **A TEAM EFFORT**

Ranza, who earned two degrees from Wayne State and met her husband of more than two decades while fencing (he was a fencer at the University of Detroit), describes the women’s fencing team of the late 1980s as a scrappy bunch of rebels who often saw themselves as underdogs, particularly when compared to some of the top fencing schools like Notre Dame and Yale.

“Then we would go to Yale and Princeton and Harvard and beat the crap out of them,” she said.

Among the contributing teammates was Yasemin Topcu, a three-time All-America honoree and the first female NCAA national fencing champion in Wayne State history (Gina Farkashazy won a national individual title in 1980 at the National Intercollegiate Women’s Fencing Association (NIWFA) national championship meet), thanks to her performance in the foil event at the 1989 national championship.

Topcu ranks seventh in school history for wins in the foil with 230.

Laura Galassi, whose final season coincided with Wayne State’s first championship in 1988, ranks ninth with 178 victories.

Olga Boettcher, who fenced for two seasons, in 1988 and 1989, has 130 victories to her name.

Ranza, who says she still keeps in touch with some of her teammates to this day, said though some specific memories from Wayne State’s championship runs have faded, the feeling is still there.

“It will always be a huge and important piece of my life,” she said.



The Wayne State sports medicine department is led by head athletic trainer Michael Chan and assistants Steve Domzalski, Jessica McNally, Andrew Stoll, Erin Brown and Andrea Chilcote. All six are members of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and provide medical care to the Warrior student-athletes.

The sports medicine staff is responsible for all the medical needs of our student-athletes, including injury examination, prevention and management, treatment and rehabilitation of emergent, acute, and chronic injuries or medical conditions. Athletic trainers are present at Warrior home and away events to ensure for the health and

safety of all student-athletes.

The Matthaei athletic training room has over 1,000 square feet of sports medicine space for treatment/rehabilitation and storage areas. Other special features include: a hydrotherapy area with three therapeutic whirlpools, a designated team physician examination office, and additional office space for the sports medicine staff.

The WSU Athletic Department works with many different team physicians. They include Dr. Bill Moutzouros (team orthopedic surgeon), Dr. Keith Whitlow (team physician) and Dr. Ramsey Shehab (team physician), and other physician consultants.



In June of 2017, Director of Athletics Rob Fournier and the Wayne State University department of athletics announced the building of a new Athletic Performance Center adjacent to the Matthaei.

The facility will be located between the Matthaei Building and the new softball complex. It is expected to be completed in December of 2017 and will cost 2.1 million dollars.

"The Athletic Performance Center will provide our student-athletes with the latest equipment and conditioning apparatus to prepare our teams for intercollegiate athletic competition," said Fournier. "The 11,000 square feet of space will benefit both our men's and women's teams as we can maximize athletic efficiency and development. To consistently win and be successful at the highest levels of NCAA play we need the resources to advance the training and preparation of our student-athletes. This new

stand-alone center accomplishes that objective."

"I would like to thank our Director of Athletics Rob Fournier and President M. Roy Wilson for their continuing support in providing Wayne State University student-athletes the championship experience," said head strength & conditioning coach Ruben Mendoza. "It is an exciting time at Wayne State. The APC will be a state-of-the-art training facility where we will be able to implement new strategies and methods to help our student-athletes achieve optimal athletic performance. We will be moving from a 3,200 square foot area to an 11,000 square foot area complex featuring eight dual racks with 16 inlayed platforms, eight stand-alone half racks, dumbbells, plate loaded machines, cardio area, offices and a conference room. In addition, we will be adding a hydration and nutrition station. This will give our student-athletes the resources to reach their athletic greatness."



2016-17 WSU Athletic Deans' Award Winners (left to right):  
 Kaitlyn Schnur, Leah Coonrod, Aaron Weston, Shannon McNamara, Rob Fournier,  
 Holly Krill, Zuzanna Sobczak, Andrea Mitrache and Emily Smith.

### ATHLETIC ACADEMIC SERVICES

The Wayne State Athletic Department has developed a comprehensive approach to academic services for its student-athletes. The department's goal is to assist student-athletes in pursuit of their designated course of studies and ultimately to achieve graduation. This objective is facilitated by appropriate academic advising, major selection, tutorial assistance and other life skill development and academic support services.

A major goal of athletic academic services is to significantly increase the department's graduation rate over the next five years and to continually emphasize the success of WSU's student-athletes in the community. Part of the initiative already has been realized by the department's annual Spring Academic Recognition Luncheon that honors student-athletes with a 3.5 or better term grade point average. The name of each graduate is permanently displayed as part of the department's "Wall of Fame." The recognition is prominently displayed in the main concourse as you enter the Matthaei Athletic Facility Complex.

### UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| Accounting                                      | Elementary Education                     | Near Eastern Languages<br>(Arabic or Hebrew)       |
| African American Studies                        | Employment and Labor<br>Relations        | Near Eastern Studies                               |
| Anthropology                                    | English                                  | Nursing  |
| Art   | Environmental Science                    | Nutrition & Food Science                           |
| Art History                                     | Film                                     | Pre-Occupational Therapy                           |
| Asian Studies<br>(Chinese, Japanese)            | Finance                                  | Pre-Pharmacy                                       |
| Astronomy                                       | Gender, Sexuality and<br>Women's Studies | Philosophy   |
| Biochemistry & Chemical<br>Biology              | Geology                                  | Pre-Physical Therapy                               |
| Biological Sciences                             | German                                   | Pre-Physicians' Assistant                          |
| Biomedical Engineering                          | Global Studies                           | Physics  |
| Biomedical Physics                              | Global Supply                            | Political Science                                  |
| Chemical Engineering                            | Chain Management                         | Pre-Dentistry                                      |
| Chemistry                                       | Health Education                         | Pre-Law  |
| Civil Engineering                               | History                                  | Pre-Medicine                                       |
| Classics<br>(Greek, Latin)                      | Honors Program                           | Pre-Osteopathy                                     |
| Clinical Laboratory<br>Sciences                 | Industrial Engineering                   | Psychology   |
| Communication<br>Sciences & Disorders           | Information Systems                      | Public Affairs                                     |
| Communication Studies                           | Technology                               | Public Health                                      |
| Computer Science                                | Journalism                               | Public Relations                                   |
| Computer Technology                             | Kinesiology                              | Radiation Therapy                                  |
| Construction Management                         | Learning Design and<br>Technology        | Technology   |
| Criminal Justice                                | Linguistics                              | Radiologic Technology                              |
| Dance   | Management                               | Romance Languages<br>(French, Italian,<br>Spanish) |
| Design<br>& Merchandising                       | Management Information<br>Systems        | Secondary Education                                |
| Dietetics                                       | Manufacturing Engineering<br>Technology  | Slavic Studies<br>(Polish, Russian)                |
| Economics                                       | Marketing                                | Social Studies Education                           |
| Electric Transportation<br>Technology           | Math Economics                           | Social Work  |
| Electrical Engineering                          | Mathematics                              | Sociology  |
| Electrical/Electronic<br>Engineering Technology | Mechanical Engineering<br>Technology     | Special Education                                  |
| Electromechanical Engineering<br>Technology     | Mechanical Engineering<br>Technology     | Theatre  |
|   | Media Arts & Studies                     | Urban Studies                                      |
|   | Mortuary Science                         |  |
|   | Music                                    |  |

### SERVICES AVAILABLE TO WSU STUDENT-ATHLETES

#### Academic Monitoring

The Department of Athletics utilizes Advising Works software, a monitoring alert system in which instructors, learning specialists and tutors provide notification to students and their coaches about progress in their classes. In conjunction with the coaching staff, requests for information about class attendance and performance are sent to each instructor through the system. The academic coordinator tracks individual progress, schedules meetings with students as appropriate, and personally contacts instructors as necessary.

#### Counseling/Mentoring

The coordinator meets with student-athletes individually and arranges for group meetings/workshops with other support service personnel regarding academic, athletic, career, and/or personal issues (for example, group sessions covering such topics as test-taking skills, time management, learning styles, etc.) The Department of Athletics has collaborative relationships with many other critical units on campus to help provide appropriate support services.

#### Advising/Registration

In conjunction with academic advisors in the University Advising Center, the athletics academic advisor assists student-athletes with term course planning and registration, including holding special student-athlete Orientation sessions to introduce them to NCAA and GLIAC eligibility requirements and departmental academic policies as well as to Wayne State University's academic programs, procedures and regulations, and services. The office also works closely with academic advisors in all the university's schools and colleges to ensure appropriate semester course selection and timely progress towards degree. The office serves as a clearinghouse for information about campus resources and student support services, university forms, enrollment deadlines and institutional academic policies and procedures.

#### Structured Study

In an effort to help ensure the academic success and the development of consistent study patterns of student-athletes, the coordinator organizes supervised study sessions for each team.

#### Tutorial Services, Writing Center, Mathematics Laboratory

The university provides free peer tutoring in most subject areas either on a drop-in or by-appointment basis. In the event that the Academic Success Center cannot provide tutoring for a specific class, the Department of Athletics has set aside funds to hire individual tutors. The coordinator works with academic department chairs to identify qualified tutors and is always available to arrange special individual or group sessions in a variety of areas. As in all other services, the office works in a proactive manner to provide assistance before academic problems arise.

### WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

#### CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

| Alison Allen       | Basketball    | 2012             | 1st Team Infield           |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Chris Allen        | Basketball    | 1976             | 3rd Team Forward           |
| Mark Avery         | Baseball      | 1992             | 3rd Team Catcher           |
| Erika Barczak      | Diving        | 2008             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Ettore Bianchi     | Fencing       | 1984             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Lyndsay Butler     | Softball      | 2016             | 2nd Team Pitcher           |
| Lyndsay Butler     | Softball      | 2017             | 1st Team Pitcher           |
| Andrew Ciennik     | Baseball      | 2012             | 1st Team Infield           |
| Shannon Clark      | Softball      | 1993             | 2nd Team Infielder         |
| Jenni Culbertson   | Cross Country | 2007             | 2nd Team CC/Track          |
| Lindsay DiPietro   | Ice Hockey    | 2009             | 3rd Team At-Large          |
| Chris Donnelly     | Cross Country | 1995             | 3rd Team At-Large          |
| Ziad Elsisy        | Fencing       | 2017             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Matt Essian        | Baseball      | 1995             | 1st Team Infielder         |
| Manuela Ferreira   | Swimming      | 2015             | 3rd Team At-Large          |
| Manuela Ferreira   | Swimming      | 2017             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Tim Flannery       | Baseball      | 1976             | 1st Team Pitcher           |
| Tim Flannery       | Baseball      | 1977             | 1st Team Pitcher           |
| Nikki Fulton       | Softball      | 2012             | 3rd Team Infield           |
| Oscar Gamarra      | Tennis        | 2012             | 3rd Team At-Large          |
| Casey Hanes        | Softball      | 2010             | 2nd Team Pitcher           |
| Nathan Hiesche     | Swimming      | 2013             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Soren Holm         | Swimming      | 2015             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Lennie Jasosky     | Football      | 1983             | 2nd Team Wide Receiver     |
| Paul Janas         | Baseball      | 1974             | 1st Team Outfielder        |
| Paul Janas         | Baseball      | 1975             | 2nd Team Outfielder        |
| Dustin Kingston    | Hockey        | 2003             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Kristian Larsen    | Swimming      | 2014             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Matthew Laschuk    | Swimming      | 2010             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Matthew Laschuk    | Swimming      | 2011             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Rex Ledbetter      | Baseball      | 1976             | 2nd Team Designated Hitter |
| Catherine Leix     | Swimming      | 2011             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Catherine Leix*    | Swimming      | 2012             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Hannah Loesch      | Swimming      | 2015             | 3rd Team At-Large          |
| Hannah Loesch      | Swimming      | 2016             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| David Lutz         | Swimming      | 2005             | 3rd Team At-Large          |
| Doug Mack          | Cross Country | 2013             | 3rd Team CC/Track          |
| Elly Maleski       | Swimming      | 2014, 2015, 2016 | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Jade McGarr        | Softball      | 2016             | 3rd Team Infielder         |
| Renette Mulka      | Softball      | 1989             | 2nd Team Catcher           |
| Lenn Palmieri      | Basketball    | 1977             | Honorable Mention          |
| Kevin Ponticelli   | Baseball      | 1978             | 1st Team Outfielder        |
| Kevin Ponticelli   | Baseball      | 1979             | 1st Team Outfielder        |
| Elizabeth Rawlings | Diving        | 2017             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Josh Renel         | Football      | 2011             | 1st Team Running Back      |
| Bob Rogers         | Football      | 1975             | 2nd Team Running Back      |
| Ken Russell        | Football      | 1971             | 2nd Team Defensive End     |
| Gary Schultz       | Football      | 1971             | 1st Team Defensive Back    |
| Kayla Scott        | Swimming      | 2013, 2014       | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Karrington Seals   | Track         | 2017             | 3rd Team CC/Track          |
| Carly Sevald       | Diving        | 2013             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Jennifer Smith     | Softball      | 1992             | 2nd Team Pitcher           |
| Jennifer Smith     | Softball      | 1993             | 1st Team Pitcher           |
| Zuzanna Sobczak    | Fencing       | 2017             | 1st Team At-Large          |
| Ashley St. Andrew  | Swimming      | 2010             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Walt Stasinski     | Football      | 1972             | 1st Team Defensive Back    |
| Dylan Szedegi      | Swimming      | 2013             | 2nd Team At-Large          |
| Logan White        | Softball      | 2012, 2014       | 3rd Team Outfield          |
| Pat Zarkowski      | Basketball    | 1977             | 3rd Team Guard             |
| Ron Zenn           | Basketball    | 1977             | Honorable Mention          |

\*CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year



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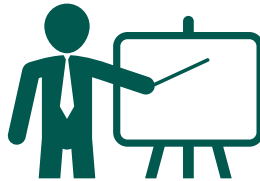
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City: 672,795 (2016)

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Counties – U.S. Census Bureau 2015)

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(Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint CMSA)

Founded: July 24, 1701 (incorporated, 1815)

Television Market: 11th

Fortune 500 Company Headquarters: 13

Mayor: Mike Duggan

• **Major Industry** – Internationally known for automobile manufacturing and trade, the world headquarters of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Company and Chrysler LLC are located in metro Detroit. The area ranks as a leader in the production of alternative fuel, auto manufacturing and life science. The area ranks as a leader in the production of paints, non-electrical machinery and automation equipment, as well as pharmaceutical, rubber products, synthetic resins and garden seed. Other national and international corporations headquartered here include The Budd Company, American National Resources, Kelly Services, SBC, Federal Mogul and Kmart, plus pizza giants Domino's, Hungry Howie's and Little Caesars. These companies employ more than 2 million metro Detroiters.

### Land Area

City: 138.8 square miles

Metropolitan: 1,337 square miles

Elevation: 581 feet above sea level at Detroit River

Average Snowfall: 41.1 inches

Mean Annual Temperature: 48.6

### Fun Facts About Detroit

- is home to the Motown sound founded by Berry Gordy Jr. in 1957
- is the potato chip capital of the world, based on consumption
- has country's largest island park within a city – Belle Isle Park
- is home to the world's only floating post office, the J.W. Westcott II, can be found on the Detroit River
- is home to one of the largest flower-bedding markets in the world – Eastern Market
- is second in the nation in the sale of fishing rods
- is home to one of the tallest hotels in the Western Hemisphere – the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, at 73 stories
- receives freighters from more than 100 world ports on the Detroit River
- has the most registered bowlers in the United States
- is the oldest city in the Midwest, and the only one from which one can look south to Canada.
- The Ambassador Bridge, linking Detroit with Windsor (Ontario, Canada) is one of the longest international suspension bridges in the world.
- Detroit has Henry Ford, the man who put America on wheels, to thank for the advent of snack food. He allowed workers on his assembly line to take short breaks, which led to the trend of workers purchasing small bags of food that could be quickly consumed.
- The Eastern Market, a major commercial food distribution center famous for the quality, freshness and variety of its produce, meat, fish and even flowers, has been in existence since 1892.
- In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club began in Detroit.
- was the first city in the nation to assign individual telephone numbers in 1879
- *The Sporting News* named Detroit the Best Sports City in 2007.
- Detroit's community gardens produce 200 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables per year.



Comerica Park, home of the Detroit Tigers and the 2005 MLB All-Star Game.

### Famous Detroiters

Tim Allen, actor, comedian

Anita Baker, singer

Francis Ford Coppola, film director, producer

Henry Ford, inventor

Rosa Parks, activist

Aretha Franklin, singer

Thomas Hearns, boxer

Casey Kasem, radio star

Charles Lindbergh, pilot

Lone Ranger, radio star who debuted on WWJ Radio

Joe Louis, boxer

Madonna, actress, singer

Smokey Robinson, singer, songwriter

Diana Ross, actress, singer

Tom Selleck, actor

Robin Williams, actor, comedian

Stevie Wonder, singer, songwriter

Eminem (b. Marshall Mathers), singer

Kid Rock (b. Robert James Ritchie), singer

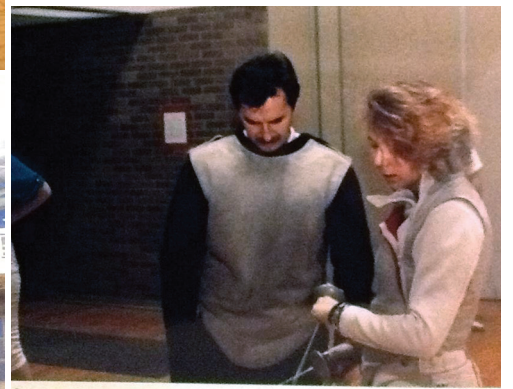
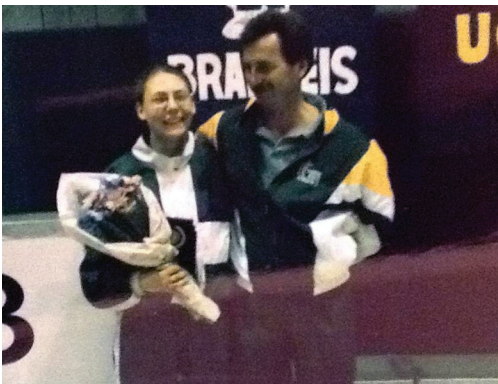
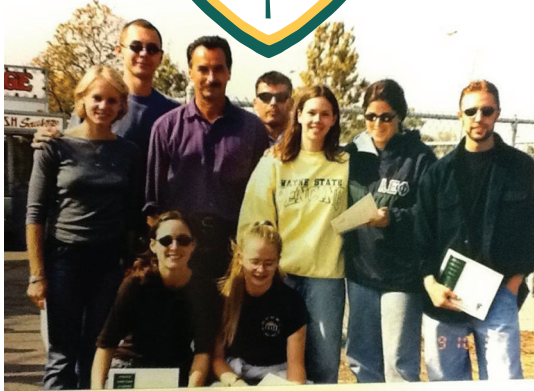
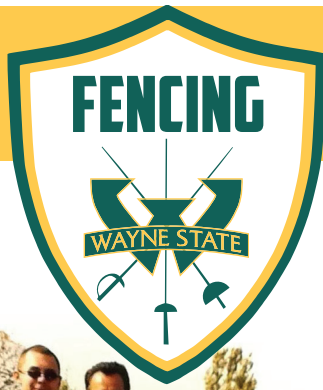
Bob Seger, singer

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Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions and the 2006 Super Bowl.



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