HONORS

Introducing the Garnish Award Winners

A total of 10 student-athletes have been selected to receive Garnish Scholar Awards, the highest honor presented by the Department of Athletics and Recreation to recognize the academic achievements and athletic skills of students.

An alumni committee organized by the Friends of Rochester Athletics reviews nominations of students from varsity teams and selects a handful each year as Garnish Scholars.

The 2015-16 academic year’s honorees are:

- Neil Cordell ’16, a double-major in economics and political science from York, England; squash.
- Boubacar Diallo ’16, a mechanical engineering major from Bignona, Senegal; outdoor track and field.
- Jennifer Ford ’16, a chemical engineering major from Webster, New York; volleyball.
- Megan Fujiyoshi ’16, a double-major in brain and cognitive sciences and psychology from Hopkinton, Massachusetts; lacrosse.
- Evan Janifer ’16, a financial economics major from Montclair, New Jersey; baseball.
- Catherine Knox ’16, a mechanical engineering major from Worcester, Massachusetts; cross country and track and field.
- Tara Lamberti ’16, a psychology major from Penfield, New York; field hockey.
- Victoria Luan ’16, a chemistry major from South Surrey, Canada; swimming.
- Matthew Mender ’16, a biomedical engineering major from Glens Falls, New York; football.
- Benjamin Shapiro ’16, an English major from Scarsdale, New York; tennis.

The Garnish program was created in honor of Lysle (Spike) Garnish, coach and mentor to Rochester student-athletes from 1930 to 1948. He became a trainer and assistant basketball coach in 1931. He was named an assistant baseball coach in 1932, and was an assistant football coach from 1945 to 1948.

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