

# UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

WINTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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ATHLETICS







**Areti Tsirikaki '25**



**Gary Pan '25**



## *A message from the Executive Director of Athletics **George VanderZwaag***

We have much to recognize and look forward to right now. Our fall season ended strong, highlighted by our field hockey team advancing to the NCAA tournament after winning a Liberty League regular season title. At Meliora Weekend, we celebrated homecoming and dedicated the Stark Meeting Room, the Hickton Family Golf Training Center, and the Nancy Melvin Taylor Field Hockey Locker Room. We also inducted honorees into the Rochester Athletics Hall of Fame, which we haven't done since before the pandemic.

In January, we dedicated and named the baseball locker room in honor of the former director of athletics and the team's coach, Dave Occor '51. Soon, we will finish up construction of the Brian F. Prince Athletic Complex—a project we began 10 years ago thanks to Brian's generosity. By the end of the academic year, our baseball and softball fields will have new grandstands and press boxes, and we will have added lighting and artificial turf to the North Field practice facility.

We're looking forward to March Matchness—11 days on social media during which our teams compete for the most donor support. All teams benefit, with bonuses for the top fundraising teams in various categories. Annual fund support generated through this campaign is our lifeblood. It provides the resources that allow us to travel outside our region, technology enhancements such as game analysis software, and initiatives like our Fitness Science partnership with the Medical Center. Above all, it creates outstanding opportunities for our students on an annual basis. Endowment support is also essential. We must continue to grow these resources as they provide long-term financial stability for all our programs.

I'm optimistic about the important educational role we play and the opportunity it provides us to strengthen this University by attracting the best students. Thank you for your ongoing support and for being a part of our team.

Meliora!



Vishal Yalamanchili '25



Sennett Turner '24







## PLAYING THE COURSE:

# DAWNE HICKTON '79

Front row: Granddaughters Hera and Cora Hickton. Back row: Daughter Bridget, Dawne, son Declan, Dave, granddaughter Sophia, daughter-in-law Stephanie Leyva Hickton, and son Conor Hickton.

**This collegiate swimmer, business leader, competitive athlete, and mom of six loves to learn, play, and compete—and support men's golf.**

Dawne Sepanski Hickton '79 learned to swim by jumping off the dock in her family's backyard. "We lived right on the Niagara River so that's what my brothers, sisters, and I did all summer long," she says. Hickton spent her youth playing with her five siblings and participating in various sports, including swimming. Her peers even named her captain of their high school swim team—an early indicator of her leadership skills.

When it came time for college, Hickton was excited to go to Rochester and join

the swim team. That team went on to great success, too. It became the first women's swimming team to ever score an undefeated season.

After graduating from Rochester with degrees in English and political science, Hickton earned a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Since then, she has become a successful business leader in the aerospace industry. Hickton is also the mom of six children. She and David, her husband of 38 years, both come from large families. They planted roots in the Pittsburgh area and raised their family there. Each one of their children is an athlete, too, including Declan, a Class of 2021 mechanical engineering major who excelled in the classroom and on the golf team.

In appreciation of the experience their son had at Rochester, the Hicktons recently made a significant gift to support the golf team.





The couple's gift, Hickton says, recognizes the importance of higher education, coaching excellence, and the impact of collegiate sports on young lives. It also names the Hickton Family Golf Training Center.

"Declan thrived at Rochester during a very difficult time," she adds, noting that two years of his collegiate experience ran parallel with the pandemic. "Coach Dan Wesley was always there for him and the other students. He provided support, inspiration, and mentorship.

**"We wanted to acknowledge and celebrate that with this gift, which for me is also a way to thank Rochester for the wonderful experiences I had there."**

Hickton adds that great coaches, like great leaders, bring out the best in people and recognize that each person has something that can help the team be successful. She credits Coach Jane Gibbons and the late Bill Boomer with her success during college.

"Coach Gibbons trained us hard—six days a week, twice a day, including wet and dry land workouts," she says. "Coach Boomer's bucket workouts were some of the most memorable. We each wore a contraption in the water that connected us to a weighted bucket. If we didn't swim in constant motion, we'd get pulled backward. I'm sure we hated it at the time, but those experiences made us stronger and more resilient. They also made us a tighter team."

Hickton's transferred what she's learned in the pool to her career. Today, she is the CEO and chair of Cumberland Additive, Inc., a titanium 3-D printing start-up. Formerly, she was the executive vice president and chief executive officer at Jacobs, NASA's largest services contractor. Before that, Hickton was the CEO of RTI International Metals and one of the few women business leaders to manage a publicly traded firm. In 2020, she served as the first woman chair of the Federal Reserve of Cleveland.

Throughout the years, Hickton has remained an athlete. She credits David and their children for continually challenging her and providing new opportunities to learn, play, and compete. "My kids have always been into sports, and I've picked up whatever they enjoy," she adds. For instance, her sons, Conor and Dan, played ice hockey, so she learned to skate. Her daughter, Bridget, is an equestrian, so now Hickton rides. And her sons, Keenan and Declan loved golf, so she picked that up, too.



When Hickton turned 50, she set a new goal for herself: to run a marathon. Two years later, she's met that goal and then some, having also raced in two full and 13 half marathons. And, right now, she and Declan are training for the Miami half marathon in March of 2023.

**"My mom is the most competitive person you'll ever meet,"**

says Declan, who is now pursuing a career as a pilot in the aerospace industry.

**"That's why each of us in the family got into sports and why she's had such a successful career. She has a motor in her and a contagious drive. It's what has pushed all of us to be our best."**



—Kristine Kappel Thompson



# University of Rochester



Sab Lin '25



Jack Yensel '25



Mara Heppard '24



Anushka Aritharan '25

**Athletic endowments provide ongoing financial resources for the coaches and their teams. Giving to these funds is a commitment that supports varsity sports in perpetuity. The following is a list of these endowments and the programs they support:**

**Alumni Endowment for Women's Basketball** – created in 2015 with a gift from Louise Stapleton '89 and Larry Williams

**Alumni Endowment for Rowing** – created in 2015 with a gift from the Widra family

**Alumni Endowment for Women's Volleyball** – created in 2015 with a gift from Jennifer A. Swift '84 and Gary Stockman '83

**Barth Family Endowment for Swimming** – created in 2016 with a gift from Todd '84 and Carin Barth.

**Blanck Family Endowment for Squash** – created in 2006 with a gift from Dr. Peter D. Blanck '79 and Wendy Jo Kislik-Blanck '80

**William "Buzz" Boomer Endowment for Swimming** – created in 2006 by former swimmers, family, and friends to honor Boomer

**Robert Dardano '77 Athletics Recognition Endowment Fund** – created in 2022 by Robert Dardano to support the Hall of Fame, Athletics Banquet, and Women's Athletics

**Peter S. DiPasquale '52 Male Scholar Award** – created in 2015 with a gift from Peter DiPasquale '52 and Virginia DiPasquale to fund the award given annually to the top male scholar for academic excellence

**Terry Gurnett Endowment for Women's Soccer** – created in 2002 with gifts from former players, family, and friends

**Terrence L. Gurnett '77 Female Scholar Award** – created in 2017 with gifts from Mark Goldstein and other friends to fund the award given annually to the top female scholar for academic excellence

**Timothy G. Hale Endowment for Competitive Excellence** – created in 2012 with gifts from former athletes to honor Coach Hale

**Khurram Hussain Endowed Football Fund** – created in 2022 with gifts from the Hussain family

**Peter Lyman Endowed Fund for Tennis & Squash** – created with a gift from Peter Lyman '47 and subsequently supported by Coach Lyman's former players in his honor

**Maybaum Men's Soccer Travel Endowment** – created in 2017 with a gift from Richard '85 and Lauren Maybaum to support the team's international and domestic travel occurring outside the regular season



# Athletic Endowments

## **McAllister Fund for Basketball**

**Travel** – created in 2016 with a gift from Brendan '05 and Julie '02 McAllister to support the team's international and domestic travel occurring outside the regular season

## **Mark Nunge Endowment for**

**Men's Basketball** – created in 2021 with support from Tyler Zachem '88 and Adrian Smalls '88 to honor the memory of teammate Mark Nunge '89

## **Peyton Family Team Academic**

**Award** – created in 2019 with a gift from the Peyton family to fund the award given annually to the team with the highest cumulative GPA

## **Jane Possee Endowment for**

**Women's Athletics** – created in 2011 by an anonymous donor and later supported by former players, family, and friends to honor Jane Possee

## **Prince Family Endowment for**

**Men's Soccer** – created in 2003 with a gift from Brian F. Prince '86, '89S (MBA).

## **Recny Football Endowment –**

created in 2019 with a gift from Michael Recny and Cate Sullivan

## **Rochester Baseball Endowment –**

created in 2010 with a gift by the Guzski family

## **Rochester Football Alumni**

**Endowment** – created in 2009 with a gift from Samuel Shatkin Jr. '79, P'17 and Joni M. Shatkin P'17

## **Don Smith Golf Endowment Fund –**

created in 2000 by Donald C. Smith and Penelope T. Smith '58 (MS) and subsequently supported by former members and friends in memory of Coach Smith

## **Pat Stark Endowed Fund for Football –**

created in 2014 with a gift from Kathleen E. Stark Landers '82 and Peter J. Landers '83 (MS) in honor of Coach Stark

## **Nancy Melvin Taylor Field Hockey**

**Fund** – created in 2004 with gifts from former teammates and family in memory of Nancy Melvin Tayler

## **Zachem Family Endowed Fund for**

**Men's Basketball** – created in 2008 with a gift from Tyler T. Zachem '88 and Karen Zachem

**For more information or to make a gift, please contact:**

### **Terry Gurnett '77**

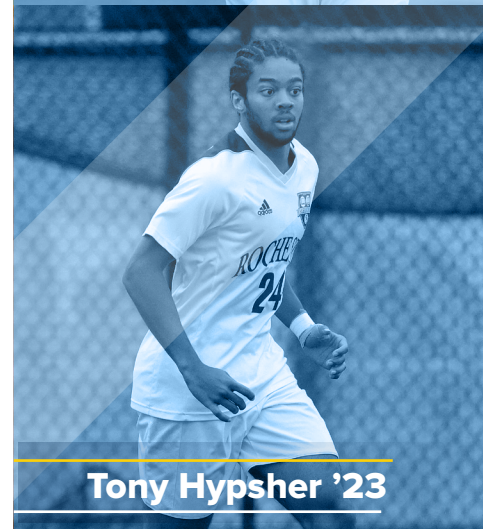
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**Kerry Wang '24**



**Tony Hypsher '23**



**Ruby Moore '26**



**Grace Kuropatkin '25**





# Baseball and Softball Fields Upgrade

Executive Director of Athletics and Recreation George VanderZwaag announced that the renovations and upgrades to Towers Field and Southside fields will be complete during spring 2023. The plans include building grandstands and press boxes behind the home plate area for both stadiums. Naming opportunities are still available. For information, contact:

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# NAME A LOCKER. LEAVE A LEGACY.

Make your mark on the future of Rochester Athletics by sponsoring a locker within the Boehning Varsity House. With a gift of just \$1,500, we will inscribe your name on a plaque placed inside a locker room of your choice.



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Name your locker at [rochester.edu/giving/locker](https://rochester.edu/giving/locker).  
Contact [victoria.bothner@rochester.edu](mailto:victoria.bothner@rochester.edu) for  
more information.

This opportunity is only available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Boehning Varsity House is the latest addition to the Brian F. Prince Athletic Complex.



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# **SPECIAL FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES FOR 2023**

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## ***Hale Fund Challenge***

The Timothy G. Hale Endowment for Competitive Excellence was created in 2012 with gifts from his former Cross Country and Track & Field athletes to honor Coach Hale and his many contributions to the University.

This fund supports enhanced travel opportunities for our runners to compete at prestigious regional and national competitions. It also helps provide cutting-edge training equipment, upgrades to team apparel and uniforms, and funding for senior awards.

This group of former athletes has now put forth a challenge to match any gifts to any of the Cross Country and Track & Field funds up to \$100,000.

**Please make a gift today at**

**[rochester.edu/giving/halechallenge](https://rochester.edu/giving/halechallenge)**

and multiply your impact. The Hale Challenge will run through June 2023.

## ***Men's Squash Challenge***

A big thank you to former squash team member Andrew Cornell '88, who worked closely with Athletics to establish the Men's Squash Challenge to raise \$100K in 2023. This challenge is open to all alumni, family, and friends of the sport.

**Make a gift at**

**[rochester.edu/giving/squashchallenge](https://rochester.edu/giving/squashchallenge)**

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**12  
DAYS**



**21  
TEAMS**



**1  
GOAL**

# GAME ON, ROCHESTER.

## March Matchness is coming.

University of Rochester varsity athletics teams are gearing up to compete for **cash prizes AND bragging rights**. The team with the highest percentage of participation from alumni donors, parents, and fans earns additional funding for their program.

**New this year, your gift during March Matchness will also count toward this year's Day of Giving on April 19.**

To find out more ways you can help lead your team to victory, please contact Terry Gurnett by email at [tgurnett@UR.Rochester.edu](mailto:tgurnett@UR.Rochester.edu) or by phone at 585.275.6698.

**Make a gift and watch the competition play out at [rochester.edu/marchmatchness](https://rochester.edu/marchmatchness)**

SAVE THE DATES

**March 20th –  
March 31st**

**#URMarchMatchness**



**March '23  
Matchness**



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## LYSLE "SPIKE" GARNISH SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS

On Saturday, September 27, 2022, 10 senior athletes were recognized as Garnish Scholars. This program was created in honor of Lysle "Spike" Garnish, coach and mentor to many Rochester students from 1930 to 1948. He was a trainer and an assistant coach in baseball, basketball, and football. These students represent the ideal of the scholar-athlete and lead their teams on the field of play while doing outstanding work in the classroom.







## THE 2022 GARNISH SCHOLARS:

**Nick Annechino**  
Football

**Susan Bansbach**  
Women's Track & Field

**Tejan Borchers**  
Men's Soccer

**Jose Corredor Alvarez**  
Men's Swimming & Diving

**Rachel Dennis**  
Women's Cross Country/  
Track & Field

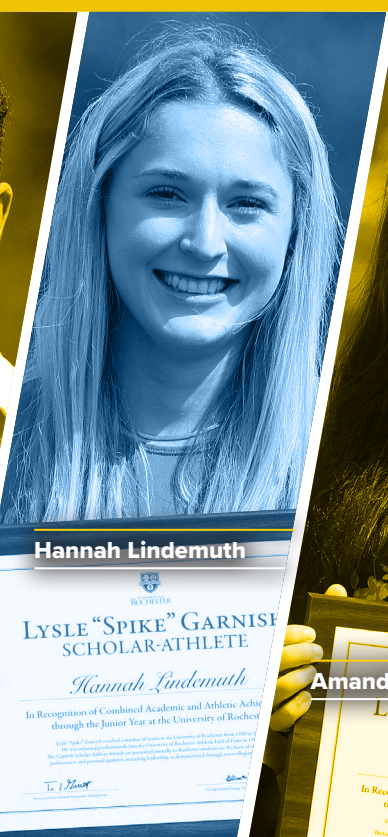
**Hannah Keiper**  
Softball

**Abdelrahman Lasheen**  
Squash

**Hannah Lindemuth**  
Women's Basketball

**Amanda Newell**  
Rowing

**Scott Sikorski**  
Men's Cross Country/  
Track & Field





# MELIORA WEEKEND 2023

**Meliora Weekend 2023 is scheduled for October 5–8.**

Schedules for home contests are still being finalized but we can confirm that the Hall of Fame Dinner will be on **Friday, October 6** and we will have a home football game vs Ithaca on **Saturday, October 7.**







# Fifteenth!

Friends of Rochester Athletics

# Golf Classic

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Reserve Thursday, June 15, 2023  
for the 15th Annual Friends of Rochester Athletics Golf Classic  
at Ravenwood Golf Club in Victor, N.Y.**

Stories from your playing days only get better with time! Come enjoy a round of golf with former teammates, coaches, and friends at the 15th Annual Friends of Rochester Athletics Golf Classic. Start putting together your foursome now.

We look forward to seeing you in June.

***For more details - visit [www.rochester.edu/athletics/friends/classic](http://www.rochester.edu/athletics/friends/classic)***

Proceeds benefit the Friends of Rochester Athletics Annual Fund,  
which supports all varsity programs and facilities.



# 2022 Fall Sports Wrap-Up



## Kol Bassuk '26

### **MEN'S SOCCER** **(6-5-5, 1-3-3 UAA)**

#### **Team Accomplishments**

- Earned program's 21st straight United Soccer Coaches Team Academic Award
- Four players earned UAA Athlete of the Week awards
- Defeated #10 SUNY Cortland 3-1 in season-opener
- Received national ranking as high as #7 in Division III during the season

#### **Individual Accomplishments**

- United Soccer Coaches 3rd Team All-East Region – Kol Bassuk '26
- 2nd Team All-UAA – Santino Lupica-Tondo '24, Kol Bassuk '26
- Honorable Mention All-UAA – Nick Swanger '24
- College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District – Charlie Shanks '24, Santino Lupica-Tondo '24, Jeremiah Anandarajah '25, Avi Lamba '25
- UAA Fall All-Academic Team – Jeremiah Anandarajah '25, Tejan Borchers '23, Avi Lamba '25, Nate Lazzara '25, Juan Lucena Fois '25, Santino Lupica-Tondo '24, Shray Parimoo '23, Charlie Shanks '24
- Garnish Scholar – Tejan Borchers '23

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER** **(7-4-5, 2-3-2 UAA)**

#### **Team Accomplishments**

- Nationally ranked in Division III for multiple weeks during the season by the United Soccer Coaches
- Tied NCAA Championship Finalists and #2 NCAA Nationally Ranked Case Western Reserve

- Recipient of the United Soccer Coaches College Team Academic Award – Team GPA 3.62 (20th consecutive year)
- Five UAA Athlete of the Week awards

#### **Individual Accomplishments**

- Claire Grover '24 set program record for goals and points scored in a single match with 5 goals and 11 points vs. SUNY Brockport on 9/7/22
- UAA Rookie of the Year – Gabby Sabatier '26
- 1st Team All-UAA – Gabby Sabatier '26, Claire Grover '24
- 2nd Team All-UAA – Sam Hawkins '23
- United Soccer Coaches 1st Team All-Region – Claire Grover '24
- United Soccer Coaches 3rd Team All-Region – Grace Kuropatkin '25
- United Soccer Coaches NCAA DIII Women's Player of the Week – Claire Grover '24
- College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District – Emma Cohen '25, Claire Grover '24, Sam Hawkins '23, Natalie Kocsis '25, Sarah Martin '24, Mia McGinty '24
- UAA Fall All-Academic Team – Emma Bates '25, Savannah Berry '23, Syd Coggins '25, Emma Cohen '25, Cali Courtney '24, Robin De Jong '23, Carlson Fields '24, Claire Grover '24, Sam Hawkins '23, Natalie Kocsis '25, Jordyn Kowalkowski '25, Sarah Martin '24, Mia McGinty '24, Tess Peterson '24, Megan Pung '24, Grace Regenstreif '25, Carolyn Richards '22, Becca Rust '23, Torrie Welch '23



## **VOLLEYBALL (13-14, 1-6 UAA)**

### **Team Accomplishments**

- Won UR Invitational Tournament with 4-0 record
- Defeated regionally ranked St. John Fisher
- Swept Division II opponent Roberts Wesleyan

### **Individual Accomplishments**

- UR Invitational All-Tournament – Sonia McGaffigan '23, Ruby Moore '26
- All-UAA Honorable Mention – Sonia McGaffigan '23
- AVCA All-Region Honorable Mention – Sonia McGaffigan '23
- UAA Fall All-Academic Team – Ilaria Benciolini '25, Sonia McGaffigan '23, Alexia Nelms '25, Gillian Reeder '23
- College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District – Sonia McGaffigan '23, Alexia Nelms '25

## **WOMEN'S ROWING**

This past fall season was a historically successful one for rowing. Opening the season with the Head of the Genesee, the varsity 8 and novice 8 won gold, and the 2nd varsity 8 won the silver. Next, the team did something it has not done since 2014 when it attended the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. The varsity 8 placed 18th out of 36 in the collegiate category, placing in the top half ensuring a guaranteed bid for next year. The team concluded the fall season at the Head of the Schuylkill

regatta in Philadelphia where it saw great success. The 1st Varsity 8, Novice 8 and Novice 4 all finished in the top 10 overall and were first in the DIII category.

## **MEN'S TENNIS**

- At the St. Lawrence Fall Classic, Krish Vennam '25 was a finalist in A Flight singles
- Team senior Co-Captain Kai Yuminaga '23 reached the A Flight singles semifinals, Alex Kulvivat '24 reached the D Flight singles semifinals and Rahul Ravi '26 won the C Flight singles consolation at the St. Lawrence Fall Classic
- Krish Vennam and Kai Yuminaga both won two matches to finish in the top 16 of the ITA Northeast Regional Singles Championships held at Drew University

## **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

- At the William Smith Mary Hosking Invitational, Captain Josie Libby '25 captured the A Flight singles title and Neha Dania '26 won the C Flight singles title
- Josie Libby and Jasmin Toor '26 were doubles A Flight finalists, Jaclyn Dron '24 and Shreya Mandalapu '24 were doubles B Flight finalists, and Jasmin Toor reached the B Flight singles semifinals of the Mary Hosking Invitational
- At the ITA Northeast Regional Championships hosted by Hamilton

College, Josie Libby reached the semifinals of the singles tournament. The duo of Josie Libby and Sanjana Karnam '26 were quarterfinalists in the doubles draw

- Josie Libby earned a national ranking of #25 and a northeast regional ranking of #7

## **FIELD HOCKEY (17-6, 6-1 LIBERTY LEAGUE)**

### **Team Accomplishments**

- 1st place in Liberty League Regular Season (6-1), earning the #1 seed in the Liberty League Tournament
- Earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament
- Ended the season with a NCAA Sweet 16 finish
- 10th consecutive trip to the Liberty League Tournament
- 7th trip to the NCAA Tournament in the past 10 seasons

### **Individual Accomplishments**

- NFHCA 1st Team All-American – Karina Bridger '23
- NFHCA Region III Player of the Year – Karina Bridger '23
- NFHCA Region III 1st Team – Karina Bridger '23, Elisabeth Sidorski '23
- NFHCA Region III 2nd Team – Maeve Fogarty '26
- NFHCA Division III Senior All-Star – Karina Bridger '23
- Synapse Sports Division III All-Americans – Karina Bridger '23, Elisabeth Sidorski '23





# Fall Sports Wrap-Up (cont.)

- Synapse Sports Division III All-Rookie Team – Maeve Fogarty '26, Kara Houston '26
- Liberty League Offensive Player of the Year – Karina Bridger '23
- Liberty League Defensive Player of the Year – Elisabeth Sidorski '23
- Liberty League Rookie of the Year – Maeve Fogarty '26
- Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year
- All-Liberty League 1st Team – Karina Bridger '23, Elisabeth Sidorski '23
- All-Liberty League 1st Team – Maeve Fogarty '26, Mara Heppard '24
- All-Liberty League Honorable Mention – Nikki Mercer '23, Kara Houston '26
- Liberty League Fall All-Academic Team – Elisabeth Sidorski, '23, Karina Bridger '23, Kayla Ballas '24, Delaine Hebble '24, Mara Heppard '24, Bella Militi '24, Jodie Zeng '24, Emily Ren '25, Helen Schmitter '25, and Kaitlyn Wong '25

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### Team Accomplishments

- The Rochester women finished 4th of 29 teams at the NCAA Division III Niagara Regional at Genesee Valley Park
- The Yellowjackets finished 8th at the UAA Championships in Atlanta
- Rochester finished 8th of 32 teams at the Oberlin Inter-Regional Rumble in October
- The team finished 5th of 32 teams at the Yellowjacket Invitational in September, and opened the season with a team victory at the Houghton Highlander Short Course meet

### Individual Accomplishments

- Graduate student Lisa Pink '23M qualified to the NCAA Cross Country Championships for the second year in a row

- Lisa Pink '23M finished 193rd of 293 runners at the NCAA Division III Championships in Lansing, Michigan
- Rochester had three runners earn All-Region honors – Lisa Pink '23M (16th), Kat Benninger '24 (34th) and Rachel Dennis '23 (35th)
- UAA Fall All-Academic Team – Lisa Pink '23M, Kat Benninger '24, Rachel Dennis '23, Bonnie Dong '24, Kelley Foley '22, Alicia Lawson '25, Sab Lin '25, Ellie Ponko '25, Kyra Sandercock '23, Sabrina Terando '24, and Sennett Turner '24
- Rachel Dennis '23 was named a Garnish Scholar

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

### Team Accomplishments

- The Yellowjackets finished 4th of 29 teams at the NCAA Division III Niagara Regional at Genesee Valley Park
- Rochester finished 7th at the UAA Championships in Atlanta
- The UR men finished 3rd of 32 teams at the Oberlin Inter-Regional Rumble in October
- The Yellowjackets finished 6th of 25 teams at the Yellowjacket Invitational in September

### Individual Accomplishments

- Scott Sikorski '23 earned USTFCCCA All-America honors with a 21st-place individual finish at the NCAA Division III Championships in Lansing, Michigan
- Scott Sikorski '23 finished 2nd at the NCAA Niagara Regionals to earn the individual berth to Nationals
- Scott Sikorski '23 was one of three Yellowjackets to earn All-Region honors and was joined on the All-Region team by Zach Spergel '24 (28th) and Griffin Weiner '23 (35th)

- Scott Sikorski '23 earned First Team All-UAA honors after finishing 5th individually at the UAA Championships
- Scott Sikorski '23 was also a Garnish Scholar
- UAA Fall All-Academic Team – Scott Sikorski '23, Griffin Weiner '23, James Catania '25, Skye Crocker '25, Konstantin Dits '23, Nick Gaitanis '24, Alec Glazier '23, Max Hughes '23, Jonathan Sullo '25, Christian Voloshen '24, and Vishal Yalamanchili '25

## FOOTBALL (3-7, 1-5 LIBERTY LEAGUE)

### Team Accomplishments

- Rochester had a top-25 rushing attack in Division III in 2022, averaging 207.8 yards per game
- 40 players named to Liberty League Fall All-Academic Team
- UR single-game yards per rush record versus Utica on September 3rd, averaging 9.0 yards per carry

### Individual Accomplishments

- AFCA 2nd Team All-American – Daniel Papantonis '24
- D3football.com 2nd Team All-Region – Daniel Papantonis '24, Bradley Beckwith '23
- College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District – Nick Annechino '23, Bradley Beckwith '23, Braydon Bush '23, Caden Cole '23, Trey Johnson '24, Jordan Laudani '25, Keyden Snow '25, Simon Weeren '24
- All-Liberty League 1st Team – Bradley Beckwith '23, Caden Cole '23, Daniel Papantonis '24, Alex Wing '25
- All-Liberty League 2nd Team – Simon Weeren '24, Luke Wilson '24
- All-Liberty League Honorable Mention – Nick Annechino '23, Jordy Tawa '26



- UR single-game rushing yards record – Daniel Papantonis '24 against Utica, 309 yards
- Alex Wing '25 set a single-season UR punting average record, averaging 39.14 yards per kick
- D3football.com Team of the Week – Daniel Papantonis '24 (9/6), Simon Weeren '24 (10/18)
- Garnish Scholar – Nick Annechino '23

## MEN'S GOLF

### Team Accomplishments

- Won the St. John Fisher Invitational at Cobblestone Creek CC
- Finished 6th of 18 teams at the Williams Fall Invitational at Taconic GC
- Finished 3rd of 13 teams at the Skidmore Fall Invitational at Saratoga Spa GC

- Competed in the Golfweek Invitational at Destin, FL, and finished 17th of the top 24 nationally ranked teams in DIII
- Team finished the fall season ranked #2 in the Northeast Region, and 26th nationally in the GCAA Coaches poll

### Individual Accomplishments

- Kerry Wang '24 finished runner-up at St. John Fisher Invitational at even par
- Jonathan Zou '24 finished 4th at the Williams Fall Invitational at Taconic GC at +3
- Gary Pan '25 finished 7th out of 80 players at the Skidmore Fall Invitational at Saratoga Spa GC
- Gary Pan '25 finished 32nd at the Golfweek Invitational at Destin, FL



**Nate Brunacini '22**

## Spring Schedules

*Spring sports start up in March—  
for the latest updates and schedule  
please visit our website at  
[uofrathletics.com](http://uofrathletics.com)*



# Winter Sports (Mid-Season Updates)

**Hannah Lindemuth '23**



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**(12-2, 2-1 UAA)**  
**Ranked #7 Nationally**

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**(13-1, 3-0 UAA)**  
**Ranked #7 Nationally**

**MEN'S INDOOR TRACK  
AND FIELD**  
**Ranked #25 Nationally**

- At the Nazareth College Alumni Opener in December, the Rochester men broke two school records. Sprinter P.J. London '25 ran :07.04 to set a new school record in the 60 meters, and jumper Cole Goodman '25 set a new record in the Long Jump with a leap of 7.19 meters (23' 7.25")
- Graduate student Luke Lyons '23M and Gabe Lundy '23 both had strong openers in the 400 meters, with Lyons running :49.71 and Lundy finishing in :49.82. Both times ranked in the top-10 in NCAA Division III at the start of January.

**WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK  
AND FIELD**  
**Ranked #9 Nationally**


- Madeline O'Connell '23 set a new school record in the Pole Vault at the Nazareth Alumni Opener, clearing 3.65 meters (11' 11.75"). She also won the 400 meters in :56.41, which was the fastest time in NCAA Division III
- O'Connell also teamed up with Susan Bansbach '23, Kristin Hardy '23, and Kate Isaac '24 to win the 4x400 relay in 3:54.36, which also led NCAA Division III entering January

**WOMEN'S SWIMMING  
AND DIVING (4-3)**  
**Placed 4th at Ithaca  
College Invitational**

**MEN'S SWIMMING  
AND DIVING (4-3)**  
**Won the Ithaca College  
Invitational**

**SQUASH (2-9)**  
**Ranked #12 Nationally**





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