

Meet Rochester's 100th Academic All-American

Nik Angyal '19, a defender for the Yellowjackets men's soccer team, marks a milestone.

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With his cumulative 4.0 grade point average and his role leading his team to an Elite 8 appearance in the 2017 season, defender Nik Angyal '19 was named to the 2017 Second Team CoSIDA Academic All-American in men's soccer.

Angyal's selection marks the 100th Academic All-America honor for the University.

The College Sports Information Directors of America established the national award program to recognize distinguished scholar-athletes in 1952.

Rochester's first Academic All-America honor went to Michael Corp '78—a running back on the football team and a double major in history and psychology—in 1976.

Angyal, a chemical engineering major from the Hudson Valley hamlet of Stormville, started in 20 of the 21 games in the 2017 season and was a crucial part of the back line that led the team to nine shutouts and held eight teams to just one goal. 

Biggest accomplishment as a Yellowjacket: The progress I made. I tried to walk on my freshman year and didn't make it. When I tried again in the spring, I made the team, but didn't play that much my sophomore year. To be a starter my junior year was a big accomplishment.

Best thing about soccer: The team aspect of it. I ran track in high school and it was all right. But it feels more satisfying to win as a team than as an individual. The feeling of being a part of something that is bigger than myself is very rewarding.

Favorite class at Rochester: Fluid Dynamics. I took it during sophomore spring, and it was the first real technical engineering class I took. Everything

CENTENNIAL STAR: With his 4.0 grade point average and a key role on the Yellowjackets men's soccer team, Angyal was named the University's 100th Academic All-American since Rochester's first recipient in the late 1970s.



up to that point had been a fundamental or prerequisite course. I was finally able to see how everything applied to chemical engineering.

Most memorable moment on the field:

This whole year. We went as far as we've ever gone. This was only second time in school history that we reached the Elite 8. We won in overtime in the first game, scored late in the second game, and came back again in the Sweet 16. The entire experience was pretty special to be a part of.

Biggest sacrifice as a scholar-athlete:

Down time, because it almost never exists. When I do get some free time, I usually spend it catching up on sleep. I always try my best to get eight hours a night, because if you're trying to play a game on four hours of sleep, it's going to be a pretty rough experience.

Greatest benefit of being a scholar-athlete:

It's been good in terms of balancing and juggling everything. Soccer is a huge time commitment and that gave me the incentive to always be on top of my work and forced me to be a good time manager.

Favorite thing about campus: I love the quad, with the ivy-covered buildings and oak trees. There's just something picturesque about the place.

Future plans: I hope to get a job that allows me to work toward improving the environment. Last summer I worked for New York State in the Department of Environmental Conservation helping to mitigate petroleum leaks and preventing them from reaching drinking water sources. That was a rewarding experience, but ultimately, I hope to contribute to making renewable energy the dominant source of energy generation.

Record Roster

Since 1976, a total of 100 Yellowjackets have been selected as Academic All-Americans. Here's a look at the numbers.

AWARDS BY SPORT

Baseball	7
Basketball (Men's)	7
Basketball (Women's)	3
Field Hockey	5
Football	18
Golf	1
Lacrosse	2
Rowing	1
Soccer (Men's)	10
Soccer (Women's)	3
Softball	1
Swimming & Diving (Men's)	3
Swimming & Diving (Women's)	7
Tennis (Men's)	5
Tennis (Women's)	0
XC/Track & Field (Men's)	16
XC/Track & Field (Women's)	4
Volleyball	7

AWARDS BY YEAR

1976	●	1997	●●●●●
1977	●	1998	●●●●
1978		1999	●●
1979		2000	●●●
1980	●	2001	●●
1981		2002	
1982	●●●	2003	●●
1983	●	2004	●●●●●●
1984	●●●	2005	●●●●●●●
1985	●●●	2006	●●●●●●
1986	●●●	2007	●●●●
1987	●●	2008	●●●
1988		2009	
1989		2010	●
1990	●	2011	●●●
1991		2012	●●
1992	●●●	2013	●●●
1993	●●●●●	2014	●●●●●
1994	●●	2015	●●●●●
1995	●	2016	●
1996	●●●	2017	●●●●●

BY THE NUMBERS

19 Students who have won multiple Academic All-America awards.

2 Students who have won the award three times: Patty Rupp (women's swimming and diving in 1985, 1986, and 1987); and Brian Kowalski (football in 1999, 2000, and 2001).

2 Students who have won Academic All-American of the Year: Tanya Klebe (volleyball, 1997); and Nate Micklos (men's soccer, 2005)



HIGH FIVE(HUNDRED): Women's basketball coach Jim Scheible entered the Rochester record books this winter, leading the Yellowjackets to his 500th victory as a coach.

Women's Coach Notches 500th Win

Jim Scheible has a new entry in the Rochester record books. The head coach of the women's basketball team passed the 500-win mark with an 83-79 overtime victory over NYU in January. With that win, Scheible's record over 27 years of coaching was 500-222. At that point in his 19 seasons at Rochester, Scheible's record was 359-151.

The victory was also Rochester's 10th consecutive victory and raised the Yellowjackets' record to 15-1 overall, 5-0 in the UAA. Rochester was ranked No. 7 in the D3hoops.com poll and in the poll conducted by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

MIT Coach Named to Lead Yellowjackets Football

The award-winning head coach of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's football program has been named head football coach at Rochester.

Chad Martinovich, whose nine seasons leading the Engineers included a conference championship, becomes the Yellowjackets' 31st coach. He will lead the team for the season opener on September 1 at Case Western Reserve University.

Credited with building a regularly contending program at MIT, Martinovich was named the 2014 Coach of the Year for the New England Football Conference, New England Football Writers College Division Coach of the Year, ECAC Coach of the Year, and the

American Football Coaches Association Region I Division III Coach of the Year.

During his nine years in Cambridge, MIT football players have earned 17 CoSIDA Academic All-America awards, including seven selections to the First Team. The MIT quarterback was named the 2017 CoSIDA Division III Football Academic All-American of the Year. He has coached two All-Americans, 16 All-Region players, four All-New England performers, and 63 All-Conference players at MIT.

After graduating from Hobart College, where he played football, Martinovich embarked on a coaching career that has taken him to Bucknell, Hamilton, the University at Albany, Swarthmore, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. 

NEW COACH: Chad Martinovich debuts this fall as Rochester's football coach. 

