The oldest sport at Misericordia, the field hockey team has qualified for the post-season 18 times in the last two decades and has reached the MAC Freedom championship game each of the last three seasons.

The Cougars won their first MAC Freedom title in 2015 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

Forwards Colby Eldridge and Lindsay Hischak were both first-team All-MAC Freedom for the second consecutive season. Hischak was also a first-team all-region performer.

Head Coach Robyn Fedor Stahovic was part of three championship teams as a player and has more than 100 career wins as head coach at her alma mater.

Misericordia practices and plays its home games on a pair of artificial grass fields on campus.
The Cougars qualified for the MAC Freedom championships for the fourth consecutive season in 2015.

Meghan Stack ended her career with her second consecutive selection to the All-MAC Freedom team.

Nicole Tagerty enters her senior season as the all-time assists leader at MU.

The Cougars play their home matches in the Anderson Sports-Health Center.

Men’s volleyball will begin varsity competition in 2018.
Under first-year head coach Andy Loughnane, the Cougars hope to continue their winning tradition, which includes 20 post-season appearances in the last 23 years. Misericordia has reached the conference championship match 14 times in that span. Niko Amity, George Stock and Chris Edkins all return after earning All-MAC Freedom honors a year ago.
The Cougars qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the fifth straight year and finished 15–4–2 a year ago. Co-Offensive Player of the Year Alex Gallagher, Defensive Player of the Year Kristen Ritter and Rookie of the Year Kristen Murphy lead eight returning All-MAC Freedom players. Head coach Mark Stauffer has a career record of 223–93–19. Misericordia has qualified for the NCAA Division III Championships nine times in the last 14 years. The Cougars reached the NCAA Final Four in 2012 and advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2013 and 2014.
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

The Misericordia University women’s cross country team won its second straight MAC championship in 2015 while the men’s team equaled its best finish ever in fourth place.

Bianca Bolton won the MAC individual title and qualified for the NCAA Championships for the second straight year.

Bolton and Mikael Hause both set new school records.

Hause was first-team All-MAC and earned All-Region honors.

Chris Wadas was the MAC Coach of the Year for the second straight year.

Misericordia will host two home meets in 2016.

Wadas was a three-time conference champion for the Cougars as a student-athlete.
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TENNIS

In the first season under head coach Jack Monick, the Misericordia University women’s tennis team continued its winning tradition in 2016.

The women’s team qualified for the MAC Freedom championships for the eighth straight year and was joined in the post-season for the first time by the MU men’s team.

The women’s team has advanced to the MAC Freedom title match seven times in eight years.

Carly Young was first-team All-MAC Freedom while Gabby Bellas was second-team and Cornelia Chmil earned honorable mention.

Tony Goodall earned second-team All-MAC Freedom for the men and Christian Pugliese was honorable mention.

The women’s team has had a winning record in each of its 12 varsity seasons.

BOTH MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TEAMS MADE THE MAC FREEDOM PLAYOFFS IN 2016
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING

The Misericordia University women’s swim team finished third at the 2016 MAC championships while the men’s team was fifth.

The women’s team has never finished lower than third at the MAC’s and the men’s team had four straight runner-up finishes from 2012–2015.

The teams swim their meets in the recently refurbished Anderson Center natatorium.

Misericordia has produced two All-Americans, including Eric Sweeney, the 1999 NCAA Champion in the 200 Butterfly.
Under first-year head coach Willie Chandler, the Misericordia men’s basketball team earned the second seed in the MAC Freedom championships in 2015 and 2016.

Chandler spent six years as an assistant at MU and helped the team to MAC Freedom championships in 2012 and 2015.

Jason Kenny was named first-team All-MAC Freedom and was the 2016 MAC Freedom Rookie of the Year. Griffin Sponaugle made second-team All-MAC Freedom and Erik Kerns earned honorable mention.

Entering his senior season, Sponaugle is the second-most accurate three-point shooter in school history. Chandler was an All-American at Misericordia and is the second leading scorer in NCAA Division III history.

MEN’S BASKETBALL
The Misericordia University women’s basketball team has qualified for the post-season 17 times in the last 23 years, including winning a MAC Freedom championship in 2011–2012.

The Cougars return all five starters and 14 letter-winners for the 2016–2017 season. Junior Justine Seely set the school single-season and career records for blocked shots and also ranks among MU’s all-time rebounding leaders.

Jason Rhine is in his first season as head coach at MU in 2016–2017.
The cheerleading program at Misericordia is recognized as a varsity activity.

The squad performs at home basketball and football games, pep rallies and competes on a regional and national level.

The Cougars finished fifth at the 2015–2016 UCA Nationals, their fifth consecutive top-five finish at the event.

MU graduates Tara Sinclair and Megan Zelonis serve as coaches at their alma mater.
The MU baseball team won its sixth consecutive Freedom Conference title in 2016 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the sixth straight year.

Seniors Cory Vogeli, Kyle Lindsay and D.J. Navoczynski were named first-team All-MAC Freedom.

Lindsay ended his career as MU’s all-time hits leader while classmate Ryan Dorosh set school records for career wins and strikeouts.

The team participates in a non-traditional season during the fall and traditionally opens the spring campaign with trips to Virginia and Florida.

MU plays its home games at Tambur Field, a beautiful on-campus facility that was christened during the 2013 season.
Under first-year head coach Lindsay Freitag, the Misericordia University softball team earned the second seed in the MAC Freedom championships in 2016.

The Cougars have reached the postseason 19 times in the last 21 years, including winning the 2012 MAC Freedom title.

Bailee Schies, Melissa Parker and Cailey Ware were named to All-MAC Freedom team. Schies was also named to the NFCA All-Region team.

The Cougars play a demanding schedule, including a season-opening trip to Florida, and play their home games on campus at Anderson Field.
First-year player **Tyler McGarry** finished tied for the second at the MAC Freedom championships and was named co-Rookie of the Year.

**Zach Mulhern** earned second-team All-MAC Freedom honors.

**Darian Reimer** finished 16th to lead the MU women at the MAC championships.

The Cougars play their home matches at nearby Irem Temple Country Club.

**Darcy Brodmerkel** and **Paul Roman** return for their second seasons as head coaches of the women’s and men’s teams, respectively.

**Tyler McGarry** was the 2016 MAC Freedom Runner-Up.
MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD

The Misericordia University women’s track and field team completed an indoor/outdoor sweep at the MAC Championships for the second straight season.

Amy Viti was the NCAA Indoor runner-up at 800 meters while teammates Oniesha Clarke and Reilly Wagner both earned All-America honors.

Viti, Clarke and Wagner all earned All-America status at the outdoor championships.

Viti was the Female Track Athlete of the Meet at the MAC Outdoor Championships while Bianca Bolton claimed the honor during the indoor season.

The MU men finished fourth at the MAC Indoor Championships and were sixth during the outdoor season.

Chris Wadas was named MAC Coach of the Year during the indoor and outdoor seasons for the second straight year.

The Cougars compete on campus at the Anderson Outdoor Athletic Complex, a six-lane synthetic track with an eight-lane straightaway that also features areas for all major events, including steeplechase, pole vault and hammer throw.
The Misericordia University men’s lacrosse team finished 10–7 and reached the MAC Freedom championship game for the third time in four seasons.

First-team All-MAC Freedom selection Andrew Reynolds was one of five MU players to earn all-league status.

MU traditionally opens the season with a trip to Florida and plays their home games on the lighted, synthetic surface at Mangelsdorf Field.
In her fourth season as head coach, Chrissy Trescavage—the first lacrosse-only head coach in the program’s history—guided the Cougars to the MAC Freedom playoffs for the third straight season.

The Cougars reached the MAC Freedom title game for the second consecutive year and earned their second straight ECAC bid. Kate McLoughlin and Brianna Ladner were named first-team All-MAC Freedom.

Ladner, a first-year defender, was also named all-region and All-ECAC.

The Cougars play their home games on the lighted, synthetic grass surface at Mangelsdorf Field.

PLAYED IN TWO STRAIGHT MAC FREEDOM TITLE GAMES

WOMEN'S LACROSSE
The Misericordia University football team finished a historical season in 2015 as the Cougars graduated their first four-year class in the program’s young history.

Senior quarterback Jeff Puckett ended his career by earning first-team All-MAC honors and was named Misericordia’s Wendy’s Athlete of the Year. Puckett was also named the MAC Football Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Brian Hart, Tom Stelzer, Leonard Watson and Pat Newins were all named honorable mention All-MAC.

The Cougars picked up a win for the third straight season, a 31–24 victory over local rival Wilkes.

With more than 50 lettermen returning and another impressive recruiting class, the Cougars will field the largest team in its five-year history in 2016 and are poised to take another step on their journey toward becoming a competitive force in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The Cougars compete in the 10-team MAC and play their home games on a lighted, synthetic grass surface at Mangelsdorf Field.

Misericordia led all MAC teams with 52 players on the 2015 MAC Academic Honor Roll.
Misericordia University is a member of the NCAA Division III. The largest of the NCAA’s three divisions, Division III promotes a well-rounded approach to intercollegiate athletics participation.

While Division III is best known by some for what it doesn’t offer—athletics scholarships—it has plenty to offer.

Knowing that Division III student-athletes play for the love of the game, the D-III experience is structured to help participants develop fully as students, athletes and citizens.

Athletics participation at many of the 450 institutions that comprise Division III allows for student-athletes to succeed in the classroom and athletics.

That certainly is the case at Misericordia as student-athletes are often active in student government, residence life and other extracurricular activities.

In addition, Division III playing seasons and class schedules are designed to minimize conflicts between athletics and academics and promote academic success. This is evidenced by MU’s overall 3.18 GPA among student-athletes and 399 MAC All-Academic honorees in 2015-2016.

While Division III athletics programs promote a wide range of participation, they don’t sacrifice when it comes to competition. In fact, the NCAA sponsors 36 national championships annually at the Division III level.

Misericordia is one of just two schools in the Middle Atlantic Conference to offer all 23 sports sponsored by the MAC.

Misericordia has enjoyed its share of success since joining the Division III ranks in 1992. MU has captured 54 conference championships and sent 30 teams to the NCAA Championships, including the women’s soccer team advancing to the NCAA Final Four in 2012.

In addition, several individual efforts have helped put Misericordia on the national map:

- **Ashlee Ward**, track & field: NCAA Division III Indoor & Outdoor champion in the high jump.
- **Eric Sweeney**, swimming: NCAA Division III champion in the 200 butterfly.
- **Willie Chandler**, basketball: Second leading scorer in NCAA Division III history with 2,898 points.
- **Heather Dougherty**, swimming: School’s first NCAA All-American.
- **Amy Viti**, track & field: NCAA runner-up, three-time All-American.
- **Oniesha Clarke**, track & field: two-time All-American.
- **Sam Helmstetter**, women’s soccer: First-team All-American.
- **Michelle Myers**, volleyball: Led NCAA Division III with 2.86 blocks per game.
- **Amy Bower**, cross country: All-America honors despite not running competitively until college.
- **Frank Redmond**, track & field: MU’s first track & field All-American at 800 meters.
- **Kim Daniel**, field hockey: Eighth all-time in NCAA Division III with 58 career assists.
- **Mike Murphy**, baseball: Division III single-game record with eight hits.
MANGELSDORF FIELD
AT THE ANDERSON OUTDOOR ATHLETICS COMPLEX

Founded in 1924, Misericordia is a liberal arts based, co-educational Catholic institution located in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by the Religious Sisters of Mercy, MU is one of 18 Mercy institutions in the United States and welcomes individuals from all faiths and offers a variety of liberal arts and professional programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

MU offers 37 majors in three academic colleges: Arts and Sciences; Health Sciences; and Professional Studies and Social Sciences.

The University is dedicated to the values of the Sisters of Mercy: mercy, service, justice and hospitality. These values are found throughout the University, from programs of study to service projects.

The hallmark of MU is a dedicated faculty and a high quality core liberal arts and sciences curriculum.

With a total enrollment of 3,065 students, including 1,986 full-time, Misericordia offers the benefits of a small university with the scope of a larger institution. Misericordia’s average class size of 19 ensures personalized attention and a 12.4:1 student/faculty ratio allows students and faculty to truly know one another.

Located in Dallas, PA, MU’s 123-acre campus has a suburban atmosphere and is only nine miles from Wilkes-Barre and two hours from New York City and Philadelphia.