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Dear NEC Fans,

Now in its 37th year, the NEC strives to be the most fan-friendly athletic conference in the country. With that in mind, this brochure aims to serve as a handy reference guide to the league's 10 member institutions, nearly 200 coaches and over 4,000 NCAA Division I student-athletes.

So what is it that makes the NEC so special?

First and foremost, our core mission remains unchanged: to provide opportunities for student-athletes to achieve their fullest potential in the classroom, in athletic competition and in the community.



We couldn't be any prouder of our student-athletes, who averaged a league record 3.24 GPA for the 2016-17 academic year as 80 percent of NEC teams finished with a 3.0 GPA or better.

On the field, seven NEC student-athletes earned All-American status and six teams were ranked nationally in their respective sports last season. Last year also marked the sixth straight in which an NEC men's basket-

ball team has won a postseason game. Just as importantly as wins and losses, the NEC continues to take great pride in its student-athletes' commitment to good sportsmanship and giving back to their local communities.

We encourage fans to follow us through the NEC's popular online digital network (NECFrontRow.com), as well as on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snap-Chat and YouTube (@NECsports). Likewise, please visit our official website (NortheastConference.org), as well as the NEC Overtime! blog (NECOvertime.com) for in-depth coverage of the Conference.

We hope the information at your fingertips in this Fan Guide will give you a better understanding of the NEC and its member institutions. Thank you for your #NECPride and continued support!

Sincerely,

Noreen Morris

Commissioner

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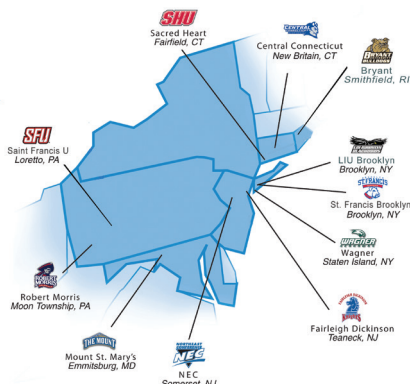
NEC PROFILE

• The 10 institutions of higher learning that comprise the NEC give the league a six-state geographic footprint, including access to markets including New York (#1), Pittsburgh (#23), Baltimore (#26), Hartford/New Haven (#30), Providence (#52) and Altoona/Johnstown/State College (#104).

• More than 50,000 students attend NEC institutions, while approximately 4,000 participate in intercollegiate athletics.

• NEC associate members include Duquesne in football and women's bowling, Caldwell in women's bowling and Hobart and Saint Joseph's in men's lacrosse.

• NEC schools have a combined alumni base of over 500,000 graduates.





SPORTSMANSHIP & RESPECT

Northeast Conference member institutions value the principles of sportsmanship and the ideal of pursuing victory with honor. As such, the NEC Team Sportsmanship Award program recognizes those teams and student-athletes who best exemplify these traits in the spirit of competition. The NEC honored 22 teams for their commitment to sportsmanship during the 2016-17 academic year with Wagner winning an NEC-high five awards. Since the NEC Team Sportsmanship program was implemented in 2008-09, Saint Francis U has won a conference-best 35 awards.

The NEC also continued its long-running participation in the NCAA's Respect Campaign, an effort to promote an environment of respect and integrity at Conference events.



IN THE CLASSROOM

It was another record-setting year in the classroom for the NEC. The league's 4,000+ student-athletes averaged a record 3.24 GPA for the 2016-17 academic year as 80 percent of NEC teams posted a 3.0 or better GPA. In winning their third consecutive NEC Institutional Academic Award, Sacred Heart's student-athletes posted a combined 3.38 GPA to set a new NEC record. Likewise, nearly 2,200 student-athletes were named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll in 2016-17, and a record 592 were tabbed to the Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll with GPAs of 3.75 or higher. NEC institutions also ranked among the nation's elite in Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figures released by the NCAA with 36 teams achieving a perfect 100 percent GSR in their respective sports. Men's basketball student-athletes achieved a 95 percent GSR, the best mark in the nation.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

Through its longstanding partnership with ESPN, the NEC Men's Basketball Tournament Championship game has been a staple of the network's "Championship Week" programming since the 1980's. In addition, the NEC women's basketball championship game and multiple regular season men's basketball games are annually televised on ESPN. The NEC also broadcasts numerous events on ESPN3, which serves as the league's exclusive home for its football broadcast package, and CBS Sports Network.



IN THE COMMUNITY

The NEC, its member institutions and student-athletes have made community involvement an important piece of its mission. In 2016-17, the NEC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) spent time volunteering at Bonnie Brae, a nationally recognized school and residential treatment center located in Basking Ridge, NJ, which serves as a safe haven for at-risk boys to heal, learn and grow.

The SAAC also raised a record \$13,560 for the Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation to help support the NEC's longstanding partnership with the organization. Mount St. Mary's led the charge by raising over \$4,000 for the cause on their campus. The NEC SAAC's second annual Canned Food Drive competition resulted in the collection of 7,441 non-perishable food items, nearly a 50 percent increase from the prior year's total. Mount St. Mary's placed first after donating a conference-high 1,402 items to the Emmitsburg (MD) Food Bank. For the sixth time in seven years, Sacred Heart was the recipient of the NEC Building Communities award, presented by Bayer. The award recognizes the institution that demonstrates the highest dedication to making an impact in the community through the efforts of its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. SHU logged 7,842 hours and conference members logged 26,426 hours of community service over the course of the 2016-17 academic year.

NEC FRONT ROW

One of the landmark moments in Northeast Conference history came back in August, 2012 with the launch of NEC Front Row. Having recently celebrated its fifth anniversary, the NEC's popular digital platform is a unifying thread among conference members and a one-stop portal for the league's fans.

The NEC's state-of-the-art digital network debuted to rave reviews and in the five years since has attracted a loyal following for its rich set of content, which includes live regular season and NEC Championship events, on-demand video, highlight packages, coaches shows, features, original programming and access to the league's extensive digital library, all free of charge to users. The network gives fans inside access to the NEC and its student-athletes on the field, in the classroom, across campus, and in the community. Entering the start of the 2017-18 season, over 3,600 live events had been broadcast on Front Row with nearly 1.5 million viewers tuning in to the network.

All events are streamed in HD, feature a DVR-style rewind feature and are instantly archived.

A companion NEC on the Run iOS mobile app provides free, one-click access to live events and on-demand content from NEC Front Row. Fans can also join the conversation through the app's social media integration. The NEC on the Run app can be downloaded on the iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch.



ABOUT THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Not only did Sacred Heart repeat as Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup champion, but the Pioneers set a conference record in the process. SHU is now a seven-time Cup champion, breaking Monmouth's record of six. The Pioneers also made it three consecutive Joan Martin Women's Cups, the tenth such honor for SHU, also the most in NEC history. Bryant won its fourth consecutive Men's Cup.

It was another strong season for NEC women's bowling. Remarkably, five of the NEC's seven bowling members were ranked among America's best in NTCA Top-20 polls that were released during the 2016-17 season. Perennial national power Fairleigh Dickinson earned an at-large berth to the NCAA Championship and ranked as high as sixth in the country. The Knights were joined by Sacred Heart (as high as 10th), LIU Brooklyn (13th), Saint Francis U (14th) and St. Francis Brooklyn (21st) in the polls. Fairleigh Dickinson bowler Melanie Hannon finished her illustrious career as a four-time NTCA All-American.

In front of a sold out crowd at Knott Arena and a nationwide audience on ESPN2, Mount Mayhem was in full effect this past March when the Mountaineers won their fifth NEC men's basketball title with a 71-61 triumph over Saint Francis U. The five conference championships for the Mount ties them for the second most in NEC history. The Mount also won the regular season crown for the second time in school annals.

This past season marked the sixth straight in which an NEC men's basketball team has won a postseason game and the first time in league history that two teams both pulled off victories. Mount St. Mary's delivered a nailbiting 67-66 win over New Orleans in the NCAA opening round, then gave overall No. 1 seed Villanova all it could handle in the first half before falling, 76-56. Joining the Mount in the postseason winner's circle was Saint Francis U, which posted a 78-76 win over Jacksonville in the first round of the CIT.

Like father, like son. A year after Robert Morris head coach Sal Buscaglia won the NEC women's basketball title in his final season on the sidelines, his son, Charlie, did the same this past March. Led by NEC Player of the Year Anna-Niki Stamolamprou, the Colonials made it back-to-back conference championships with a 65-52 win over Bryant before a coast-to-coast audience on ESPNU and a cheering home crowd at the Sewall Center. It marked RMU's sixth NEC Tournament crown and followed the program's fifth regular season title.

Three NEC women's hoops teams competed in the postseason with Saint Francis U posting a 79-68 road win over Campbell in a first round WBI game. RMU took on Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA Tournament, while Sacred Heart competed against St. John's in the WNIT.

NEC football produced four Stats Inc. All-Americans, led by Saint Francis U safety Lorenzo Jerome and Duquesne linebacker Christian Kuntz, both first team honorees. SFU wideout Kamron Lewis and Duquesne offensive lineman Ben Huss were both tabbed to the third team.

Saint Francis U's Lorenzo Jerome, who was named to six different All-America teams, went on to earn MVP honors playing in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, and forced three turnovers in the Senior Bowl. He was the first NEC player invited to either of the two games. Jerome also earned an invite to the NFL combine and is currently playing for the San Francisco 49ers.

Saint Francis U senior Francis de Vries added to his potential NEC Hall of Fame resume when he earned his third-straight All-America honor. The lockdown defender was named to the third team by the NSCAA, and was also chosen as a second team CoSIDA Academic



All-American and the NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in men's soccer. de Vries was selected by the Vancouver Whitecaps with the 29th pick in the MLS Draft.

The Central Connecticut men's cross country dynasty showed no signs of slowing down. The Blue Devils made history last fall, winning their eighth straight NEC championship. In doing so, CCSU became just the second NEC program in any sport to win eight consecutive conference titles, joining Quinnipiac women's cross country (2005-12).

CCSU swimmer Maddy Garber qualified for the NCAA Championships in two events. Garber, the Co-NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in women's swimming and diving, set a new Central Connecticut and NEC record with a time of 2:13.12 in the 200 breaststroke at the event.

It was a landmark season for Saint Francis U softball. The Red Flash won their first NEC softball title, but that's just the tip of the iceberg. SFU went on to compete in the NCAA Tournament, winning the program's first-ever postseason game with an 8-4 victory over New Mexico State. The Flash also set a new NEC single-season record with 49 wins - surpassing the 47 won by UMBC back in 2001 - and became the first school to post a perfect record in NEC play, finishing 16-0.

Bryant men's lacrosse reclaimed its king of the hill status, winning its fifth NEC title in six years. The Bulldogs rode that momentum into the NCAA opening round, where Mike Pressler's charges posted a 10-7, wire-to-wire victory over Monmouth for the third postseason win in program history. Bryant went on to give eventual national champion Maryland a run in a 13-10 setback in the following round.

Sacred Heart has doubled as women's indoor and outdoor track and field champions in each of the last three years. Only Mount St. Mary's back from 1995-97 has been able to match this accomplishment.

Bryant's Matt Kuhar, the unanimous pick for NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Year, showed why he can compete with anyone in the country. After the Bulldogs won their fourth straight NEC title, Kuhar shined in Bryant's first round NCAA match against Oklahoma. Kuhar rolled to a 6-0 win in the first set over No. 32 Andrew Harris in No. 1 singles action, before the match was halted prior to completion. At year's end, he became the first player in Bryant history to earn an ITA regional ranking.

LIU Brooklyn won the IC4A Men's Outdoor Track & Field Championship. NEC outdoor meet MVP Adam Walker-Kahn scored 14 points for the Blackbirds, medaling in the horizontal jumps.

A pair of softball sluggers continued to make waves. Mount St. Mary's senior Rachel Heinze, who broke the NEC single-season home run record with 19 round trippers in 2016, added 17 more blasts this past spring and was named the NEC Player of the Year. It took Saint Francis U's Jordan Seneca just one year to break Heinze's single-season mark, hitting 22 dingers to rank fifth in the nation.



ABOUT THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE



NEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NEC takes its championship events to a number of first class venues with the goal of enhancing the experience for its student-athletes and fans alike. For more information on the events listed below, visit northeastconference.org.

CHAMPIONSHIP	DATE	SITE
Cross Country	Oct. 28	New Britain, CT
Women's Soccer	Nov. 3 & 5	High Seed
Men's Soccer	Nov. 10 & 12	High Seed
Volleyball	Nov. 18-19	High Seed
Indoor Track & Field	Feb. 16-17	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex
Swimming & Diving	Feb. 21-24	Nassau County Aquatic Center
Men's Basketball	Feb. 28, Mar. 3 & 6	High Seeds
Women's Basketball	Mar. 7-8 & 11	QF & SF at #1 & #2 Seeds CH at higher seed
Bowling	Mar. 23-25	Howell Lanes
Tennis	Apr. 20-22	Mercer County Tennis Center
Women's Golf	Apr. 19-22	LPGA International
Men's Golf	Apr. 27-29	LPGA International
Men's Lacrosse	May 3 & 5	High Seed
Women's Lacrosse	May 4 & 6	High Seed
Outdoor Track & Field	May 5-6	Emmitsburg, MD
Softball	May 10-12	High Seed
Baseball	May 24-27	Dodd Stadium

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QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Smithfield, RI
FOUNDED	1863
ENROLLMENT	3,700
NICKNAME	Bulldogs
STUDENT-ATHLETES	533
TICKET OFFICE	(401) 319-TXX (8499)

SPORTS

MEN'S (11): baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (11): basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE www.bryantbulldogs.com
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/BryantAthletics
TWITTER @BryantAthletics



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Bryant won the NEC Men's Commissioner's Cup for the fourth-straight year in 2016-17 and took home six regular season and tournament titles, with men's lacrosse, men's tennis, men's golf and women's lacrosse advancing to the NCAA Tournament.
- The Bryant women's basketball team made history in 2016-17, advancing to the NEC championship game for the first time in program history. Bryant earned a thrilling victory over Sacred Heart in the semifinals before taking on Robert Morris in the championship round.
- Bryant swimming and diving junior Ben Schulte represented the Bulldogs and his home country of Guam in the 2016 Rio Olympics. Schulte, who also was the flag bearer during the opening ceremonies, competed in the 100 breast. It was his second appearance in the Olympics, as he also competed in the 2012 London games.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Bryant University delivers an unmatched education that inspires students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world. Nearly 46,000 accomplished alumni make noteworthy contributions to their communities and to businesses and organizations worldwide.
- Bryant University's innovative academic programs are recognized nationally for integrating business and the arts and sciences and regularly receive top rankings by U.S. News & World Report, USA Today/College Factual, Princeton Review, Bloomberg Business Week, Barron's, and others.
- In 2016, Bryant University completed Bryant Builds, the largest and most transformative facilities initiative since Bryant's move to Smithfield 46 years ago. The project added more than 250,000 square feet at the Smithfield campus and the campus in Zhuhai, China, and features the award-winning Academic Innovation Center as well as athletics facilities including the Conaty Indoor Athletic Center, Beirne Stadium, and the Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center.

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 10 Keyes Way
 West Warwick, RI



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www.pawsox.com
 Ben Mondor Way, Pawtucket, RI
 (401) 724-7300

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www.tennisfame.com
 194 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI
 (800) 457-1144



CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- The men's cross country and track and field programs continued their run of championships. Eric Blake, the NEC Coach of the Year, guided CCSU cross country to its eighth straight title, becoming just the second program in NEC history to win eight straight titles in any sport. The Blue Devils also won a fourth straight men's outdoor track and field championship, with 10 individuals claiming medal honors, including three champions.
- The Blue Devils won a third straight NEC women's swimming and diving championship in 2017. CCSU swept the major individual awards led by Maddy Garber, Annemarie Durham and Alexis Fredricks. Bill Ball was named NEC Coach of the Year, and saw Garber qualify for the NCAA Championships in the 100 and 200 breaststroke and Durham qualify for the NCAA Zone Regional in the 3-meter diving event.
- Central claimed the 2017 NEC Baseball Championship. Charlie Hickey was named the NEC Coach of the Year and won his 500th game at CCSU with the win in the championship game.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Zulma R. Toro was named the 13th President of CCSU on October 20, 2016, becoming the first woman appointed as President of the university.
- CCSU partnered with the Ana Grace Project to provide a new base of operations for sharing resources, services and expertise. AGP was established to promote love, community, and connection in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. CCSU has hosted AGP's "Love Wins: Finish the Race" initiative each of the last two years, welcoming several hundred New Britain school children to campus where they spend the day with CCSU student volunteers for a taste of the college experience with the hope of instilling the belief that a world of possibilities awaits them.
- CCSU committed to become an Age-Friendly University. By doing so, CCSU joins a global network of 150 higher education institutions in the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom providing programs and developing practices that serve the needs of an aging population. CCSU is the first in Connecticut to adopt the concept developed at Ireland's Dublin City University several years ago and is endorsed by The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

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(413) 781-6500

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	New Britain, CT
FOUNDED	1849
ENROLLMENT	12,000
NICKNAME	Blue Devils
STUDENT-ATHLETES	400
TICKET OFFICE	(860) 832-BLUE (2583)

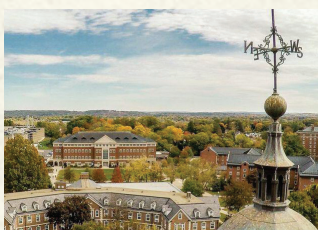
SPORTS

MEN'S (8): baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (10): basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.ccsubluedevils.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/CCSUBlueDevils
TWITTER	@CCSUBlueDevils





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Teaneck, NJ
FOUNDED	1942
ENROLLMENT	6,464
NICKNAME	Knights
STUDENT-ATHLETES	255
TICKET OFFICE	(201) 692-9552

SPORTS

MEN'S (8): baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (11): basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.fduknight.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/FDUathletics
TWITTER	@FDUKnight



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- The FDU women's bowling team won their fourth NEC Championship and earned the program's 12th trip to the NCAA's last season. The Knights ended the year ranked #8 in the nation and were led by 4-time NTCA All-American Melanie Hannon.
- Senior shortstop Matt McGann earned first team all-NEC honors and subsequently was selected in the 25th round of the MLB draft by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. McGann was the first Knight to be drafted since 2004.
- Freshman fencer Natalia Toby was named FDU's Female Athlete of the Year after becoming the Knights' first All-American since 1994 and finishing 7th at the 2017 NCAA Fencing Championships.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Fairleigh Dickinson ranks #5 in Money Magazine's recent listing of "50 Colleges that Add the Most Value" report. To develop this list, Money reviewed colleges across the country, comparing graduation rates, earnings and student loan repayment.
- FDU was ranked #3 on ValueColleges.com list of the Top 10 Best Online Colleges in the State of New Jersey.
- The FDU basketball team continued its extensive partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lodi/Hackensack this summer. Highlighting this partnership was FDU's participation in the club's ceremonial torch run to help begin their annual Summer Olympic games.

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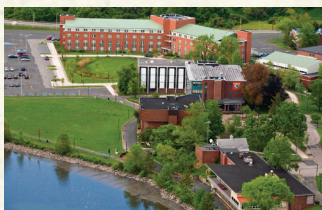
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www.westfield.com/gardenstateplaza
Rte. 17 South & Rte. 4 East, Paramus, NJ

NEW YORK CITY

www.nycgo.com



LIU BROOKLYN BLACKBIRDS



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- The LIU Brooklyn men's track and field team established its dominance indoors once again last year, winning its fourth-straight NEC crown. The Blackbirds, who had multiple major award winners, won by a resounding 35-point margin at the Ocean Breeze track in Staten Island, NY.
- The LIU Brooklyn women's volleyball team won the 2016 NEC Championship in one of the most dramatic matches in NEC volleyball history. The Blackbirds faced two different championship points over two sets before rallying back to beat regular season champion and top-seed Sacred Heart, 3-2.
- LIU men's basketball senior Jerome Frink capped his Blackbird career in style during his last year in downtown Brooklyn. Frink, who was named NEC Player of the Year, an ECAC All-Star, NABC All-District, first team All-Met and honorable mention All-America, helped lead the Blackbirds to a 20-12 overall record.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- LIU Brooklyn is located in the heart New York City's most vibrant neighborhood, Brooklyn's Tech Triangle, and offers nearly 200 academic programs.
- The last six years have seen LIU Brooklyn's 19 NCAA Division I teams capture a total of 24 NEC titles. The Blackbirds train at the state-of-the-art Steinberg Wellness Center, which features an NCAA-regulation swimming pool, a 2,500-seat arena (home to LIU's basketball and volleyball teams), state-of-the-art workout facilities and a rooftop track for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local community.
- LIU Brooklyn is ranked first in the nation for health professional majors by PayScale, offering more professional programs in health care than any other campus in New York City, including the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy (the oldest College of Pharmacy in New York), and the Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing. LIU also presents the annual George Polk Awards in journalism, having established the internationally acclaimed honor in 1949.

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200 Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY

BARCLAYS CENTER

www.barclayscenter.com
620 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, NY



QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Brooklyn, NY
FOUNDED	1926
ENROLLMENT	8,170
NICKNAME	Blackbirds
STUDENT-ATHLETES	286
TICKET OFFICE	(718) 488-1018

SPORTS

MEN'S (6): baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (13): basketball, bowling, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.liuathletics.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/LIUathletics
TWITTER	@LIUathletics





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Emmitsburg, MD
FOUNDED	1808
ENROLLMENT	2,213
NICKNAME	The Mount, Mountaineers
STUDENT-ATHLETES	405
TICKET OFFICE	(301) 447-5700

SPORTS

MEN'S (8): baseball, basketball, cross country, lacrosse, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (10): basketball, cross country, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE www.mountathletics.com
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/mountathletics
TWITTER @MountAthletics

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Men's basketball captured its fifth NEC Title in program history to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament. The Mount then topped New Orleans in the First Four matchup to collect the program's second NCAA Tournament victory since moving to Division I.
- Rachel Heinze became the first player in Mount softball history to be named Northeast Conference Player of the Year. Heinze, who also earned Second Team All-ECAC and Third Team All-Region honors, finished her career at the Mount as the all-time leader in home runs (43), runs scored (128), RBI (121) and total bases (327).
- Women's swimmer Sarah Bonson was named one of five NEC Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Bonson posted a perfect 4.0 GPA while earning dual degrees in chemistry and biochemistry. She also wrapped up her career with top-10 times in program history in six different events.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Mount's board of trustees recently announced the permanent appointment of Timothy Trainor, Ph.D., as the 26th president of the university.
- In 2016-17, three Mount St. Mary's University students applied to the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant program and were named Fulbright Finalists. The previous year, only one institution in the nation had a perfect 100 percent success rate with at least three applicants. Two others students earned Fulbright US-UK scholarships.
- Recent alumni successes include Nancy Abu-Bonsrah, C'12, becoming the first African-American female to be accepted into the prestigious neurosurgery residency program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and David Ginty, Ph.D., C'84, being elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

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ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Under the direction of first-year head coach Charlie Buscaglia, Robert Morris successfully defended its NEC women's basketball title and claimed its third NEC Tournament championship in the last four years with a 65-52 victory over Bryant in the final game played at the Charles L. Sewall Center.
- In 32 seasons at the Charles L. Sewall Center, the RMU men's basketball team posted a record of 278-149 (.651), while the women's basketball program finished with a mark of 248-147 (.628). Combined, the two programs won eight NEC Tournament championships on its home floor, including four each by the men and women.
- Senior guard Anna Niki Stamolaprou was selected as the 2017 NEC Player of the Year, the 2017 NEC Tournament MVP and the 2017 Scholar-Athlete of the Year for women's basketball. She was also nominated as the 2017 NCAA Woman of the Year by both Robert Morris and the NEC.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- RMU is ranked among national universities in the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges 2016. Moving up from the regional university category, RMU debuted at 188th on the list of almost 300 of the nation's biggest doctoral research institutions.
- Robert Morris announced plans to build the UPMC Events Center, a 140,000-square foot complex for the men's and women's basketball and volleyball programs. The UPMC Events Center is the main part of a \$50 million project that also includes a student recreation and fitness center on RMU's Moon Township campus.
- Six degree programs were named 2017 Best Online Programs by U.S. News & World Report, including the bachelor's degree program overall and the M.B.A., nursing, education, computer information technology and other business graduate programs.

WHERE TO STAY

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Recommended Area Choice Hotels:

Comfort Suites
750 Aten Rd.
Coraopolis, PA



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH
www.visitpittsburgh.com

THE MALL AT ROBINSON
www.shoprobinsonmall.com

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Moon Township, PA
FOUNDED	1921
ENROLLMENT	5,199
NICKNAME	Colonials
STUDENT-ATHLETES	450
TICKET OFFICE	(412) 397-4949

SPORTS

MEN'S (6): basketball, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer

WOMEN'S (10): basketball, cross country, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.rmucolonials.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/RMUathletics
TWITTER	@RMUathletics





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Fairfield, CT
FOUNDED	1963
ENROLLMENT	8,352
NICKNAME	Pioneers
STUDENT-ATHLETES	999
TICKET OFFICE	(203) 396-TIXX (8499)

SPORTS

MEN'S (14): baseball, basketball, cross country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, wrestling

WOMEN'S (19): basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.sacredheartpioneers.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/sacredheartuniversitypioneers
TWITTER	@SHUBigRed



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- For the second straight year SHU Athletics captured the NEC Triple Crown, winning the Commissioner's Cup Award, the Building Communities Award and the NEC Institutional Academic Award. Pioneer student-athletes combined for a 3.35 GPA last year, while NEC sponsored sports set a league record for the second consecutive year with a 3.381 GPA.
- SHU won the Brenda Weare Commissioners Cup for a record-setting seventh time and the Joan Martin Commissioners Cup for Women's Athletics for a league-best 10th time. All 21 NEC programs that are eligible for NEC postseason competition qualified for their respective championships. The women's golf team won their first-ever NEC Crown and made an NCAA Tournament appearance. Women's indoor track and field won its fourth consecutive championship and the outdoor squad won for the third straight year.
- For the sixth time in seven years the Pioneers won the NEC Building Communities Award, contributing 8,844 volunteer hours during the year. The women's bowling team averaged 56.5 hours of community service per student-athlete, 1,073 total, while men's lacrosse was close behind with 978 total hours.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Sacred Heart University is widely recognized as a top choice for higher education, appearing in The Princeton Review's Best 382 College: 2018. The University was designated a College of Distinction for the 2017-18 year and is listed in Money's 711 Best Colleges for Your Money ranking. SHU is a top-10 fastest-growing Catholic College in America, and is ranked in the U.S. News and World Report best regional universities in the North.
- Since 2014, Sacred Heart University has completed or broken ground on seven new student-focused facilities. Those include the Center for Healthcare Education, the Maritime Business and Communications Center, The Wellness Center, and The Student Success Center. The Jorge Bergoglio Sophomore Residence Hall is in its second year of housing SHU students, and the University's newest residence hall is, named for Catholic Philanthropist Pierre Toussaint is scheduled to open in winter 2018. The University purchased the former GE World Headquarters to become West Campus and Dr. P's, a traditional diner, is slated for a Fall 2017 opening.

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Stratford, CT

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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

NORWALK AQUARIUM
www.maritimeaquarium.org

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www.beardsleyzoo.org



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- St. Francis Brooklyn men's soccer alum Vincent Bezecourt '16 signed a Major League Soccer (MLS) contract with the New York Red Bulls in August. He became the first Terrier to sign a major U.S. professional league deal since John Halama, who pitched for seven different teams in Major League Baseball (MLB).
- Senior runner Annais Cumiskey became the first Terrier to win the NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in two different sports after taking the Women's Cross Country and Women's Indoor Track & Field awards during the 2016-17 campaign.
- For the third time in four seasons, the men's soccer squad won the NEC Championship, subsequently earning another bid into the NCAA College Cup.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- New President Miguel Martinez-Saenz brings amazing energy and ideas to campus and is inspiring students with his vision for a meaningful, well-rounded education.
- St. Francis College is proud to announce its new MFA in Creative Writing, just two weeks a year on campus, the rest done online with award winning authors as mentors.
- U.S. News & World Report again ranked St. Francis College as a Top Regional School in the North while Forbes and Money also selected St. Francis for their best colleges list.

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Cambria Hotel & Suites - Times Square
30 W. 46th Street
New York, NY



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

BROOKLYN PROMENADE

www.nyharborparks.org

NEW YORK CITY

www.nycgo.com



QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Brooklyn Heights, NY
FOUNDED	1859
ENROLLMENT	2,672
NICKNAME	Terriers
STUDENT-ATHLETES	185
TICKET OFFICE	(718) 489-5411

SPORTS

MEN'S (9): basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, water polo

WOMEN'S (10): basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, water polo

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.sfathletics.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/sfterriers
TWITTER	@SFBKterriers





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Loretto, PA
FOUNDED	1847
ENROLLMENT	2,250
NICKNAME	Red Flash
STUDENT-ATHLETES	605
TICKET OFFICE	(814) 472-3286

SPORTS

MEN'S (9): basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

WOMEN'S (14): basketball, bowling, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, water polo

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.sfuathletics.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/SFUathletics
TWITTER	@SFUathletics



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Francis de Vries was taken 29th overall in the Major League Soccer Super Draft by the Vancouver Whitecaps. De Vries has spent the year with FC Whitecaps 2 of the MLS developmental league where he serves as team captain. De Vries became the first Saint Francis student-athlete drafted into the professional ranks since Jess Zinobile was drafted in the fourth round of the 2000 WNBA draft.
- Lorenzo Jerome signed a professional contract with the San Francisco 49ers, following the NFL Draft. Jerome made SFU and NEC history when he became the first player to be invited to the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, Senior Bowl and NFL Combine events. Jerome was named MVP of the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl. This pre-season he started at safety for San Francisco in their game against Kansas City.
- The Red Flash student-athletes won eight Northeast Conference scholar-athlete awards in the 2016-17 season. Bryce England led the way winning the "triple-crown" in cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track. The rising senior carries a 3.96 cumulative GPA into his final season while double majoring in Spanish and Biology.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Saint Francis added to its NEC lead in Academic All-America awards with Francis de Vries becoming the 42nd Red Flash student-athlete to earn the honor this past fall. The Red Flash student athletes also continued their impressive streak of consecutive semesters with a department-wide 3.0 GPA or higher to 37, spanning 18-and-a-half seasons.
- Ninety-nine percent of Saint Francis graduates start either grad school or their careers within nine months of graduation.
- Saint Francis University has adopted "Become that Someone" as the school motto. The roots of the phrase extends back to the relationship between NBA legends Jack Twyman and Maurice Stokes. For more information on their relationship and to see SFU student-athletes becoming that someone, please visit SFUathletics.com

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Duncansville, PA

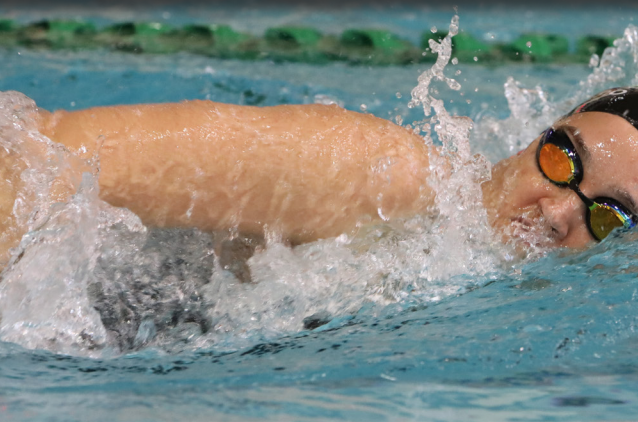
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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www.railroadcity.com

ALTOONA CURVE BASEBALL
www.altoonaacurve.com



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Wagner women's lacrosse team reached the NEC Championship game for the fourth consecutive season after defeating Robert Morris, 12-10, in the semifinals to set up their fourth consecutive meeting with the Bryant Bulldogs for the league crown.
- Recently graduated softball player Brianna Tredway was named the NEC Women's Student-Athlete of the Year this past June.
- Recently-graduated men's golfer, Anton Frondelius, turned in the single best individual season in program history, becoming the first Wagner men's golfer to win the NEC Individual title and accompanying berth in the NCAA Championships. Frondelius led the NEC and established a school record, with a scintillating 72.4-stroke average.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wagner College is a private, liberal arts college located in Staten Island, NY, with a full-time equivalent enrollment of approximately 2,000. Through its signature four-year undergraduate curriculum, the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts, and its location in New York City, the College offers students a comprehensive educational program that is anchored in the liberal arts, experiential and co-curricular learning, interculturalism, interdisciplinary studies and service to society. Wagner also offers master's programs in nursing, education, business administration, and microbiology.
- Wagner College was named one of America's best colleges in the Princeton Review's new "Best 382 Colleges" guide, which was released on July 31. The Wagner College Theatre program received special kudos, ranked No. 4 in the nation. With their recent accolade, the WCT has been ranked among the top-five collegiate theater programs in the United States by the Princeton Review for more than a decade.

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310 Wild Avenue
Staten Island, NY



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER

www.snug-harbor.org
1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY
(718) 448-2500

STATEN ISLAND MALL

www.statenisland-mall.com
2655 Richmond Ave., Staten Island, NY
(718) 761-6666

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Staten Island, NY
FOUNDED	1883
ENROLLMENT	2,000
NICKNAME	Seahawks
STUDENT-ATHLETES	483
TICKET OFFICE	(718) 420-4039

SPORTS

MEN'S (10): baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, water polo

WOMEN'S (12): basketball, cross country, golf, fencing, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, swimming & diving, water polo

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