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Mission Statement
The mission of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at St. Bonaventure University is to complement and supplement the overall mission of the University with the utmost integrity through adherence to NCAA and conference bylaws. The intercollegiate program is committed to mentoring all student-athletes and enriching their intellectual, spiritual, and physical growth and development. The program strives to provide competitive opportunities to a diverse range of student-athletes at the conference, regional, and national levels while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The Department engenders support for the University among many constituents including students, faculty, alumni, friends, and local communities.

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Bonnies fans,

What a year it was! As I take some time to reflect back on the past year, I am so grateful for the year we had and for everyone’s efforts to make it happen. With this annual report, we celebrate the academic and competitive successes of our student-athletes who represent St. Bonaventure and acknowledge the impact they have on our great community.

On behalf of our student-athletes, coaches and staff, we thank you for your support throughout the year. As a member of the St. Bonaventure family, your support is a key part of a collective effort that has enabled us to reach new heights in the classroom and in competition. There were many incredible accomplishments this year but the one that I am most proud of is the academic performance of our student-athletes. This year the average student-athlete GPA was 3.15 and 10 of our 14 teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. When you see those numbers and recognize the workload our student-athletes have to balance, you can’t help but feel pride and amazement at their accomplishments.

Over the past year I’ve had the great opportunity to get to know our incredible student-athletes. I can assure you that they are motivated, driven young men and women who make St. Bonaventure proud every day. Most people only see the competitions, but you should know how hard our student-athletes work in the classroom, in training, in practices and when they represent their teams and St. Bonaventure University serving our community. These student-athletes are why we work so hard to give them the support they need to be successful at St. Bonaventure and beyond. Your support is the key component to their success.

The passion for the Bonnies is well-known and it was evident last year from Olean to Brooklyn, and from Rochester to Oregon. Everywhere we went, there was always a strong contingent of Bonnies to root on our student-athletes in competition. This passion is why we succeed and will continue to move forward towards even loftier goals.

As we enter the summer, we will continue to plan and build upon the great momentum we have established at St. Bonaventure this past year. Thank you again for all of your Bonnies passion and pride and we look forward to an even more fruitful 2016-17 campaign. Enjoy your summer and as always . . .

Tim Kenney
Athletics Director
The 2015-16 academic year was another standout one for Bonnies in the classroom. St. Bonaventure student-athletes continued to be among the most successful in the Atlantic 10 while turning in GPAs better than the general student body. Six St. Bonaventure University athletic programs earned recognition from the NCAA by ranking in the top 10 percent of their respective sports in Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. The Bonnies teams honored for the previous academic year were: women’s basketball, men’s cross country, golf, women’s soccer, women’s tennis and softball.

Among Atlantic 10 institutions, only Davidson and Saint Joseph’s had more programs earn public recognition. In all, 56 Atlantic 10 teams were recognized.

Ten of St. Bonaventure’s 14 teams have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better including six of 3.25 or higher. The average St. Bonaventure student-athlete cumulative GPA is 3.150, whereas the general SBU student body cumulative GPA is 3.141. In total, 160 of SBU’s 253 student-athletes (63 percent) have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and just as impressively, 129 student-athletes (50 percent) made Dean’s List during the Spring 2016 semester.

Women’s basketball led the way with a 3.561 cumulative GPA with women’s cross country (3.543), softball (3.463), women’s swimming (3.347), women’s soccer (3.342) and golf (3.279) all above a 3.25. Baseball (3.154), women’s tennis (3.118), men’s cross country (3.044) and men’s tennis (3.010) all stood above 3.0.

Bonnies Shine in NCAA APR Report
Nine of St. Bonaventure’s 14 teams ranked above the national average for their respective sports – along with the previous six already recognized, men’s basketball (985), women’s cross country (993) and men’s soccer (993) all also were above the national averages. A total of seven St. Bonaventure teams saw their APR rise year-to-year: baseball, men’s soccer, women’s basketball, women’s cross country, women’s lacrosse, women’s swimming and softball. Women’s soccer and men’s cross country have been recognized for as part of the NCAA’s APR top 10 percent for three straight seasons, posting perfect scores each year. It is also the second consecutive year in a row that Bonnies women’s tennis has recorded a perfect APR.
Some of the community service initiatives and groups that Bonnies teams worked with over the past year include:

- Special Olympics - unified sports day, sports clinics at St. Bonaventure
- Olean School District - school visits, clinics, pen-pals
- Allegany-Limestone School District - school visits, clinics
- The United Way - newspaper drive
- Be The Match - bone marrow donation program
- Juvenile Diabetes Foundation - softball team home run derby and walk
- The Warming House (Olean)
- Taking Steps To Cure Cystic Fibrosis Walk
- Mount Irenaeus
- YMCA Healthy Kids Day
- Bona Responds
- Community clean-up days
- Women In Sports Day
- Bona Buddies

Bonnies student-athletes organized a drive to collect toys and gifts for needy children during the Christmas season. Members of the Bonnies softball, women’s basketball, soccer, cross country and tennis teams used their own money to buy gifts for children they have never met.

In all, 67 gifts were bought and wrapped by the SBU volunteers. Twenty-five presents were then sent to the Mexican border where they were picked up and taken to Nana’s House, an orphanage sponsored by a local church, Believer’s Chapel. The remaining gifts were taken to Roswell Medical Hospital and the P.U.N.T. Foundation sponsored by former Buffalo Bills punter Brian Moorman to support children fighting cancer.
This spring, the latest addition to the athletics fields complex was completed as Joyce Field debuted as the new crown jewel for St. Bonaventure softball.

Charles Joyce of Wellsville, N.Y., and his family provided the lead gift for the project. The Joyces have been longtime benefactors of St. Bonaventure. Mr. Joyce is president and CEO of Otis Eastern Service LLC in Wellsville, which is one of the leading oil and gas pipeline construction companies in the northeast U.S.

Renovations began Aug. 26 and continued through the fall and winter months. The Bonnies played their first game at the renovated and renamed Joyce Field on March 23 and an official field blessing ceremony took place on April 20. Renovations converted the field to A-Turf Titan, which is the same artificial turf that was installed on St. Bonaventure’s multi-purpose athletics field last summer. The turf is also used by the NFL’s Buffalo Bills at Ralph Wilson Stadium and carries a 12-year warranty including a sub-surface “shock pad” to improve safety. Another primary benefit of the turf is its drainage system which will eliminate the postponements and cancellations of games due to wet conditions that have plagued the field in years past.

In addition, a new scoreboard, backstop and perimeter fences also were installed.
Fans at the Reilly Center noticed improvements to the facility this past basketball season and will be treated to more during the 2016-17 campaign.

This past year, a new digital scorer’s table was added. The 32-foot court-side scorer’s table replaced the old scorer’s tables located between the team benches. The new table features full-color LED space for advertising, graphics and other fan-friendly information including player photos, game information and more. A Bonnies-branded, brown and white banner designed by The Sports Locker now hangs behind the scorer’s table and team benches, an improvement designed to give the area a clean look.

In the arena, eight “legends” banners were added to the north wall. Measuring 20 feet tall by three feet wide, the banners feature alumni Tom Stith ‘61, Bob Lanier ‘70, Essie Hollis ‘77, Andrew Nicholson ‘12, Jessica Jenkins ‘12, Sue Shay ‘92, Hilary Waltman ‘99, and Dana Mitchell ‘10. The banners each have two sponsor logos at the bottom representing 16 of St. Bonaventure’s premier corporate partners.

Thanks to the generosity of 1966 alumnus and Trustee Albert C. Horton, St. Bonaventure University will soon have a state-of-the-art videoboard in the Reilly Center, and Bonnies basketball fans will have a completely new experience.

The videoboard will provide a dramatically more dynamic experience for fans. The new center-hung scoreboard will feature two 8.19-foot high by 13.23-foot wide video displays, bringing live video, replays and other fan-engaging content such as team branding, animations and game information to the Reilly Center.
**SEASON OVERVIEW**

The 2015-16 season was yet another validation of St. Bonaventure’s place among the “big-time” basketball schools in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Chosen eighth in the preseason A-10 coaches’ poll, the Bonnies blew away expectations. The Bonnies opened the A-10 schedule 4-0 with home wins over Davidson and Rhode Island and road victories at George Mason and UMass. After a tough three-game stretch, the Bonnies bounced right back with wins over Richmond and at Saint Joseph’s before knocking off #13/15 Dayton at UD Arena. SBU gutted out close wins over Duquesne, UMass and Saint Louis at home and senior Marcus Posley gave one of the best performances in school history with 47 points in a 98-90 win over Saint Joe’s in Rochester. A regular season finale win at Saint Louis gave the Bonnies a tie for their first-ever regular season A-10 championship after posting a program-best 14-4 conference record. St. Bonaventure narrowly missed the NCAA Tournament, settling for an NIT berth and the 14th 20-win season in school history.

**AWARDS & HONORS**

- Head Coach Mark Schmidt named Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year and earned NABC District 4 Coach of the Year honors
- Sophomore guard Jaylen Adams named First Team All-Atlantic 10
- Sophomore Denzel Gregg named A-10 Co-Sixth Man of the Year
- Senior Marcus Posley named Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Adams, Posley and senior Dion Wright all ranked in top 15 of A-10 scorers.
- Wright led the A-10 with 13 double-doubles
Women’s Basketball
Overall: 24-8 | A-10: 12-4 | A-10 Finish: 4th | NCAA Tournament Second Round

SEASON OVERVIEW
St. Bonaventure turned in one of the best seasons in program history in 2015-16, returning to the upper echelon of the Atlantic 10 by finishing 24-8 overall and 12-4 in A-10 competition. The 24 overall victories and 12 Atlantic wins each represent the second-most in Bonnies history. The Bonnies were rewarded with their second trip to the NCAA Tournament and first since 2012, earning an at-large bid. St. Bonaventure reached the Round of 32 following a first round victory over Oklahoma State, giving the Bonnies three wins over power conference foes during the year. After a 1-2 start to the season, the Bonnies displayed the special year that was to come early and often by embarking on one of the best stretches in program history. In a winning streak spanning over 60 days, St. Bonaventure ran off 16 straight victories. After losses in the second and third games of the season, the Bonnies would never drop back-to-back games again the rest of the year. The Bonnies led the Atlantic 10 in field goal percentage, field goal percentage defense and ranked second in points allowed, also ranking among the national leaders in each category. Throughout the year, the Bonnies continued to show why the Reilly Center is among the toughest places to play in the nation. St. Bonaventure went a perfect 16-0 on home court, often playing in front of some of the Atlantic 10’s largest crowds.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Senior Katie Healy named First Team All-Atlantic 10
- Healy also named to A-10 All-Academic Team and CoSIDA District 1 All-Academic Team
- Healy and fellow senior Nyla Rueter each finished their careers among the program’s top 20 all-time leading scorers
- Bona boasted the most graduate players in the nation (five) and posted a perfect NCAA APR score
- Sophomore Mariah Ruf earned “Rising Star” award at 2015-16 Bonnies Awards, Healy received Letterwinner Award
- Matea Britvar, Keely Fresh, Mckenna Maycock, Emily Michael, Kelcie Rombach, Nyla Rueter, Erin Wood named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
**SEASON OVERVIEW**

Men’s swimming and diving continued to reside among the top teams in the Atlantic 10 this past season, finishing second at the A-10 Championship Meet. Senior Michael Pilyugin posted his second individual gold medal by winning the 100-yd backstroke. He had already won the 50-free, breaking the A-10 record with a 19.84 in prelims before posting a time of 19.95 in the finals. That was the second record set by the Bonnies – the team of Pilyugin, Preston Schilling, Michael White and Matt Taccard posted a record-breaking time of 1:28.35 in the 200-yd medley relay during the first day of competition. In the 200-yd individual medley, White finished second overall with a final time of 1:47.47. In the 200-yd freestyle relay, the Bonnies finished second overall. The team of Pilyugin, White, Taccard and Logan Hellwig finished with a final time of 1:21.18. In the 400-yd individual medley, the Bonnies placed two swimmers in the top eight. White posted an important second place finish for the Bonnies, finishing with a final time of 3:53.54, improving upon his prelims time of 3:56.82. Senior Gregg Byrne finished seventh overall in the event and a final time of 3:58.91. Schilling placed third in the 100-yd breast stroke at 54.83. In the three meter diving event, Alex Marra posted a second place finish. The senior finished with an 11 dive score of 287.70.

**AWARDS & HONORS**

- Senior Michael Pilyugin earned a spot in the United States Olympic Trials in the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 56.04 in November. The time to qualify for trials was 57.19.
- Pilyugin received 2015-16 Letterwinner Award given to seniors with outstanding records of athletic accomplishment
- Manager Tim Stead received the department’s Brian Moretti Service Award for outstanding service and dedication to Bonnies athletics
- Greg Byrne, Tom Caulfield, Edward Donovan, Kevin Grant, Jordan Powers, Will Schilling, Aiden Wilson named to A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
The women’s swimming and diving team finished 10th overall at the 2016 Atlantic 10 Championships. The Bonnies had their best performance of the championship in the 200-yd butterfly placing two swimmers in the top eight. Tanja Kirmse finished third overall posting a final time of 2:00.86. Teammate Elizabeth Malone finished fifth overall with a final time of 2:03.45. Brittany Hart dove well in her championship debut placing fifth overall. The freshman posted a total dive score of 215.45. Kirmse also finished seventh in the 200 free (1:51.17) as well as in the 500 free (4:56.98). In the 800 free relay, she set the Bonaventure record with a time of 1:48.63.

During dual meet season, the Bonnies posted wins at Little Three rivals Canisius and Niagara as well as at Binghamton. Following the season, head coach Krista Carlson stepped down to take a position out of the area. New head coach Brian Thomas, who helped his teams to great success as an assistant at UNLV and Western Kentucky, was named as the new leader of the program in April.

Senior Tanja Kirmse named to Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team
- Kirmse earned the Merit Award presented to a senior with outstanding academic and athletic achievement at this year’s “Bonnies Awards”
- Lauren Anderson, Adelyn Graf, Shannon Haberman, Brittany Hart, Taylor Hodges, Bridget Jordan, Tanja Kirmse, Samantha Kuchinski, Elizabeth Malone, Devon McFadden, Emily Quinn, Maria Rocchi, Michaela Ryan, Kathryn Winterburn named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Men’s Soccer
Overall: 2-16-1 | A-10: 1-7 | A-10 Finish: 13th

Season Overview
The Bonnies entered a rebuilding season under first-year head coach Kwame Oduro. Bona won its first game under Oduro, a thrilling 2-1 victory in the season-opener at home vs. NJIT. Goals were hard to come by for Oduro’s young squad, but the team showed marked improvement as the season went on. Bona fought Binghamton to a scoreless draw as September came to a close, then fell in back-to-back heartbreakers at home vs. Davidson (2-1, double overtime) and UMass (2-1). Finally the Bonnies broke through with an impressive 2-1 victory at A-10 frontrunner George Washington on Oct. 21. With 17 players returning from last year’s team including an impressive recruiting class, the Bonnies figure to be improved in 2016.

Awards & Honors
- Freshman Kosi Nwafornso named to Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team
- Nwafornso also tabbed to Top Drawer Soccer’s Top 100 Freshmen team
- Bonaventure Akinlosotu, Remi Dujardin, Eddie Keen, Noel Orozco named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
SEASON OVERVIEW
The Bonnies were solid at home in 2015, going 4-4-1 at the Marra Athletics Complex and held serve in Big 4 rivalry matches vs. Buffalo and Niagara, winning both games. Senior Abby Maiello was among the A-10’s top scorers, ranking fifth in the conference with 26 points and tied fourth in goals with 10. She was also tied for sixth in assists with six. In Atlantic 10 play, the Bonnies were victorious over Rhode Island, Saint Louis and Richmond. The Bonnies will return 14 players in 2016 and add a talented and highly regarded recruiting class for next season.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Senior Abby Maiello named to Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team
- For third straight season the team ranked in top 10 percent of the nation among all women’s soccer teams in NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR)
- Gabriella Balseca, Sydney Cassagnol, Lauren Hill, Stephanie Jenkins, Gretta LaCouture, Abby Maiello, Alex Meador, Beth Moore, Jennifer Morris, Christina Sarokon, Kylie Terwilliger, Danielle Vis named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
SEASON OVERVIEW
The baseball team completed its season with more victories than any Bonnies squad since 2009 and also captured the most A-10 wins since 2011. The Bonnies missed out on the A-10 Tournament by just one game, with six of their 13 conference losses coming by only a run. Bona remained in the playoff hunt until the final day of the season thanks to a tremendously impressive pitching staff that posted the A-10’s best ERA at 2.79, more than a full run better than any other conference foe. Senior Connor Grey broke the program’s all-time record for strikeouts in a season with 95 while sophomore Brandon Schlimm (2.11, second), Grey (2.84, seventh), senior Reid Van Woert (2.89, eighth) and sophomore Aaron Phillips (3.02, ninth) all ranked in the top 10 of A-10 ERA. Senior Tyler Walter also ranked ninth in the league with a .325 batting average. Following the season, Grey was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 20th round of the MLB Draft.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Sophomore pitcher Brandon Schlimm named Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Sophomore shortstop Cole Peterson named Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Junior T.J. Baker named to A-10 All-Academic Team
- T.J. Baker, Matt Eastman, Sam Fuller, Brad Gresock, Ben MacDonald, Ryan O’Connor, Cole Peterson, Brandon Schlimm, Alex Schutz, Danny Urban, James Wetter named to A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Softball
Overall: 15-32 | A-10: 8-14 | A-10 Finish: 8th

SEASON OVERVIEW
The Bonnies remained in the Atlantic 10 Tournament hunt until the season’s final day, ultimately coming up just one game short of a postseason berth. Bona opened the gates on its new home, a completely renovated Joyce Field, that gives the program one of the top facilities in the region. It was a record-breaking season as seniors Kelli Rohan and Emily McDonough launched an assault on the program’s record books. Rohan and McDonough each broke the school’s all-time season batting average by hitting .441 and .429 respectively, leading all A-10 hitters. McDonough’s 66 hits were a new Bona season best and she also set the program’s career hits record with 213. Rohan, meanwhile, owns the Bona record for career stolen bases with 100.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Senior Kelli Rohan named A-10 & NFCA All-Region First Team
- Senior Emily McDonough named Atlantic 10 Second Team
- McDonough, Rohan and senior Katie Sinclair all named to Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team
- Sinclair earned the Ray Dee Leadership and Brian Moretti Service awards at this year’s “Bonnies Awards”
- Team ranked in top 10% of national APR report
- Nicole Antonacci, Carly Bilchak, Josie Borysevicz, Kaitlin Caringi, Alex Deal, Brittany Fair, Mariela Ferrer, Haley Majot, Emily McDonough, Morgan Phillips, Kelli Rohan, Katie Sinclair, Alexis Sloat named A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
SEASON OVERVIEW
The Bonnies finished the season 5-11 overall with all of their wins coming at home this year. It was often a season of near-misses, as the Bonnies threatened at Dayton and in the Atlantic 10 Championship First Round vs. Duquesne before falling in several hard-fought matches. Sophomore Victor Blanco and senior Eduardo Irizarry led the team in singles victories and the pair teamed to lead the squad in doubles triumphs. The team finished the season by blanking A-10 rival La Salle on Senior Day.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Senior Eduardo Irizarry named Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Sophomore Victor Blanco named Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Senior Carlos De La Cruz named Best International Student-Athlete at “Bonnies Awards”
- Hector Martinez named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
SEASON OVERVIEW
Sophomore Gabriella Bowe and junior Mara Martinez-Santori led the Bonnies with 11 and eight singles victories respectively and also teamed to pace the team in doubles wins in 2015-16. The Bonnies finished their season with a 7-0 blanking of La Salle on Senior Day. Bona was the No. 12 seed in the Atlantic 10 Tournament before having its season end with a loss to Richmond. The Bonnies graduate just one player from this year’s roster, Mariam Skhirtladze.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Junior Mara Martinez-Santori named Second Team All-Atlantic 10
- Martinez Santori named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
LACROSSE

Overall: 3-14 | A-10: 1-8 | A-10 Finish: T-9th

SEASON OVERVIEW

A young and injury-plagued Bonnies team was often short-handed during the season due largely to a barrage of early season injuries, including to leading returning scorer Leigh Ann Stauffer. Still, the Bonnies improved their win total from a year ago under new head coach Chelsea Rosiek, opening the year with a 20-8 win at Delaware State. Bona also scored home wins over Howard and a thrilling, 12-9 victory over Atlantic 10 foe George Washington. Bonnies goalkeepers Kerrigan Cummins and Morgan Conroy combined to lead the A-10 in saves per game (9.94) while senior Mikayla Place was fifth in the league in assists per game (1.47) and eighth in points per game (3.12). Junior Jalen Middlebrooks was fourth in the A-10 with 2.29 groundballs per game and junior Scarlet Jaworski was tied for fourth in draw controls per game (2.65). Place finished her career eighth all-time in Bonnies history with 150 career points.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Mikayla Place won the Unsung Hero award at this year’s “Bonnies Awards”
- Kerrigan Cummins, Taylor Fallon, Mary Maestri, Kristine Wallace, Kathryn Yoder named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Golf
A-10 Finish: 11th

SEASON OVERVIEW
Senior Josh Stauffer paced the Bonnies this season with a scoring average of 75.39 including a victory in the Little Three Championship. Stauffer posted one of the best rounds in Bonnies history by firing a 67 at the Leo Keenan Invitational, helping SBU to a fourth-place finish in its home event while finishing second on the individual leaderboard. Stauffer also finished his career with the all-time program record for career birdies (266) and the second-most rounds of par or better (20). Other strong team events this year saw the Bonnies place fourth of 16 teams at the Binghamton Invitational in October and sixth of 13 teams at the UConn ‘Til Duty is Done Intercollegiate in April. The Bonnies also posted a win over Saint Joseph’s at the first-ever Atlantic 10 Match Play Championship. Bonnies alum Ryan Swanson ’08 took over the program on an interim basis in January after the departure of former head coach Erik Hoops. Swanson had the interim title lifted in June and will continue to lead the Bonnies. During the season, Stauffer claimed multiple Atlantic 10 Golfer of the Week honors while freshmen Brent Morgan and Matt Abendroth each were named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week. Six players will return for Swanson next year along with the addition of three freshmen.

AWARDS & HONORS
- Patrick Sheerer, Darren Simons, Evan Sommer named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
- Corey Long earned spot in U.S. Open Qualifier
- Josh Stauffer won his way into Porter Cup with victory at Little Three Championship

- Six players will return for Swanson next year along with the addition of three freshmen.
SEASON OVERVIEW
Senior Joe Ferencik paced the Bonnies during the season, leading the team five times during the fall. He graduates owning the fifth-fastest 5K time in Bonnies history (16:44), second-fastest 8K (26:35) and overall best 10K time by any Bonas runner (33:40). When Ferencik wasn’t leading the Brown and White, it was sophomore Ben Collins who was at the head of the pack in the Little Three and Harry Anderson invitiationals. Collins currently has the second-best 5K time (16:20), set at this year’s Little Three, and fourth-fastest 8K time (26:44.7), also set this year at the Harry Anderson Invitational. Freshman Caleb Johnson made a strong debut, clocking the fourth-best 5K time in program history (16:32), sixth-fastest 8K (26:53.9) and sixth-fastest 10K (35:01).

AWARDS & HONORS
- Team recognized by the NCAA for being in the top 10 percent of all Division I teams in Academic Progress Rate
- Caleb Johnson and Ethan Kibbe named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
- Senior Joe Ferencik won the department’s Merit Award for outstanding academic and athletic achievement
SEASON OVERVIEW

The Bonnies took a hit right out of the gate as senior Kerry Caher, who owns nearly every record in program history, was lost for the year at the season-opening Little Three Invitational due to injury. Despite suffering her season-ending injury during the day’s competition, Caher still finished second in the Little Three with a 5K time of 18:10.8. Following Caher’s injury, it was fellow senior Aubrie Russell who took the lead of the team, pacing the Bonnies in the season’s final six meets. This past season, Russell turned in the fourth-fastest 5K time in Bonnies history (18:53.8) and fourth-fastest 6K time (22:59.3). The Bonnies also received production from freshmen Emily Izydorczak and Rachel Guyer. Izydorczak posted the fifth-fastest Bonnies 5K time ever (18:59.8) and sixth-fastest 6K time (23:41) while Guyer ranks fifth in 6K time (23:41) and sixth in 5K time (19:00.6). Sophomore Hailey Gattuso also put her name into the program’s top 10 in both 5K and 6K times.

AWARDS & HONORS

- Kerry Caher, Allison Field, Hailey Gattuso, Rachel Guyer, Emily Izydorczak, Rachel Konieczny, Margaret Schunk named to Atlantic 10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll
- Emily Izydorczak named Female Rookie of the Year at The “Bonnies Awards” and Kerry Caher took home award for most positive change since freshman year
It was a festive evening at the Quick Arts Center as the St. Bonaventure Department of Athletics and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee celebrated the first Bonnies Awards and Senior Awards Ceremony in May.

Created and chosen by student-athletes, the Bonnies Awards were given to 13 student-athletes. SAAC co-presidents Lauren Hill, Imani Outlaw and Brad Gresock and vice president Bonaventure Akinlosotu were the masters of ceremonies. All student-athletes, coaches, administrators and support staff attended the event, which was held in the Quick Center and Rigas Theater for the first time. At the end of the night, St. Bonaventure president Sister Margaret Carney took the stage to a standing ovation.

A complete list of awards winners follows on the next page.
Rookie of the Year (best athletic performance for first year or transfer student): Taishi Terashima (baseball) and Emily Izydorczak (cross country)

Rising Star (sophomore or junior with high hopes for future athletic success): Mariah Ruff (basketball)

Most Changed Since Freshman Year (senior who has demonstrated significant positive change): Kerry Caher (women’s cross country)

Best International Student-Athlete: Carlos De La Cruz (tennis) and Tanja Kirmse (swimming)

Most Spirited (student-athlete who displays Bona pride and shares their enthusiasm supporting other teams, throughout the athletics department and around campus): Bonaventure Akinlosotu (soccer)

Courage Award (student-athlete who has overcome adversity to achieve athletic success): Katie Sinclair (softball)

Unsung Hero Award (for the student athlete who busts his/her tail, does a lot behind the scene, might not get much playing time- but significantly contributes to his/her team): Tommy Styn (baseball) and Mikayla Place (lacrosse)

Reilly Award (student-athlete who embodies what it means to be a Bonnie): Brad Gresock (baseball) and Lauren Hill (soccer)

2015-16 Senior Awards:
Letterwinner Award: Katie Healy (basketball), Michael Pilyugin (swimming) and Marcus Posley (basketball)
Brian DiPietro ‘94 and Mark Evers ‘01 took their place in the St. Bonaventure University Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday afternoon at the 2016 Induction Ceremony.

A look at the illustrious careers of the two newest Hall of Fame members:

**Brian DiPietro ‘94**

A breaststroke specialist, DiPietro’s excellence in his events and on relays helped St. Bonaventure capture its first Atlantic 10 Swimming & Diving Championship in 1993. He was the first St. Bonaventure swimmer ever to win the 100 breaststroke at the A-10 meet, taking first place in the event in both 1993 and 1994 to earn all-conference honors. His junior season, DiPietro also won the A-10 title in the 200 breaststroke and was a member of the Bonnies’ gold medal-winning 200 and 400 medley relay units. As a senior in 1994, he posted a time of 55.97 in the 100 breaststroke that was the second-best mark in program history.

After graduating with a degree in management sciences, DiPietro has gone on to a successful career in the banking industry. He resides in Landenberg, Pa.

**Mark Evers ‘01**

Evers was an accomplished athlete and student whose leadership pushed St. Bonaventure baseball to the top of the Atlantic 10 Conference. A two-year team captain and a four-year starting shortstop, the Troy, N.Y., native holds a career batting average of .316. He also hit 19 career home runs, which ranked eighth all-time at Bona at the time of his induction. As a junior in 2000, he batted .364 with nine home runs and 40 RBI and was voted to the A-10 All-Conference team after he led the Bonnies to the A-10 regular season title. He also earned All-Tournament honors at the A-10 championship. Although his senior season was hampered by an injury, Evers still hit .292 with seven home runs.

A finance major, he earned Academic All-Conference honors twice and was selected a GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American in 2000.

Evers graduated in 2001 with a degree in finance. He returned to Bonas in 2002 and spent three seasons an assistant coach. In 2004, Evers helped St. Bonaventure capture the A-10 championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

He is currently the capital markets director at Wachovia, a Wells Fargo company, in Charlotte, N.C.

Tom Middleton ‘63 was also slated to be inducted with this year’s ceremony, but could not be in attendance to do a death in his family. His induction will be recognized next year.
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TV Exposure
During the 2015-16 season, 22 of the Bonnies men’s basketball games aired on television affiliates around the nation, including six national TV broadcasts.

SBU-TV and St. Bonaventure Athletics continue to partner to live stream all men’s and women’s basketball seasons on GoBonnies.com.

A breakdown of TV games in the 2015-16 season:

**NBC Sports Network:** vs. Davidson (A-10 Tournament), at Dayton, vs. Saint Louis, at VCU

**CBS Sports Network:** at UMass

**American Sports Network:** vs. Davidson, at George Mason, at Duquesne, vs. Dayton, vs. Richmond

**Raycom Sports Network:** at Syracuse

**Time Warner Sports:** vs. Ohio, vs. Vermont, vs. South Carolina State, at Siena, vs. Niagara, vs. Rhode Island, vs. George Washington, vs. Duquesne

**Fox Sports Midwest:** at Saint Louis

**ESPN3:** vs. Wagner (NIT), at Canisius

Further, the Bonnies’ women’s basketball team had five nationally televised games - three through American Sports Network and two through ESPN2 during the NCAA Tournament.

**GoBonnies.com**
The official website of St. Bonaventure Athletics, GoBonnies.com received over 54 million hits in 2015-16, including year-to-year gains in every month of the academic year.

**Social Media**
The Bonnies saw a 43 percent increase in social media followers this past year (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram) and now have over 7,200 followers @Go_Bonnies on Twitter, 5,900 followers on Facebook and 3,400 followers on Instagram.
Fundraising

Thanks to the support of over 1,200 donors, St. Bonaventure set four fundraising records in the 2015-16 fiscal year. In the year that closed May 31, St. Bonaventure set records both for participation and dollars raised in both the Bonnies Athletic Fund and the Sixth Man Club. There were 1,197 donors to the BAF who contributed $503,604. This is the first time the BAF has surpassed the $500,000 mark, and it shattered the all-time high of $457,673 raised last year. The previous record for BAF members in a year was 1,020 in 2012-13. The Sixth Man Club, which is an arm of the BAF that generates support for men’s basketball club with gifts of $5,000 or more, had a record 22 donors who contributed $171,363.

In addition to these totals, another $523,984 was given for athletics projects, endowments and scholarships in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Ticketing

Bolstered by its A-10 championship regular season, St. Bonaventure had the highest single-game attendance average at men’s basketball games since 2009-10 – 2,386. There also were 1,946 season tickets sold. In all, 64,464 fans attended the 16 men’s basketball games at the Reilly Center last season. The total men’s basketball ticket revenue for the year topped $750,000. The Bonnies’ March 2 game against Saint Joseph’s had the second-largest crowd in the history of neutral games in Rochester.

In addition, women’s basketball enjoyed second best home attendance average in its history, boosted by the team’s undefeated record at the RC.

Sponsorships

St. Bonaventure’s 52 corporate partners resulted in a record $475,978 in sponsorship sales this past year. This vital component of the department’s sustainability has grown nearly $200,000 in annual sales over the past three years.

In January of 2016, St. Bonaventure’s previous multimedia rightsholder, Rockbridge Sports Group, was acquired by Outfront Media Sports, proving the department opportunities to leverage Outfront’s many resources to grow its sponsorship base.