Yale University offers its students a liberal education, one which has its focus on the intellectual and personal development of the individual, and which gives students a foundation for learning throughout their lives. Yale has long recognized that the experiences and extracurricular activities—like varsity and recreational athletics—that enable an individual to give fuller force to academic training.

Our Mission

We are delighted to bring you the third annual Yale Athletics Year in Review, complete with highlights from the 2008-2009 academic year. Trammel is a consistent theme running through the pages of this book, just as it is our foundation of our success as a department. We have much to be proud of as Yale Athletics and alumni brought home numerous championships and individual accolades. Their achievements would not be possible without the commitment of our volunteers and donors who are an integral part of the team. Thank you all for your time, energy, and philanthropy!

As you know, along with great triumphs, 2008-2009 also brought its own set of challenges. The biggest of these was the economic downturn. Despite the downturn, Yale Athletics is still forging ahead with the Yale Tomorrow Campaign, which offers multiple opportunities for athletics. We continue to navigate into the coming year. It is imperative to note that Yale Athletics is committed to supporting our mission and providing a world-class experience for our current and future student-athletes. We have completed a thorough examination of our operations and determined the best places for changes without sacrificing the caliber of athletics at Yale. Winning championships and helping to create the leaders of tomorrow are still our top priority.

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Yale Athletics Philosophy and Objectives

Competitive Excellence

Each sport program to finish first in the Ivy League.
Prepare and maintain the athletics facilities at the highest standard of Division I competition.
Develop new and improved marketing strategies to increase exhibition through websites and pamphlets.
Provide the highest-quality and state-of-the-art training equipment for our athletes.
Continue to identify and maintain critical impact pros-
ty, and projects.
Yield 95% of the advertised candidates who receive athletic distinction.
Continue the mission of the Kiphuth Leadership Academy to train students and staff in the prin-
ciples of leadership: provide increased nutritional and sports psychology counseling to student-
staff; continue to invite guest speakers to conduct workshops on topics of interest.
Continue to provide Ivy League championship opportunities for club sports programs.
Review, identify and streamline the use of recruiting technology.
Provide ongoing review and oversight of all internal and league admissions policies.

Fiscal Responsibility

Streamline and clearly define authorization process for all fiscal transactions.
Provide ongoing review, communication and train-
ing for all internal and university fiscal policies and procedures.
Investigate and identify the support needs of coaching staff in processing all financial transac-
tions.
Continue to investigate the use of one account for travel reimbursement and expenses that combines general ap-
proval and assistance.

Explore additional initiatives for cost-effective and collective bidding/purchasing (e.g., equip-
ment purchases, capital, recurring technol-
gies, phones, use of existing discounts, etc., purchasing vs. leasing, home rentals vs. hotel arran-
gements).
Continue to identify and establish strategies for maximum utilization of equipment through sharing and full expenditure of on-hand supplies.
Increase departmental awareness and identify areas of sustainability.
Think Green.

Positive Work Environment

Continue to provide avenues for staff involvement in all departmental goals, work environment improvement and general policies and procedures and encourage new ideas, etc., for improvements.
Continue to provide ongoing training and professional development opportunities for all staff.
Maintain a professional and positive work environment.
Roll-out the departmental initiative to share current staff and event information (e.g., new employee training, mentorship programs; employee recognition; committee reports, etc.)
Establish a coach mentoring program.

Strive to improve time management skills througho-
out department — less crisis management.
Continue to provide opportunities for members to engage with each other (e.g., lunches, picnics, employee/families at OEC, baseball game,
tailgates, Super Bowl parties, boat race, public skating, Department Olympic Day (end of year).

**Superior Customer Service**

Increase of IT staffing and support to maintain and improve compliance with accounting and IT sys-

tem for purchase of tickets, memberships, and physical education classes, expand credit card sales,

including kiosks providing the most current and up-to-date information to the Yale and New Haven community, promote and effective communication with all visitors, callers and fellow staff, particularly the front line staff.

Think/Act “Outside the Box” mentality and attitude for all staff not only to provide superior customer service to visitors and callers, but to facilitate new, fresh and novel ideas and innovative and novel ideas and communications with fellow staff members.

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### 2008–2009 Awards

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- John Wallace (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy
- Women's Cross-Country
- Born-Harris (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy

#### Field Hockey
- Allison Juliano (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy, 1st Team All-MIAA Bill region, 1st team All-New England Women's Field Hockey All-Stars. 
- Emily Harwood (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy, 1st Team All-MIAA Bill region, 1st team All-New England Women's Field Hockey All-Stars. 
- Kelly Cilliers (Sr) - 2nd Team All-Ivy, 1st Team Academic All-Ivy

#### Women's Soccer
- cucina craves (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy, 1st Team All-Ivy, 2nd Team All-Ivy, 1st Team All-MIAA Bill region, 1st Team All-New England Women's Field Hockey All-Stars. 
- Laura Kilgore (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy, 1st Team All-MIAA Bill region, 1st Team All-New England Women's Field Hockey All-Stars.

#### Men's Soccer
- Paul Rice (Jr) - First Team All-Ivy
- Mike McLeod (Sr) - Honorable Mention All-Ivy (place kicker); Ivy Special Second Team All-Ivy (punter);
- Kyle Hawari (Sr) - First Team All-Ivy; Honorable Mention All-Ivy; CoSIDA Academic All-District; NFF National Scholar Athlete; Darius Dale (Sr) - AFCA All-America; Walter Camp Football Second Team All-Ivy
- Larry Abare (Sr) - Second Team All-Ivy

#### Men's Basketball
- Eric Meyer (So) - ESPN The Magazine Academic All-New England Region; 2nd Team All-Ivy; 1st Team Academic All-Ivy
- Matt Nelson (Sr) - Honorable Mention All-Ivy, Second Team Academic All-Ivy, First Team All-ECAC, First Team All-Ivy; Academic All-Ivy

#### Men's Track
- Ryne Laramore (Jr) - Ivy League Rookie of the Year (12/8), Second Team All-Ivy, Third Team All-ECAC, ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team
- Sean Backman (Jr) - ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team
- Michael Karowski (Sr) - ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team

#### Women's Track
- Amanda Bledsoe (Sr) - ECAC Track and Field Rookie of the Year (12/8), Second Team All-Ivy, First Team Academic All-Ivy Team
- Kristin Tittman (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy, ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team

#### Women's Tennis
- Janice Kim (Sr) - Women's Tennis All-East
- Michael Pearce (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy
- Rebecca Wojciak (Sr) - Second Team All-Ivy

#### Women's Basketball
- Jonea Nyia Bronson (Jr) - Academic All-Ivy, 2nd Team All-Ivy
- Steffi Wilks (Sr) - Academic All-Ivy
- Alexi Crusey (Jr) - Academic All-Ivy

#### Men's Ice Hockey
- Rudy Meredith, the winningest coach at the helm of the women's soccer team in 2009.

### Yale football victories

- Rudy Meredith, the winningest coach in Yale history, begins his 16th season at the helm of the women's soccer team in 2009.
Women's Cross Country

David Bogart (Sc) - Second Team All-Ivy First Team, First New England Region First Team, Second New England Region First Team, Second New England Region Second Team, Second New England Regional Academic All Region.

Women's Tennis

Kaitlyn Flatley (So) - Second Team All-Ivy, Honorable Mention All-Ivy, Women's Track

Whitney Quackenbush (Fr) - Second Team All-Ivy, Second Team at Ivy Championships, New England Region First Team, First Team All-Ivy.

Caroline Nash (So) - New England Region First Team, First Team All-Ivy,

Maren McCrea (Jr) - New England Region First Team, First Team All-Ivy.

Taylor Ritzel (Sr) - CRCA First Team All-America, CRCA New England Region First Team, First Team All-Ivy.

William Neely Mallory Award

Awarded annually to the senior woman whose performance on the field of play and in life at Yale best represents the highest ideals of intercollegiate sportsmanship and Yale tradition, the 2009 co-recipients were fallon running back star Mike McLean and record-breaking swimmer Alex Right.

Mike McLean's Highlights

- 100-meter hurdles record of 14.65, tying 10th place in the 2009 NCAA Championships.
- First All-American First Team selection at the 2009 NCAA Championships.
- Six-time second-team honorable mention All-Ivy choice.

Alex Right's Highlights

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Nellie Pratt Elliot Award

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This year's award, named in honor of Nellie Pratt Elliot, who was an assistant director of undergraduate admissions at Yale for 40 years, went to Christina Pomeran, a member of the women's crew varsity eight team.

Christina Pomeran's Highlights

- Helped her team to the 2008 NCAA Championship and 2009 Eastern Sprints and Leagues titles.
- Sat in the No. 7 seat in the varsity eight, her junior year, which won the Central Final at the NCAA Championships.
- Earned six-time All-Ivy honors and two varsity awards.

All Ivy Mentions

- Single-handedly saved Yale in the 1st place at the 2009 NCAA Championships.
- Won the Minority Trophy as Swimmer of the Meet at the NCAA Championship.
- Won the minority championship for three consecutive years.
- Broke records in the 50 and 100-yard backstroke at the Ivy Championships and NCAA meet.
- Awarded the Huld Haldren Trophy.
- Three-time All-American.
With over 150 years of athletics at Yale we have developed a proud tradition of a broad-based program where our participants share the exhilaration that the development of athletic skill provides as well as the camaraderie that endures beyond the recollection of game statistics.

Yale Athletics Tomorrow is a historical campaign for athletics, focusing on facility renovations and program endowments, which will provide the next generation of Yale student-athletes with the resources necessary to achieve continued excellence both in the classroom and on the playing fields. This ambitious campaign requires support in three key areas:

- **Continue to attract the best coaches and athletes.** In a highly competitive environment, new endowments for coaching positions will give Yale the edge it needs to recruit and retain the very best people.

- **Renew our facilities.** In the next decade we aim to enhance the breadth and quality of many of our sports venues to guarantee that our teams are performing in some of the top collegiate facilities in the nation.

- **Fully support our athletic programs.** New endowments will ensure access to the equipment, training, and travel funds our student-athletes need to perform at the highest level, while also ensuring that all members of the Yale community are given broad support to partake in sports and recreation at a variety of levels.

Yale Athletics Tomorrow Update

(Through June 30, 2009)

- Total amount raised from Yale Athletics Tomorrow: $72,169,378
- Percentage of campaign goal reached: 120%
- Campaign time elapsed: 71%
- Total dollars donated by alumni of Yale College: 87%

Endowment Update

Endowing a head coach position is an important way to ensure the university’s ability to attract an outstanding coach, educator, and mentor whose leadership is essential to the success of a Division I athletic program. This permanent fund also honors the incumbent and affirms the importance of the appointment throughout the Ivy League and all of collegiate athletics.

The head coaching positions (right) have been endowed by generous donors whose leadership is reinforced as these coaches make an impact on our student athletes every day. In addition, programmatic endowments also make an impact on our teams as they provide perennial funding for operational expenses. The following programmatic endowments were added to the Athletics portfolio this year:

- The Andre and Elaine C. Suan Family Endowment for Golf
- The Edward C. Migdalski Fund for the Yale Outdoor Education Center
- The Brooks Eager ’55 and Suzanne-Eager Squash Fund
- The Cutler Football Endowment Fund

Endowed Head Coaches

Keith Allison ’96
The Malcolm G. Chase Coach of Men’s Ice Hockey

Alex Dorato
The Cary Leeds Coach of Men’s Tennis

Chris Golberich
The Joel E. Smilow ’54 Head Coach of Women’s Basketball

James Jones
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Frank Keefe
The Robert H. Kighmath Director of Swimming

Zack Leonard ’88
The McKown Family Director of Yale Sailing

Anne Phillips
The lead: Smilow ’54 Head Coach of Women’s Lacrosse

John Stupper
The MacAluso Family Head Coach for Baseball

Tom Williams
The Joel E. Smilow ’54 Head Coach of Football

Mark Young ’88
The Mark 1 Young ’88 Director of Cross Country and Track & Field

Dave Talbott
Director of Squash (Anonymous)

87% of the dollars donated to Yale Tomorrow are from Yale College alumni.
Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center Dedicated

On November 1, 2008 Yale University officially dedicated the Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center as the new home for varsity tennis. Welcoming more than 50 guests, the event cele-

Cullman-Heyman Tennis Center. To the left, the newly built and renovated press box on the home side of the rink. To the right, the former Yale women’s ice hockey team locker room. This locker room will be the new viewing team locker room for both men’s and women’s teams, and will also serve as a general viewing area for the on-court action. There will be further work on the interior of the main building soon. A new press box on the home side of the rink has been inaugurated, and new lighting in the soffit will be installed. The wall at the North end has been replaced with windows, giving the building a dramatic new look.

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Philosophy
The department of Athletics recognizes that athletics at all levels is a vital part of the educational mission at Yale. Therefore, the staff is committed to providing opportunities at all levels for the entire Yale community. The specific purposes of the club sports and recreational activities at Yale are to fill the need for uniquely structured sport activities that may be competitive, recreational, or instructional in nature and provide a learning experience through student involvement in fund raising, organization, administration, budgeting, leadership, and scheduling, in addition to athletics skill in a favorite sport.

2008-2009 Yale Club Sports Teams
Archery
Badminton
Ballet
Ballroom Dance
Baseball
Men’s Basketball
Women’s Basketball
Cheerleading
Cricket
Cycling
Equestrian
Field Hockey
Figure Skating
Fishing
Men’s Ice Hockey
Jiu-Jitsu
Karate
Kickboxing
Kung Fu
Men’s Lacrosse
Women’s Lacrosse
Field Hockey
Polo
Power Lifting
Platform Tennis
Men’s Rugby
Women’s Rugby
Shuttlecock
Basketball
Ski & Snowboard
Skiing (Alpine & Nordic)
Men’s Soccer
Squash
Swimming
Tae Kwon Do
Table Tennis
Tennis
Men’s Tennis
Women’s Tennis
Men’s Ultimate Frisbee
Women’s Ultimate Frisbee
Men’s Volleyball
Women’s Volleyball
Men’s Water Polo
Women’s Water Polo
Wrestling

2008-2009 Club Sports Highlights
• Baseball: Joined the New England Club Baseball Association.
• Field Hockey: Held onto their fourth straight Ivy title, cementing them as perennial power players in the ECC.
• Women’s Rugby: Team went undefeated this past season in addition to placing second at the Best of West Tournament.
• Men’s & Women’s Soccer: Finished sixth place overall in the ECAC Collegiate League East Division.
• Squash: Women’s Squash finished third place in the ECAC.

2008-2009 Intramural Highlights
• Timothy Dwight won the Tyng Cup (Residential College Intramural Championship).
• 48% of undergraduate women and 60% of undergraduate men participated in intramural competition.

2008-2009 Physical Education Highlights
• 79 sections of adult physical education classes were offered in the fall of 2008 and 82 in the spring of 2009.
• A new Zumba class was offered in the spring of 2009, which had an outstanding number of enthusiastic participants.
• Children’s swimming lessons (both private and group) were a success!

Marketing
The 2008-2009 Yale athletic season was supported by some of the largest numbers of fans in recent history. Here are some of the highlights.

• Yale Football was once again one of the most attended college football programs in the country finishing in the top 25 nationally and the pre-game festivities brought in over 3,000 visitors to the Yale Bowl.
• The Men’s Basketball team opened their season to a sell-out crowd of 3,000 at Lee Amphitheater when they took on nationally ranked Stanford.
• The Women’s Volleyball team posted a 21-6 record and a 13-1 Ivy League mark on their way to the Ivy League Championship.

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• Over 19,000 fans attended Yale Hockey games this season as the team ended the regular season with straight sell-outs at the refurbished Ingalls Rink.
• Yale Athletics is proud to host the NCAA Men’s Ice Hockey East Regional held in Bridgeport, CT. The sell-out event was a huge success as over 18,000 people attended the day tournament. The Yale vs. Vermont semi-final was the highest attended hockey game in Bridgeport history.

• Yale was also fortunate to host the ECAC Division I Gymnastics Championships, the well attended event brought some of the best gymnasts in the country to Lee Amphitheater to compete.

• Yale Athletics defeated into the world of social networking in 2008-2009. You can now follow Yale Athletics via Facebook and Twitter. The Yale Athletics Facebook page boasts over 1,000 attendees and the multiple Yale Twitter pages boast hundreds of followers in their short histories.
Tournament match.

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The Ford Outreach program supports a number of sporting clinics, athletic activities and mentoring opportunities throughout the academic year which are listed below, as well as a five summer camp for hundreds of New Haven Youth. The National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) at Yale University.

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The 2006 National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) had over 300 campers participate in a four week summer camp that combined athletic activities and academic instruction. In its thirty fifth year at Yale, NYSP is a free program that provided transportation, breakfast, lunch and many more opportunities to New Haven youth. The camp is held in Payne Whitney Gymnasium and offers Basketball, Crew, Dance, Football, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Volleyball, as well as Alcohol & Drug Awareness, Health & Nutrition, and Math & Science.

On Fridays the camp moved out to the fields by the Yale Bowl for a barbeque, and on the last Friday of camp, all the participants enjoyed a NYSP Carnival that included a dunk tank, inflatable obstacle course, and a giant slip & slide.

Thomas W. Ford ‘42 Community Outreach Programs
Big Brothers / Big Sisters
Mentoring Program matches New Haven Youth with a Yale Student-Athlete to meet weekly for homework help, games and field trips.

Bulldog Buddies
Student-Athlete visit Vincent Mauro elementary school every Friday to help kids with homework and to play sports in the gym.

Holiday Gift Giving Initiative
31 Varsity Teams sponsored families who could not afford holiday presents and bought kids the gifts on their wish lists; such as iPods, Sporting equipment and board games.

Youth Days
Hundred of young people come to Yale Athletic facilities to watch varsity teams compete as part of an entire day of student-athlete clinics, barbecues, free t-shirts, autograph sessions, face painting and more. Fall Youth Day at the Yale Bowl has taken place for over 50 years and continues to be the most well attended outreach event of the year.

Marrow Donor Testing Drive
Yale Athletics hosted the National Marrow Donor Program Drive this spring and tested over 700 students, faculty and staff for marrow donor matches in a single afternoon, a record number for an all day 18th campaign, which started in 1992 at Villanova and was part of the “Get in the Game. Save a Life.” campaign.

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Association Mission and Core Values

The mission of the Yale Sport Associations is to enhance the athletic experience of our current student-athletes, alumni/ac, and friends of all Yale sports. This is accomplished in a variety of ways, most notably through:

- Providing special events including alumni/ac games and barbecues and golf outings
- Offering career networking and job placement opportunities
- Providing consistent communication about the team through emails and printed newsletters
- Hosting of special events including alumni/ae counts towards your individual and class giving
- Any gift to any Sport Association is donated directly to Yale. Tax benefits are maximized when appreciated
- The RTA was developed to provide unrestricted, annual-use funds utilized at the direction of the Director of Athletics toward the highest priorities of the department, particularly those that require financial resources above and beyond those allocated by the University. Individuals can be members of both a Yale Sports Association and the Ray Tompkins Associates.

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