Connecticut College

Senior Student-Athlete Awards Luncheon

Class of 2018

Saturday, May 19, 2018
CEREMONY

WELCOME
Francis J. Shields, Master of Ceremonies
Katherine Wenk Christoffers ‘45 Director of Athletics

REMARKS
Katherine Bergeron, President of the College

LUNCH

ANDREW H. CHAIT ‘82 SERVICE AWARD
Presented by Francis J. Shields

ERICA M. BOS ‘92 AWARD
Presented by Head Women’s Soccer Coach Norm Riker

TAMMY BROWN ‘84 & JAMES BROOKS ‘84 AWARDS
Presented by Abigail Van Slyck, Dean of the Faculty

ANITA L. DeFRANTZ ‘74 AWARDS
Presented by Head Women’s Basketball Coach Brian Wilson
& Head Men’s Lacrosse Coach Dave Cornell

CLOSING REMARKS
Francis J. Shields
THE AWARDS

The BROWN/BROOKS AWARD
Established by the class of 1984, the Brown/Brooks Award is given to the outstanding male and female student-athletes who best represent the graduating class in scholarship, leadership, and sportsmanship. The award is named after its first recipients, Tammy Brown ‘84 and Jim Brooks ‘84.
2018 Recipients: Charlotte List (Sailing) & Weston Stephens (Swimming)

THE ANDREW H. CHAIT SERVICE AWARD
The Andrew H. Chait Award was established in 1986 by Andrew H. Chait ‘82 to honor a member of the College community who has shown outstanding service and commitment to the Connecticut College Department of Athletics.
2018 Recipients: Mike Wardlaw & John Charland

THE ERICA M. BOS AWARD
The Erica M. Bos ‘92 Award was established in 1990 to honor an athlete whose courage, motivation, and relentless determination serve as an inspiration to others.
2018 Recipient: Caroline Kelleher (Soccer)

The ANITA L. DeFRANTZ AWARD
The Anita L. DeFrantz Award was established in 1995 by Kathryn Smith ‘84. It is given annually to the male and female members of the graduating class whose athletic ability, leadership, and sportsmanship best exemplify the qualities of Olympic medalist Anita L. DeFrantz ‘74.
2018 Recipients: Mairead Hynes (Basketball) & Ben Paren (Lacrosse)
Charlotte List, a double major in computer science and mathematics, excelled in the classroom and as a member of the sailing program over the past four years. Boasting a 3.84 cumulative grade point average, the senior was the head teacher’s assistant and a tutor for the computer science department. She was also involved as a member of the Senior Gift Committee and Women in STEM as a student at Connecticut College.

Furthermore, List was among 223 sailors who were named to the 2017 ICSA All-Academic Sailing Team. The award is given to student-athletes who have at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA and are a starter or key reserve in at least seven university sponsored regattas.

List, who was recognized as an All-NEISA Second Team selection, helped the women’s sailing team advance to the ICSA National Championships for the first time since 2013 this spring. She plans to pursue a career in technology and will begin working for BlackRock in New York City as a software engineering analyst with the Aladdin Production Group after graduation.
Weston Stephens, a United States History major, has an impressive 3.76 cumulative grade point average and has helped the men’s swimming program become one of the school’s strongest over the past four years. The team captain has been heavily involved with campus life by most notably serving as the History Department Student Advisory Board Co-Chair as well as the Student Activities Council Social Media Chair. He is also a Presidential Scholar and member of Phi Alpha Thea, which is the history honor society, at Connecticut College.

In the pool, Stephens was an All-NESCAC selection this past winter for placing third in the 50-yard butterfly with a personal-best time of 22.20 seconds at the championship meet. He also scored points for the Camels by finishing seventh in the 100 fly.

Over the course of his career, Stephens registered nine top-10 finishes at the NESCAC Championships to help the program place among the top five in the conference all four years and as high as third on two occasions. He will begin his professional career as a history teacher and the head swimming coach at Avon Old Farms in Avon, Connecticut after graduation.
Mairead Hynes will graduate as Connecticut College’s most decorated women’s basketball player over the past decade. After being named the NESCAC Rookie of the Year as a freshman in 2015, she earned a place on the All-NESCAC Second Team in each of the last three seasons. Thanks in large part to Hynes’ efforts, the women’s basketball program put together four winning campaigns and qualified for the NESCAC Tournament every year.

Hynes averaged 15.7 points and 6.3 rebounds while shooting 53.1 percent from the floor this past winter. All three marks were team highs, and her scoring and shooting marks ranked second and third in the league, respectively. Furthermore, she finished her career ranked on several of the program’s all-time lists. This included fourth in scoring (1,335 points), seventh in rebounding (717), tied for sixth in blocked shots (75), and first in free throws made (335) as well as field goal percentage (.534).

Next year, Hynes will attend graduate school at Manhattan College to pursue a master’s degree in special education. She plans to become a special education teacher at an elementary school after earning her master’s in the discipline.
Ben Parens emerged to become one of the best faceoff specialists in the entire country during his illustrious career. By winning 868 of his 1,335 attempts as the team’s primary FOGO over the past four seasons, the senior was named a USILA First Team All-American twice and picked up All-NESCAC postseason accolades three times. This included making the conference’s second team as a freshman as well as the first team as a sophomore and junior.

In addition to winning 868 faceoffs, Parens also scored 28 career goals, picked up a school-record 475 ground balls, and caused three turnovers. The senior is the first and only player in program history to be named a USILA First Team All-American, and the recognition is only awarded to one faceoff specialist in the nation each season.

Parens, who led the men’s lacrosse team to three consecutive appearances in the NESCAC Tournament, will begin working at a law firm in New York City and plans to pursue a career in the law or business fields after graduation.
Over the past four years, Caroline Kelleher has shown valor, grit, toughness, hope, resiliency, and perseverance. Despite experiencing two anterior cruciate ligament tears, the midfielder has been a valuable contributor for the women’s soccer team which advanced to the NCAA Tournament three times during her tenure.

As a freshman, Kelleher made an immediate impact by scoring four goals for a team which would go on to win Connecticut College’s first NESCAC championship in any sport and advance to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. However, her season was cut short in the semifinal round of the NESCAC’s annual postseason event when she tore her left ACL.

After a painful rehabilitation process, Kelleher played in all 15 matches during her sophomore season and was off to another strong start as a junior. Unfortunately, her season was stopped short again when she tore her right ACL in September against Williams. This led to another long and intense round of rehabilitation and recovery.

Determined to make another triumphant comeback, Kelleher was a key member of the Camels’ women’s soccer program that advanced to the NCAAs this past fall as a senior. She played in every match, which included stepping onto the field in the team’s first round contest against Wilkes.

Kelleher fittingly plans to become EMT certified and attend a physician assistant school with a possible focus on orthopedics after graduation.
CLASS OF 2018 SENIOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

April Anderson - Water Polo  Katie Edwards - Swimming
Matthew Andrews - Lacrosse  Tom Edwards - Swimming
Cheyanne Asplundh - Field Hockey  Katia Elisman - Volleyball
Mackenzie Axelson - Lacrosse  Mason Evans - Ice Hockey
Mawa Ballo - Squash  Patrick Farrell - Tennis
Jack Bertolini - Lacrosse  Maddy Fenderson - Rowing
Ryan Blair - Lacrosse  Walter Florio - Sailing
Anna Bleck - Ice Hockey  Drake Freiberg - Swimming
Livi Block - Soccer  Allie Fuller - Squash
Diana Boyer - Cross Country, Track & Field  Matt Gaetz - Ice Hockey
Caroline Branigan - Volleyball  Emma Gawronski - Swimming
Alex Bukovac - Soccer  Ryan Glantz - Ice Hockey
Grant Bullis - Swimming  Ethan Hecker - Tennis
Paige Cackovic- Water Polo  Sam Hunter - Volleyball
Brooks Clark - Soccer  Mairead Hynes - Basketball
Emilia Clementi - Sailing  Michael Iranpour - Rowing
Camden Cone - Rowing  Chris Jellison - Ice Hockey
Lily Connolly - Ice Hockey  Anna Jorgensen - Lacrosse
Tim Cooney - Ice Hockey  Haley Kachmar - Sailing
Annie Cornbrooks - Lacrosse  Caroline Kelleher - Soccer
Stephan Cress - Water Polo  Mackenzie Kingston - Soccer
Shannon Cry - Swimming, Water Polo  Kate Kohl - Ice Hockey
Weston Delomba - Rowing  Graham Koval - Soccer
Aleksandra Drljaca - Tennis  Juliette Lee - Swimming
John Dunham - Squash  Meg Lembo - Field Hockey, Ice Hockey
Reid Leveille - Lacrosse
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Charlotte List - Sailing
Hugh MacGillivray - Sailing
Caitlin Mahoney - Lacrosse
Allie Maurillo - Sailing
Bryce McClure - Lacrosse
Michelle Medina - Soccer
Nicole Medina - Soccer
Nick Miller - Swimming
Bryanna Montalvo - Soccer
Greg Montenegro - Rowing
Tucker Mscisz - Lacrosse
Belinda Mullally - Volleyball
Megan Mullin - Lacrosse
Jackie Murphy - Field Hockey
Sarah Nappo - Water Polo
Micaela Nee - Cross Country, Track & Field
Charlotte Nixon - Swimming
Katlyn Paiva - Ice Hockey
Ben Parens - Lacrosse
Jake Pescatore - Water Polo
Andrew Peterson - Track & Field
Dylan Pinckert - Water Polo
AJ Pite - Swimming
Charlie Pite - Swimming
Daniel Reisman - Squash

Isaiah Robinson - Basketball
Catherine Rockett - Tennis, Track & Field
Albert Rodiger - Sailing
Hunter Rosenthaal - Lacrosse, Sailing
Ben Sachs - Tennis
Aly Saperstein - Track & Field
Grace Sheeran - Cross Country, Track & Field
Sophia Soriano - Water Polo
Lauren Steele - Soccer
Sarah Steingold - Swimming
Weston Stephens - Swimming
Nate Summers - Soccer
Aaron Swenson - Basketball
George Tilneac - Swimming
Connor Trapp - Cross Country, Track & Field
Alexa Tribelli - Soccer
Berklee Vaillancourt - Field Hockey
Colbi Vaillancourt - Field Hockey
Elizabeth Varoli - Squash
AJ Vazquez - Lacrosse
Olivia Vener - Track & Field
Matt Wagman - Water Polo
Angelica Warren - Tennis
Victoria Weinstock - Swimming
Christian Whitaker - Track & Field