The 2014 UMBC men’s soccer squad made school and America East history, advancing to the NCAA College Cup (national semifinals).

The Retrievers became the first team in tournament history to advance in four consecutive road games and post shutouts in all four contests.

UMBC has not allowed a goal in seven consecutive NCAA Championship road contests.

The Retrievers ended the season ranked No. 4 in the nation. They were one of just eight programs to be ranked in the top 15 nationally in 2013 and 2014.

UMBC became just the second AE team to win three consecutive league titles and have captured four in five years.

In the NCAA’s, the “road warriors” advanced past Wake Forest in penalty kicks, defeated No. 4 Maryland, 1-0, No. 13 Louisville, 1-0, and advanced at No. 12 Creighton in pk’s. The Retrievers advanced four times on the road in a span of 16 days.

Twelve players on the team earned 3.00 grade-point averages or higher during the fall semester.

Ballo, Fernandez and Kansaye all signed pro contracts after the season.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Kay Banjo (First Team, Striker of the Year), Oumar Ballo (First Team, Defender of the Year), Mamadou Kansaye (First Team, Midfielder of the Year), Geaton Caltabino (First Team), Marques Fernandez (Second Team), Jordan Becker (Second Team), Billy Heavner (Elite 18, Scholar-Athlete, All-Academic Team), Michael Scott (All-Academic Team), Coaching Staff of the Year

ECAC
Oumar Ballo (Defensive POY), Mamadou Kansaye (First Team), Kay Banjo (Second Team), Marquez Fernandez (Second Team), Pete Caringi, Jr. (COY)

NCAA
Billy Heavner (Elite 89 Award), Oumar Ballo (All-Championship Team)

NSCAA/Continental Tire All-America
Oumar Ballo (Third Team)

NSCAA/Soccer America
Pete Caringi, Jr. (National COY)
UMBC Women’s Soccer Head Coach Leslie Wray built off the Retrievers’ momentum from last season that saw the program’s first-ever regular-season crown and tournament title, adding to its list of accomplishments under the third-year head coach. The Retrievers jumped out to a 4-0 start for the first time since 1996, with victories over local rivals in Navy and Loyola to help earn its highest regional ranking in the NSCAA/Continental Tire Northeast Region Poll at No. 6. UMBC would go on to post its highest win total in non-conference action with eight victories before the start of the America East season.

The Retrievers started off the conference slate slow, but had a chance to clinch their second-straight regular season title in the finale against Binghamton. A double-overtime 1-0 loss to the Bearcats gave the Retrievers the second-seed in the America East Championships. UMBC concluded the year with a program-high 12 wins in the regular-season, marking the second 10-win season in three years under Wray.

UMBC’s defense played strong throughout the season, posting the lowest goal allowance in program history (12) and ranking in the top-10 nationally in save percentage, helping junior goalkeeper Jen Nance to set a new program-record with nine shutouts. The Retrievers’ season ended in heart-breaking fashion, falling in penalty kicks in the America East semifinals to eventual champion New Hampshire.

**Honors and Awards**

**Jessy Brown** (Wooden Cup Semifinalist)

**All AE**
- Nikki Boretti (All-Academic Team), Jessy Brown (Midfielder of the Year, First Team, All-Academic Team), Amanda Dailey (Second Team), Jen Nance (Second Team), Lisa Nanov (All-Rookie Team), Amira Wallace (First Team)

**All-Championship Team**
- Nikki Boretti, Paige Preston

**ECAC**
- Lisa Nanov (2x Rookie of the Week)

**NSCAA**
- Ranked as high as No. 6 in the Northeast Region
- Team Academic Award (above 3.0 GPA)
- Jessy Brown (Scholar All-East Region Second Team, All-Northeast Region Second Team)

**Top Drawer Soccer**
- Lisa Nanov (83rd ranked freshman in Division I in 2014 midseason)

**Capital One**
- Nikki Boretti (Academic All-America First Team, All-District 2 First Team)
The 2014 UMBC women’s volleyball team went 10-15 overall with a 4-8 mark in America East play to finish the regular season in seventh place.

The Retrievers opened the 2014 on a strong note, winning the UMES Hawks Hulabaloo Tournament. The Dawgs dropped just two sets in four games, defeating South Dakota St., Fairleigh Dickinson, Weber St. and UMES.

Junior outside hitter Sherelle Walker was named Tournament MVP.

UMBC got major contributions from their freshman and sophomores, as freshmen Abbie Mirabella and Paola Rojas were among the team leaders in kills. Mirabella had 100 winners, while Rojas chipped in 63 in just 11 matches.

Senior Hannah Schmidt capped her stellar career by joining the 1,000 kill club this year. Schmidt finished the year with 216 kills, and 1,054 for her career. She ranks eighth on the all-time list. Schmidt also has her name on the all-time total attempts list. She ranks seventh with 3,117.

Six of the 13 athletes on the team were named to the America East Fall Honor Roll with two of them receiving a spot on the Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

**Honors and Awards**

**All AE**
- Sherelle Walker (Second Team)
- Marissa Duncan (All-Rookie Team)
- Paola Rojas (All-Rookie Team)

**AE Weekly Honors**
- Sherelle Walker - Player of the Week - 9/2
- Abbie Mirabella - Rookie of the Week - 9/2
- Paola Rojas - Rookie of the Week - 10/6
The 2014 UMBC cross country programs came into the year looking to earn conference gold. The women earned their best finish in program history, finishing fourth in the meet. At the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional, the Retrievers finished 18th in the 29 team field.

The men went on to finish third at the America East Championships, while improving on their NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional finish from a year ago. Last year, UMBC finished ninth, and this year they earned a seventh-place finish at the meet.

UMBC opened the season at the Mount 5k Duels, with the men going 2-0-1, and the women finishing 3-1. Sarah Daly earned gold at the meet, besting the 69-person field on the women’s side.

During the year, junior Hassan Omar paced the Retrievers in five of the team’s six meets. Omar earned three top-ten finishes, as he earned All-Conference and America East All-Academic honors in 2014. At the conference championships, Omar finished fifth, pacing the Retrievers to a third-place finish.

Sophia Cologer led the way on the women’s side, earning All-Academic honors, as she turned in a 13th place finish at the America East Championships.

**Honors and Awards**

**America East Awards**

**All-Conference**

Hassan Omar

**Weekly Honors**

Hassan Omar - Performer of the Week - 9/16, 10/7

**All-Academic Team**

Men:

Hassan Omar

Women:

Sophia Cologer
UMBC lost 2014 America East Rookie of the Year Rodney Elliott for the season in the opening game when he suffered a season-ending shoulder injury. Classmate Will Darley, who averaged 8.3 ppg in the last seven games of the season, missed 11 games due to a knee injury.

Elliott will receive a medical hardship waiver and retain three years of eligibility.

Junior post Cody Joyce became the 18th player in UMBC’s Division I history to score 400 points in a season. He also attempted 157 free throws, the ninth-most in a single season in school history.

Guard Jourdan Grant set UMBC’s all-time DI mark for assists in a campaign by a freshman with 121. He led the America East Conference in assists per game and minutes played per contest. Grant also became the third UMBC freshman (and sixth player overall) to record 200 points, 100 rebounds and 100 assists in a DI season.

The Retrievers won back-to-back games versus Longwood and at Kennesaw State and swept the season series from Maine.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Cody Joyce (Second Team)

Team Awards
Unsung Heroes - Jourdan Grant, Devarick Houston
Most Improved Player - Will Darley

AE Weekly Awards
Jourdan Grant - Rookie of the Week - 12/21
The UMBC women’s basketball team, who owned the youngest roster in the America East in 2013-14, improved upon that season’s performance, returning to the America East Championship semifinals for the first time since 2012 and the fourth time in its 12 seasons.

UMBC opened the season with three straight victories, including wins against a pair of local rivals in Loyola and Coppin State, marking the first time since the 1989-90 season and just the second time since the Retrievers joined the Division I ranks that the UMBC posted a 3-0 start to a campaign.

The Retrievers saw great production from a pair of All-Conference guards in newcomer Capree Garner and sophomore Taylor McCarley. Garner earned All-Conference Second Team honors after posting just the fourth 500-point season in program history, while McCarley received Third Team recognition after recording the fourth-most assists in a single-season at UMBC. Junior guard Liz McNaughton posted her best season yet, ranking fourth in the league in three-point field goal percentage.

UMBC won five of its last nine games to finish in seventh place in the league to earn the sixth seed in the America East Championships. UMBC used a late shot from McCarley to upset third-seeded Stony Brook in the quarterfinals, but the Retrievers fell to eventual champion No. 2 Albany in the semifinals.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Capree Garner (Second Team)
Taylor McCarley (Third Team)

AE Weekly Honors
Taylor McCarley - Rookie of the Week - 12/29

*Head coach Phil Stern celebrated his 250th career victory and 150th victory at UMBC. Stern also became the program’s all-time wins leader.
After a successful 6-2 dual meet season, the UMBC men took gold at the 2015 CCSA Championships in Athens, Ga.

During the year, the Retrievers earned wins against Rider, NJIT, Gardner-Webb, VMI, George Washington, and Howard.

Multiple Retrievers broke school records, including Leo Endres (100/200 breast), Nikola Trajkovic (400 IM), Jonas Gutzat (500 free), and Gregor Sporlein (50 free).

At the CCSA Championships, the Retrievers were in the lead from day one to take the title. On the first day, UMBC took both relays to lead heading into day two.

The last three days saw a couple of school records being broken, as the Retrievers finished with 996 points, 218 points ahead of second place Incarnate Word. A trio of Retrievers earned awards following the meet (see below).

Trajkovic won the 200 IM at the ECAC Championships in Pittsburgh the very next week. Trajkovic finished just hundredths of a second ahead of the second place finisher.

After the meet, UMBC was ranked 26th in the nation by CollegeSwimming.com.

Ryan Green, and Pak Lam Wong competed at the NCAA Zone Diving Meet.

Honors and Awards

CCSA Awards
Petar Trifonov (Male Diving Coach of the Year)
Nikola Trajkovic (Male Rookie of the Year)
Ryan Green (Male Diver of the Year)

CCSA Weekly Honors
Gregor Sporlein - Swimmer of the Week - (4 times)
Jonas Gutzat - Swimmer of the Week - (2 times)
Ryan Green - Diver of the Week - (5 times)
Pak Lam Wong - Diver of the Week - 11/25

Post-Season
Ryan Green - NCAA Zone Diving Qualifier
Pak Lam Wong - NCAA Zone Diving Qualifier
Coaching Staff
Head Coach: David Bobb
Assistant Coaches: Peter Koumlelis, Matt Gittermann, Shannon Flowers, Thomas Thompson, Lauren Leclercq, Nick Burnett, Kiki Malamo-Paris

2014-15 Indoor Results
Men’s AE Champs Finish: 5th of 9
Women’s AE Champs Finish: 2nd of 9
Post-Season: N/A

The UMBC indoor track and field teams produced stellar winter seasons which saw the women’s squad finish in second place, their best finish in program history.

During the indoor season, UMBC athletes broke several school records and shattered a couple of America East records.

Senior track athlete Mercedes Jackson paced the Retriever women, setting the school and America East record in the 200m dash with a time of 23.81. Classmate Paulette Fogle shattered the 500m dash record, posting a time of 1:12.78.

For the men, senior Yao Adantor led the charge. Adantor broke his own shot put record multiple times, with the best toss coming at 17.16m.

At the America East Championships, the men took home fifth place, while the women took second, their best finish in program history. Mercedes Jackson was named Most Outstanding Track Performer, while also being co-winner of the Coaches’ Award for most points scored. Coach David Bobb and his staff earned Women’s Co-Coaching Staff of the Year.

At the ECAC/IC4A meet, Jackson won ECAC Most Outstanding Performer after winning the 60m dash at the meet.

Honors and Awards

AE Awards
Mercedes Jackson (Most Outstanding Female Track Athlete)
David Bobb & Staff (Female Coaching Staff of the Year)

ECAC Awards
Mercedes Jackson (Most Outstanding Track Performer of the Meet)

AE Weekly Honors
Yao Adantor - Field Athlete - 2/3
Mercedes Jackson - Track Athlete - (3 times)
The UMBC women posted a 5-2 record in dual meets and then capped the season with an America East Championship.

During the year, the Retrievers earned wins against Rider, George Washington, Howard, Gardner-Webb, and VMI.

The Retriever women broke numerous school records during the season, and ended the year on a high note.

UMBC won the America East Championship for the first time since 2011, after trailing defending champion New Hampshire the entire meet. On the last day, the Retrievers got a big victory from Catherine Frediani in the 100 backstroke to push ahead for good.

Corinna Darelius competed at the NCAA Zone Diving Meet.

Emily Escobedo went on to advance to the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive year, making her the first Retriever female to do so. At the national meet in Greensboro, N.C., Escobedo became the first swimmer in UMBC and America East history to score at the meet. She finished 14th overall in the 200 breaststroke.

The sophomore earned CSCAA All-American Honorable Mention honors for her performance this year. The honor makes her the first Retriever in program history to earn the award.

**Honors and Awards**

**All AE**
- Corinna Darelius (All-Academic Team)
- Emily Escobedo (Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet, All-Academic Team)
- Amanda Day (All-Academic Team)
- Chad Cradock & Staff (Coaching Staff of the Year)

**Post-Season**
- Emily Escobedo - NCAA Qualifier, CSCAA All-American Honorable Mention
- Corinna Darelius - NCAA Zone Diving Qualifier

**AE Weekly Honors**
- Corinna Darelius - Diver of the Week - (5 times)
- Emily Escobedo - Swimmer of the Week - 10/21

**2014-15 Women’s Results**
- Dual Meets: 5-2
- AE Champs Finish: 1st of 5 (AE Champions)
- Post-Season: Emily Escobedo advances to NCAA Championships; Corinna Darelius advances to NCAA Zone Diving Championships

**Coaching Staff**
- Head Coach: Chad Cradock
- Assistant Coaches: Chris Gibeau and Rob Bellamy, Brandt Nigro
- Diving Coach: Petar Trifonov
The men’s lacrosse team was victimized by a pair of tough one-goal losses to Hartford and Vermont in back-to-back weeks in America East Conference play and did not make the league playoffs for the first time in 12 campaigns.

Junior attackman Nate Lewnes scored at least a goal all 13 games and ran his consecutive goal-scoring streak to 18, tenth-best in the nation by season’s end. Lewnes became just the sixth Retriever to score 30 or more goals (led the team with 31) in back-to-back seasons at the Division I level.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ruston Souder’s 17-save effort versus Lafayette was the most stops in a game for a Retriever netminder since Jeremy Blevins saved 20 Denver attempts in a UMBC victory in March of 2008.

Seniors Mike Dahl, Conor Finch, Tim Lang and Kevin McDonough served as captains for the 2015 Retrievers. Senior Nathan Klein, who missed two years due to injury, returned and did an admirable job as UM-BC’s primary face-off specialist.

Junior defender Zach Esser repeated as an AE First Team selection.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Zach Esser (First Team)
Conor Finch (All-Academic Team)

AE Weekly Honors
Nate Lewnes - Player of the Week - 2/16
Connor Gordon - Co-Player of the Week - 3/3

USILA All-Star Classic
Seth Mackin
UMBC women’s lacrosse returned to the America East Championships for the first time since 2012 and the seventh time overall.

The Retrievers registered a 6-4 record through the first two months of the season with three of the four losses coming by one goal, including a pair of overtime affairs.

UMBC posted a 3-1 record through the first four games of the America East slate, matching its highest conference win total since 2012. The Retrievers dropped their final two contests of the regular-season to nationally-ranked opponents, but beat out New Hampshire for the final spot in the tournament.

UMBC had five players finish with 20-or-more goals, while two added double-digit assists. The Retrievers had seven freshmen tally a point on the season, including a combined 57 points from Carolyn Jamison and Marissa Davey. Senior Abby Wilson earned America East All-Conference Second Team honors after leading the team in goals and points. Sophomores Sam Nolan and Jennie Milligan each enjoyed breakout campaigns with 45 goals and 25 assists between them. Freshman Tianna Wallpher earned AE All-Rookie Team recognition, while classmate Caitlin Miller matched the program’s single-season draw control record.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Megan Flock (All-Academic Team)
Tianna Wallpher (All-Rookie Team)
Abby Wilson (Second Team)

National College Athlete Honor Society
Megan Flock

AE Weekly Honors
Marissa Davey - Co-Rookie of the Week - 3/2
Carolyn Jamison - Rookie of the Week - 4/6
Kelsey Major - Defensive Player of the Week - 3/2

ECAC
Marissa Davey - Division I South Rookie of the Week - 3/25
The UMBC Baseball team finished the year 34-20 and 14-10 in America East play. The team broke several records, and made their first America East Championship appearance since 2008.

Junior Nick Naumann led the offense, hitting a stout .352 in 45 games. He was one of six Retrievers who hit above the .300 mark. Andrew Casali was a force offensively, driving in a team high 42 RBI.

The Retrievers were led by two newcomers on the mound in junior Conrad Wozniak and freshman Matt Chanin. Wozniak finished with a 1.48 ERA, good for 12th in the country. He had three complete games, including one shutout. Chanin led the team in wins, going 5-2 on the year with a 1.96 ERA.

UMBC went on a pair of win streaks of 13 and six during the year. The 13 game streak came at a crucial time, allowing the Retrievers to climb into second place into the conference.

The team finished the regular season in second place, earning a spot in the conference tournament for the first time in seven campaigns. In the tournament, the Retrievers knocked off Maine (9-5) before falling to Stony Brook (3-4). UMBC defeated Hartford, 10-2, in an elimination game to reach the championship. In the title game, the Retrievers fell, 16-11, to Stony Brook, ending the season.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Matt Chanin (Rookie of the Year, First Team, All-Rookie Team), Conrad Wozniak (Pitcher of the Year, First Team), Anthony Gatto (First Team), Jamie Switalski (First Team), Denis Mikush (First Team), Hunter Dolshun (Second Team), Vince Corbi (Second Team), Kevin Lachance (Second Team), Andrew Casali (Second Team, All-Academic Team), Nick Naumann (Second Team), Mitchell Carroll (All-Rookie Team), Jamie Switalski (All-Rookie Team), Bob Mumma (Coach of the Year)

AE Weekly Honors
Hunter Dolshun - Player of the Week - 3/3
Conrad Wozniak - Pitcher of the Week - (2 times)
Joe Vanderplas - Pitcher of the Week - 3/17
Andrew Casali - Player of the Week - 3/23
Brady Zinda - Rookie of the Week - 3/23
Anthony Gatto - Player of the Week - 3/31
Matt Chanin - Rookie of the Week - 3/31
Jamie Switalski - Rookie of the Week - 5/11

2015 Results
Overall: 34-20
AE: 14-10
AE Finish: 2nd of 7
Post Season: America East Tournament Championship Title Game
The UMBC softball team saw great production from both its veterans and rookies on the field, in the circle and from the dish during the 2015 campaign. The Retrievers’ offense posted its highest batting average since 2007 (.289) and highest on-base percentage since 2006 (.378). In the circle, UMBC’s pitching staff held opponents to the program’s lowest hit total since 2010 (382) and recorded 198 strikeouts, the most since 2012.

The Retrievers posted more than 20-wins overall and finished with an 8-9 record in league play for the second straight season, but UMBC narrowly missed out on the four-team America East Championships.

UMBC had a trio of players earn America East All-Conference Second Team honors in sophomores Kelly Lane and Jessica Holte. Freshman Tori Alexander, who posted a top-10 single-season UMBC mark in batting average (.392), was honored on the Second Team, as well as joining Emily Neal on the All-Rookie Team. Sophomore Kaelin Jackson added in an All-Academic Team selection to the Retrievers’ honors.

Senior catcher Taylor Hall continued to climb the program’s record books, finishing as the all-time leader in extra-base hits, while also ranking in the top-10 at UMBC in nine other categories.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Tori Alexander (Second Team, All-Rookie Team)
Jessica Holte (Second Team)
Kaelin Jackson (All-Academic Team)
Kelly Lane (Second Team)
Emily Neal (All-Rookie Team)

National College Athlete Honor Society
Bridget O’Malley
Kathleen Sharp

America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete
Kathleen Sharp

*Head coach Joe French celebrated his 400th victory with the program.
The UMBC men’s tennis team waged a tremendous battle against 59th-ranked Wichita State, but fell, 4-2, to the Shockers in the semifinals of their first Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

UMBC juniors Justin Carter and Jaan Kononov were named to the 2015 Missouri Valley Conference Men’s Tennis All-Conference team. Carter has now earned All-Conference recognition in all three of his seasons with the Retrievers.

In the fall, Kononov won five matches and advanced to the qualifying round of the ITA All-American Championships. He assumed the position of playing at No. 1 singles in the spring and compiled a brilliant mark of 10-4. He produced two victories over top-50 players in 2014-15 and moved into the ITA Top 125, coming in at No. 106 in the April 21 ranking.

Senior Daniel Gray and junior Alex Drean won four matches and reached the doubles finals of the ITA Atlantic Regionals.

UMBC posted wins over regional powers No. 10 William & Mary and No. 6 VCU.

**Honors and Awards**

**All MVC**
- Justin Carter
- Jaan Kononov

**Team Awards**
- Jaan Kononov - Most Valuable Athlete
- Daniel Gray - Unsung Hero
- Justin Lansinger - Most Improved Athlete

**ITA Top 125**
- Jaan Kononov (No. 110)

*UMBC finished the year ranked No. 7 in the Atlantic Region.*
The UMBC outdoor track and field teams produced an exceptional spring season with the men and women finishing second at the 2015 America East Championships.

The Retrievers opened the year with the annual Big Dawg Invitational at UMBC Stadium on March 28, where both the men and women won the meet.

Several records were broken throughout the year, with ten women’s and a pair of men’s records falling in 2015.

At the America East Championships, junior Hassan Omar earned Most Outstanding Track Performer after winning gold in the 3,000m and 5,000m runs. Junior Daryian Miles earned the Elite 18 Award.

Senior Mercedes Jackson shattered both the school and America East records in the 100m and 200m dashes, earning gold in both events. Her efforts landed her Most Outstanding Track Performer for the fourth time in her illustrious career.

A trio of Retrievers competed in NCAA Preliminaries. Omar represented UMBC in the 5,000m run, junior Vincent Rentzsch in the javelin and senior Paulette Fogle in the 400m hurdles.

Rentzsch qualified for the NCAA Finals in the javelin throw, where he landed in 21st place in the national meet.
Sophomore Mariami Dolashvili was a unanimous selection to the America East Conference Women’s Tennis First Team in singles and also earned First Team honors in doubles, in voting done by America East coaches.

Dolashvili shared the doubles honor with junior Shannon Cleary, while senior Isabel Aldunate earned Second Team honors in singles competition.

The native of the Ukraine posted an 11-5 record as she was moved up to the No. 2 singles flight. Dolashvili won all five matches played versus America East Conference competition in 2015, including a victory over Albany in the league semifinals.

Cleary is a repeat First Team selection in doubles and improved to 4-0 in her three campaigns in post-season doubles competition. Aldunate, the lone senior on the squad and its team captain, recovered from an injury which kept her out of fall competition.

UMBC went 3-1 versus AE foes during the regular season.

Honors and Awards

All AE
Mariami Dolashvili (First Team) - (singles, doubles), Shannon Cleary (First Team) - (doubles), Isabel Aldunate (Second Team) - (singles)

Team Awards
Most Valuable Athlete - Mariami Dolashvili
Unsung Hero - Isabel Aldunate
Most Improved Athlete - Shannon Cleary

AE Weekly Awards
Madlena Kuracz - Player of the Week - 3/25