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Dear Great Dane Nation,

Each and every day, our more than 450 student-athletes strive to be “Great Leaders, Great Champions, Great Danes.”

I’m pleased to say that throughout this report, you will find that the Great Danes have enjoyed tremendous success in all of the areas our motto encompasses — on the playing fields, in the classroom and in the community.

First, we claimed eight more conference championships, raising our total to 115 in the Division I era. We now have won at least seven conference titles in each of the past nine years, a truly incredible accomplishment for a program only wrapping up its second decade competing at the Division I level. Notably, our women’s cross country and track & field programs deserve a special mention for winning the “Triple Crown” this past year, by sweeping all three of their championships.

In the classroom, UAlbany student-athletes continue to prove that academic excellence and athletic success can go hand in hand. We’re proud to report that student-athletes’ Spring and Fall cumulative GPAs were above 3.0.

Finally, our department continues to demonstrate a commitment to giving back to the community. All of our 18 programs perform community service throughout the year, by volunteering at soup kitchens, visiting the local VA hospital and reading to elementary school students. On our annual department Day of Service, more than 50 members of our staff wrapped gifts, stocked shelves, raked leaves, cooked and packed food to help those in need at more than nine non-profit organizations throughout the Capital Region. It was a truly remarkable effort.

We greatly appreciate all of your support throughout the year, and I’d like to close by thanking you for helping our student-athletes become “Great Leaders, Great Champions, Great Danes.”

Go Great Danes,

Mark Benson
Director of Athletics
In 2018-19, Great Dane Athletic Club reached 1,089 donors, its largest number since its inception in 2014.

The Great Dane Athletic Club (GDAC) serves as the primary fundraising arm for University at Albany Athletics. We aim to provide athletic scholarship support, capital improvements and general support to student-athletes competing in the University’s 18 Division I varsity sports. An investment in GDAC inspires this life-changing vision and ensures that student-athletes gain the tools necessary to grow and become foremost competitors and leaders.

Your investment is a critical component of Great Dane success. It is important that our student-athletes have the support and backing of a strong fan base. Your commitment to UAlbany Athletics allows for enhanced academic support, new and improved facilities, and the hiring and retention of top coaches. The cost of competing at the highest level while providing a quality education for outstanding student-athletes is significant. The primary resource for meeting this need is revenue generated by GDAC. Sustaining our success — athletically and academically — requires more fans, organizations and businesses to become partners in the GDAC mission.

Now is the time to get involved and secure the future of UAlbany Athletics. Membership runs on the calendar year and can begin with a gift of as little as $100 annually. This yearly contribution will count towards benefits such as special events, parking, and hospitality for both Men’s Basketball and Football.

New members can contribute at any level, but must make a gift to activate their membership and receive certain benefits. Success at the Division I level requires serious investment.

Each year the University at Albany Department of Athletics is tasked with the challenge of generating the necessary funds to support more than 450 student-athletes. The support generated through the Great Dane Athletic Club helps defer the costs associated with participating at the highest level of intercollegiate competition.
A YEAR IN REVIEW

Tara Belinsky became the third woman in UAlbany history to be named America East Woman of the Year, following volleyball’s Ashlee Reed in 2006 and lacrosse’s Nikki Branchini in 2011.

The 2018-19 academic year truly exemplified what it means to be “Great Leaders, Great Champions, Great Danes.”

Our student-athletes, coaches and staff performed hundreds of hours of community service. From reading to elementary school children, to preparing meals at local shelters to visiting veterans at local hospitals, we were proud to give back to the Capital Region community that offers us so much support throughout the year.

On the field, we won eight conference championships. Women’s soccer, field hockey, women’s cross country, all four track & field teams and women’s golf all captured titles, bringing our total to an astounding 115 championships.

With the women’s cross country team winning the America East Championship this fall, each team at UAlbany has now won at least one conference championship in the Division I era. Cross country’s historical first title marked UAlbany’s 100th America East conference championship since joining the America East Conference in 1999.

Individually, 2018-19 saw eight Great Danes garner All-America honors, while 137 student-athletes grabbed all-conference accolades in their respective sports. Among those 137 all-conference honorees, 10 student-athletes were named conference players of the year, five were tabbed conference rookies of the year and five coaches were awarded as conference coaches of the year.

And most importantly, our student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom. Our student-athletes’ combined GPAs were greater than 3.00 in both the Fall and Spring. Additionally, all 10 women’s programs had Fall and Spring GPAs higher than 3.00. In total, 61 percent of our student-athletes posted Spring GPA’s of 3.00 or higher.

Hannah Reinhardt led the women’s cross country team to its first conference title.
TOP MOMENTS

Football: The Great Danes’ season was highlighted by Ethan Stark’s 48-yard field goal as time expired to deliver a 25-23 victory over No. 10 Stony Brook at Casey Stadium in the season finale. The victory was the Great Danes’ second over a top 10 program in two years. After the season, Vincent Testaverde was invited to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers training camp. He became the 15th former Great Dane to sign an NFL contract.

Women’s Cross Country: At the beginning of the 2018-19 academic year, the UAlbany women’s cross country team was the only program that had not won a conference title in the Division I era. That changed on October 27, 2018 when Hannah Reinhardt paced the Great Danes to their first-ever team title. Reinhardt became UAlbany’s first-ever individual America East cross country champion, male or female, and set the program record in the 5K.

Men’s Lacrosse: Playing one of the nation’s toughest schedules, UAlbany welcomed both No. 7 Maryland and No. 4 Yale to Casey Stadium. Those premium matchups helped the Great Danes average 2,104 fans per home game. Among the season’s stars were Jakob Patterson, who was named America East Offensive Player of the Year. UAlbany had six players receive All-America East Honors and three earn All-Academic Honors in a year that culminated in the conference semifinals.

Field Hockey: The Great Danes swept both the America East regular season race and tournament championship, claiming the program’s third title in five years. Playing one of the toughest nonconference schedules in the country, the Great Danes went on to defeat four top-20 ranked teams in No. 10 Louisville, No. 15 Delaware and No. 18 Maine, twice.
UAlbany was led by NFHCA All-Americans Frederike Helmke and Melissa Nealon who were also tabbed the America East Defensive Player of the Year and Co-Goalkeeper of the Year, respectively. In total, four players were selected to the NFHCA All-Region Team and eight Great Danes garnered America East accolades.

**Men’s Soccer:** The 2018 season was highlighted by the team’s road game at American University, where the Great Danes put up six goals, the most in a single game under Head Coach Trevor Gorman. Nico Solabarrieta set single game program records with four goals and eight points, while only playing 26 minutes, all in the second half, and Daniel Kru-tzen set a single-game program record with four assists. Senior goalkeeper Danny Vitiello graduates as the programs all-time leader in goalkeeper wins and shutouts.

**Women’s Lacrosse:** Junior Sam Tortora set the program’s career assists mark in thrilling fashion, setting up Madison Conway’s game-winning goal with 12 seconds remaining against conference rival New Hampshire. UAlbany went onto qualify for it’s ninth-straight America East title game and first under Head Coach Katie Rowan.

**Baseball:** The Great Danes kicked things into high gear late, closing out the regular season with nine-straight victories, including series sweeps over America East rivals Binghamton and Hartford. The team’s 28 total victories were the most since 2007. Head coach Jon Mueller was unanimously named America East coach of the year.

**Women’s Soccer:** A record-setting season for the UAlbany women’s soccer team culminated in the team’s third America East title in four years, and the first under second-year head coach Nick Bochette. Mariah Williams and Caroline Kopp rewrote the record books, with Williams setting career and single-season marks in goals and points, and Kopp taking over as the career and single-season leader in assists. Both players led the America East and ranked top-five nationally in their respective statistics, and their efforts garnered the first-ever United Soccer Coaches Second Team All-Atlantic honors in program history.

**Men’s Outdoor Track & Field:** The UAlbany men’s track & field program won its 15th-straight America East Outdoor title, where they won nine individual events. Devon Willis earned All-America Honorable Mention honors, placing 17th in the triple jump at NCAA Outdoor Championships. During the season, the men set three school records.

**Women’s Outdoor Track & Field:** The Great Danes won their 12th-straight America East Outdoor title, scoring a meet-record 254 points along the way. Tara Belinsky and Venique Harris set championship meet records in the shot put and the discus throw, respectively, winning two of the women’s 10 event titles. The women also won their second-straight ECAC Outdoor title, before Harris earned All-America First Team honors by placing sixth in the discus throw at NCAA Outdoor Championships. During the season, the women set six school records and six freshman records.

**Golf:** The Great Danes won their second consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship, leading the league tournament from start to finish in winning by 17 strokes at the Disney Magnolia Golf Course in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. UAlbany won two major awards, with coach Colleen Cashman-McSween being named MAAC Coach of the Year and Madison Walker as co-Rookie of the Year.

**Volleyball:** Senior Nicole Otero was named the 2019 America East Defensive Specialist of the Year, becoming just the seventh person to win a major conference award three times in her career. Freshman teammate Andersen Vaughan also made headlines as she was named the America East Rookie of the Year.

**AE Woman of the Year:** Tara Belinsky is the third woman in UAlbany history to be named America East Woman of the Year, following volleyball’s Ashlee Reed in 2006 and lacrosse’s Nikki Branchini in 2011. Belinsky holds the school record in the women’s shot put for both the indoor and outdoor season. She is the first woman in program
history to record a mark of 50’ or farther in the shot put, throwing 50-00.00 indoors and 53-06.50 outdoors. A three-time America East champion in the shot put, Belinsky’s winning mark in 2019 established a new America East Outdoor Championship meet record. Belinsky is a three-time America East and a one-time USTFCCCA All-Academic selection.

**Phil Sykes 200th Win:** October 10, 2018 was a special day for UAlbany head field coach Phil Sykes, as he earned his 200th career victory in his 15th season at the helm. The Great Danes defeated America East rival New Hampshire in a 2-1 overtime victory. Sykes has led the Great Danes to six America East tournament championships and one Final Four appearance.

**Jon Mueller 400th Win:** On March 10, UAlbany baseball head coach Jon Mueller won his 400th career game, coming in his 20th year at the Great Dane helm. The victory, 13-2 at Longwood, was the team’s third of the season and was their second-highest scoring total after the 19 runs they scored at Maine later in the year. Mueller finished the season with **425 total victories** in his career, averaging 21.3 wins a year.

**Roberto Vives 50th Year Coaching:** The 2018-19 season represented the **50th year** as a track and field coach, having started his career as a teenager in 1969 founding the Patterson Projects Track & Field Club in the Bronx, N.Y. Following stints with the Bronx International Athletic Club, the City College of New York, Cardinal Hayes High School, the Bronx High School of Science, and Lehman College, Vives arrived at UAlbany in 1985, where he has since won **55 conference titles**. Vives has coached numerous All-Americans and Olympians, and has had the opportunity to coach internationally for the United States and Puerto Rico.

**Mental Health:** The University at Albany Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has received a grant from the America East to carry out their new initiative which addresses mental health concerns and issues that are affecting our student-athletes. SAAC seeks to address these concerns by educating student-athletes and facilitating a conversation about varying mental health topics unique to their experience and foster a stronger community and support system amongst our student-athletes. The group workshops established by the initiative will serve as a support system for our athletes allowing them to develop new relationships and strengthen the camaraderie within our athletic community.

**Men’s Basketball in Belfast:** The men’s basketball team had the opportunity to travel abroad during the 2018-19 regular season to participate in the second annual Hall of Fame Belfast Classic in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The week-long trip featured visits to the Northern Ireland War Memorial Museum, the Titanic Belfast museum, and a community service event at Malone College, before culminating in two games, first against LIU Brooklyn and next against Dartmouth.

**Women’s Triple Crown:** On May 5, 2019, the University at Albany women’s track & field and cross country team completed the **first-ever women’s Triple Crown** in America East history. The achievement, where the same team wins the conference cross country, indoor track & field, and outdoor track & field team titles in the same academic year, was matched only twice previously, first by the 1988-89 Northeastern men and next by the 2011-12 UAlbany men.

Head Track and Field Coach Roberto Vives (middle) poses with his granddaughter (left) and Director of Athletics Mark Benson (right) as he was honored at half time of a men’s basketball game in recognition of his 50th year of coaching.

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**ATHLETICS ANNUAL REPORT**
SPORT SUMMARIES

FIELD HOCKEY
16-5
6-2 (1st) in America East
America East Champions
NCAA Championship First Round

FOOTBALL
3-8
1-7 (12th) in CAA
Golden Apple Champion

VOLLEYBALL
16-11
9-3 (2nd) in America East
America East Championship Runner-up

MEN’S SOCCER
8-10
3-4 (6th) in America East
America East Championship First Round

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
5th in America East Championship
26th in NCAA Northeast Regional

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
America East Champions
14th in NCAA Northeast Regional

WOMEN’S SOCCER
14-7-2
5-2-1 (3rd) in America East
America East Champions
NCAA Championship First Round

MEN’S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
America East Champions

WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
America East Champions

MEN’S BASKETBALL
12-20
7-9 (6th) in America East
America East Championship first round

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
13-18
9-7 (4th) in America East
America East Championship Runner-up

BASEBALL
28-23
14-9 (2nd) in America East
0-2 America East Championship

SOFTBALL
26-17
13-4 (2nd) America East
0-2 America East Championship

MEN’S LACROSSE
5-9
4-3 (3rd) in America East
America East Champions

WOMEN’S LACROSSE
11-7
7-1 (2nd) America East
America East Championship Runner-up

WOMEN’S GOLF
MAAC Champions
18th in NCAA Regionals

MEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
America East Champions
5th in IC4A Championship

WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD
America East Champions
ECAC Champions
The 2019 University at Albany Great Dane Award winners were revealed in a ceremony honoring UAlbany student-athlete accomplishments between the Spring 2018 and Winter 2019 seasons.

For the third consecutive year, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), organized and planned the award program held at the Lucky Strike in Crossgates Mall.

Fifteen awards were given out, honoring individual student-athletes and special moments that had taken place during the previous three completed seasons. Award winners are selected by a vote exclusively made by the UAlbany student-athlete population.
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

BASEBALL
Josh Gurnack: America East All-Academic
Nick Kondo: America East All-Academic
Dan Yankowski: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete, America East All-Academic

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Heather Forster: America East All-Academic

MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Alec Ambruso: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete

WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY
Cara Sherman: Elite-18 honoree, America East All-Academic

CROSS COUNTRY EARNs USTFCCCA HONORS
The UAlbany cross country program saw both its men and women earn All-Academic honors from the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The men compiled a cumulative GPA of 3.27 and the women earned a GPA of 3.31.

FIELD HOCKEY
Rachel Billig: NFHCA National Academic
Dana Bozek: NFHCA National Academic
Frederike Helmke: NFHCA National Academic, America East All-Academic
Megan Ma: NFHCA National Academic
Kelsey McCrudden: NFHCA National Academic

FIELD HOCKEY RECOGNIZED BY NFHCA
For the 10th straight season, the Great Danes were honored by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association with the Academic Team Award.

FOOTBALL
Francesco Ancona: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Nyc Burns: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Tyler Carswell: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Joe Casale: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Paul Casanzio: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Luke Clement: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll

Kaija Collette: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Julian Conover: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Niko Culnan: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Jake Cuomo: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Daniel Damico: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Tre Davis: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Thomas Greaney: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Dean Grogg: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
William Haag: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Murad Hussain: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Chase Irish: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Sean Kennedy: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll

Sarah Petzold earned 2019 CoSIDA Third Team All-America honors, becoming the first Great Dane in program history to receive the accolade. The Carol Stream, Ill., native boasted a 4.0 GPA in mental health counseling and batted .331 as a senior.
Robert Lachmann: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Ryan Lape: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Levi Metheny: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
AJ Mistler: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Karl Mofor: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll
Tyler Oedekoven: CAA Commissioner’s Honor Roll

**MEN’S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Kyle Gronostaj: America East All-Academic

**WOMEN’S INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Cara Sherman: America East All-Academic

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**
Mara Bureau: IWLCA Honor Roll
Erin Leghart: IWLCA Honor Roll
Jordyn Marr: Elite-18 honoree, IWLCA Honor Roll, America East All-Academic
Sam Tortora: IWLCA Honor Roll, America East All-Academic
Paige Werlau: IWLCA Honor Roll

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE EARN IWLCA TEAM AWARD**
The Great Danes were one of 312 programs in the NCAA to earn academic honors, for earning a cumulative GPA exceeding 3.00 for the latest academic year.

**WOMEN’S GOLF**
Helga Einarisdottir: MAAC All-Academic

**MEN’S LACROSSE**
Alex Brown: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete
Erik Dluhy: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete, America East All-Academic

**MEN’S SOCCER**
Carlos Clark: America East All-Academic
Daniel Krutzen: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete, America East All-Academic
Nico Solabarrieta: America East All-Academic

**MEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Walter Briggs: America East All-Academic
Kyle Gronostaj: America East All-Academic

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
Savanah Courtney: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete, America East All-Academic
Caroline Kopp: America East All-Academic

**SOFTBALL**
Sarah Petzold: CoSIDA Academic All-America Third Team, CoSIDA Academic All-District I Team, America East All-Academic
Kelly Barkevich: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete, America East All-Academic
Katie Falotico: America East All-Academic
Celeste Verdolivo: America East All-Academic

**WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD**
Tara Belinsky: America East All-Academic
Anika Hibbard: America East All-Academic
Tori Reid: America East All-Academic
Cara Sherman: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete
Victoria Stoffel: America East Presidential Scholar-Athlete

**VOLLEYBALL**
Chloe Evering: Elite 18 honoree, America East All-Academic

**VOLLEYBALL RECEIVES AVCA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD**
The volleyball program earned team academic honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. The Great Danes compiled a cumulative GPA of 4.40.
ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

**BASEBALL**
**Nick Kondo**: America East First Team  
**Joe Kruszka**: America East First Team, America East All-Tournament Team  
**Brad Malm**: America East Second Team, America East All-Tournament Team  
**Dolan Ocasal**: America East All-Rookie Team  
**Dominic Savino**: America East First Team  
**Marc Wangenstein**: America East Second Team  
**Ray Weber**: America East Second Team  
**Jon Mueller**: America East Coach of the Year

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**  
**Devonte Campbell**: America East All-Defensive Team  
**Ahmad Clark**: America East All-Conference Third Team  
**Cameron Healy**: Kyle Macy Award Finalist, America East Third Team, America East

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**  
**Heather Forster**: America East Second Team  
**Kyara Frames**: America East Second Team

**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Victor Ortiz Rivera**: America East First Team

**WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY**  
**Cara Sherman**: America East First Team  
**Holly Machabee**: America East Second Team  
**Kaylah Quarskie**: America East Second Team  
**Hannah Reinhardt**: America East individual champion, America East First Team, R.K. Munsey UAlbany XC Invitational Bobbi Palma Women’s Championship 5K individual champion

**FIELD HOCKEY**  
**Frederike Helmke**: NFHCA All-America Second Team, NFHCA All-Northeast Region First Team, America East Defensive Player of the Year, America East First Team, America East All-Tournament Team  
**Melissa Nealon**: NFHCA All-America Third Team, NFHCA All-Northeast Region First Team, America East Co-Goalkeeper of the Year, America East First Team, America East All-Tournament Team  
**Dana Bozek**: NFHCA All-Northeast Region First Team, America East All-Tournament Team, America East First Team  
**Ghislaine Beerkens**: NFHCA All-Northeast Region First Team, America East Tournament Most Outstanding Player, America East All-Tournament Team  
**Elaina Burchell**: America East All-Rookie Team  
**Kelsey McCrudden**: America East All-Rookie Team
Football
Dev Holmes: HERO Sports Freshman
All-America Honorable Mention
Elijah Ibitokun-Hanks: CAA Third Team Defense
Ethan Stark: CAA Second Team Offense

Women's Golf
Colleen Cashman-McSween: MAAC Coach of the Year
Madison Walker: MAAC Co-Rookie of the Year

Men's Indoor Track & Field
Garfield Napier: America East All-Conference
Jan Michael Gutierrez Almedina: America East All-Conference
Harmodio Cruz III: America East All-Conference
Matthew LeLiever: America East All-Conference
Kyle Gronostaj: America East All-Conference
Sidney Gibbons: America East All-Conference
Walter Briggs: America East All-Conference
Dawshawn Williams: America East All-Conference
Victor Cotto: America East All-Conference
Robert Blue: America East All-Conference
Omahri Sturdivant: America East All-Conference
Devon Willis: America East All-Conference
David Carlson: America East All-Conference

Women's Indoor Track & Field
Chidinma Matthew: America East All-Conference
Jahari Coleman: America East All-Conference
Asia Jinks: America East All-Conference
Kaylah Quarshe: America East All-Conference
Hannah Reinhardt: America East All-Conference

Men's Lacrosse
Erik Dluhy: America East Second Team
Sean Eccles: America East Second Team
Tehoka Nanticoke: America East First Team
Jakob Patterson: America East Offensive Player of the Year, America East First Team
Matt Perla: America East First Team

In addition to the UAlbany's eight conference championships in 2018-19, the Great Danes also distinguished themselves individually in the field of competition.

1. Eight UAlbany student-athletes earned All-America distinctions in recognition for their academic achievement and athletic excellence.

2. Ten student-athletes took home conference player of the year honors.

3. Five Great Danes were tabbed conference Rookies of the Year.

4. Five coaches were chosen as conference Coaches of the Year in their respective sports.

5. All of UAlbany's 18 men's and women's programs garnered at least one All-Conference selection in 2018-19. In total, 137 Great Danes earned All-Conference accolades.
### Women’s Lacrosse
- **Hailey Carroll**: America East Rookie of the Year, America East First Team, America East All-Rookie Team
- **Madison Conway**: IWLCA All-Northeast Second Team, America East Offensive Player of the Year, America East First Team
- **Kadi Futia**: America East All-Rookie Team
- **Kendra Harbinger**: America East Second Team
- **Imani Hedgeman**: America East All-Tournament Team, America East First Team
- **Jordyn Marr**: America East First Team
- **Sam Tortora**: IWLCA All-Northeast Second Team, America East All-Tournament Team, America East First Team
- **Kyla Zapolski**: America East First Team

### Men’s Soccer
- **Carlos Clark**: USC Scholar All-East First Team, America East All-Conference Second Team
- **Daniel Krutzen**: Senior CLASS Second Team, USC All-Northeast Second Team
- **Sam Phillip**: America East All-Rookie

### Women’s Soccer
- **Haflíði Sigurðarson**: America East All-Rookie Team
- **Nico Solabarrieta**: USC All-Northeast Second Team, America East First Team
- **Danny Vitiello**: America East All-Tournament Team

### Softball
- **Sarah Petzold**: America East First Team
- **Katie Falotico**: America East First Team
- **Amelia Ely**: America East First Team, America East All-Tournament Team
- **Celeste Verdolivo**: America East Second Team
- **Chelsea Henige**: America East Second Team
- **Chloe Lewis**: America East All-Rookie Team
- **Love Drumgole**: America East All-Rookie Team

### Men’s Outdoor Track & Field
- **Myles Banfield**: America East All-Conference
- **Robert Blue**: America East All-Conference
- **Walter Briggs**: America East Outstanding Track Performer, America East Coaches’ Award, America East All-Conference
- **Matthew Campbell**: America East All-Conference
- **David Carlson**: America East All-Conference
- **Victor Cotto**: America East All-Conference
Jowell Dixon: America East All-Conference
Kyle Gronostaj: America East All-Conference,
America East Man of the Year finalist
Matthew LeLiever: America East All-Conference
Jan Michael Gutierrez Almedina: America East All-Conference
Matthew JeanPierre: America East All-Conference
Garfield Napier: America East All-Conference
Brian Nicholson: America East All-Conference
Blaise Umuhuza: America East All-Conference
Dawshan Williams: America East All-Conference
Devon Willis: USTFCCCA All-America Honorable Mention, America East All-Conference

Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
Tara Belinsky: America East Woman of the Year, America East All-Conference
Shelby Bigsby: U20 USTAF All-America, America East All-Conference
Lynda Brundige: America East All-Conference

Amiynah Campbell: America East All-Conference
Jahari Coleman: America East All-Conference
Adelaide Cooke: America East All-Conference
Venique Harris: USTFCCCA All-America First Team, USTFCCCA Northeast Field Athlete of the Year, America East All-Conference, America East Co-Outstanding Field Performer
Anika Hibbard: America East All-Conference
Kelly Iocca: America East All-Conference
Asia Jinks: America East All-Conference
Chedinma Matthew: America East All-Conference
Sophia Myers: America East All-Conference
EJ Onah: U20 USTAFAll-America, America East All-Conference
Alexandria Payne: America East All-Conference
Tori Reid: America East All-Conference
Hannah Reinhardt: America East All-Conference
Cara Sherman: America East All-Conference

Robert Vives: USTFCCCA Northeast Coach of the Year

Volleyball
Grace Cozard: America East All-Rookie Team
Chloe Evering: America East Second Team
Akuabata Okenwa: America East Second Team, America East All-Tournament Team
Nicole Otero: Defensive Specialist of the Year, America East First Team, America East All-Tournament Team
Daniele Tedesco: America East Second Team
Andersen Vaughan: America East Rookie of the Year

2018-19 ALL-AMERICANS
UAlbany students and fans continue to provide our Great Danes with outstanding support, creating a true home-field advantage. During football season, in collaboration with Student Affairs, the Great Dane Game Experience has been a huge success in providing pre-game entertainment, food and outdoor activities.

This season, UAlbany football fans were introduced to the Great Dane Field Club, a new “in your face experience.” The Field Club allows fans to cheer on the Great Danes from the only “field level” view in Casey Stadium, putting you right in the middle of all the action.

Our goal each year is to find new ways to create a better Fan Experience as well as an improved Family Atmosphere during UAlbany football and men’s and women’s basketball games.
COMMUNITY SERVICE

**Women’s Golf**
We Care Alzheimer’s Walk • National Girls and Women in Sports Day • Reading at Becker Elementary School • Decorating the Lake House at Christmas’ Holiday Lights in the Park • Cooking meals at the Interfaith Center • Make-a-Wish Christmas giving back

**Men’s Lacrosse**
HeadStrong Lacrosse Tournament • JP’s Wide World of Sports • Collected supplies including notebooks, pencils and winter clothing for a local school

**Football**
Visit to Albany Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center • Military Appreciation Game • “Pink Game” • Reading at elementary schools • “Letters for Luke” campaign.

**Cross Country & Track and Field**
Career Day Clean-up • Spoke to students at Troy High School during Black History Month • Involvement with Mental Health program

**Women’s Soccer**
Walk to End Alzheimer’s • TOPSoccer through Latham Soccer Club • Spread Respect Game • Elementary School Reading Days (Multiple Occasions) • Make-A-Wish Evening of Giving holiday event • Making breakfast at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless • National Girls and Women in Sports Day Clinic at SEFCU • WeCare Sexual Assault Awareness Event • Thank-A-Thon calling for GDAC • After School Program at Eagle Point Elementary School

**Women’s Lacrosse**
CityLax AlbaNY Fall Practices • HEADStrong Foundation Tournament Fundraising • Marillac Shelter Halloween Party • Volunteered at the Marillac Shelter Holiday Party • Albany Winterball Clinic at Albany High School • CityLax AlbaNY Spring Communities Day • Spread Respect Game

**Baseball**
Raised over $4,300 for the Vs. Cancer Foundation • American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk

**Men’s Basketball**
American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk • Autism Speaks Walk • Cure Cystic Fibrosis Walk • Jammin’ for JP • Visted Albany Medical Children’s Hospital • Interfaith Partnership For the Homeless • Volunteered at the Albany Boy’s & Girls Club

**Women’s Basketball**
Alzheimer’s Walk • Mix it Up Day at Farnsworth Middle School • Atria Crossgate: talked with residents • Tony Clement Center for Education: clinic for a local U14 Girls’ Basketball Team • Clean-up/Organization at the Boys & Girls Club of Albany • Adopt a Family with Albany County’s Department for Children, Youth and Families • Reading
at Guilderland Elementary School • Farnsworth Middle School: clinic with the Guilderland Basketball Club for Girls • After Clinic for local Girl Scouts • Volunteering with the Dancing with the Community Stars Dance-a-Thon • Campus Cleanup • UAlbany Relay for Life- Luminaria Ceremony set up • Making a meal at the Albany Ronald McDonald House

MEN’S SOCCER
Held a 10-week clinic in which the team coached and interacted youth soccer players in the Albany area.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)
Alzheimer’s Walk – Raised over $3,700 for the Alzheimer’s Walk • Collected over 1,800 cans goods as part of the America East Food Frenzy • Volunteered at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless by making & serving breakfast • Third annual Danes Dodge Caner dodgeball tournament to benefit Friends of Jaclyn • Spent time at Eagle Point Elementary after school Program helping kids with homework and activities • Helped Luke (on football) by writing Letters to Santa through the Make-A-Wish Foundation • Volunteered at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless by making and serving breakfast • Make-A-Wish volunteering for local holiday event • Volunteered to read at local elementary schools • Held multiple Spread Respect games to ensure equality, diversity and acceptance on our campus, especially within athletics • Ronald McDonald Readings at local schools • Student-athletes joined administration on a tour of the Albany Medical Center to show support and involvement in the community • Held the first annual BetterTo9ether games to help break the stigma around mental health while bringing up the topic in a positive atmosphere • Student-Athletes volunteered time at the WeCare event that brought awareness to Sexual Assault while packaging care bags for victims • Student-Athletes made calls to members of the Great Dane Athletic Club thanking them for their support and donations • Helped put on the annual Great Dane Awards to recognize all the success and hard work the athletic teams and department accomplished throughout the year.