



2014-15

University of Massachusetts

Department of Athletics

Annual Report



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Dear UMass Family,

Thank you for your support of the University of Massachusetts, our athletics staff and coaches and our nearly 650 Minutemen and Minutewomen. My first months as Director of Athletics have been rewarding, enjoyable and encouraging. I can't say enough positive things about the direction of our department and the tremendous opportunities we have to enhance the student-athlete experience.

As the start of the 2015-16 academic year approaches, I invite you to take a look back at the highlights of 2014-15 with this annual report.

We made significant facility renovations and saw construction plans come to fruition in 2014-15. Our football program has comfortably settled into the Football Performance Center, a facility that allows us to compete with our FBS peers. Our basketball programs will move-in to the best-in-class John Francis Kennedy Champions Center as classes begin this fall. Thanks to a lead gift from John Legere '80BBA, the UMass Track & Field Complex got a face lift with a new Daktronics scoreboard. Legendary Richard F. Garber Field received a new field turf surface, first-class netting system and refreshed branding for our lacrosse programs and UMass' national caliber field hockey program will open a dedicated competition facility this fall with full completion expected by summer 2016.

On the competitive side, the 2014-15 season saw four UMass programs win Atlantic 10 regular-season or tournament titles with women's lacrosse and women's rowing advancing to NCAA postseason competition as a team. Additionally, four teams were conference runners-up and six coaches earned yearly accolades. UMass' bright future was emphasized as two of our student-athletes were named A-10 Rookies of the Year.

Our academic progress was highlighted by two CoSIDA Academic All-Americans (Rachel Hilliard and Josh Schwartz) and 48 academic all-conference honors. Over 350 student-athletes posted GPAs of 3.0 or higher while 167 earned spots on the Dean's List with GPAs of 3.5 or higher. Curt Owen of men's track and field was recognized during spring Commencement as one of 10 UMass 21st Century Leaders for his innovation in business. Curt impressively launched three companies during his undergraduate career and assisted three local businesses in re-opening after a devastating building fire.

These accomplishments highlight the tremendous efforts and performances of our staff, coaches and student-athletes. We are positioned well for another successful year in 2015-16, but your continued support is critical to our success. The University of Massachusetts is a very special place, and I am honored to be a part of its rich athletics tradition.

Go UMass!

With Gratitude,

Ryan Bamford
Director of Athletics



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, an integral part of the University of Massachusetts' educational mission, is a comprehensive and nationally-recognized Division I athletics program which positively reflects the interests and values of the institution's students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who support its many endeavors.

Central to its mission, the Department will provide the leadership, resources and support to ensure all student-athletes receive the finest academic and athletic experience possible. The Department fosters an environment that encourages degree completion, good citizenship, character and personal growth, while developing student-athletes who are positive role models and productive members of society.

The Department maintains a strong commitment to the principles of fiscal responsibility, gender equity, diversity and sporting conduct among its coaches, administrative staff and student-athletes. Staff members and student-athletes will adhere to the highest ethical standards and comply with all NCAA, conference, federal, state and institutional rules and regulations. In all of its activities, the Department will provide equitable opportunities for women and minorities.

The athletics program is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life not only on campus, but throughout the Commonwealth. By achieving athletic success at the highest levels of intercollegiate competition, the Department will serve as a positive public relations vehicle for the entire University, while also creating a sense of pride and loyalty in the institution among its students, alumni and friends, serving as a rallying point for the UMass community and increasing private support to both the University as a whole and the Department.





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Baseball

Rebounding from an 0-5 start to the season, the UMass baseball team finished with a .500 record in Atlantic 10 play (12-12) falling just shy of the conference tournament.

In his final year of eligibility, redshirt senior Kyle Adie enjoyed the finest season of his career, leading the Minutemen with a .322 batting average after starting all 43 games. The speedy centerfielder hit .367 in league play and was rewarded with a postseason honor as a member of the All-New England Third Team.

Working his second season on the mound after converting from catcher, junior Ben Panunzio emerged as a leader on the UMass pitching staff, posting a 1.64 earned run average over 14 appearances. He was recognized for his work in the classroom during the spring as the UMass Male Spring Scholar-Athlete.

Men's Basketball

The Minutemen battled through one of the toughest non-conference schedules in the country after last year's NCAA Tournament berth. The out-of-conference slate was highlighted by wins over Boston College, Northeastern and Florida State. Overall, the Minutemen finished the year with a 17-15 record and a 10-8 mark in league action.



Senior Lauren Allymohamed earned All-America honors and was the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year.

In Atlantic 10 play, UMass started strongly winning nine of its first 12 league games including a streak of six straight. That propelled the Minutemen into a tie for first in the league standings heading into the final month of the season. However, the regular season ended with losses in five of the last six games and UMass' postseason hopes ended in the first round of the A-10 Tournament.

The young Minutemen lose three starters from the past season in seniors Cady Lalanne and Maxie Esho and redshirt junior Derrick Gordon.

Women's Basketball

UMass saw marked improvement in 2014-15 compared to the previous year finishing with a 12-18 overall record which equaled an 8.5 game improvement from 2013-14.

The Minutewomen defeated St. Bonaventure in the A-10 Tournament first round before losing a tightly contested game against Richmond. The win against the Bonnies was the first postseason victory for the program since the 2005 season.

Kim Pierre-Louis had a terrific senior campaign earning A-10 All-Conference Second-Team honors after finishing second in the league with 18.4 points per game. She was the first all-conference selection for the program since the 2007-08 season.

Men's Cross Country / Track & Field

Junior Ben Groleau highlighted the men's cross country team's individual performances last fall when he earned Atlantic 10 All-Conference honors with a 15th-place finish at the league championship race.

The Minutemen finished seventh as a team at the A-10 Cross Country Championships, 16th at the NCAA Regionals and eighth at the IC4A Championships.

Patrick McGowan, Richard Racz and John Mantia were the only seniors on the 24-man roster.

McGowan closed out his career in strong fashion with a second-place finish at the IC4A Championships to lead the Minutemen.

The men's track and field team finished sixth at the Atlantic 10 Indoor Championships in February and went on to take fifth at the A-10 Championships during the outdoor season, the Minutemen's best finish at the meet since 2011. Groleau won an individual title in the 1500 meters at the A-10 meet and broke a conference record in the event that had stood since 2006.

In his first season at UMass, redshirt sophomore Kris Horn broke a program record in the decathlon that had stood since 1984, while his season culminated with winning a silver medal in the event at the IC4A Championships.

Women's Cross Country / Track & Field

Senior Rachel Hilliard closed out her senior year cross country season in style taking home a slew of awards: UMass Scholar-Athlete, Academic All-Atlantic 10, A-10 All-Conference, and became the first Academic All-American in program history.

Overall as a team, the Minutewomen took sixth at the A-10 Championships with Hilliard's seventh-place finish alongside Carly Zinner (21st) and Heather MacLean (22nd).

During the indoor track and field season, the Minutewomen took fourth at the Atlantic 10 Indoor Championships in February. Senior Courtney Kromko led the way as the Most Outstanding Field Performer of the meet after winning the A-10 long jump title and taking home silver in the triple jump. Senior Ashley Palmer was the New England long jump champion indoors, as well.

During the outdoor campaign, the Minutewomen posted their best team finish at the A-10 Championship since 2004, taking fourth out of 13 teams. Sophomore Heather MacLean won her



second career outdoor A-10 gold medal in the 800-meter and third A-10 800-meter title overall, demolishing the conference record at the meet. At the New England Championship, MacLean won her second New England title in the 800 meters and helped UMass take home gold in the 4x800-meter relay, breaking New England Championship records in both events. Both MacLean and senior Becky Stoyke qualified for the NCAA Championships East Preliminary in Jacksonville, Fla.

Field Hockey

UMass finished the year 11-10 overall and 7-1 in the Atlantic 10 with a berth to the A-10 Championship Game.

The Minutewomen won seven-straight to close out the A-10 schedule and claim the league's regular-season title.

Lauren Allymohamed concluded her terrific career by being named NFHCA All-America and the A-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

Melanie Kreuzsch was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year after leading UMass in points with 24 and goals with 10.

Six Minutewomen took home Atlantic 10 honors with Allymohamed, Melanie Kreuzsch and Sam Carlino earning first team honors.

The 2014 campaign marked the 40th season for UMass which is the most successful program in the history of the A-10.

Football

The return of Mark Whipple brought back a high-octane aerial attack to UMass which was one of the top offensive teams in the country.

In year three as an FBS team, UMass was just 23 points away from being bowl eligible in 2014.

UMass improved its average points per game from 11.7 in 2013 to 27.3 in 2014 which was one of the nation's top turn-arounds.

Six Minutemen earned All-MAC honors led by first-teamers Blake Frohnapfel, Tajae Sharpe, Jean Sifrin and Jovan Santos-Knox.

UMass' final statistics for the season saw the Minutemen crack 20 of the program's 28 single-season top-10 lists.

At 16,088 fans per game, UMass set an all-time attendance record for a season and ranked fifth overall in the MAC for average attendance.

UMass returns 19-of-22 starters in 2015 which will be one of the highest totals in the country next year.

Despite being picked in the preseason poll to finish last, UMass ended 2014 ranked 5th in the MAC East Division.

Hockey

Though the hockey team struggled during the season with an 11-23-2 overall record and a 5-16-1 mark in Hockey East, the Minutemen did show flashes of what the future holds as freshmen and sophomores provided more than 73% of the team's scoring, while UMass finished second in the nation in freshmen scoring in 2014-15 with the class totaling 111 points.

Dennis Kravchenko, the squad's leading scorer, posted one of the best rookie campaigns in the program's history and ranked fifth in the nation in freshman scoring this past season with 33 points.

The Minutemen had four wins over ranked teams, four one-goal losses and five games reach overtime, including a dramatic 2-1 victory over eventual National Champion Providence in the regular season finale. One of the top highlights of the year was the epic five-overtime win at Notre Dame in the Hockey East playoffs which drew national attention.

UMass did lose two of its top underclassmen in Frank Vatrano and Brandon Montour to the professional ranks during the offseason, but are set to return five of its seven top point scorers in addition to bringing in the 2015 RBC Canadian Junior Hockey League National Player of the Year, goaltender Nic Renyard.



Atlantic 10 Offensive Player of the Year Erika Eipp led UMass to its seventh-straight league title and a berth to the NCAA Tournament, which included a first-round win over Jacksonville.

2014-15 Team Highlight Finishes:

- Men's Swimming: 2015 Atlantic 10 Champions
- Women's Lacrosse: 2015 Atlantic 10 Champions, NCAA Tournament Second Round
- Women's Rowing: 2015 Atlantic 10 Champions, NCAA Tournament
- Women's Swimming: 2015 Atlantic 10 Runner-Up
- Tennis: 2015 Atlantic 10 Runner-Up
- Field Hockey: 2014 Atlantic 10 Runner-Up (Regular Season Champions)
- Men's Lacrosse: 2015 CAA Runner-Up

Individual Awards By The Numbers:

- All-Conference: 69
- All-Region/District: 14
- All-ECAC: 10
- All-America: 2
- Coach Of The Year: 6
- ECAC Softball Player of the Year: 1
- A-10 Offensive Player of the Year: 1
- A-10 Midfielder Of The Year: 1
- A-10 Defensive Player of the Year: 2
- A-10 Most Outstanding Swim Performer: 1
- A-10 Most Outstanding Field Performer (Track): 1
- A-10 Rookie of the Year: 2



The rowing team won its league-best 15th Atlantic 10 Championship title in 2015 earning a trip to the NCAA Championships for the second consecutive year.

Men's Lacrosse

A tough start to the season against five teams among the nation's best saw a young UMass squad struggle. Key wins in league play earned the Minutemen a spot in the CAA Tournament following a tight conference race which came down to the last weekend of play.

UMass defeated Fairfield in the CAA semifinals, but a late-game rally fell just short in the title contest against Towson.

Though the 2015 season was challenging, the Minutemen's starting line-up had just one senior in Tewaaron Award Watch List member Ryan Izzo. Following the year, Izzo and Kyle Karaska were selected to the NEILA All-Region First Team, while Nick Mariano was named to the second team. Five players were placed on the All-CAA squad and Andrew Sokol earned CAA All-Academic accolades along with NEILA Academic All-New England honors.

Women's Lacrosse

The women's lacrosse team brought home an unprecedented seventh-consecutive Atlantic 10 Championship title as one of the most successful programs in recent UMass and league history. The Minutewomen finished the year with a 19-2 overall record for the second-most wins in program history.

The squad defeated Jacksonville University in the first round of the NCAA Tournament before bowing out to No. 1 Maryland in the second round.

For the fifth-straight season, UMass posted an undefeated record in Atlantic 10 play stretching its win streak to 36 games which is the second-longest run in NCAA history. Head coach Angela McMahon was tabbed the league Coach of the Year and will become the all-time winningest coach in program history with the team's first win in 2016 to surpass Hall of Fame legend Pam Hixon.

Erika Eipp was honored as the A-10 Offensive Player of the Year, while Hannah Murphy was selected as the league Midfielder of the Year. The backbone of the nation's No. 1 defensive unit, goalie Rachel Vallarelli was picked as the A-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

With just three seniors who graduated, the Minutewomen look primed for another strong season next spring as one of the top women's programs at the University.

Rowing

It was a banner year once again for the rowing program as the Minutewomen earned the Atlantic 10 berth to the NCAA Championships for a second season in a row. UMass sent three boats for the NCAA race, which was held at the end of May and beginning of June in Sacramento, Calif.

The trip to the NCAA Championships marked the fourth time overall the program has been represented as a team after it earned a spot in 1997, 1998 and 2014. UMass also placed the varsity 8+ boat in the race individually in 1999.

For Jim Dietz's crew, which won its league-leading 15th Atlantic 10 Championship crown in 2015, the spring has been a major highlight for the athletics department. Following its league title, the Minutewomen also brought home three gold medals from the prestigious Dad Vail Regatta, which is one of the oldest regattas in the sport. UMass won the Varsity 4+, the Varsity 8+ and the Second Varsity 8+ races giving the program the top spot in the women's team standings for the second consecutive year.

Four Minutewomen earned league honors after the championship race with Heather Pekarovich, Lauren St. Pierre and Marika Kopp being named to the All-Atlantic 10 First-Team. Aiste Balciunaite was named to the All-Atlantic 10 Second-Team, while Dietz was tabbed the Coach of the Year for the ninth time in his career.

Men's Soccer

Josh Schwartz highlighted the men's soccer season with his second Academic All-America honor, the first player in program history to record back-to-back Academic All-America awards.

Schwartz was also a Capital One Academic All-District pick, the A-10 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was the UMass Fall Scholar-Athlete.

Senior defender Matt Keys was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second-Team, while Schwartz earned league academic honors.

The team dedicated the season to longtime head coach Sam Koch who passed away on July 20 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Women's Soccer

The 2014 campaign for the women's soccer team finished with the Minutewomen posting a 5-9-5 overall record, however, nine games were pushed to extra time including two of the losses.

UMass was able to earn its sixth straight A-10 Tournament berth, but fell to No. 1 seed La Salle in the first round.



Not only was senior Matt Keys an all-conference defender for the men's soccer team, he was also a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and had the opportunity to attend the Atlantic 10 Conference Meetings in February.

Junior co-captain Rebekka Sverrisdottir was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference First-Team after leading the defense to six shutouts.

The Minutewomen earned NSCAA Academic recognition for a team grade point average of 3.33 in 2013-14.

Junior Jackie Bruno led UMass with six goals and 12 points, while the Minutewomen return all of their top point scorers for the 2015 season.

Head coach Ed Matz loses just three players from the 2014 squad. Filling that void will be mid-year transfers from South Florida and American University.

Softball

The softball season was highlighted by the record-setting performance of senior Quianna Diaz-Patterson.

The shortstop from Amherst set the UMass and Atlantic 10 single-season records in batting average (.504, fourth in NCAA) and on-base percentage (.592, eighth in NCAA), along with the UMass slugging mark (.866, 19th in NCAA). She was named first-team all-region and all-conference as she concluded her career third in UMass history with a .391 batting avg.

Overall, the Minutewomen were 15-28 on the year with an 8-14 mark in A-10 play.

Men's Swimming & Diving

For the 15th time, the UMass men's swimming and diving team brought home the Atlantic 10 Championship. A neck-and-neck championship meet saw the squad erase a 45.5 point deficit to St. Bonaventure entering the final day, highlighted with the divers bringing home team gold with a show-stopping performance, scoring 51 points in the second-to-last event, which put the Minutemen ahead for good.

Junior Alessandro Bompreszi was named the Most Outstanding Performer of the Meet after setting the school, meet, conference and pool records in the 500 and 1650 Freestyle races, while head coach Russ Yarworth was named the A-10 Coach of the Year for the record 13th time. Diving Coach Mandy Hixon also earned her sixth Diving Coach of the Year trophy. At the athletic department's year-end awards gala –



The men's swimming & diving team won its 15th Atlantic 10 title in February thanks to a come-from-behind effort on the final day of competition.

the SAMYs – captain Michael Glenn was named the Senior Male Athlete of the Year and freshman Oliver Wyeth the Male Rookie of the Year.

The Minutemen ended the year with eight school records and had seven student-athletes collect 11 all-conference distinctions. Glenn also grabbed academic all-conference and UMass Male Winter Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors.

Women's Swimming & Diving

The Minutewomen continue to perform among the Atlantic 10 elite as they finished second at the A-10 Championships for the second time in the last three years.

Senior Molly Smyth completed her final season in Amherst with three top-10 finishes at the conference meet, including a silver medal in the 1650 Free and bronze in the 500 Free, leaving as the school record holder in the 500, 1000 and 1650 races.

Freshman Emma Roush had a very strong rookie year, winning the A-10 1-Meter title and finishing second in the 3-Meter before partici-

pating in the NCAA Zone Diving Championship.

In addition to the success in the pool, UMass continues to have success in the classroom. The team earned CSCAA Scholar All-America team honors after boasting a 3.1 team GPA in the fall. Three Minutewomen earned Atlantic 10 All-Academic honors in Katie Arnott, Rachel Dushman and Jocelyn Yuen.

Women's Tennis

The UMass women's tennis team had one of its best seasons in program history as it finished with a 17-5 overall record and a runner-up finish at the Atlantic 10 Championships.

The Minutewomen were on the cusp of staging a terrific comeback in the A-10 title match. An untimely injury, however, cut the rally short with UMass on the verge of winning four matches in singles play.

The 17 wins were the second most in program history. Three players posted 20+ win seasons led by 24 from sophomore Anna Woosley and 24 from freshman Ana Yrazusta.

Senior captain Chanel Gasper set the program record for singles wins with 77 during her four-year career.

The doubles duo of junior Carol Benito and freshman Yrazusta set the UMass single-season record for wins with 27.

Yrazusta was named to the A-10 All-Conference First-Team and was the league's Most Outstanding Rookie Performer. Head coach Judy Dixon was named Coach of the Year.



Senior Chanel Gasper set the UMass tennis record for career singles wins (77) in 2015.



Shane Walsh was the hero of the epic five-overtime 4-3 win at Notre Dame in the first round of the Hockey East Playoffs. The contest was the longest in NCAA history and his stick and jersey will be enshrined in the Hockey Hall of Fame.



Ryan Bamford, pictured with Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy, was introduced as UMass' new Director of Athletics on March 23.



A veteran of the collegiate and professional ranks, Fran O'Leary was named new head men's soccer coach in February.



Blake Frohnapef threw for 589 yards against Bowling Green, setting a UMass and MAC record.



The rowing team won the Women's Title at the prestigious Dad Vail Regatta taking first in all three top events.



Brendan Hegarty's hat trick propelled No. 4 UMass past top-seed and 19th-ranked Fairfield in the CAA Semifinals.



Kim Pierre-Louis posted a pair of 30+ point games during the 2014-15 season and finished her career with 1,099 points.



Becky Stoyle won four A-10 titles, four New England titles and was a three-time NCAA qualifier during her career.



The women's lacrosse team won its 36th straight A-10 match marking the second-longest streak in NCAA history.



Quianna Diaz-Peterson closed her career in record fashion as one of the all-time great hitters for the Minutewomen.



Alessandro Bompreszi was the Most Outstanding Performer at the A-10 Championships winning three events.



The field hockey team defeated La Salle 3-1 in October to give Carla Tagliente her 50th win at UMass in four years.



UMass' Maroon Scholars are presented with a sash to wear for graduation to recognize their achievements in the classroom as well as in sport.

UMass student-athletes once again enjoyed tremendous success in the classroom which was punctuated by over 100 earning diplomas during winter and spring graduation ceremonies. The 650 student-athletes had a fall semester cumulative GPA of 3.088 and a spring GPA of 3.092. A total of 13 teams posted over a 3.0 GPA in the fall and spring.

Over 350 student-athletes had a GPA of 3.0 or higher, while 167 earned UMass Dean's List honors with a 3.5 or above.

Individually, Rachel Hilliard enjoyed tremendous recognition to close out her UMass career in cross country and track. Hilliard earned Academic All-America honors, received the A-10 Postgraduate Scholarship and was a nominee for the A-10 Scholar-Athlete of the Year as well as the NCAA Woman of the Year.

Also earning Academic All-America honors was Josh Schwartz of the men's soccer team. The senior also picked up his third academic all-region selection as well and was a member of the Atlantic 10 All-Academic Team and was chosen as the A-10 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Curt Owen of the men's track and field team was recognized during the spring Commencement Ceremonies as one of 10 UMass 21st Century Leaders for his innovation in business as he launched three companies during his undergraduate career and helped write business plans for three local small businesses helping them re-open after a devastating building fire.

Additionally, four UMass teams were honored in May with NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) Public Recognition Awards - men's outdoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, women's cross country and softball. To be recognized, a program must rank in the top 10 percent within its sport nationally according to overall team academic performance during a four-year period.

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

- Lauren Allymohamed - Field Hockey²
- Katie Arnott - Women's Swimming
- Isabel Balsavage - Tennis³
- Brennan Baxandall - Hockey
- Carol Benito - Tennis³
- Natalie Boisvert - Rowing
- Sam Carlino - Field Hockey²
- Katie Clark - Field Hockey²
- Hailey Cockrum - Field Hockey²
- Joe Colton - Football
- Anne Dijkstra - Field Hockey²
- Rachel Dushman - Women's Diving
- Blake Frohnapfel - Football¹
- Ben Gallacher - Hockey
- Michael Glenn - Men's Swimming
- Marc Hetnik - Hockey
- Rachel Hilliard - Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track
- Fabian Hoeller - Football
- Grace Horgan - Field Hockey²
- Jake Horton - Hockey
- Alex Kenney - Football
- Courtney Kromko - Indoor Track
- Nicole Kuerzi - Field Hockey²
- Julia Larson - Tennis³
- Zack LaRue - Hockey
- Clíodhna Loughlin - Field Hockey²
- Aarzo Malik - Tennis³
- Steve Mastalerz - Hockey
- Brian McDonald - Football
- Krysten Menks - Rowing
- Nicole Miller - Field Hockey²
- Emily Mital - Women's Basketball
- Troy Power - Hockey
- Shauna Rankin-Byrne - Field Hockey²
- Adam Richard - Football
- Josh Schwartz - Men's Soccer
- Lauren St. Pierre - Rowing
- Andrew Sokol - Men's Lacrosse
- Matt Sparks - Football¹
- Mirra Stillman - Field Hockey²
- Paolo Tavares - Men's Outdoor Track & Field
- Amber Tobin - Women's Lacrosse
- Matt Tuleja - Football
- Alex Wakaluk - Hockey
- Oleg Yevenko - Hockey¹
- Jocelyn Yuen - Women's Swimming

1 denotes MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athletes
 2 denotes NFCA Academic Squad
 3 denotes ITA Scholar Athlete



Alex Kenney was one of eight football players to earn All-MAC academic accolades.



NCAA WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Rachel Hilliard - Cross Country/Track & Field

A-10 MALE SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Josh Schwartz - Men's Soccer

A-10 SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Rachel Hilliard - Cross Country/Track & Field

Josh Schwartz - Men's Soccer

A-10 POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Rachel Hilliard - Cross Country/Track & Field



Rachel Hilliard

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

Rachel Hilliard - Cross Country/Track & Field

Josh Schwartz - Men's Soccer

ACADEMIC ALL-REGION

Rachel Hilliard - Cross Country/Track & Field

Fabian Hoeller - Football

Josh Schwartz - Men's Soccer

Matt Sparks - Football



Josh Schwartz

UMASS 21st CENTURY LEADER

Curt Owen - Men's Track & Field

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Curt Owen



Courtney Kromko

UMASS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Presented by the UMass Sports Luncheon Committee

Rachel Hilliard (Fall) - Cross Country

Josh Schwartz (Fall) - Men's Soccer

Michael Glenn (Winter) - Men's Swimming

Courtney Kromko (Winter) - Indoor Track

Lauren St. Pierre (Spring) - Rowing

Ben Panunzio (Spring) - Baseball



UMASS HOME COMING 2014



It was a picturesque New England day last September as the Minutemen hosted Homecoming back in McGuirk Alumni Stadium for the first time since renovations to the facility began prior to the 2013 season. The match-up against Bowling Green marked the first game at McGuirk as an FBS program and saw a sell-out of 17,000 fans in the stadium.



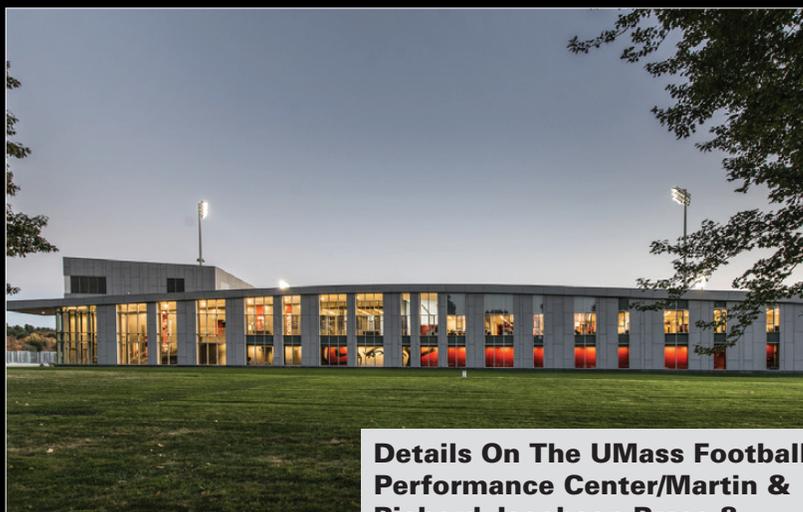


Beginning in 2014, the Minutemen have enjoyed a new home base of operations on campus with the UMass Football Performance Center adjacent to McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Ground was officially broken April 2013 and construction was soon after underway on the state-of-the-art building which is one of the premier football facilities in the Northeast.

In addition to the Football Performance Center, the new Martin & Richard Jacobson Press and Skybox Complex was also part of the \$34.5 million upgrade project at McGuirk Stadium. The Performance Center is a 55,000 square foot complex which includes coaches offices, a new locker room space, meeting rooms, athletic training facilities and a dedicated strength and conditioning facility.

Martin Jacobson '68BBA committed a gift of \$2.5 million to the project with the Press & Skybox Complex named in honor of him and his brother.

The new addition to McGuirk Stadium now has ample space to accommodate national television groups and radio and news media for games and other events.



Details On The UMass Football Performance Center/Martin & Richard Jacobson Press & Skybox Complex:

The state-of-the-art Football Performance Center marks the first-ever dedicated facility housing all support elements for the UMass football program. The two-level complex greets visitors with a foyer displaying proud moments in the program's history while providing a dynamic vision of the future. Office space, meeting rooms, a multi-purpose/formal event space and a terrace overlooking the field highlight the upper level. The lower level houses the locker room, equipment room, strength and conditioning space and the athletic training room. The Martin & Richard Jacobson Press & Skybox Complex contains dedicated booths for media, television, radio and instant replay along with game operations. The project designer/architect was Perkins & Will, Inc., while the contractor was Consigli Construction Co., Inc.



Brothers Martin & Richard Jacobson cut the ribbon at last September's Press & Skybox Complex dedication ceremony.





JOHN FRANCIS KENNEDY CHAMPIONS CENTER



"I believe that in order to achieve its mission, to better serve students and student-athletes, the University must invest in the finest facilities to house, teach and train them. I hope when students, athletes and alumni experience the Champions Center they are reminded of how education is the foundation on which we build our life achievements."

- John Francis Kennedy '76MS

Beginning with the 2015-16 season, the UMass men's and women's basketball programs will have a new official home as the John Francis Kennedy Champions Center for UMass Basketball is completed. The \$22 million, state-of-the-art facility gives each team a dedicated practice and training space while bringing all support units for the two programs under one roof.

The 53,000-square foot facility houses the daily operations for each program, including practice courts for each team with seven hoops, office space for the coaching staffs, locker rooms and areas for team meals, academics, strength and conditioning and athletic training services. It will also contain a Hall of Fame to display the rich history of UMass basketball.

The ground floor consists of the primary player development areas of the facility. In addition to the two full-size practice courts, the lower lev-

el houses the player's lounge and locker rooms, the sports medicine and weight rooms, theater-style film room, dining area, laundry facilities and equipment storage.

A Legacy Hall dedicated to the tradition and history of both programs runs the length of the East side corridor and leads to a tunnel connecting the Champions Center to the Mullins Center.

The upper level consist of office suites and conference rooms for both programs, and an entry foyer with a VIP lounge and balcony overlooking each practice courts.

The facility will also be used for campus events such as intramural basketball championships.



John Francis Kennedy Champions Center for UMass Basketball

Recognition Opportunities	Gift	Status
Practice Court - Men	\$1,000,000	
Practice Court - Women	\$1,000,000	RESERVED
Legacy Hall – Hall of Fame	\$750,000	
Strength & Conditioning Center	COMMITTED	COMMITTED
Team Locker Room - Men	\$500,000	RESERVED
Team Locker Room - Women	\$400,000	
Sports Medicine Center	\$300,000	
Men's Basketball Office Suite	\$250,000	COMMITTED
Women's Basketball Office Suite	\$200,000	
Head Coach's Office - Men	\$200,000	RESERVED
Head Coach's Office - Women	\$150,000	
VIP & Recruiting Lounge – Men/Women	\$150,000	COMMITTED
Players' Lounge – Men/Women	\$150,000	
Team Video Room – Men/Women	\$100,000	
Coach's Locker Room - Men	\$50,000	
Coach's Locker Room - Women	\$50,000	
Assistant Coaches' Office – Men (3)	\$25,000	2 COMMITTED
Assistant Coaches' Offices – Women (5)	\$25,000	
Men's Director of Basketball Operations Office	\$25,000	COMMITTED
Men's Director of Player Personnel Office	\$25,000	RESERVED
Women's Conference Room	\$25,000	
Men's Conference Room	\$25,000	COMMITTED
Head Strength Coach Office	\$15,000	RESERVED
Head Trainers Office (2)	\$15,000	\$15,000

For more information on recognition opportunities, please contact Senior Associate AD/ Executive Director of Development Rocko Deluca at 413-545-0750.



Track & Field Complex Scoreboard

Thanks to a generous donation from UMass alumnus John Legere '80BBA, President and CEO for T-Mobile, the UMass Track & Field Complex received a new scoreboard in April.

The Minutemen and Minutewomen dedicated the new Daktronics scoreboard prior to their Pre-Conference meet on April 22. In addition to Legere's contribution, the project also received support from the Bigelow Family.

The new board will not only be capable of displaying results during home meets, but also has an LED video matrix board as part of the set-up.

In recognition of Legere's close ties to his teammates, the board has the phrase "The Greys '79-'80" displayed at the bottom of the display - a reference to his senior class nickname honoring the famous Boyden grey workout attire given to student-athletes.



UMass Rowing Boathouse

Officially dedicated in Sept. 2013, the UMass rowing team enjoyed another terrific season thanks in part to the Minutewomen's new boathouse.

The nearly 5,800 square-foot structure is located adjacent to the Connecticut River by the Calvin Coolidge Bridge. With three large bay doors allowing the storage and maintenance of boats, it also includes team function space, a locker room and space for storing training and competition equipment.

Since coming online, the facility has given the program a decisive advantage both in competition and recruiting. In 2013 and 2014, UMass won the Atlantic 10 Conference title and qualified for the NCAA Championships.



Garber Field (Above)

During the course of the summer, Garber Field received a new field turf surface replacing the old astroturf surface which the facility had for nearly a decade.

In addition to the change in surface, the field was also widened and lengthened to accommodate the return of women's lacrosse to the facility. For nearly the past decade, the Minutewomen had been playing at McGuirk Stadium due to the size of the field turf surface there.

The playing surface now measures 374-feet long by 223-feet wide allowing the iconic venue to be a lacrosse dedicated facility. A new netting system at each end line will also be installed as part of the upgrade.

New windscreens along the perimeter fencing will also be installed celebrating the long history of both programs.

Finally, the new surface will also have the name of the Hall of Fame coach it is named after as Richard F. Garber Field will be embedded in the field itself.

Gladchuk Field Hockey Complex (Below)

One of New England's top field hockey programs and a perennial national power, the Minutewomen received a dedicated facility of their own which was also built over the 2015 summer.

Utilizing the first field of the Gladchuk Sports Complex, the UMass field hockey program will now have a state-of-the-art field hockey surface.

The new facility will have lights for night games, fixed seating for fans, a new press box, and restroom facilities. The venue also has a fixed, high-pressure watering system installed to maintain an optimal playing surface.

Additionally, the facility will allow the Minutewomen to host conference and NCAA Tournament competition in future years.





The Minutemen Club

The Minutemen Club has been an invaluable resource for the UMass Athletic Department since it was established in 1991. Originally started as the UMass Athletic Fund, the Minutemen Club has broadened its purpose to include programmatic support for student-athletes, capital gifts and endowments. Annual gifts to the Minutemen Club support all 21 varsity sports and more than 650 student-athletes.

Our Purpose

The Minutemen Club is the official annual fundraising organization dedicated to supporting UMass Athletics. Members of the Minutemen Club empower our student-athletes and coaches with the necessary resources to be nationally competitive.

Specifically, donations to the Minutemen Club help fund scholarships, academic support services, athletic training, strength & conditioning, team budgets (including recruiting, travel and equipment), and facilities. With your support, UMass can continue to recruit, educate and train the best and brightest student-athletes.



UMass Rising Campaign

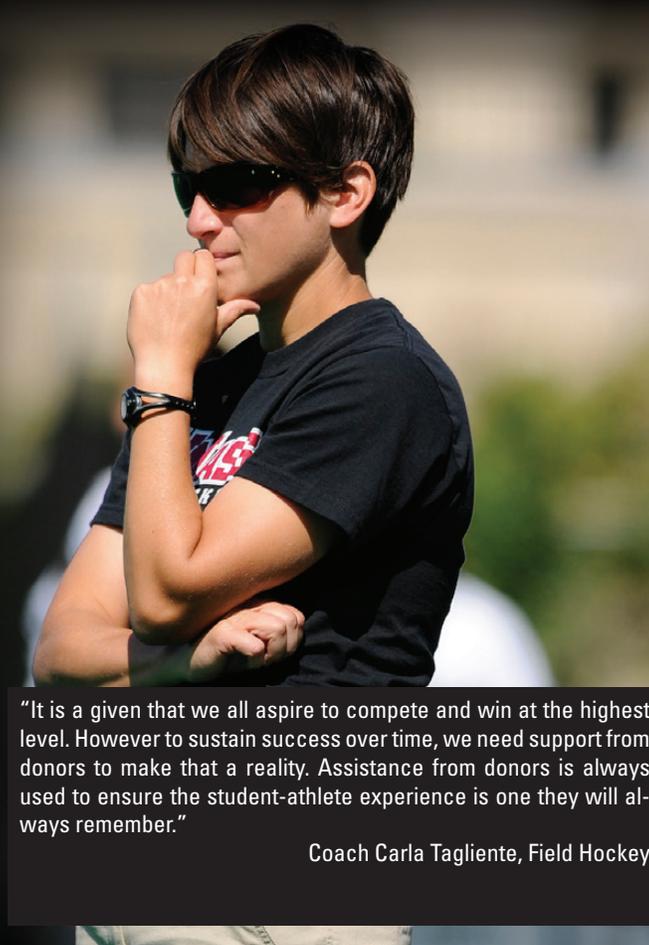
In 2010, UMass Athletics asked donors to increase their support through the UMass Rising Campaign, which is entering its last year. To date UMass Athletics has raised over \$24 million in cash and commitments and over 4,000 donors have participated as donors to this comprehensive campaign. Highlighting the progress of this year's fundraising efforts will be the opening of The John Francis Kennedy Champions Center, our new training facility dedicated to the men's and women's basketball programs.



Sport Specific Booster Programs

In addition providing unrestricted funds to the general Minutemen Club, gifts made to specific booster programs directly impact each team at an individual level and allow additional funding to go towards travel, program enhancements, and other special projects. While booster programs have separate membership levels and benefits, every gift of \$25 or more qualifies you as a member of the Minutemen Club.

DIAMOND CLUB BASEBALL	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
COURT CLUB MEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD
POND CLUB ICE HOCKEY	WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY/ TRACK & FIELD
BRIDIRON CLUB FOOTBALL	FIELD HOCKEY
LAXBACKERS MEN'S LACROSSE	SOFTBALL
MEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S LACROSSE
WOMEN'S SOCCER	WOMEN'S ROWING
	MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING
	MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING
	WOMEN'S TENNIS



"It is a given that we all aspire to compete and win at the highest level. However to sustain success over time, we need support from donors to make that a reality. Assistance from donors is always used to ensure the student-athlete experience is one they will always remember."

Coach Carla Tagliente, Field Hockey



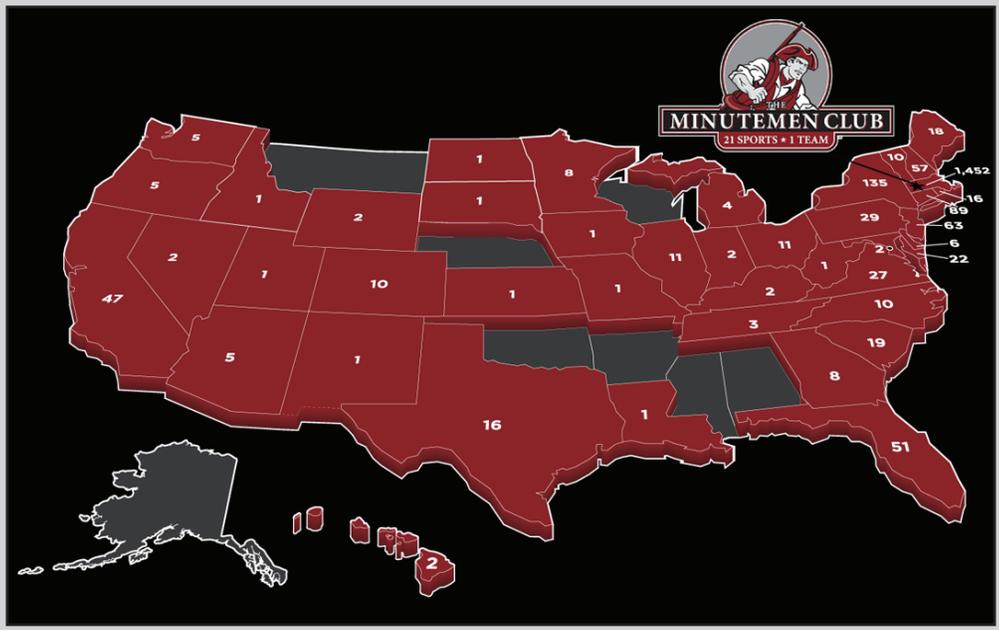
Endowment & Planned Giving

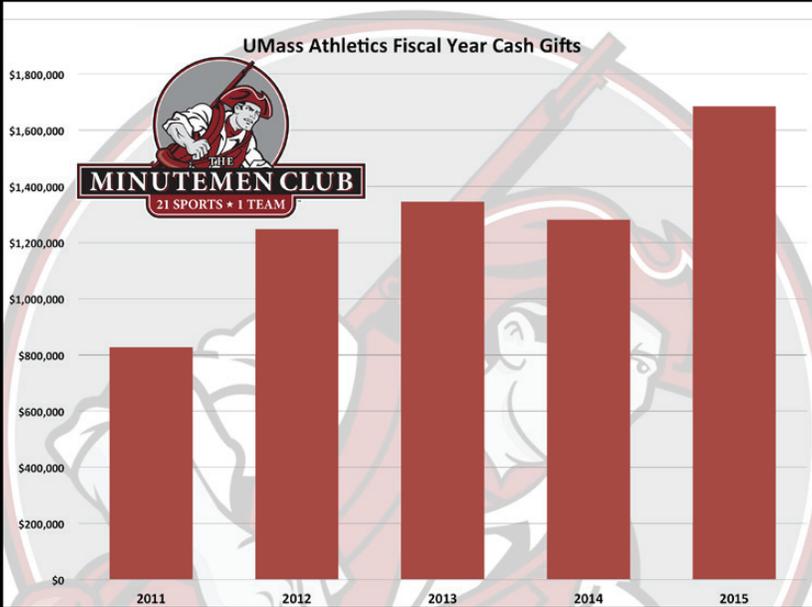
The University of Massachusetts Athletics' endowment and gift planning program is intended to help fund student-athlete scholarships and operational needs of the department. These gifts directly benefit UMass student-athletes, and create a legacy that will support UMass Athletics now and in perpetuity. Thank you to our generous donors who support the Minutemen Club Endowment program. For more information, please contact the Minutemen Club at 413-545-4290

- Class of 1981 Cheerleaders Endowment
- Donald P. Allan Scholarship Award
- Ashcraft Student-Athlete Scholarship
- George Barber Fund
- Homer J. Barr Scholarship
- Oswald Behrend Award
- Bill Belcher Soccer Scholarship
- Bernard Bussel Scholarship Fund
- Cole Athletic Fund
- James W. Dietz Rowing Endowment
- Football Educational Advancement Fund
- M. Fogarty Mem Scholarship
- Vic Fusia Endowed Scholarship
- University of Massachusetts Lacrosse Fund
- Stephen T. Lipton Soccer Scholarship Fund
- Leaman Legacy Fund
- Lorden Scholarship Fund
- Men's Cross Country & Track & Field Scholarship
- McGuirk Alumni Stadium Renovation
- Menton Scholarship
- Allan Leon Pond Fund
- Joseph R. Rogers, Jr. Swim Support Fund
- John R. Suleski Sr. Memorial Soccer Scholarship
- Athletics Swimming & Diving Endowment
- Taube Fund
- Westman Memorial Fund

National Club Members

UMass Athletics thanks the 727 out-of-state Minutemen Club members who invested in UMass student-athletes during the past fiscal year. Approximately one-third of our membership resides outside of Massachusetts and our coaches, staff, and student-athletes are extremely thankful to have donor representation in 42 states and the District of Columbia. Our goal moving forward is to fill this map entirely and we ask for your help by recruiting your most passionate UMass friends to join the Minutemen Club.





The Minutemen Club saw its best fiscal year in 2015 with over \$1.6 million in cash donations - a 31% increase over the 2014 fiscal year.

Champion

\$25,000+

Daniel & Judith Dolan
David Manganaro
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John Legere
Kenneth D. Hintlian
Marty Jacobson
Paul Manganaro
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UMass Alumni Association
UMass Foundation, Inc.
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Hall of Fame

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Ron Nathan
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Wesley & Kristine Depp
William Cunningham Sr.
William M. Forte

Minutemen Club Membership By Level

Minuteman – 888
Maroon – 697
Varsity – 234
All-Conference – 134
All-American – 109
Ring of Honor – 34
Hall of Fame – 21
Legend – 19
Champion – 8

