



### SHANE LYONS

Time really does fly by when you are having fun. Last year when I checked in with you, I was on the job only six months as your athletic director and one year later here we are again. It's been fun, because it was a good year for the Mountaineers, and we are already focused on the 2016-17 season.

Before we close the books on 2015-16 though, there were many great accomplishments to bring to your attention, and I think you will enjoy looking back at some great moments in this yearly review. Your Mountaineer student-athletes and coaches worked hard to bring success and pride to our state, and that goal will never change.

While you take a few moments to recap a very successful year, I want to use this space to call attention to some special student-athletes, coaches and accomplishments. Football's exciting win in the Cactus Bowl was led by Skyler Howard and Shaq Petteway's MVP performances, but you want to know what makes me most proud about the bowl game, we had 17 players on the field who already had their college degrees in hand and that number was one of the most among teams playing in bowl games last year.

Women's soccer reached the round of eight and won the Big 12 Conference regular season title. Kadeisha Buchanan was the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year, a finalist for the Hermann Trophy and the best young player in last summer's Women's World Cup. To top it off, she and Mountaineer teammate Ashely Lawrence, who also played for Team Canada in last summer's World Cup, will represent their homeland in the Rio Olympics this summer. Coach Huggins and his team had another great season, reaching the Big 12 championship game in March, defeated No. 1-ranked Kansas along the way in January, while women's basketball coach Mike Carey became the program's all-time winningest coach on his way to compiling more than 300 WVU wins and 600 career wins.

Rifle defended and won its 18th national championship, as Ginny Thrasher dominated the air rifle and smallbore competitions on her way to Olympian status. Coach Mazey's baseball team made a great run down the stretch to the Big 12 championship game, just missing an NCAA tournament berth. And don't forget about golfer Alan Cooke, who won the West Virginia State Amateur as our golf team completed its first year back as a varsity sport.

As far as facilities go, the east side of Milan Puskar Stadium will be ready for the 2016 season. For the season opener, fans will enjoy new concessions, restrooms, entry gates and wider concourses on that side. Work is underway on the west side with the goal of it being ready for 2017. Football's renovated practice facility opened in

the spring, and that certainly will help with weekly preparation. Finally, the WVU Coliseum's 46-year old concourses and restrooms are getting a much-needed makeover from a project that project started in March.

Those are just a few of the highlights, but you will see that 2015-16 produced 30 All-Americans, 110 all-conference performers, eight national award honorees, eight conference award winners, six major coaching awards, 14 individual NCAA qualifiers, 10 student-athletes with international team honors and 10 current or former Mountaineers who qualified for the Rio Olympics.

On top of athletic achievements, our student-athletes again excelled in the classroom. The year brought us 21 Academic All-Americans, 173 Academic All-Conference selections and 14 academic award winners. We had 520 student-athletes represented on this year's Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll and 519 on our own Garrett Ford Academic Honor Roll.

Our Academic Progress Rate (APR) and Graduation Rate (GSR) were once again very good, and above the national average. Overall, we feel good about the year and how our department is progressing.

As I told you last year, my vision for the future holds even better facilities for our student-athletes and fans. Our current project upgrades were much needed, but we can and will do more in that area. Along with you, I want our teams competing for conference and national championships, and we will continue to make you proud of us on and off the field. With that being said, I want to thank you for your generous support. None of our success could be obtained without the Mountaineer Athletic Club and our fans. Thank you for your contributions, and we will strive to continue to give you teams that perform well in the classroom and in competition. My first 16 months on the job have been a whirlwind. Time does fly by when you are having fun, and we will continue to work to make our department even stronger. I look forward to being your athletic director for many fun years to come, and we will continue to uphold the values and mission of this great state's land-grant institution.

Sincerely

Shane Lyons
Director of Athletics/Associate Vice

Director of Athletics/Associate Vice President West Virginia University

## MISSION STATEMENT

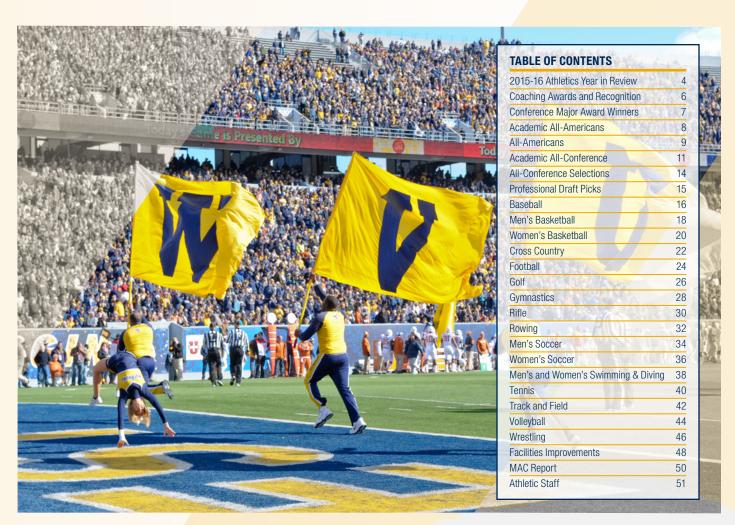
### WVU DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS MISSION

The mission of the West Virginia University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is to provide the means to empower student-athletes to develop as leaders and achieve their full potential academically, athletically and personally. As an integral part of WVU, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is

committed to supporting the broader mission of the University through the integration of athletics in the academic community.

In achieving this mission, the defining principles are reflected in Mountaineer P.R.I.D.E.:

- PEOPLE We will recognize that the foundation of WVU Athletics is the people student-athletes, coaches, staff and the greater Mountaineer community.
- **RESPECT** We will represent and embrace the importance of diversity, inclusion, sportsmanship and fairness.
- **INTEGRITY** We will operate with commitment to fiscal integrity, personal accountability, and compliance within the rules, policies and procedures of respective governing bodies.
- **DEDICATION** We will dedicate resources to promote growth and development of the academic, physical, emotional and social well-being of student-athletes and professional development of coaches and staff.
- **EXCELLENCE** We will commit to comprehensive excellence by positioning sport programs to compete with distinction at the highest levels academically and athletically.



## 2015-16 ATHLETICS IN REVIEW

**BASEBALL:** 36-22, 12-11 Big 12; 4th place Big 12

CROSS COUNTRY: 3rd place at Big 12 Championship; NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional; 1 NCAA Championship Qualifier

MEN'S BASKETBALL: 26-9, 13-5 Big 12; 2nd place Big 12; NCAA First Round

#### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL:**

25-10, 12-6 Big 12; 3rd place Big 12; NCAA Second Round

**FOOTBALL:** 8-5, 4-5 Big 12; T-5th place Big 12; Cactus Bowl Champions

GYMNASTICS: 11-8, 1-5 Big 12; 3rd place Big 12; 5th place NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional

**ROWING:** 8th place at Big 12 Championship

RIFLE: 12-0, 8-0 GARC; GARC Regular-Season & Postseason Champions; NCAA Champions

MEN'S SOCCER: 7-12-0, 2-3-0

MAC; 4th place MAC

WOMEN'S SOCCER: 19-3-1, 6-0-1 Big 12; Big 12 Regular-Season Champions; NCAA Quarterfinals

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING: 2nd place Big 12; 1 NCAA Qualifier: Andrew Marsh

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING: 4th place Big 12

**WOMEN'S TENNIS:** 6-16, 0-9 Big 12; 10th place Big 12

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD AND FIELD: Indoor-9th Big 12; Outdoor-9th Big 12; 8 NCAA Qualifiers

**VOLLEYBALL:** 5-24, 0-16 Big 12; 10th place Big 12

WRESTLING: 8-10, 0-4 Big 12; 6th place at Big 12 Championship; 4 NCAA Qualifiers

**NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONS** 

Rifle



Nikki**IZZO-BROWN**, Big 12 Coach of the Year



#### **COACHING AWARDS & RECOGNITION**



Big 12 Coach of the Year



WBCA Victory Club Award (300 wins)



GARC Coach of the Year



Uplifting Athletes Rare Disease Champion Award Finalist



NSCAACentral Region Assistant Coach of the Year



#### **CONFERENCE MAJOR AWARD WINNERS**



WOMEN'S SOCCER
Big 12 Defensive Player
of the Year



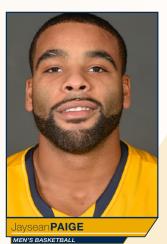
Big 12 Freshman of the Year



WOMEN'S SOCCER
Big 12 Co-Freshman
of the Year



Big 12 Newcomer of the Year



Big 12 Sixth Man Award



Nathan HOWELLS

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year



GARC Senior of the Year GARC Shooter of the Year



#### **FIRST TEAM**







#### **SECOND TEAM**





Jack**ELLIOTT** 

**THIRD TEAM** 







#### **ALL-AMERICANS**

#### **FIRST TEAM**



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WOMEN'S SOCCER
NSCAA



NRA Air Rifle



CRCA; NRA Smallbore



ProFootballFocus



NSCAA



NRA Smallbore



CRCA; NRA Air Rifle; NRA Smallbore



NRA Air Rifle



CRCA; NRA Air Rifle



#### **SECOND TEAM**

MichaelBAMSEY, Rifle, CRCA

Amanda HILL, Women's Soccer, Senior CLASS Award

BriaHOLMES, Women's Basketball, Senior CLASS Award

Meelis KIISK, Rifle, NRA Air Rifle

Kirah KOSHINSKI, Gymnastics, NACGC/W Regular Season (Vault)

Jamie MERRIAM, Men's Soccer, Senior CLASS Award

PatrickSUNDERMAN, Rifle, CRCA; NRA Smallbore

GinnyTHRASHER, Rifle, NRA Smallbore

#### **THIRD TEAM**

Karl JOSEPH, Football, CBS Sports

Jean-Pierre LUCAS, Rifle, CRCA

#### **FRESHMAN**

Darius HILL, Baseball, Louisville Slugger; National Collegiate Baseball Writers; Baseball America

Ivan VERA, Baseball, Baseball All-America

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Elizabeth GRATZ, Rifle, CRCA; NRA Smallbore

Bria HOLMES, Women's Basketball, Associated Press; Women's Basketball Coaches Association

Jean-Pierre LUCAS, Rifle, NRA Air Rifle

Karl JOSEPH, Football, Sl.com All-American

#### **NATIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

KadeishaBUCHANAN, Women's Soccer, Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy Finalist; 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup; Best Young Player Award; BMO Canadian Female Player of the Year; Soccer Net News Women's College Boot; Award; Collegiate Women's Sports Awards Honda Sport Award nominee; CONCA-CAF Female Player of the Year Award nominee; CONCACAF Female Best XI Defender Award nominee; TopDrawerSoccer.com Best XI First Team

BriaHOLMES, Women's Basketball, Senior CLASS Award finalist

Amanda HILL, Women's Soccer, Senior CLASS Award finalist

Ashley LAWRENCE, Women's Soccer, Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy Semifinalist; CONCACAF Female Best XI; Midfielder Award nominee; TopDrawerSoccer.com Best XI Second Team

Jaysean PAIGE, Men's Basketball, Reese's NABC Division I All-Stars

Tynice MARTIN, Women's Basketball, USBWA National Freshman of the Year finalist

Jamie MERRIAM, Men's Soccer, Senior CLASS Award finalist

Devin WILLIAMS, Men's Basketball, Allstate NABC Good Works Team nominee

#### NCAA TEAM QUALIFIERS

Cross Country

**Gymnastics** 

Men's Basketball

Rifle

Women's Basketball

Women's Soccer

#### NCAA INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Dylan COTTRELL, Wrestling

AndrewMARSH, Men's Swimming and Diving

ZekeMOISEY, Wrestling

Millie PALADINO, Cross Country

BubbaSCHEFFEL, Wrestling

Jacob A. SMITH, Wrestling

#### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Ginny THRASHER, Rifle, Top Performer

### NCAA ACADEMIC PROGRESS RATE (APR) RECOGNITION

Men's Basketball

Rowing



#### FIRST TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

DarrenARNDT, Football

JadARSLAN, Men's Soccer

Aria ASSELTA, Rowing

MichaelBAMSEY, Rifle

Hailey BARRETT, Women's Tennis

Maggie BEDILLION, Women's Soccer

Robyn**BERNARD**, Gymnastics

Madeline BOLIN, Women's Swimming & Diving

Brandon**BOONE**, Baseball

Mackenzie BRADEN, Women's Swimming & Diving

Megan BROPHY, Rowing

AlishaBROWNFIELD, Rowing

Ivo CABRAL, Men's Soccer

Jevon CARTER, Men's Basketball

Amy CASHIN, Cross Country; Track & Field

LynYUEN Choo, Women's Tennis

Allie COATES, Rowing

Shaun CORSO, Baseball

Amelie CURRAT, Women's Swimming & Diving

Emily **DEMING**, Rowing

John DEPALMA, Football

Mike DESIDERIO, Men's Soccer

Alyssa DIEHL, Cross Country

Maggie DRAZBA, Cross Country

Jack**ELLIOTT**, Men's Soccer

Leah EMAUS, Women's Soccer

Morgan EMTER, Women's Swimming & Diving

RachelFAULDS, Cross Country

KelseyFRANTZ, Women's Swimming & Diving

Aidan FUMAGALLI, Men's Swimming & Diving

Gianna GOTTERBA, Volleyball

Jordan GILLETTE, Gymnastics

Jamiee GILLMORE, Women's Swimming & Diving

RossGLEGG, Men's Swimming & Diving

Elizabeth GRATZ, Rifle

Ray GUERRINI, Baseball

Brynn**HARSHBARGER**, Cross Country

Susannah HARTLOVE, Rowing

AmandaHILL, Women's Soccer

Elizabeth HOOPER, Rowing

Nathan HOWELLS, Men's Swimming & Diving



MelissaIDELL, Gymnastics

Jake IOTTE, Men's Swimming & Diving

Elizabeth KANTAK, Rowing

Brianna KEREKES, Cross Country; Track & Field

Meelis KIISK, Rifle

James KOVAL, Men's Swimming & Diving

Corinne KULE, Cross Country

JaidaLAWRENCE, Gymnastics

ZakLEEDOM, Men's Soccer

Carolina LEWIS, Women's Tennis

Andrew MARSH, Men's Swimming & Diving

CeliaMARTINEZ De La Torree, Women's Swimming & Diving

ShamoyaMCNEIL, Track & Field

JoeMILLER, Men's Swimming & Diving

Daxter MILES, Men's Basketball

Morgan MONTGOMERY, Volleyball

Louisa MORGAN, Rowing

KajaMRGOLE, Women's Tennis

Katie MURTO, Women's Swimming & Diving

Tyler ORLOSKY, Football

Millie PALADINO, Cross Country

Savanna PLOMBON, Cross Country; Track & Field

Abbigail REES, Rowing

LindsaySCHMIDT, Women's Swimming & Diving

Sydney SCOTT, Cross Country; Track & Field

HabibaSHAKER, Women's Tennis

KhairiSHARIFF, Football

Hannah SHEREVE, Volleyball

Jackson SIGMAN, Baseball

EmmaSKELLEY, Women's Swimming & Diving

MaxwellSPENCER, Men's Swimming & Diving

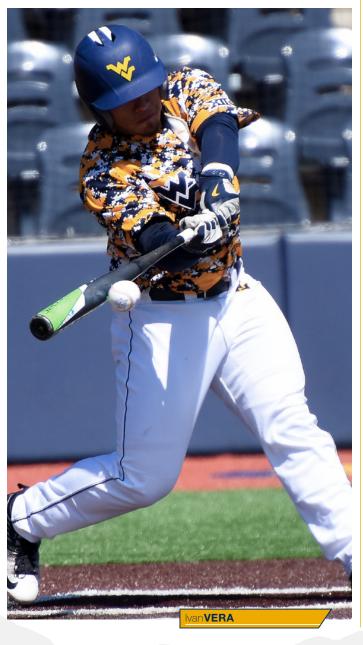
Jacqueline SPIROPOULOS, Rowing

Hannah STONE, Track & Field

PatrickSUNDERMAN, Rifle

PaigeSZABAT, Cross Country

RossVANCE, Baseball



Kailey UTLEY, Women's Soccer

BriaWELKER, Track & Field

RebeccaWENDT, Track & Field

Kelly WILLIAMS, Cross Country; Track & Field

ChrisWILLIAMS, Golf

Loren WILLIAMS, Women's Swimming & Diving

#### **ACADEMIC ALL-BIG 12 ROOKIE TEAM**

Cole AUSTIN, Baseball

Jacob**BREWER,** Baseball

Tanner CAMPBELL, Baseball

Michael GROVE, Baseball

Endy**MORALES**, Baseball

Alexis BREWER, Women's Basketball

KatrinaPARDEE, Women's Basketball

YassemeenSA'DULLAH, Women's Basketball

LaurenSAIKI, Women's Basketball

OliviaSEGGIE, Women's Basketball

AnnaFRENCH, Cross Country

Olivia HILL, Cross Country

Tristan NICHOLLS, Golf

Carly GALPIN, Gymnastics

Kirah KOSHINSKI, Gymnastics

Jaquie**TUN**, Gymnastics

Tiara**WRIGHT**, Gymnastics

Madison**HRYNDA**, Rowing

Carly **LEDBETTER**, Rowing

Hannah ABRAHAM, Women's Soccer

Laurel CARPENTER, Women's Soccer

Patricia FERNANDEZ, Women's Soccer

VanessaFLORES. Women's Soccer

Sh'NiaGORDON, Women's Soccer

Easther MAYI Kith, Women's Soccer

Amanda SAYMON. Women's Soccer

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BiancaST. Georges, Women's Soccer

GeorgiaBALDUS, Women's Swimming & Diving

Marah BIEGER, Women's Swimming & Diving

EmmottBLITCH, Men's Swimming & Diving

Julia CALCUT, Women's Swimming & Diving

Emilie CHAMBERS, Women's Swimming & Diving

Drew DAMICH, Men's Swimming & Diving

Fernando DUENAS, Men's Swimming & Diving

LexiGLASSMIRE, Women's Swimming & Diving

SamHALL, Women's Swimming & Diving

EmmaHARRIS, Women's Swimming & Diving

AdamPOE, Men's Swimming & Diving

Jake PREASKORN, Men's Swimming & Diving

Mary SMITH, Women's Swimming & Diving

Jake WILLIAMS, Men's Swimming & Diving

MadelynWOODS, Women's Swimming & Diving

Paula GOETZ, Tennis

Abigail ROISELLO, Tennis

Kirsten WHITE, Tennis

Danique BRYAN, Track & Field

Jordan HESS, Track & Field

Chagieta ROBINSON, Track & Field

Connor FLYNN, Wrestling

### COLLEGE RIFLE COACHES ASSOCIATION (CRCA) SCHOLASTIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

WillANTI

Michael **BAMSEY** 

Elizabeth **GRATZ** 

Meelis KIISK

Jean-Pierre LUCAS

**GarrettSPURGEON** 

Patrick**SUNDERMAN** 

**GinnyTHRASHER** 

#### COLLEGE ROWING COACHES ASSOCIATION (CRCA) NATIONAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Alisha**BROWNFIELD** 

**EmilyDEMING** 

Elizabeth **HOOPER** 

**MadisonJAMES** 

Louisa**MORGAN** 

Jacqueline **SPIROPOULOS** 

## COLLEGE SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (CSCAA) SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM AWARD

West Virginia Women's Swimming and Diving Team



### COLLEGE SWIMMING COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (CSCAA) SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

EmmottBLITCH, Honorable Mention

Julia CALCUT, Honorable Mention

Amelie CURRAT, Honorable Mention

Aidan FUMAGALLI, Honorable Mention

Jaimee GILLMORE, Honorable Mention

Andrew MARSH, First Team

Lindsay SCHMIDT, Honorable Mention

Madelyn WOODS, Honorable Mention

### MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR ATHLETES

**JackELLIOTT** 

#### NACGC/W SCHOLASTIC ALL-AMERICANS

**Dayah HALEY** 

Jaida**LAWRENCE** 

Mackenzie **MYERS** 

Lia**SALZANO** 

Erica**SMITH** 

Maci**SUMP** 

#### **NSCAA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD**

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** 

#### **NSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA**

Kailey UTLEY, Women's Soccer, Third Team

#### **ACADEMIC AWARDS**

CarlyBLACK, Women's Soccer, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

John DEPALMA, Football, National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society

Allie DIEHL, Track & Field/Cross Country, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

Maggie DRAZBA, Track & Field/Cross Country, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

Taylor GILL, Women's Swimming & Diving, Academic Momentum Award First Team

Elizabeth GRATZ, Rifle, WVU GARC Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Peyton HAMPSON, Track & Field/Cross Country, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

Amanda HILL, Women's Soccer, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award; 2016 Order of Augusta; WVU Foundation Outstanding Scholar; Big 12 Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarship

Brianna KEREKES, Track & Field/Cross Country, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

Corinne KULE, Track & Field/Cross Country, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

Katie**MURTO,** Women's Swimming & Diving, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award; Big 12; Dr. Prentice Gautt Postgraduate Scholarship

Sydney SCOTT, Track & Field/Cross Country, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

HannahSHREVE, Volleyball, Big 12 Conference's Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award; WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior

KellyWILLIAMS, Women's Track & Field, Big 12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year

### BIG 12 SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Avery**SCHNEIDER**, *Men's Golf* Hannah**SHREVE**, *Volleyball* 

#### FIRST TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE

Michaela ABAM, Women's Soccer, All-Big 12

Michael BAMSEY, Rifle, All-GARC Smallbore

MaggieBEDILLION, Women's Soccer, All-Big 12

Danique BRYAN, Track & Field, Outdoor All-Big 12 long jump

KadeishaBUCHANAN, Women's Soccer, All-Big 12

Nate CARR, Men's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 400 IM

Amy CASHIN, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 mile run; Outdoor All-Big 12 3,000-meter steeplechase

Chad DONATO, Baseball, All-Big 12



SaraFINFROCK, Track & Field, Outdoor All-Big 12 pole vault JillianFORSEY, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 5,000-meter run;

Aidan FUMAGALLI, Men's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 200 breaststroke

Jaimee GILLMORE, Women's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 100 freestyle

Elizabeth GRATZ, Rifle, All-GARC Air Rifle

Outdoor All-Big 12 5,000-meter run

BriaHOLMES, Women's Basketball, All-Big 12 (unanimous selection)

Meelis KIISK, Rifle, All-GARC Combined Score; All-GARC Smallbore

Nick**KWIATKOSKI**, Football, Coaches' All-Big 12; ESPN.com All-Big 12, Phil Steele All-Big 12

Kirah KOSHINSKI, Gymnastics, All-Big 12 Vault

Ashley LAWRENCE, Women's Soccer, All-Big 12

AndrewMARSH, Men's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 100 freestyle

Shamoya MCNEIL, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 triple jump; Outdoor All-Big 12 triple jump

Alex OBENDORF, Men's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 Platform

Tyler ORLOSKY, Football, ESPN.com All-Big 12

NickO'TOOLE, Football, Coaches' All-Big 12; ESPN.com All-Big 12, Phil Steele All-Big 12, Associated Press All-Big 12

Millie PALADINO, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 3,000-meter run; Outdoor All-Big 12 1,500-meter run

Faith PENNY, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 high jump; Outdoor All-Big 12 high jump

Michael PROIETTO, Men's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 1-meter and platform

Emma**SKELLEY**, Women's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 1,650 freestyle

MaxSPENCER, Men's Swimming & Diving, All-Big 12 100 breaststroke; All-Big 12 200 breaststroke

Garrett SPURGEON, Rifle, All-GARC Air Rifle; All-GARC Combined Score; All-GARC Smallbore

PatrickSUNDERMAN, Rifle, All-GARC Air Rifle

Hannah STONE, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 high jump; Outdoor All-Big 12 high jump

Ginny THRASHER, Rifle, All-GARC Air Rifle; All-GARC Combined Score

Kailey UTLEY, Women's Soccer, All-Big 12

RebeccaWENDT, Track & Field, Indoor All-Big 12 1,000-meter run

Daryl WORLEY, Football, Coaches' All-Big 12; Phil Steele All-Big 12, ESPN.com All-Big 12

#### PROFESSIONAL DRAFT PICKS

KJDILLION, Football, Houston Texans (NFL), fifth round (159th overall)

Chad DONATO, Baseball, Houston Astros (MLB), 11th round (337th overall)

BriaHOLMES, Women's Basketball, Atlanta Dream (WNBA), first round (11th overall)

Karl JOSEPH, Football, Oakland Raiders (NFL), first round (14th overall)

NickKWIATKOSKI, Football, Chicago Bears (NFL), fourth round (113th overall)

WendellSMALLWOOD, Football, Philadelphia Eagles (NFL), fifth round (153rd overall)

Blake SMITH, Baseball, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (MLB), 29th round (876th overall)

Daryl WORLEY, Football, Carolina Panthers (NFL), third round (77th overall)

### INDIVIDUAL INTERNATIONAL TEAM HONORS

Willanti, Rifle, U.S. Junior National Team

MichaelBAMSEY, Rifle, Great Britain National Team

Kadeisha BUCHANAN, Women's Soccer, Team Canada 2016 Summer Olympic Games; Team Canada CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Championship CONCACAF Best XI Team; FIFPro Women's World XI Team; 2015 Women's World Cup Best Young Player; 2015 BMO Canadian Player of the Year Vanessa FLORES, Women's Soccer, Mexico U-20 National Team

Elizabeth **GRATZ**, Rifle, U.S. Junior National Team; National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship 10m air rifle Silver Medal; National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship 50m 3 positions Bronze Medal

Meelis KIISK, Rifle, Estonian National Team

Ashley LAWRENCE, Women's Soccer, Team Canada 2016 Summer Olympic Games; Team Canada CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Championship; CONCACAF Best XI Team

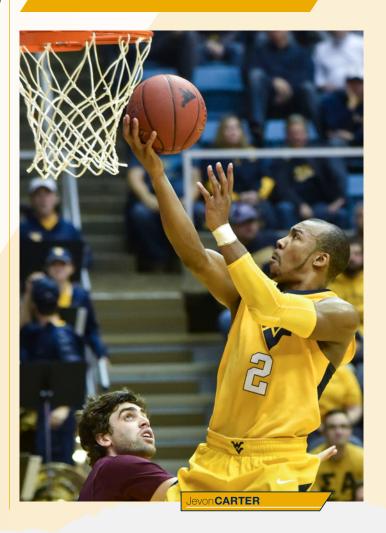
Garrett**SPURGEON,** Rifle, United States, U.S. National Team

Bianca ST. Georges, Women's Soccer, Canada U-20 National Team

GinnyTRASHER, Rifle, Team United States 2016 Summer Olympic Games

508 Student-Athletes were named to the 2015-16 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

519 Student-Athletes were named to the Garrett Ford Academic Honor Roll





### BASEBALL

RECORD: 36-22 / 12-11 BIG 12

- Won 36 games in 2016, the most wins in a single season in coach Randy Mazey's four years and the most since WVU won 37 in 2009
- Advanced to its first ever Big 12 Championship Game and made its first conference title game appearance since 1996 and 11th in team history. WVU went 3-1 at the 2016 Big 12 Championship
- ♣ Has qualified for the Big 12 Championship every year it has been in the conference and earned the No. 4 seed in 2016, its second-highest seed, after going 12-11 in the league
- Won 17 of its last 21 games to finish the season, a stretch that included a 10-game winning streak, the longest in the country at the time and WVU's longest since an 11-game winning streak in 2008
- Recorded 13 saves, the second-most in program history, led by Blake Smith's eight saves, also second-most in a single season in team history
- ♣ Had one of the youngest lineups in the country, totaling 286 starts by freshmen position players in 2016, the most in the Big 12, for an average of 4.9 freshmen starters per game
- Junior Chad Donato struck out a Big 12-best 111 batters, tied for the fifth-most in a single season in program history
- ☼ Coach Randy Mazey won his 100th game at WVU in an 11-6 victory at Kansas on March 26 to become the fifth coach in program history to eclipse the 100-win mark and the second to accomplish the feat in his first four seasons
- ♣ A total of 40,390 fans filled Monongalia County Ballpark in 2016, the highest home attendance in team history and for 30 home games, WVU averaged 1,346 fans per game, the second-highest average in program history

- Four Mountaineers were named to the All-Tournament Team, the most in program history: senior KC Huth, sophomore Kyle Davis, sophomore Conner Dotson and senior Ross Vance
- WVU collected a program-record 10 All-Big 12 honors, headlined by junior Chad Donato, who became the fourth Mountaineer to earn All-Big 12 First Team accolades
- West Virginia earned 10 Big 12 weekly honors, the most in a season since WVU joined the Big 12 for the 2013 season and tied for the most of any school in the conference in 2016
- WVU won all three Big 12 weekly awards on May 2, the first sweep of the Player, Pitcher and Newcomer of the Week awards by any Big 12 school
- Jackson Cramer became just the fifth player in conference history to earn three Player of the Week accolades in a single season and the seventh to earn the award in back-to-back weeks.
- Beginning on April 25, WVU earned at least one Big 12 award in four straight weeks.
- NCBWA Pitcher of the Week Chad Donato is the sixth Mountaineer in program history to earn national weekly honors from the NCBWA and the first to earn any national weekly honor since 2013.
- Seven were named to the Academic All-Big 12 team, with five First Team honorees.

## ColeAUSTIN Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team Jacob**BREWER** Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team Brandon**BOONE** ♠ Academic All-Big 12 First Team Tanner CAMPBELL Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team Shaun CORSO Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### Michael GROVE

- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention Team
- Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team
- Two-time Big 12 Newcomer of the Week (April 25, May 16)

#### Ray **GUERRINI**

- ♦ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- Johnny Bench Award Watch List

#### **Darius HILL**

- All-Big 12 Second Team
- Big 12 All-Freshman Team

#### **KCHUTH**

- Big 12 Player of the Week (Feb. 29)
- Big 12 All-Tournament Team



#### **EndvMORALES**

Darius **HILL** 

Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team

#### **BJMYERS**

Big 12 Pitcher of the Week (Feb. 22)

#### Jackson SIGMAN

Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### BlakeSMITH

- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention Team
- Drafted in the 29th round, 876th overall, by the Los Angeles Angels

#### **IvanVERA**

- Big 12 All-Freshman Team
- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention Team
- Big 12 Newcomer of the Week (May 2)

#### RossVANCE

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- Big 12 All-Tournament Team

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Team

**ChadDONATO** 

Jackson CRAMER

Kyle D

All-Big 12 Second Team

Three-time Big 12 Player of the

history to earn three Player of the

Academic All-Big 12 Second Team

O NCBWA National Pitcher of the Week

Drafted in the 11th round, 337th

and Big 12 Pitcher of the Week (May 3)

Big 12 All-Tournament Team

All-Big 12 First Team

Week accolades in a single season

Big 12 All-Tournament Team

#### Jimmy GALUSKY

All-Big 12 Honorable Mention Team

#### **KyleGRAY**

Big 12 Newcomer of the Week (April 11)





RECORD: 26-9 / 13-5 BIG 12

- Seventh NCAA appearance in the last nine years and ninth NCAA Tournament appearance in the last 12 years
- 11th time in school history with 25 or more wins
- ♣ Finished second in the Big 12 Conference regular season and conference tournament
- 26 wins tied for the fifth-most victories in a single season



- Led the nation in offensive rebounds with 558
- Ranked No. 8 in the final Associated Press poll
- WVU has been ranked 60 weeks in the AP poll under Bob Huggins, including 25 weeks in the AP Top 10
- Ranked 16 of 19 weeks in the AP poll, including the final 16 weeks of the season
- Opfeated No. 1 Kansas, No. 6 Oklahoma, No. 13 Iowa State, No. 15 Baylor, No. 17 Iowa State and No. 19 Baylor
- Bob Huggins is now ninth place on the all-time NCAA winningest coaches list with 791
- 20-1 when holding opponents to 69 points or less
- Bob Huggins now has wins over 34 ranked teams at WVU, including 12 wins over Top 10 teams
- Led the country in bench scoring with more than 33 points per game
- Program recorded its 1,700th win in 2015-16, ranking 23rd among Division I schools
- Finished 11-2 in non-conference, the 24th consecutive season with a winning non-conference record
- Recognition by the NCAA for high Academic Progress Rate four-year average score

#### Nathan **ADRIAN**

Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Second Team

#### **JevonCARTER**

- Big 12 All-Defensive Team (second year in a row)
- Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball First Team
- Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational All-Tournament Team
- MVP of the Chesapeake Energy Capital Classic

#### DaxterMILES JR.

- Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball First Team
- Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational All-Tournament Team

#### Jaysean **PAIGE**

- Big 12 Conference Sixth Man of the Year (unanimous selection)
- ♦ All-Big 12 Second Team honors
- First non-starter in school history to lead WVU in scoring (13.7 ppg)
- USBWA All-District 2 Team
- Big 12 Player of the Week (three times)
- Associated Press All-Big 12
- Reese's NABC Division I All-Stars
- NABC All-District Second Team

#### Devin**WILLIAMS**

- ♠ All-Big 12 Second Team honors
- Became WVU's 50th 1,000-point scorer
- ♣ Led the Big 12 Conference in rebounding and double-doubles
- Big 12 Championship All-Tournament Team
- USBWA All-District 2 Team
- Allstate NABC Good Works Team nominee
- Academic All-Big 12 Men's Basketball Second Team
- MVP of the Continental Tire Las Vegas Invitational
- Associated Press All-Big 12
- NABC All-District Second Team







# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RECORD: 26-9 / 13-5 BIG 12

- Finished third in the Big 12 Conference after being picked sixth in the preseason coaches' poll
- Made a 10th consecutive postseason appearance and reached the NCAA Tournament for the 11th time overall and the sixth time in the last seven seasons
- Ranked No. 23 in the final Associated Press Poll and No. 25 in the final USA TODAY Sports Coaches Poll, finishing ranked in both polls for the fifth time in program history
- ♣ The Mountaineers advanced to the Big 12 Championship semifinals for the second time in program history after picking up a 74-65 win over Kansas State in the quarterfinal round in Oklahoma City
- West Virginia reached the NCAA Championship Second Round for the ninth time in program history after picking up a 74-65 win over Princeton
- West Virginia has recorded 20 or more wins in nine of the last 11 seasons
- Registered a 13-2 at home and owns a 182-46 (.798) record at home under Mike Carey
- WVU is 96-7 (93.2) against non-conference opponents since 2002 and has won 24 consecutive games over nonconference foes at the Coliseum

- ◆ Four crowds of 4,000+ watched WVU at the Coliseum this season: 5,080 vs. Oklahoma State (12th), 4,328 vs. Kansas State (17th), 4,168 vs. Baylor (18th) and 4,153 vs. Texas (21st)
- Mike Carey became the program's all-time wins leader with his 302nd victory at WVU with a 94-56 victory over Morehead State on Dec. 2, 2015
- ☼ Carey produced his 600th overall career win with a 72-35 victory over Kansas on Jan. 16, 2016. He has 610 total career wins with 322 at WVU and 288 as men's coach at Salem International in 28 years as a head coach
- Carey holds a 322-171 overall record at West Virginia with a program-best .653 winning percentage
- The Mountaineers picked up AP Top 25 wins over No. 20/21 Oklahoma, 63-55, on Feb. 17 and No. 22 Oklahoma (82-48) on Feb. 27
- WVU has recorded 32 victories over AP Top 25 programs under Carey's tutelage since 2004
- West Virginia won an NCAA Statistical Award after leading the nation with 6.8 blocked shots per game
- Bria Holmes became the program's highest WNBA Draft Pick with her 11th overall selection in the first round by the Atlanta Dream in April 2016





- Amy Cashin and Kelly Williams were honored to the 2016 Track and Field/Cross Country Academic All-District First Team, selected by CoSIDA – Kelly Williams and
- Sophomore Millie Paladino qualified to compete at the 2016 NCAA Cross Country Championships for the second consecutive year, placing 77th overall with a career-best 6k time of 20:41.6
- ❖ Finished in fifth place in the 30-team NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional race, with Millie Paladino and Savanna Plombon earning all-region honors
- Took third at the Big 12 Championship
- Landed 12 student-athletes on the Academic All-Big 12 First Team, the most of all Big 12 schools on first team, with three who posted 4.0 grade point averages
- Six Mountaineers were named to the Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement award list
- Ranked 10th in the preseason USTFCCCA Rankings



#### Savanna **PLOMBON**

- Earned Academic All-Big 12 First Team honors
- Came in second for the Mountaineers and 23rd overall (21:25.2) at the Mid-Atlantic Regional (6k) to earn all-region honors
- Placed 33rd at the Big 12 Championship
- Finished 12th at the PSU Spiked Shoe Invitational

#### Kelly WILLIAMS

- Track and Field/Cross Country Academic All-District First Team by CoSIDA
- Earned Academic All-Big 12 First Team honors, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA
- Placed 35th at the Big 12 Championship
- Finished eighth place in the women's 5k blue race at the Greater Louisville Classic

#### Millie PALADINO

- Earned Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- NCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region honors
- Qualified for the second-straight year to compete at the NCAA Cross Country Championship
- Placed 77th overall, running a career-best time of 20:41.6 at the NCAA Championship
- Placed 11th at the Mid-Atlantic Regional
- Placed 21st overall at the Big 12 Championship

#### **Amy CASHIN**

- Track and Field/Cross Country Academic All-District First Team by CoSIDA
- Academic All-Big 12 First team, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA
- Placed 27th at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional
- Finished in 26th place at the Big 12 Championship
- Had a fifth-place finish at the Greater Louisville Classic

#### Corinne KULE

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA
- Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

#### Allie **DIEHL**

- Academic All-Big 12 First team
- Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

#### Maggie **DRAZBA**

- Academic All-Big 12 First team
- Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award
- First Mountaineers to cross the finish line and the 19th overall at the Big 12 Championship
- Placed second overall in the women's 5k blue race at the Greater Louisville Classic

#### Brynn HARSHBARGER

- Academic All-Big 12 First team
- Placed 36th at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional
- Placed 22nd at the Big 12 Championship
- Took fourth overall in the women's 5k blue race at the Grater Louisville Classic

#### Rachel FAULDS

- Academic All-Big 12 First team
- Placed 17th at the PSU Spiked Shoe Invitational

#### Brianna **KEREKES**

- Academic All-Big 12 First team
- Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award
- Placed 37th at the Big 12 Championship
- Placed 14th in the women's 5k blue race at the Greater Louisville Classic

#### Sydney **SCOTT**

- Academic All-Big 12 First team
- Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award

#### Paige **SZABAT**

Academic All-Big 12 First team

#### Peyton HAMPSON

 Dr. Gerald Lage Academic Achievement Award







### FOOTBALL

RECORD: 8-5 / 4-5 BIG 12

- Won the most games in a season since becoming a member of the Big 12 Conference
- Won the 2016 Motel 6 Cactus Bowl, the school's fourth bowl appearance in the last five years and 14th since 2000. WVU has won seven bowls now since 2000
- Tied or broke 19 individual or team, school and Cactus Bowl records and produced 11 NCAA Top 10 Bowl Rankings
- Skyler Howard accounted for 555 yards of total offense against Arizona State, second-best mark in school history and his 532 passing yards were the second best mark in school history
- Howard's 3,647 yards of total offense ranked No. 3 in school history and his 3,145 passing yards ranked as fifth best in season history
- Wendell Smallwood finished with 1,519 yards, No. 1 in the Big 12 Conference, fourth in WVU season history and ranking No. 14 nationally
- Noble Nwachukwu ranked No. 5 in the Big 12 in sacks and No. 12 in tackles for loss and he was No. 2 in sacks and No. 3 in tackles for loss in conference games only
- Daryl Worley led the Big 12 in passes defended (14) and No. 2 in interceptions. Nationally, he was No. 7 in interceptions and No. 8 in passes defended
- The Mountaineers were nationally ranked during the fourth straight season, reaching as high as No. 21 in the Coaches' Poll

- Five players were selected in the NFL Draft, including Karl Joseph in the first round – marking a first round WVU selection in four of the past five years
- Two All-Americans named to three teams (Nick Kwiatkoski, Karl Joseph)
- Nine All-Big 12 Conference team selections
- 17 players had their degrees in hand when the Cactus bowl game was played, ranking among the Top 10 nationally in number of graduates playing in a bowl game
- Seven All-Big 12 Academic Team selections
- 29 players were named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll for the Fall Semester
- 26 players were named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll for the Spring Semester
- WVU's offense was No. 17 nationally in rushing offense, No. 18 in first down offense and No. 23 in total offense
- WVU's special teams were ranked No. 11 in kickoff returns, No. 22 in net punting and punt return defense
- WVU's defense ranked No. 2 nationally in interceptions, No. 5 in turnovers gained and No. 11 in opponent third-down defense and No. 15 in turnover margin
- The defense has not allowed its opponents to complete more than 50 percent on its third down attempts in 25 straight games

#### Darren ARNDT

Big 12 All-Academic First Team

#### Jared BARBER

- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention
- WVU Defensive Champion (Texas)
- Ed Past

#### Al-Rasheed BENTON

- WVU Defensive Champion (Liberty)
- Terrell Chestnut
- WVU Defensive Champion (Maryland, Kansas)
- Curtis Jones Jr. Award

#### CodyCLAY

- WVU Offensive Champion (Iowa State)
- C Ed Pastilong Award

#### John DePALMA

- 2016 Hampshire Honorary Society (National Football Foundation)
- Big 12 All-Academic First Team

#### **KJDILLON**

- Selected in the fifth round, 159th overall selection of the NFL Draft by the Houston Texans
- All-Big 12 Second Team (Coaches)
- All-Big 12 Third Team (Phil Steele)
- ♦ WVU Defensive Champion (Texas Tech)

#### Shelton GIBSON

- All-Big 12 Third Team (Phil Steele)
- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (Coaches)
- Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Week (Baylor)

#### **SkylerHOWARD**

- Team Captain
- Cactus Bowl Offensive MVP
- WVU Offensive Champion (GSU, Arizona State)
- Big 12 All-Academic Second Team



#### **GaryJENNINGS**

WVU Special Teams Champion (Arizona State)

#### KarlJOSEPH

- Selected in the first round, 14th overall selection of the NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders
- Team Captain
- CBSSports All-American (Second Team)
- SI.com All-American (Honorable-Mention)
- All-Big 12 Honorable-Mention (Coaches)
- WVU Defensive Champion (Georgia Southern)
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (GSU)
- FWAA National Player of the Week (GSU)
- Jim Thorpe National DB of the Week (GSU)

#### Nick**KWIATKOSKI**

- Selected in the fourth round, 113<sup>th</sup> overall selection of the NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears
- Team Captain
- All-American First Team (ProFootballFocus)
- All-Big 12 First Team (Coaches, Phil Steele, ESPN.com)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (AP)
- WVU Defensive Player of the Year
- ♦ WVU Defensive Champion (Texas)

#### **JoshLAMBERT**

- WVU Special Teams Champion (GSU, lowa State)
- 2015 Mountaineer Postseason Honors

#### **GrantLINGAFELTER**

- Big 12 All-Academic Second Team
- David Long
- WVU Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year

#### Colton MCKIVITZ

WVU Offensive Scout Team Player of the Year

#### Nick**MEADOWS**

- ♦ WVU Special Teams Champion (Liberty)
- Noble Nwachukwu
- All-Big 12 Second Team (AP)

#### Tyler ORLOSKY

- Team Captain
- ♣ All-Big 12 First Team (ESPN.com)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (Coaches)
- ♣ All-Big 12 Third Team (Phil Steele)
- Big 12 All-Academic First Team
- WVU Offensive Champion (Liberty)

#### NickO'TOOLE

- WVU Special Teams Player of the Year
- All-Big 12 First Team (Coaches, ESPN, Phil Steele, AP)
- Big 12 All-Academic Second Team
- WVU Special Teams Champion (Maryland, Kansas)
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- Cactus Bowl Defensive MVP
- WVU Defensive Champion (lowa State, . State)



#### Kyle**ROSE**

- All-Big 12 Second Team (AP)
- WVU Defensive Champion (lowa State)

#### Khairi SHARIF

Big 12 All-Academic First Team

#### RushelSHELL

WVU Offensive Champion (Kansas)

#### Wendell SMALLWOOD

- Selected in the fifth round, 153th overall selection of the NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles
- WVU Offensive Player of the Year
- All-Big 12 Second Team (Coaches, Phil Steele, AP)
- WVU Offensive Champion (Maryland, Texas Tech)
- Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (Kansas State)

#### Sean WALTERS

WVU Special Teams Champion (Texas Tech)

#### Elijah**WELLMAN**

WVU Offensive Champion (Texas)

#### Daryl WORLEY

- Selected in the third round, 77<sup>th</sup> overall selection of the NFL Draft (Carolina Panthers)
- All-Big 12 First Team (Coaches, Phil Steele, ESPN.com)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (AP) Darren Arndt
- ➡ Big 12 All-Academic First Team

#### Jared BARBER

- All-Big 12 Honorable Mention
- WVU Defensive Champion (Texas)
- C Ed Past

#### Al-Rasheed**BENTON**

- ♦ WVU Defensive Champion (Liberty)
- Terrell Chestnut
- WVU Defensive Champion (Maryland, Kansas)
- Curtis Jones Jr. Award

#### CodyCLAY

- WVU Offensive Champion (lowa State)
- Ed Pastilong Award

#### John DePALMA

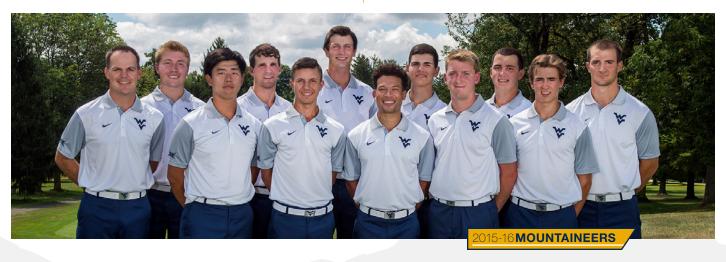
- 2016 Hampshire Honorary Society (National Football Foundation)
- Big 12 All-Academic First Team



### GOLF

- Started the first varsity season since 1982 by teeing off at the Tiger Turning Stone Invitational on Sept. 6
- Played host to the first-ever Mountaineer Collegiate at Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport, West Virginia, with Easton Renwick and Max Sear placing in the top 10
- Totaled 16 top-20 individual finishes
- Recorded 10 individual rounds of 69 or better
- Shot a team-low round of 283 (twice) at the Joe Feaganes Marshall Invitational (Sept. 14-15)
- Led by Alan Cooke's runner-up finish, the Mountaineers took second at Penn State's Rutherford Intercollegiate (April 16-17)

- Max Sear's 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish guided West Virginia through its first ever Big 12 Championship at Whispering Pines Golf Club in Trinity, Texas (April 29 - May 1)
- Jon Ransone qualified for the U.S. Open Sectional Qualifier with a runner-up finish at the U.S. Open Local Qualifier at Pete Dye Golf Club \*\*\*
- Alan Cooke won the 2016 West Virginia Amateur to qualify for the 2016 Greenbrier Classic





Alan **COOKE** 



### **GYMNASTICS**

RECORD: 11-8 / 1-5 BIG 12

- Qualified for the regional championships for the 37th time in program history, the 32nd time in NCAA competition, and placed fifth at the NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional Championships with a 194.25 mark
- ❖ Finished the year ranked No. 31 nationally. The Mountaineers also ranked nationally No. 17 on floor and No. 19 on vault
- ☼ Were nationally ranked six of the last nine weeks of the 2016 season. WVU debuted in the Road to Nationals Rankings at No. 22 on Jan. 25. It was the team's first national ranking since March 18, 2013, and it was the squad's highest ranking of the season. The 2016 season also is the first time WVU was nationally ranked for six weeks since the 2013 season
- The vault lineup was nationally ranked every week this season, while the floor lineup was ranked seven times
- ☼ The Mountaineers finished the 2016 season ranked No. 3 in the Southeast Region, the squad's highest position of the year. WVU trailed only NCAA National Championships qualifiers Florida and Georgia
- Three Mountaineers finished the 2016 season nationally ranked:
  - Sirah Koshinski, No. 12, vault
  - 2 Zaakira Muhammad. No. 31. vault
  - Alexa Goldberg, No. 44, uneven bars
- Placed third at the 2016 Big 12 Gymnastics Championship with a score of 195.925, the Mountaineers' second-best mark ever at the Big 12 championship and their best championship score away from Morgantown

- ❖ Freshman Kirah Koshinski placed third on vault with a 9.9 mark, the second-highest score awarded at the champion-ship, earning All-Big 12 Tournament Team honors Following the meet, Koshinski was named the Big 12 Newcomer of the Year, marking the first time in four seasons a WVU gymnast earned a post-meet Big 12 season award
- Koshinski was named to the 2016 NACGC/W Regular Season All-America Second Team Vault, becoming the first Mountaineer gymnast to earn a regular-season All-America honor and the sixth WVU gymnast to earn an All-America award. She also was named to the All-Big 12 Gymnastics team (vault)
- ♣ Recorded six top-50 program scores this season, including a season-high 196.8 in wins over Ohio State and Bowling Green at the WVU Coliseum on March 6. The mark ranks No. 7 in program history and it's the top score earned under fifth-year coach Jason Butts. It also is the team's top point total since scoring 196.55 in 2013. The Mountaineers also tallied a season-high 49.575 on floor on March 6, the third-best score in program history and the team's top mark since the 2001 season. The squad also high for highs on bars (49.15) and beam (49.075)
- A conference- and program-best seven Mountaineers earned a spot on the 2016 Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics team, including four first-team honors; WVU placed a program-high seven gymnasts for the third straight season

#### Zaakira **MUHAMMAD**

#### Robyn**BERNARD**

- Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics First Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Amanda **BOWMAN**

Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics Second Team

#### Brooklyn **DOGGETTE**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Carly **GALPIN**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Jordan **GILLETTE**

- Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics First Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### **AlexaGOLDBERG**

- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Joseph Medrick Award as the team's top all-around gymnast

#### **MelissaIDELL**

- Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics First
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- John Quackenbush Award for Mountaineer Spirit

#### Kirah

#### KOSHINSK

- 2016 NACGC/W Regular Season All-America Second Team Vault
- Sixth WVU gymnastics All-American, first since 2007
- First Mountaineer to earn a regularseason All-America honor
- Big 12 Newcomer of the Year
- First WVU gymnast to earn a Big 12 Conference postseason honor at the conference championship
- All-Big 12 Gymnasts Team (vault)
- ❖ Five-time Big 12 Newcomer of the Week
- First Mountaineer to earn three straight Big 12 weekly awards (Jan. 12-26)
- First Mountaineer to earn five career Newcomer of the Week honors
- First Mountaineer to earn five career Big 12 weekly awards
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll



- Academic All-Big 12
  Gymnastics First Team
- Semifinalist for the 2016
  Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports
  Scholar Award and was the gymnastics
  finalist
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Zaakira**MUHAMMAD**

- Academic All-Big 12 Gymnastics Second Team
- Linda Burdette-Good Award, Team MVP

#### Kelsey**SORRENSON**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### **AudreyTOLBERT**

- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Sally Medrick Award as the team's most improved gymnast

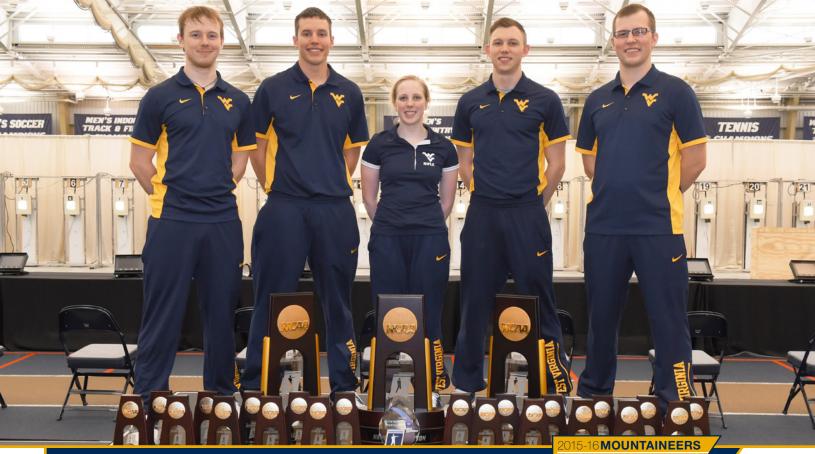
#### Jaquie**TUN**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Tiara**WRIGHT**

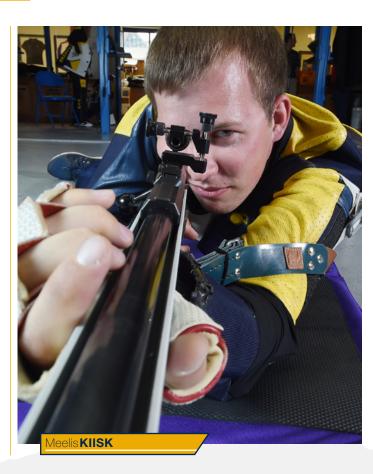
Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll





RECORD: 12-0 / 8-0 GARC

- Secured fourth straight and nation-best 18th NCAA title with a 4703 showing at the 2016 NCAA Championships in Arkon, Ohio, March 11-12. Also won NCAA air rifle title and smallbore titles
- Carrille Freshman Ginny Thrasher won the individual NCAA air rifle and smallbore titles, becoming the second Mountaineer ever, and the first since Petra Zublasing in 2013, to sweep the individual NCAA titles. She is the 17th WVU shooter to capture an individual NCAA championship and pushed the Mountaineers' overall count to 25 titles
- Finished the year ranked No. 1 nationally
- Collected 20 All-America honors
- Won their seventh straight Great American Rifle Conference (GARC) Championships title, shooting a 4702 aggregate score in Oxford, Mississippi, Feb. 27-28. Freshman Ginny Thrasher won the individual smallbore title
- Senior Garrett Spurgeon was named the GARC Senior and Shooter of the Year, while freshman Ginny Thrasher was named the GARC Rookie of the Year and coach Jon Hammond was named the GARC Coach of the Year, his third career award. In total, WVU earned 26 all-GARC honors
- Claimed its third straight GARC regular-season title with an 8-0 mark against conference foes, also the team's third consecutive undefeated conference season
- Shot an NCAA record 474- in a victory over Akron (4621) at the WVU Rifle Range on Jan. 17. The squad also shot records in air rifle (2388) and smallbore (2352)



#### WillANTI

- 2016 GARC Championships Smallbore runner-up
- All-GARC Smallbore Second Team
- All-GARC Combined Score Honorable Mention
- CRCA Scholastic All-America

#### Michael BAMSEY

- 2016 NCAA Championships Smallbore, fourth place
- NRA Smallbore All-America First Team
- CRCA All-America Second Team
- All-GARC Smallbore First Team
- All-GARC Combined Score Second Team
- All-GARC Air Rifle Honor Mention
- CRCA Scholastic All-America
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team



### Elizabeth **GRATZ**

- NRA Air Rifle All-America First Team
- NRA Smallbore All-America Honorable Mention
- CRCA All-America Honorable Mention
- GARC Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- All-GARC Air Rifle First Team
- All-GARC Combined Score Second Team
- All-GARC Smallbore Honorable Mention
- CRCA Scholastic All-America
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team

#### MeelisKIISK

- 2016 NCAA Championships Smallbore runner-up
- NRA Smallbore All-America First Team
- CRCA All-America First Team
- NRA Air Rifle All-America Second Team
- CRCA Scholastic All-America
- All-GARC Smallbore First Team
- All-GARC Combined Score First Team
- ◆ Academic All-Big 12 At-Large First Team
- Team Captain

#### Jean-Pierre LUCAS

- NRA Smallbore All-America First Team
- CRCA All-America Third Team
- NRA Air Rifle All-America Honorable Mention
- ♦ All-GARC Smallbore Second Team
- All-GARC Air Rifle Second Team
- ♠ All-GARC Combined Score Second Team
- CRCA Scholastic All-America
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team
- Team Captain

#### **GarrettSPURGEON**

- NRA Air Rifle All-America First Team
- NRA Smallbore All-America First Team

arrett SPURGEON

- CRCA All-America First Team
- GARC Shooter of the Year
- GARC Senior of the Year
- ◆ All-GARC Air Rifle First Team
- All-GARC Smallbore First Team
- CRCA Scholastic All-America
- Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Second Team

#### Patrick**SUNDERMAN**

- NRA Air Rifle All-America First Team
- NRA Smallbore All-America Second Team
- CRCA All-America Second Team
- All-GARC Air Rifle First Team
- All-GARC Smallbore Second Team
- All-GARC Combined Score Second Team
- CRCA Scholastic All-America
- ◆ Academic All-Big 12 At-Large Team

#### Ginny**THRASHER**

- 2016 Rio Summer Olympics Qualifier United States
- 2016 NCAA Air Rifle Champion
- 2016 NCAA Smallbore Champion
- 2016 GARC Smallbore Champion
- NCAA Championship Top Performer Honoree
- NRA Air Rifle All-America First Team
- CRCA All-America First Team
- NRA Smallbore All-America Second Team
- GARC Rookie of the Year
- All-GARC Air Rifle First Team
- All-GARC Combined Score First Team
- ♣ All-GARC Smallbore Second Team
- CRCA Scholastic All-America

#### Jon**HAMMOND**

2016 GARC Coach of the Year



### ROWING

- ☼ The Mountaineers collected 12 team points to finish eighth overall at the 2016 Big 12 Rowing Championship. Among Big 12 foes, WVU was fifth with 57 team points
- Senior Elizabeth Kantak capped her career at West Virginia by being named to the All-Big 12 Rowing Team
- ♣ For the second consecutive year, the rowing team received public recognition by the NCAA for their latest multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. The Mountaineers posted multiyear APRs in the top 10 percent of all squads in each sport.
- ☼ Juniors Alisha Brownfield, Emily Deming, Madison James and Louisa Morgan and sophomores Elizabeth Hooper and Jacqueline Spiropoulos were recognized as National Scholar Athletes by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) for the 2016 season. Brownfield, Deming, James and Morgan were named CRCA Scholar Athletes for the second year in a row, while Hooper and Spiropoulos landed on the CRCA Scholar Athlete list for the first time in their careers
- ☼ Eleven members of the WVU rowing team were named to the 2016 Academic All-Big 12 Rowing First Team. Among those nominated, Deming was one of 10 student-athletes with a 4.0 grade point average (GPA)



#### Alisha**BROWNFIELD**

National Scholar-Athlete (College Rowing Coaches Association)

#### **EmilyDEMING**

- National Scholar-Athlete (College Rowing Coaches Association)
- Academic All-Big 12 Rowing First Team (4.0)

#### Madison**JAMES**

National Scholar-Athlete (College Rowing Coaches Association)

#### Elizabeth**KANTAK**

All-Big 12 First Team

#### LouisaMORGAN

National Scholar-Athlete (College Rowing Coaches Association)



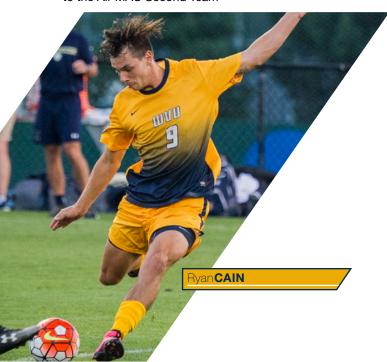




## **MEN'S SOCCER**

RECORD: 7-12 / 2-3 MAC

- Ad vanced to the MAC Championship for fourth consecutive season it has been a member of the conference
- Senior Ryan Cain and sophomore Joey Piatczyc were named to the All-MAC Second Team



- Senior Jamie Merriam became the second Mountaineer in as many years to be named to the Senior CLASS Award All-America Second Team in recognition of his achievements in four areas: community, classroom, character and competition
- With a 4.0 GPA, junior Jack Elliott earned a plethora of postseason academic honors and was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team, the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team and the Academic All-MAC Team while being named a MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete
- Six Mountaineers were named to the 2015 Academic All-MAC Team after earning a 3.20 cumulative GPA or higher, and Jack Elliott was recognized with a perfect 4.0 GPA
- Coach Marlon LeBlanc won his 100th career match with WVU's 3-0 victory over Penn State on Oct. 13 and LeBlanc owns a 97-71-27 mark in 10 seasons at WVU, three wins shy of hitting 100 wins with the Gold and Blue
- Sophomore Joey Piatczyc had a program-record 13 assists in 2015, No. 1 among NCAA Division I players in the regular season
- Honored with the NSCAA Team Academic Award for the eighth consecutive season for posting a team GPA above a 3.0
- At the team's annual postseason banquet, Piatczyc was named the Abel "Shadow" Sebele Players' Player of the Year, while senior Zak Leedom won the Coaches' Award, honoring the player who best exemplifies what it means to be a WVU men's soccer player: honor, respect, philanthropy, leadership, academic success, selflessness, character and integrity

#### Haydon**BENNET**

Academic All-MAC Team

#### **VoCABRAL**

Academic All-MAC Team

#### Ryan CAIN

All-MAC Second Team

#### **JackELLIOTT**

- CoSIDA Academic All-America Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District Team
- MAC Distinguished Scholar-Athlete
- Academic All-MAC Team (4.0)

#### Zak**LEEDOM**

- Academic All-MAC Team
- Coaches' Award recipient
- Team Captain

#### Jamie **MERRIAM**

- Senior CLASS Award All-America Second Team
- Team Captain

#### Joey**PIATCZYC**

- All-MAC Second Team
- Abel "Shadow" Sebele Players' Player of the Year

#### Ryan CAIN

All-MAC Second Team

#### Havdon**BENNETT**

Academic All-MAC Team

#### **VoCABRAL**

Academic All-MAC Team

#### Mike**DESIDERIO**

Academic All-MAC Team

#### Tucker**STEPHENSON**

- All-MAC Second Team
- MAC Player of the Week (9/28)

#### LouisTHOMAS

Academic All-MAC Team







RECORD: 19-3-1 / 6-0-1 BIG 12

- Qualified for 16th straight NCAA Tournament
- Made second-ever trip to NCAA Elite Eight
- Carned a program-best No. 2 national ranking
- Won fourth straight Big 12 Conference Regular-Season title
- Set program season records for shutouts (15), goals (61) and wins (19)
- Program's first MAC Hermann Trophy finalist (Kadeisha Buchanan)
- First duo in program history named to NSCAA All-America First Team in same season (Kadeisha Buchanan and Ashley Lawrence)
- Set program record 20-match unbeaten streak
- Advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 16th straight season, the seventh-longest active streak in the nation, and earned a No. 2 seed, the team's highest NCAA seed in program history. WVU advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight for the second time in program history, the first time since 2007, but lost, 2-0, at No. 1-seed Penn State
- Finished the year ranked No. 7 in the final NSCAA NCAA Division I Women's National Poll and the TopDrawerSoccer.com Top 25 Poll, a program-best postseason position in both polls. Beginning on Sept. 22, the team was ranked in the top five of the NSCAA Poll each week and within the top 10 each week since Sept. 8, reaching as high as a program-best No. 2on Oct. 27, a position the squad held for two week
- ☼ Clinched their fourth straight Big 12 Conference regular-season title with a 2-1 overtime win at Oklahoma State on Oct. 23; the Mountaineers have won the title each season since joining the Big 12 in 2012. WVU is the only program to win four straight outright Big 12 championships. The Mountain-

- eers own a 27-1-3 all-time record in Big 12 play and are unbeaten at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium
- ☼ Earned the program's 100th win at Dick Dlesk Soccer Stadium on Nov. 22, with a 5-2 victory over Loyola Marymount in the NCAA Tournament Third Round. The Mountaineers are 100-16-13 since the stadium was opened in August 2004, and the team is unbeaten in its last 25 straight home matches
- Donated a check for \$8,647 to Morgantown's Betty Puskar Breast Care Center at halftime of the WVU-TCU contest on Oct. 2. In 12 years, WVU has raised more than \$120,000 for breast cancer research
- Juniors Buchanan and Lawrence were named semifinalist for the 2015 Missouri Athletic Club (MAC) Hermann Trophy, college soccer's version of the Heisman Trophy. WVU was one of two programs to have two players selected to the semifinal list, a first for the program. Buchanan was eventually named a finalist for the award, the first Mountaineer to advance to the final stage. The duo also were named to the NSCAA All-America First Team, marking the first time in program history two Mountaineers earned first-team honors in one season
- Buchanan and Lawrence will compete for Canada at the 2016 Rio Summer Olympics. The duo also started all five of Canada's matches at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, and Buchanan was named the tournament's Best Young Player
- ☼ WVU earned its 14th consecutive NSCAA Team Academic Award. Amanda Hill was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team, and Kailey Utley was named to the third team. Utley also was named to the NSCAA Scholar All-America Third Team. Additionally, six Mountaineers were named to the Academic All-Big 12 Team.



#### Nikki IZZO-BROWN

Big 12 Coach of the Year (only coach in Big 12 history to win three straight honors)

#### Lisa**STOIA**

NSCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year

#### Michaela **ABAM**

- All-Big 12 First Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (9/8)
- TDS.com Team of the Week (9/8)
- ❖ Preseason All-Big 12 Soccer Team

# Hannah ABRAHAM

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

# Maggie**BEDILLION**

- All-Big 12 First Team
- Academic All-Big 12 Soccer First Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Carly **BLACK**

- CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Kadeisha **BUCHANAN**

- Canadian National Team
- MAC Hermann Trophy Finalist
- Soccer News Net Women's College Boot Winner
- One of 10 finalists for the 2015 Fallon d'Or Award as the FIFA Women's World Player of the Year
- FIFPro Women's World XI Team
- NSCAA All-America First Team
- NSCAA All-Region First Team
- Team Captain
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year
- All-Big 12 First Team
- Big 12 All-Tournament Team
- Academic All-Big 12 Soccer Second Team
- Big 12 Defensive Player of the Week (9/1, 9/15)
- TDS.com Team of the Week (9/1, 9/15)
- TDS.com Team of the Week Honorable Mention (11/22)

- ♦ Hoosier Classic All-Tournament Team
- Team Defensive MVP

#### Laurel CARPENTER

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### **LeahEMAUS**

- Academic All-Big 12 Soccer First Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Mountaineer S.O.C.C.E.R. Award

#### Patricia FERNANDEZ

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

# Vanessa**FLORES**

- Mexico U-20 National Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

# Nia**GORDON**

- All-Big 12 Freshman Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Big 12 Freshman of the Week (8/25, 10/13)

#### AmandaHILL

- Senior CLASS Award All-America Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-America First Team
- NSCAA All-Region Second Team
- NSCAA Scholar All-East Region Third Team
- Team Captain
- All-Big 12 Second Team
- Big 12 All-Tournament Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Academic All-Big 12 Soccer First Team
- NCAS Female PlayMaker of the Month (December)
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Team MVP

# Ashley **LAWRENCE**

- Canadian National Team
- MAC Hermann Trophy Semifinalist
- NSCAA All-America First Team
- NSCAA All-Region First Team
- All-Big 12 First Team
- Academic All-Big 12 Soccer First Team
- Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (10/27)
- Hoosier Classic All-Tournament Team

### YulieLOPEZ

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

### Easther MAYI KITH

- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Team's Most Improved Player

# Michelle **NEWHOUSE**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Dalanda **OUENDENO**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Carla **PORTILLO**

- All-Big 12 Second Team
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

# Kayla**SAAGER**

### Amanda **SAYMON**

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll



#### BiancaST. GEORGES

- Canada U-20 National Team
- Big 12 Freshman of the Year
- All-Big 12 Second Team
- All-Big 12 Freshman Team
- TDS.com Team of the Week Honorable Mention (10/20)
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

#### Hannah STEADMAN

- S NSCAA All-Region Third Team
- All-Big 12 Second Team
- Ranks No. 1 in program history with 0.55 career goals-against average
- Ranks No. 5 in program history with 23 career shutouts

# Kailey**UTLEY**

- CoSIDA Academic All-America Third Team
- NSCAA Scholar All-America Third Team
- NSCAA All-Region First Team
- NSCAA Scholar All-East Region Second Team
- Team Captain
- All-Big 12 First Team
- Big 12 All-Tournament Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Academic All-Big 12 Soccer First Team
- Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week (9/1)
- TDS.com Team of the Week (11/24)
- Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Team Offensive MVP

# Ashley WOOLPERT

Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll

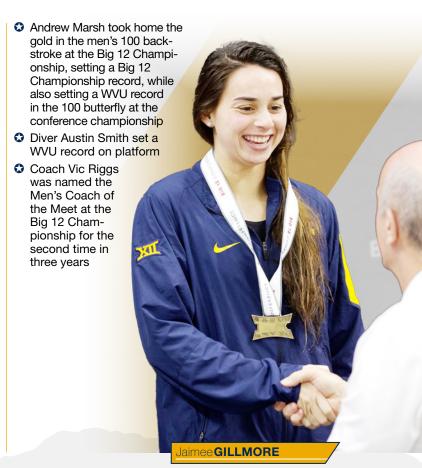




# MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

RECORD: (MEN - 2ND IN BIG 12; WOMEN - 4TH IN BIG 12)

- Andrew Marsh qualified to compete at the 2016 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in three events, the 50 free, 100 free and 100 backstroke
- A total of 18 Mountaineers from the men's and women's squads were named to the Academic All-Big 12 First team and five were named to the Second Team
- Amelie Currat was recognized by the Big 12 for her 4.0 GPA
- The men's team finished second at the Big 12 Championship, their best finish since they joined the conference. The women's team finished in fourth place
- Eight members of the men's and women's teams earned All-Big 12 First Team honors and 19 earned All-Big 12 Second Team accolades
- The women's Swimming and Diving Team was named a College Swimming Coaches Association Scholar All-America Team in both the fall and spring semesters
- Six student-athletes earned 2016 Olympic Trial Qualifying times and four competed at the Olympic Trials: Bryce Bohnman, Nate Carr. Andrew Marsh and Max Spencer
- ❖ Nathan Howells was named the 2015-16 Big 12 Men's Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year, the third Scholar-Athlete of the Year award for the men's team and fourth overall for the WVU swimming and diving program in the four years it has been in the Big 12
- O Howells also earned the CoSIDA Academic All-District honor
- Katie Murto received the Big 12 Dr. Prentice Guatt Postgraduate Scholarship





#### Madeline **BOLIN**

Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### **EmmottBLITCH**

- CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team
- Mackenzie Braden
- Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### Julia CALCUT

CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team

# **NateCARR**

- All-Big 12 First Team (400 IM)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (200IM and 200 backstroke)
- U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier
- Frank Csonka
- Academic All-Big 12 Second Team

# Amelie **CURRAT**

- Academic All-Big 12 First team (4.0 GPA)
- CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team
- Merwin El Merini
- All-Big 12 Second Team (50 freestyle and 100 backstroke)

# Morgan **EMTER**

Academic All-Big 12 First Team

### Mia**FIORENZI**

Academic All-Big 12 Second Team

#### Kelsey FRANTZ

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- Aidan Fumagalli
- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 First Team (200 breaststroke)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (100 breaststroke)
- CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team

#### **TaylorGILL**

- First Team Academic Momentum Award by the Scholar Baller program
- All-Big 12 Second Team (400 IM)

#### Jaimee **GILLMORE**

- CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team
- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 First Team (100 freestyle)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (50 freestyle and 100 butterfly)

# RossGLEGG

- ♦ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 Second Team (50 freestyle)

#### **AustinGREEN**

♦ Academic All-Big 12 Second Team

#### **EmmaHARRIS**

All-Big 12 Second Team (200 breaststroke)

#### **JavHICKEY**

- All-Big 12 Second Team (100 and 200 backstroke)
- U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier

#### Nathan **HOWELLS**

- 2015-16 Big 12 Men's Swimming and Diving Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- CoSIDA Academic All-District At-Large First Team
- Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### Jake IOTTE

- ♦ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 Second Team (100 and 200 breaststroke)
- CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team

#### James **KOVAL**

- ♠ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 Second Team (1,650 freestyle)

### **EmmaLUIGARD**

Academic All-Big 12 Second Team

#### Andrew MARSH

- CSCAA Scholar All-America First Team
- ♣ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 First Team (100 backstroke and 100 freestyle)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (100 butterfly)
- NCAA Championship qualifier in the 50 free, 100 free and 100 backstroke
- Won the Big 12 title in the 100 backstroke (45.41), setting a Big 12 Championship record
- Set a WVU record in the 100 freestyle (42.77) and the 100 butterfly (46.59)
- Big 12 Swimmer of the Week (Nov. 5, Feb. 11)
- U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier

# CeliaMARTINEZ DE LA TORRE

◆ Academic All-Big 12 First Team

# LoganMCHENRY

All-Big 12 Second Team (3-meter and platform)

#### ChrisMcMAHON

All-Big 12 Second Team (500 freestyle)

# Maggie **MILLER**

U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier

#### **JoeMILLER**

♣ Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### Katie **MURTO**

- Big 12 Dr. Prentice Guatt Postgraduate Scholarship
- Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### **AlexOBENDORF**

- All-Big 12 First Team (platform)
- Big 12 Diver of the Week (Nov. 5)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (1 meter)

#### Michael PROJETTO

- All-Big 12 First Team (1-meter and platform)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (3-meter)

# Lindsay**SCHMIDT**

- CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team
- ◆ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 Second Team (3-meter)

### **EmmaSKELLEY**

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- All-Big 12 First Team (1,650 freestyle)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (500 freestyle)
- Austin Smith
- Set a WVU record on platform (322.55)
- All-Big 12 Second Team (platform)

# MaxSPENCER

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- Big 12 Swimmer of the Week (Jan. 20)
- All-Big 12 First Team (100 breaststroke and 200 breastroke)
- U.S. Olympic Trials Qualifier

# Chase WILLIAMS

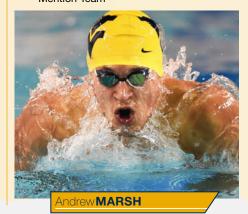
All-Big 12 Second Team (200 butterfly)

#### LorenWILLIAMS

Academic All-Big 12 First Team

# Madelyn**WOODS**

CSCAA Scholar All-America Honorable Mention Team





# **TENNIS**

RECORD: 6-16 / 0-9 BIG 12







# TRACK AND FIELD

- Amy Cashin and Kelly Williams were honored to the 2016 Track and Field/Cross Country Academic All-District First Team, selected by CoSIDA
- Control Kelly Williams earned Big 12 Women's Track and Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year, the first honoree for the Mountaineer track and field team
- Nine Mountaineers were named to the Academic All-Big 12 First team and two were named to the second team
- The Mountaineers had eight student-athletes qualify to
- West Virginia had eight student-athletes earn All-Big 12 at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship, and seven earned All-Big 12 at the indoor championship
- Amy Cashin earned a silver medal at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship in the 3,000-meter steeplechase
- 32 were named to the 2016 Spring Garrett Ford Academic Honor Roll for track and field and cross country



# Danique**BRYAN**

 All-Big 12 in the long jump at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship

#### **Amy CASHIN**

- Track and Field/Cross Country Academic All-District First Team by CoSIDA
- Academic All-Big 12 First Team while maintaining a 4.0 GPA
- NCAA East Prelim Qualifier
- All-Big 12 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship
- Earned All-Big 12 in the mile at the Big 12 Indoor Championship

#### Sara FINFROCK

- Academic All-Big 12 Second Team
- All-Big 12 in the pole vault at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship

#### Jillian FORSEY

- NCAA East Prelim Qualifier
- All-Big 12 in the 5,000 meter at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship

# **Maddie GARDNER**

Academic All-Big 12 Second Team

# Brianna**KEREKES**

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- NCAA East Prelim Qualifier

# Shamoya MCNEIL

Academic All-Big 12
First Team

Amy **CASHIN** 

- NCAA East Prelim Qualifier
- All-Big 12 in the triple jump at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship

# Millie PALADINO

- All-Big 12 in the 1,500-meter run at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship
- All-Big 12 in the 3,000-meter run at the Big 12 Indoor Championship
- NCAA East Prelims Qualifier

# Faith**PENNY**

Earned All-Big 12 honors in the high jump at both the Big 12 Outdoor and Big 12 Indoor Championship

### Savanna **PLOMBON**

- ◆ Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- NCAA East Prelim Qualifier

# Sydney**SCOTT**

Academic All-Big 12 First Team with a 4.0 G





# **Hannah**STONE

- Academic All-Big 12 First Team
- NCAA East Prelim Qualifier
- All-Big 12 in the high jump at the Big 12 Outdoor and Big 12 Indoor Championship

### Bria**WELKER**

Academic All-Big 12 First Team

# RebeccaWENDT

Academic All-Big 12 First Team

#### **KellyWILLIAMS**

- Track and Field/Cross Country Academic All-District First Team by CoSIDA
- Big 12 Women's Track and Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year award with a 4.0 GPA
- Academic All Big 12 First Team with a 4.0 GPA

# MeganYUAN

NCAA East Prelim Qualifier

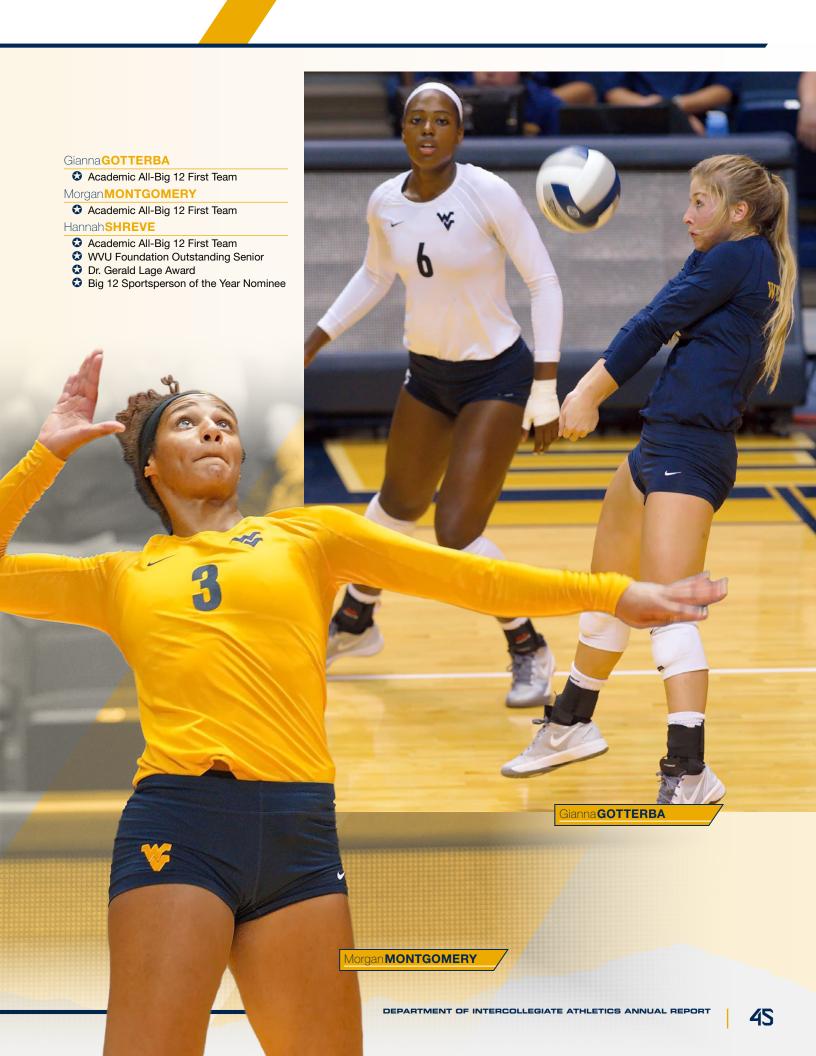


# VOLLEYBALL

RECORD: 5-24 / 0-16 BIG 12

- ☼ Completed first season under new head coach Reed Sunahara, who took over the program in March
- Hannah Shreve was named a WVU Foundation Outstanding Senior & carried the College of Business & Economics banner at 2016 commencement and a winner of the Big 12's Dr. Gerald Lage Award
- Shreve, Gianna Gotterba and Morgan Montgomery earned 2015 Academic All-Big 12 Volleyball First Team honors
- Led by Montgomery's career-high 31 kills, the Mountaineers claimed the Golden Ball Trophy for the first time since 2010 with a thrilling 3-2 win over in-state rival Marshall



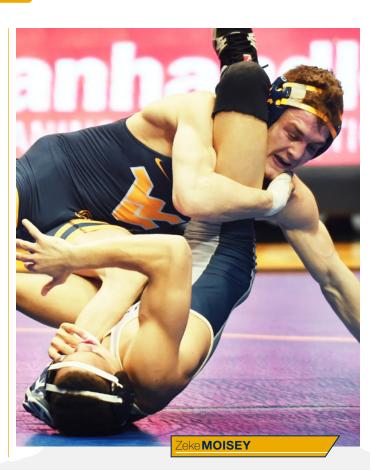


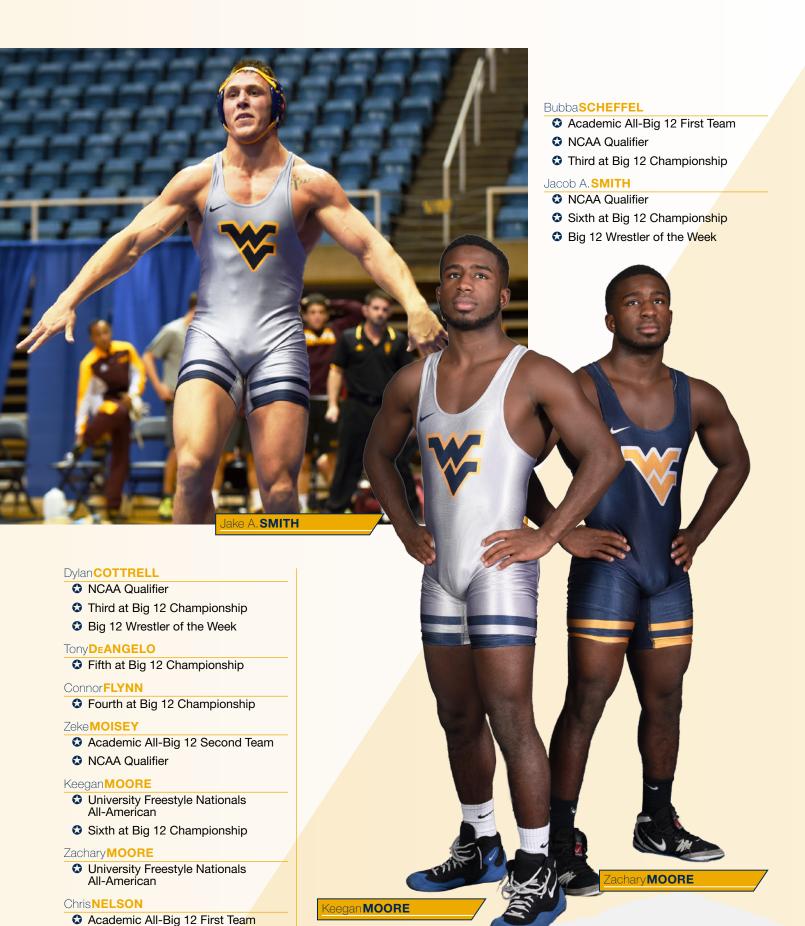


# **WRESTLING**

RECORD: 8-10 / 0-5 BIG 12

- Qualified four for the 2016 NCAA Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York City: Zeke Moisey (125, did not compete), Dylan Cottrell (157), Bubba Scheffel (184) and Jacob A. Smith (197)
- Placed seven on the podium at the newly-expanded Big 12 Championship in Kansas City: Dylan Cottrell (3rd, 157), Bubba Scheffel (3rd, 184), Connor Flynn (4th, 165), Tony DeAngelo (5th, 141), Keegan Moore (6th, 133) and Jacob A. Smith (6th, 197) and finished in sixth place at the 10-team Big 12 Championship
- A trio of wrestlers ranked inside the top-20 all season: Zeke Moisey (125), Dylan Cottrell (157) and Jacob A. Smith (197)
- Zeke Moisey, Chris Nelson and Bubba Scheffel earned 2016 All-Academic Big 12 Wrestling Second Team accolades
- Dylan Cottrell (Feb. 24) and Jacob A. Smith (Nov. 10) named Big 12 Wrestler of the Week
- Upset No. 17-ranked Pitt, 18-12, for the second consecutive season
- Defeated Edinboro, 18-15, for the first time since 2012
- Freshmen Keegan and Zachary Moore earned University national All-America honors with top-seven finishes at University Freestyle Nationals







# FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

One of the most crucial needs for WVU Intercollegiate Athletics the renovation and construction of first-class athletic facilities. For recruiting purposes it is essential that our facilities exceed the expectations of prospective student-athletes and compare favorably to other schools in the BIG 12 and the nation. As always, maintaining facilities and strategically planning for the future is an ongoing process.

Renovations to 36-year-old Milan Puskar Stadium and 46-year-old WVU Coliseum are part of a \$100-million-plus, department-wide facility initiative announced in 2014 to modernize those facilities and enhance the game-day experience for Mountaineer fans. Funding for those projects comes from three primary sources: bonding, private fundraising and monies from WVU's multimedia rights contract with IMG.

The stadium project will include the widening of concourses on the east and west sides, improvement of entrance gates at those locations and a significant increases in the number of restrooms and concession stands.

In addition to those improvements, ADA seating will be available in the WVU student section, and field boxes on both sides will be adorned with televisions, padded seats and heaters. Graphics inside and outside the stadium will highlight the Mountaineer football program as well Mountaineer greats.

Work on the east and north sides of the stadium will be complete in time for kickoff this year with work continuing on the west side throughout the season with completion set for the 2017 season.



Over at the Coliseum, Phase 1 of the upgrades began at the conclusion of basketball season last March. Crews are working to modernizing the building's infrastructure, allowing for the more than doubling of restrooms, the near doubling of points of sale for concessions, the widening of the concourse for ingress and egress, exterior access to the Mountaineer Ticket Office and Team Store, new concession options such as a Mountaineer Café, Country Roads Pit Stop, Almost Heaven Bistro and Wild & Wonderful Canteen and improved graphics and seating section numbering.

Work has also begun on the construction of a new strength and conditioning center that will reside in front of the WVU Shell Building, as well as long-needed improvements to the Shell Building itself, home of the West Virginia University women's track team.

The new strength and conditioning facility will give Mountaineer student-athletes a first-class, 12,000-square-foot workout and nutrition center for improved performance, as opposed to the antiquated 2,500-square-foot weight room they are now using.



The Shell Building will also undergo a significant overhaul, including the installation of a new running surface, the installation of new mechanical and environmental control systems, additional lighting fixtures as well as the introduction of natural lighting along the north facade to significantly upgrade the 33-year-old facility.

Additionally, the golf team will have a 1,400-square foot area to house its new indoor simulator; the rowing team will

have a 2,000-square-foot training facility to utilize and the Olympic sport athletic training room will be expanded from roughly 2,000 square feet to almost 5,000 square feet when work is completed.

Phase two of the work in the Coliseum will see the increase of the number of ADA seats from 42 to 164 and will follow a similar schedule to phase one with construction beginning in March 2017 and concluding by November 2017.



# MAC REPORT

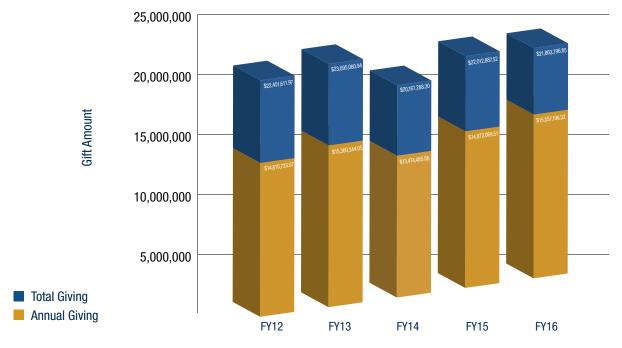
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The Mountaineer Athletic Club (MAC) is the fundraising arm for the West Virginia University Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics pays 100% of the scholarships awarded to over 475 student-athletes in 18 varsity sports from generous contributions made by 6,500+ MAC Members. Those individual and corporate contributions help Advance Scholarship and Build Champions.

The cost of competing at the highest level and providing a first-class education for outstanding student-athletes continues to climb. The MAC must grow its membership and level of support in order to keep WVU as one of the nation's premier athletic programs.

Athletics is a window through which the University is often viewed, with its accomplishments serving as a tremendous recruiting tool and a catalyst for philanthropy to all areas of WVU. Essential private support enables the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to recruit and train elite student-athletes in first-class facilities, fund scholarships and compete on a level playing field with peer institutions. Financial stability in athletics ultimately breeds success, and success breeds pride among WVU's many alumni and friends.

# **GIVING LEVELS**



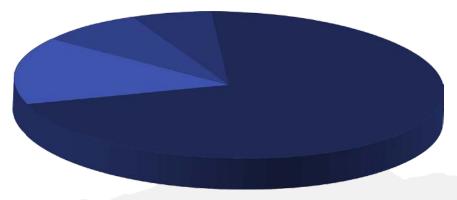




■ 15% Capital Improvements

8% Other

6% Endowments



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