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MEN'S  
**SWIMMING & DIVING**

2014 MEDIA GUIDE



**HIGHLANDERS**

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## SWIMMING & DIVING

**First Year of Men's Program:** 1967-68  
**Head Coach (alma mater, year):**  
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**Volunteer Diving Coach:** Anthony Caccella (Montclair BFA '13)  
**Captains:** Brian Capozzola, Jonathan Drori, and Christian Giglio  
**2013-14 record:** 3-8

## QUICK FACTS

**Location:** University Heights, Newark, NJ  
**Founded:** 1881  
**Enrollment:** 10,130 (total) 7,286 (undergraduate)  
**NJIT website:** www.njit.edu  
**Nickname/Colors:** Highlanders/  
Red and White (Blue accent)  
**Home Field:** Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium (1,000; lighted; sprin turf surface)  
**Affiliations:** NCAA Division I, ECAC  
**Conference:** Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA)  
**University President:** Dr. Joel Bloom, EdD  
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## WHY HIGHLANDERS?

The home of NJIT, University Heights, was formerly known as the Newark Highlands and NJIT's mailing address used to be High Street, until the thoroughfare was renamed in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 2006-07, NJIT athletics, in keeping with its move to NCAA Division I, unveiled a new graphic identity, which included a new Highlanders logo. Developed by CN Foundry for NJIT, the logo depicts the traditional Highlander, whose ferocity and bravery against all odds are the stuff of legend.

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## MEDIA INFORMATION

This guide is designed to assist in coverage of NJIT men's swimming and diving. For home matches, the NJIT sports information office will provide an official box score following each event. Coach Michael Lawson and requested athletes will be available for interviews on the pool deck following a 10-minute cooling off period. Radio broadcast requests should be made at least 10 business days prior to the contest. Requests for coach and athlete interviews on nongame days should be made through the NJIT sports information office (973-596-8461).

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# About NJIT



**NJIT is New Jersey's Science & Technology University. With roots going back to 1881, when it was founded as Newark Technical School, New Jersey Institute of Technology observed its 125th anniversary in 2006.**

**Located in University Heights, Newark, NJ, home to more than 30,000 college students, NJIT's campus is just 10 miles from New York City.**

Playing a critical role in shaping New Jersey's future, NJIT, as a major public technological university, is an important pipeline for the flow of technology into society. The university's educational programs prepare students to be leaders in the technology-dependent economy of the 21st century. University researchers seek new knowledge to improve processes and products for industry. Through public and private partnerships and economic development efforts, the university helps to grow new business ventures that fuel the economy.

In recent years, NJIT has put tens of millions of dollars toward new and improved buildings and facilities on the 48-acre campus, including biomedical engineering labs and a campus center.

## Instructional Programs

NJIT offers an ever-expanding array of educational programs, with many new programs added in the last five years and more to come. In 2014 NJIT lists 125 undergraduate and graduate degree programs through six schools:

- Newark College of Engineering
- College of Architecture and Design
- College of Science and Liberal Arts
- School of Management
- Albert Dorman Honors College
- College of Computing Sciences

NJIT has 277 tenured or tenure track faculty; 99 percent of whom hold doctoral degrees or the highest degree attainable in their field. The student-faculty ratio is 16:1, with over 7,000 undergraduate students and nearly 3,000 graduate students. Our students hail from 33 states and more than 100 countries to rank eighth in the nation for diversity.





Albert Dorman Honors College enrolls more than 500 students who take advantage of honors courses, research opportunities, advising and mentoring. Honors College students have SAT scores ranking in the top 10 percent nationally.

With nearly 50,000 alumni, NJIT is an acclaimed institution.

- *BuzzFeed.com* ranked NJIT as the #1 higher education value nationally when considering annual tuition cost and average starting salary of graduates.
- Top one percent for return on investment and eighth in alumni earning potential among public universities nationwide – *PayScale.com*
- Top 10 percent nationally for return on investment and one of four best buys in New Jersey higher education – *Bloomberg Businessweek*
- Third in nation among America's Most Underrated Colleges – *BusinessInsider.com*
- Top National University – *U.S. News and World Report*
- 149th among national universities overall for its range of undergraduate majors and master's and doctoral degree programs and commitment to groundbreaking research - *U.S. News and World Report*
- An "America's Top College" – *Forbes.com*
- A *Princeton Review* Best College
- Top 200 American research universities – *The Center for Measuring University Performance at Arizona State*
- Top 50 among colleges without a medical school for research expenditures and top 10 among universities whose main research is in engineering – *National Science Foundation*
- Top 10 among technological universities in faculty scholarly productivity – *Academic Analytics*
- Top 100 producers of minority degrees, including fifth in the nation for bachelor's degrees in engineering technologies to all minority students – *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*



# About NJIT

## Research

NJIT's research expenditures totaled more than \$110 million in FY2014 and faculty members welcome student collaboration on research projects.

As of September 1, 2014, NJIT had 185 issued U.S. Patents and 133 pending U.S. patent applications.

## Economic Development

NJIT is committed to economic development for Newark and the region. The university operates several outreach centers that provide direct technical assistance to the state's businesses with the goal of helping small and medium-sized companies. NJIT is also the home of New Jersey's oldest and largest incubator facility, and was one of the first institutions in the nation to adopt economic development as a fourth mission element, together with instruction, research and community service.

The Enterprise Development Center (EDC) at NJIT is New Jersey's largest high technology and life science business incubator, and one of the largest in the nation. EDC resident companies have attracted more than \$80 million in third-party funding since entering the incubator, and generated revenues of \$50 million last year. The approximately 90 member companies employ roughly 500 people.

## The Career Edge

- NJIT was named in the top 1 percent for return on investment and 8th in alumni earning potential among public universities nationwide by *Payscale.com*.
- Students get a head start on their careers through cooperative education, salaried internships that relate specifically to their field of study.
- The 10 fastest-growing occupations for college graduates include NJIT's newest program areas—physician assistant and physical therapy—as well as computer-related occupations.
- Among the CEOs of the S&P 500 companies, engineering is the single most common undergraduate degree (22 percent of the group). More than half of the CEOs have undergraduate degrees in engineering, business management, science, math, or computing.

## The Global Edge

The diversity in NJIT's student body and faculty prepares graduates to understand and succeed in the global marketplace.



## The Technology Edge

NJIT has been designated one of the nation's most technologically sophisticated universities by *Forbes.com* and a *Princeton Review* survey and the university has received major funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency in recent years.

## The Academic Edge

- NJIT named a Most Wired College by *Princeton Review*.
- NJIT was the first recipient of the Excellence in Technology Education Award presented by New Jersey Technology Council (NJTC), which annually recognizes outstanding technology companies and individuals who contribute to "growth, achievement, and excellence in diverse technology sectors of New Jersey."
- *Forbes.com* and a *Princeton Review* survey designated NJIT as one of the nation's most technologically sophisticated universities based on factors such as the ratio of computers to students, campus-wide and wireless networks, and technology-enhanced learning.
- NJIT has received major National Science Foundation (NSF) funding to define the next generation of computing applications. Most notable is the creation of *SmartCampus*, a wireless peer-to-peer, location-aware community system that immerses students in a world of wearable computers.
- NJIT has been designated a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance (Homeland Security) Education by the **National Security Agency**.
- NJIT partners with Iowa State University in the Center for Information Protection (Homeland Security), an NSF-supported cooperative research center in information assurance.





# About NJIT



## The Regional Edge

New Jersey, with America's highest concentration of pharmaceutical, hi-tech, biotech, and medical device companies is the place to study technology. It has the nation's highest per capita number of engineers and scientists as residents, while also leading in per capita rate of patents issued. Further, the Newark-New York region is a living laboratory for architecture and building sciences, environmental engineering and transportation. .

## The Research Edge

NJIT has been designated by the State of New Jersey as the Homeland Security Technology Systems Center and NJIT operates the world-renowned Big Bear Solar Observatory.

## A History of NJIT

From the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age, New Jersey Institute of Technology has a rich history with its beginnings developing from the industrial age.

In 1881, an act of the New Jersey State Legislature, recognizing an urgent need, sought a home for what would be the state's technical school. The efforts of Newark's public and private sectors resulted with the opening of Newark Technical School, addressing the state's need.

Over time, the university expanded its curriculum and mission. In 1919, the university established baccalaureate programs in three engineering fields. By the middle of the 20th century, Newark Technical School was transformed into the robust Newark College of Engineering.

The post-war period was one of enormous activity with regular expansion of the campus, as well as the introduction of doctoral level programs. In 1975, with the addition of the New Jersey School of Architecture, the institution had evolved into a technological university, emphasizing a broad range of degrees and dedication to significant research and public service. Newark College of Engineering, stronger than ever, remained intact, but a new university name -- New Jersey Institute of Technology -- reflected the institution's expanded mission.

A broadened mission called for the creation of a residential campus and the opening of NJIT's first dormitory in 1980 began a period of steady growth that continues. Two new schools were established during the 1980s--the College of Science and Liberal Arts (1982) and the School of Industrial Management (1988). The Albert Dorman Honors College was established in 1994, and the College of Computing Sciences, was created in 2001. Beginning in 2009 the College of Architecture and Design was created to house the New Jersey School of Architecture and the new school of Art and Design.





# Administration

## Dr. Joel Bloom

### *President, New Jersey Institute of Technology*

Appointed President of New Jersey Institute of Technology on January 12, 2012 by unanimous



vote of NJIT's Board of Trustees, Joel S. Bloom started his career in industry working as an economist.

He subsequently became an educator and administrator for the New York City public schools. Prior to coming to New Jersey, he worked as a research director and instructor at Teachers College, Columbia University.

In New Jersey, he managed state and federally-funded curriculum development and training centers for the state. From 1983 through 1990, Dr. Bloom served as assistant commissioner in the NJ Department of Education for the Division of General Academic Education. He was responsible for managing many of the education department's initiatives including competency testing, curriculum content standards, pre-school programs, establishment of 17 model effective schools, over 300 grants and contracts, and a \$24 million budget.

Immediately prior to his appointment as President, he served as Interim President from September 2011 until January 2012.

Prior to that, he was NJIT's Vice President for Academic and Student Services, as well as founding dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College.

Indeed, since joining NJIT in July 1990, Dr. Bloom has served the university in many capacities.

Promoted in 1996 to Vice President for Academic and Student Services, he was responsible for nine divisions of the university, including pre-college programs, enrollment management, continuing professional education, career development services, dean of student services, freshman studies, educational opportunity programs, library services, physical education and athletics.

Dr. Bloom was appointed as the first dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College in 1998, in addition to his vice president responsibilities. The Honors College enrolls over 650 students who come from 15 states and several foreign countries. The average SAT score is over 1340 and the majority of the incoming freshman class members graduated in the top 15 percent of their high school class. More than 50 percent of the Honors College students maintain a grade-point average higher than 3.5.

Dr. Bloom is chair of the Science Park Board, treasurer of the NJ President's Council, and treasurer of the NJEDge.Net Board. In addition, he serves as a member of the following boards: the Board for Communities and Schools, Newark Alliance, Philadelphia Alliance for Minority Participation, La Casa de Don Pedro, and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Presidents Council. Dr. Bloom has been the recipient of national and state education awards, as well as federal, foundation and corporate grant awards. He has published journal articles and presented papers on school improvement, curriculum development, college transition and student assessment.

Dr. Bloom holds a master's degree and a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University. He also earned master's and bachelor's degrees from Hunter College of the City University, New York City.

## Charles J. Fey

### *Vice President for Academic and Student Services*



Dr. Fey joined NJIT in September 2012 with 39 years of leadership experience in student services as Vice President of Academic Support and Student Affairs.

At NJIT, he continues his commitment to creating a campus climate that promotes student achievement and student success. His personal philosophy of student engagement extends to the development of innovative programs that inspire challenging and engaging student experiences and encourage each student to reach for his/her dream and work until it is achieved.

Dr. Fey's strong record of accomplishments demonstrates his deep understanding of emerging issues and trends that affect metropolitan campuses and the students who attend them. In addition to his direct involvement with students, Fey oversees numerous offices and departments at NJIT, including including Intercollegiate Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals, Physical Education.

Fey actively participates in student affairs business on a national level and holds or has held board positions in ACPA, NASPA, and APLU. He was the founding president of the Massachusetts College Personnel Association and was president of the Texas Association of College and University Personnel Association. Fey has received numerous awards including the Esther Lloyd Jones Professional Service Award from ACPA; is a Diamond Honoree of ACPA's Foundation; twice received the Outstanding Service award from the Commission on Administrative Leadership of ACPA; and an exemplary service award from MCPA.

Fey earned his bachelor's degree in liberal arts and his masters of education degree in counselor education, college student personnel services, both from The Pennsylvania State University. He holds a doctorate in higher education administration from Texas A&M University.

Prior to NJIT, he was the Vice President for Student Affairs at The University of Akron; was Vice President for Student Affairs at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC); Dean of Students at the University of Texas at El Paso; served as Vice President and Dean of Student Life at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio; Dean of Students at St. Mary's University, also in San Antonio; Associate Dean of Student Affairs at Keene (NH) State College; Director of Housing/Resident Life at Catholic University of America; and in numerous student affairs and other administrative posts at Newbury Junior College in Boston.

Married to Melba Ann Fey since 1985, Charlie and Melba have two daughters, Kelly Prestel, living in Boston, and Chelsea Fey, living in Arlington, VA and two sons, Lloyd Lopez and Matt Lopez, who live in San Antonio.



# Administration

## Lenny Kaplan

### *Director of Athletics*



Since taking over as head of NJIT's division of physical education and athletics in August 2000, Lenny Kaplan has been instrumental in guiding NJIT's reclassification to NCAA Division I.

First, Kaplan helped stabilize and expand a program that was entering its fourth year in Division II when he arrived in Newark. In late 2002, after discussions with then-President Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch and then-Vice President Dr. Joel Bloom, Kaplan took on the task of steering NJIT's programs into Division I, a process that reached fruition with the NCAA's granting active Division I status, with full championship eligibility effective September 1, 2009.

Throughout Kaplan's tenure, NJIT has enhanced the athletics program, particularly in areas that benefit the student-athletes directly. A hallmark in achieving that aim was the Highlanders Athletics Campaign, which announced in the summer of 2009 that it had raised \$5.4 million against a goal of \$5 million. Of the \$5 million in the goal, \$3 million was for facilities, \$1.5 million for athletics scholarships, and \$500,000 for program support.

The sports offerings have expanded to its current 19 varsity programs, with the newest, men's lacrosse set to debut in 2015. Since 2004, NJIT has renovated its two main on-campus venues—Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium and the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center. Further, the newest facility, the Naimoli Family Athletic and Recreational Facility, a 25,600-square foot building opened in March 2011 as a heated and air conditioned space that includes indoor tennis courts used for intercollegiate competition.

On Kaplan's watch, the school signed a 10-year partnership to play all home baseball in the professional Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium and later agreed to host basketball in the Prudential Center, the downtown Newark home of the NHL's New Jersey Devils.

Under Kaplan's leadership, many teams achieved regional and national Division II ranking. Success for several women's teams was unprecedented, with basketball, tennis and soccer all reaching postseason play for the first time under his administration.

Additionally, men's volleyball captured a 2007 divisional championship in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association and the next year reached the EIVA playoff semifinals hosted by eventual 2008 national champion Penn State.

In 2009-10, NJIT's first full year as an active member of NCAA Division I, the women's volleyball team and senior Sabrina Baby became the school's first national statistical champions at the Division I level, as team and individual leaders, respectively in digs per set. Baby was honored as NJIT's first CoSIDA Academic All-America in the Division I era, earning third-team national honors.

Christian Baumbach made history in 2009 when he was NJIT's first Division I individual sport conference champion, taking first place in the Great West Conference cross country race and in the prestigious IC4A University Division race, a competition held for the 101st time in 2009.

Kaplan guided the Highlanders into the all-sports Great West Conference and the women's tennis team won back-to-back GWC titles in 2011 and 2012. In 2012-13, both NJIT basketball teams captured GWC crowns, with the men winning their regular season title and the women's winning the GWC postseason tournament.

Two Highlanders men's basketball standouts—Isaiah Wilkerson (Class of 2012) and Chris Flores (Class of 2013)—received honorable mention on the Associated Press All-America team, the first such national honorees for NJIT at the Division I level.

Wilkerson continued his career as a professional in the NBA D-League and Flores and women's basketball star Rayven Johnson (Class of 2013) went overseas to professional careers in Germany.

In 2012-13, baseball pitcher Mark Leiter, Jr., was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies organization in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player draft and fellow pitcher Tripp Davis signed as a free agent with the Kansas City Royals organization.

In 2013-14, Marko Drljic became the first NJIT men's soccer player to be selected to the All-Region season honors from the NSCAA at the highest level, earning NSCAA/Continental Tire Division I Men's All-North Atlantic Region honors, while men's tennis player Markus Schultz advanced to the round of 16 at the 2013 USTA/ITA National Regional Championships, the furthest any NJIT tennis player has advanced at the ITA tournament.

Two members of the NJIT men's basketball team, Terrence Smith and Damon Lynn finished the 2013-14 season ranked in the top 4 in the nation—Smith third in individual field-goal percentage and Lynn fourth in 3-point field goals made.

NJIT men's fencer David Kong whose weapon is the foil, earned a 16-place finish at the US National Championships and ranks 24th in the nation and 14th under 20. He placed 18th in the men's foil competition at the 2014 NCAA Fencing Championships, becoming the first NJIT fencer in 10 years to advance to the championships.

John Porteous became the first NJIT track and field athlete to qualify to the 2014 NCAA Track and Field Regional, earning a spot in the men's 400-meter hurdles.

Two NJIT sports, women's tennis and men's soccer, were invited to join automatic qualifying Division I conferences in their respective sports. Women's tennis is in the America East Conference, reaching the AEC final in 2014 and men's soccer is one of programs in the Sun Belt Conference, which is sponsoring the sport in 2014 for the first time since 1995.

Before coming to NJIT, Lenny Kaplan served 11 years at Manhattan College, where he began as Manhattan's director of operations and was assistant athletics director from 1991-2000.

Kaplan, a 1988 graduate of St. John's University with a degree in athletics administration, resides in Merrick, NY, with his wife, Nancy, and their sons, Michael and Joshua.

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# Administration

## Sports Medicine

NJIT sports medicine is moving forward with the growth of the Highlanders program. Head trainer Matt Koscs, MS/ATC, oversees the program, ably assisted by assistant trainers Paul Grayner, MED/ATC; Melissa Maskery, MS, ATC; Brittany Vondran, MS/ATC; and, Kyle Tuohy, BS/ATC.



**Matt Koscs, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer**

Matt Koscs, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Delaware, has served NJIT as head trainer since July 2009, a year after he joined the staff as an assistant trainer.

As an undergraduate at Delaware, he was recipient of the Paris Delligatti Memorial Award for Excellence in Athletic Training. He earned his MS in Exercise Science from Delaware in 2008.

Prior to his arrival at NJIT, Matt served three years as the head athletic trainer at Hodgson Vocational Technical High School in Newark, DE, from 2005 to 2008.

In addition to his work at the high school level, he was head athletic trainer for the Delaware Dynasty semi-pro soccer team in Wilmington, as well as with the Kirkwood Soccer Club in New Castle in 2005 and 2006.

He was employed from 2005 to 2008 at Christiana Care Physical Therapy Plus, in Newark, DE, where he was an athletic trainer and was the Director of Athletic Training Services in a clinical setting.

He is a NATABOC certified athletic trainer, as well as holding additional certifications as a professional rescuer and in first aid.

He resides in Metuchen, NJ with his wife Kristin and daughters Eloise, Claire and Madeleine.



**Paul Grayner, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer**

Paul Grayner, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant athletic trainer late in the 2008 calendar year, has a diverse background in athletic training, having served at the college and professional levels, as well as in a fitness center setting.

A graduate of Saint Leo College in Florida and holder of a master's degree from American University in Washington, DC, Grayner has served as both a head and assistant trainer in the past.

From the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s, he was a trainer in the minor league systems of the New York Yankees and New York Mets from 1977 to 1985 and in 1984 he was assistant trainer with the Mets. He later worked with the Long Island Knights professional basketball team.

At the collegiate level, he was head trainer at Division I Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ from 1989 to 1998 and he earlier worked as an assistant trainer at Hofstra (1982-85) and Adelphi (1985) on Long Island before joining FDU as an assistant (1986-89).

In addition to his work in athletic training, Grayner is a financial services representative and a life insurance sales representative.

He resides in Dumont, NJ.



**Brittany Vorndran, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer**

Brittany Vorndran, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant athletic trainer in the summer of 2012, earned her bachelor's degree, majoring in athletic training, from Bridgewater (MA) State University in 2010 and was the school's 2008-09

Athletic Training Student of the Year.

She earned her master's in Kinesiology at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, in May 2012.

At James Madison, she worked with the cross country, track and field, tennis and cheerleading teams.

A resident of Millville, NJ, she has worked as a substitute teacher for the Millville Board of Education.



**Melissa Maskery, ATC,  
Assistant Athletic Trainer**

Melissa Maskery, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant athletic trainer in the summer of 2013, earned her bachelor's degree, majoring in athletic training and minoring in strength and conditioning, from the

University of Delaware in 2011.

She earned her master's in athletic training at Temple University in May 2013.

As a graduate assistant, she worked in Philadelphia with several Division I teams at Drexel University and as an undergraduate, on the medical staff for Delaware's 2010 Division I Football Championship Series (formerly known as Division I-AA) national runner-up.

She has worked as a trainer at numerous summer camps and before coming to NJIT, she earned the 2013 Merit Award for Research in the College of Health Sciences & Social Work and was the recipient of Drexel University Dragon Award for Leadership.

She is married to Mark Mackey.



**Kyle Tuohy, ATC, Assistant  
Athletic Trainer**

Kyle Tuohy, a 2014 summa cum laude graduate of East Stroudsburg (PA) University, joined the NJIT athletic training staff in September 2014.

Tuohy, who will attend graduate school while working

at NJIT, won multiple awards from his alma mater, including the David Carylton Athletic Training Outstanding Student Award in May 2014.

He had varied clinical internship experience starting in the Fall Semester 2012 and continuing through his senior year.

His internships included stints with the East Stroudsburg women's basketball team; Parkland High School and Pen Argyl High School, both in Pennsylvania; the Tennessee Smokies professional baseball team, Class AA minor league affiliate of the Chicago Cubs; and Lafayette College in Easton, PA, where he worked closely with the Leopards football team in season and also worked with athletes from all in-season sports in the Fall Semester.

He holds several profession-related certifications, including from the National Athletic Trainers Association.



**Louis Rizio, MD, Team  
Physician**

Dr. Rizio is a board certified orthopedic surgeon and is fellowship trained in the field of sports medicine. He is a graduate of Rutgers and after earning his medical degree from the UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School (recently

reorganized and renamed Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences), Dr. Rizio completed his orthopaedic residency at Tufts University in Boston.



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He then completed a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Miami. During his fellowship, he was assistant team physician of the Miami Dolphins, University of Miami Hurricanes, and the Florida Marlins.

Dr. Rizio, who specializes in sports-related injuries, practices at the Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center in Livingston, NJ. Prior to starting his own practice, Dr Rizio was the Chief of Sports Medicine at the NJ Medical School from 2000-2005. He currently is a professional, college, and high school team physician.

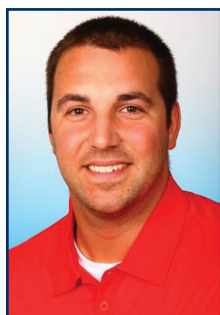
In 2013, Dr. Rizio was honored by the magazine New Jersey Monthly on its "Jersey Choice Top Doctors" list.

## Strength and Conditioning

There are many ways to make a team better and a vital path to improvement comes with the mantra "bigger, stronger, faster."

It's how teams get better from within by maximizing individual and team performance in competition. The Strength and Conditioning staff also works closely with the Athletic Training Staff in the areas of injury prevention and rehabilitation.

In the summer and fall of 2014, NJIT's Strength and Conditioning took new direction with the appointment of Bobby Fisk as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach and Drew Culp as Fisk's Assistant Coach.



**Bobby Fisk, Head Strength & Conditioning Coach**

Bobby Fisk, who was a basketball player in his own college days and coached the sport after college, comes to NJIT from Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he was assistant coach of strength and conditioning for

the entire Musketeers' program, which competes in the Big East Conference.

Fisk, a native of Schenectady, NY, spent over two years at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY, where, as head strength and conditioning coach, he worked with successful teams, including women's soccer (William Smith College), which won the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship; football (Hobart), which advanced to the 2012 Division III national quarterfinals and the regional finals in 2011 and 2013; and basketball, where Hobart reached the second round of the 2012 NCAA Tournament.

Moving to the Division I level with Xavier in 2013-14, Fisk worked with all 16 of the school's teams, with a primary assignment to women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, baseball, and men's and women's tennis.

He is a graduate of the State University of New York College at Oneonta (BS, Business Economics, 2008), Averett University of Danville, VA (MBA, 2010), and California University of Pennsylvania (MS in Exercise Science, Performance Enhancement & Injury Prevention, 2013)

As a student-athlete, Fisk was a men's basketball player at NCAA Division I UMBC in Baltimore for three years before transferring to Oneonta, where he was on the team for two years, serving as captain as a senior and earning All-State University of New York Athletic Conference honorable mention.

As a senior for Oneonta's Red Dragons, he finished 16th in the nation in Division III in 3-point shooting percentage (.441) and 22nd in 3-pointers made per game (3.2) as a senior at Oneonta.

After graduation from Oneonta, he entered coaching while pursuing his master's degree at Averett, serving that program as assistant men's basketball coach (two years) and head strength and conditioning coach (one year).

Having received his master's degree from

Averett in December 2010, he returned home to the Schenectady area and worked April 2011 to July 2011 as assistant strength and conditioning coach at nearby Siena College and with the minor professional basketball Albany Legends (head strength and conditioning coach).

Fisk holds multiple certifications and professional memberships.



### **Drew Culp, Assistant Strength & Conditioning**

NJIT's head strength and conditioning coach Bobby Fisk named Drew Culp to be his assistant coach in September 2014.

Culp, who earned his bachelor's degree from Penn State University in 2010 and his master's degree from

Penn State in 2012, most recently served as a volunteer assistant strength and conditioning coach at nearby Seton Hall prior to accepting his position with NJIT.

At Seton Hall, Culp worked with the school's Big East Conference men's and women's basketball teams, as well as with the men's soccer team.

Between college and coming to New Jersey, Culp worked at Velocity Sports Performance in Irvine, CA. He was a Sports Performance Coach and Assistant Sports Performance Director. Specifically, he was the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for the El Toro High School football team and also assisted in training National Football League combine athletes. He also offered private training to athletes in a range of sports and age levels.

Drew Culp was a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at Penn State, working with the Nittany Lions football team for over a year through preseason 2012 and working with 11 Olympic Sports teams in his final semester.

He holds multiple certifications, including both strength and conditioning and first aid and CPR.

## **Academic Enrichment**



### **Sandra Taylor, Director of The Learning Center**

Sandra Taylor was appointed as Director of The Learning Center in late September 2014 after serving as Interim Director for the previous 16 months.

She joined NJIT in January 2010 as Academic Advisor for Student-

Athletes working in NJIT's Center for Academic and Personal Enrichment (CAPE), which has since been renamed as The Learning Center.

She mentored student-athletes in the areas of academic support, personal development, leadership, and community service. She was instrumental in bringing the Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society for student-athletes to campus and has been individually certified from the N4A (National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics) as an academic advisor for student-athletes.

In May 2013, she was elevated to Interim Director of CAPE and presided over its transition to the Learning Center in August of 2014. The Learning Center provides academic support to all students, mentoring and workshops, tutoring in areas outside of math and writing, and testing accommodations for students with disabilities. She has served on NJIT's Strategic Planning, Academic Advising, Retention and Persistence, Customer Service, Student Satisfaction, and Athletic Oversight Committees.

Prior to joining NJIT, Taylor spent 17 years as a key member of the Manhattan College Department of Athletics. She earned both her bachelor's degree in secondary education and her master's degree in special education from Manhattan College and is working on her doctorate in educational leadership at St. Mary's University in Winona, MN.

Working in the athletics department at Manhattan, a founding member of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Taylor was Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Woman Administrator, having filled those posts from 1996 until joining NJIT in 2010,



# Administration

For much of her time on the Manhattan staff (1995 to 2003), she was Chief Athletic Department Compliance Officer, with responsibility for Manhattan's adherence to NCAA Division I, MAAC and college regulations. She began her service at Manhattan as Athletic Department Ticket Manager, serving in that capacity from 1993 to 2003.

In her time at Manhattan, she served on numerous NCAA, conference and internal college committees, including service on the NCAA Division I Management Council from 2004 to 2007 and as chair of the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Committee from 2002 to 2006.

At the conference level, she chaired the MAAC Women's Basketball Committee from 1997 to 2009 and also served on four other sport committees, as well as on the MAAC Committee on Athletic Administration, with service as vice-chair in 2008-09.

Internally at Manhattan, her assignments included service on the Middle States Review in 2000 and on the NCAA Certification Committee.

Sandra and her husband, Ken, who is Associate Commissioner for Men's Basketball and Baseball at the MAAC, reside in Monroe Township, NJ, with their daughters, Katherine, who was born in May 2004, and Samantha, who was born in July 2009.



**Mike Spisto, Eligibility Certification Officer/Academic Advisor for Athletics**

Mike Spisto moved to administration as NJIT's Eligibility Certification Office/ Academic Adviser for Athletics in the Spring of 2013, working in the Center for Academic and Personal Enrichment (CAPE), now named

The Learning Center.

For the previous five years, he was the top assistant coach on the men's basketball staff, working with head coach Jim Engles in an association that culminated with the Highlanders capturing the 2013

regular season championship of the Great West Conference.

In addition to 14 years college coaching—five at NJIT—he served as Director of Athletics at the State University of New York at Delhi in the two years before he joined Engles' coaching staff with the Highlanders.

He had two stints as head coach at SUNY at Delhi sandwiched around three years as a Division I assistant with Rider and Albany (NY). He began his coaching career with two years as an assistant at his alma mater, Division III SUNY Oneonta.

At Delhi, which is also an alma mater, he was head coach from 1999 to 2001, left to become a Division I assistant and then returned for another two-year stint as head coach from 2004 to 2006 before becoming AD at Delhi.

His head coaching record in four years at SUNY Delhi was 86-31 and both stints included championships and coaching awards. His first Division I coaching assignment came at Rider University in 2001-02, where he worked alongside Jim Engles as an assistant when Rider captured its first-ever Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular season championship.

Heading to the University at Albany (NY), he helped recruit the team that would win back-to-back America East Conference championships.

Spisto's coaching career began at Oneonta State following his 1997 graduation. In addition to his bachelor's degree from Oneonta, he earned an associate's degree from SUNY Delhi, as well as an MSS from United States Sports Academy.

He played at both Delhi and Oneonta and was all-region twice at Delhi, where he is the career assists leader. At Oneonta he was captain as a senior after winning an ECAC title his junior year.

Mike and his wife, Katie-Lynn, reside in Staten Island, NY, with their young children: sons Michael (9) and Christopher (6), and daughter Alyssa (2).

# Remembering Joe Caiola



On June 29, 2014, NJIT athletics lost one of its top administrators, Assistant Director of Athletics Joe Caiola, who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 57 in Fort Myers, Florida.

As hard-working and vital a contributor as he was the department's day-to-day operation, more important to the many that knew him was the way Joe touched so many lives with his warm personality and kind spirit.

Born in Newark on February 16, 1957, Joe Caiola earned two degrees from NJIT, a Bachelor of Science, cum laude, with a major in engineering technology in 1980, and a Master of Science in Management in 1984. He previously earned an Associate in Applied Science in 1978 from Brookdale Community College (Lincroft, NJ) in 1978.

While he was an undergraduate at NJIT, Caiola was a two-year member of the men's basketball team. In his final college game on February 29, 1980, Joe exploded for a career-high 40 points against Concordia of New York. In addition to being Joe's personal career-best, that 40-point total is sixth on the all-time list for the Highlanders, who have fielded intercollegiate basketball teams since 1922.

Upon graduation from NJIT, Caiola embarked on a career in marketing and management in technical staff augmentation and contract engineering services. He held that position full-time for over a decade and later began working as a developer of single-family homes.

However, sports remained a passion for Joe and, along with his full-time work, he became a part-time coach in boys basketball in the mid-1990s.

Not long after, he returned to NJIT as an assistant men's basketball coach in 1997 and soon added responsibilities as an Assistant Director of Athletics. Having spent 17 years on the staff at NJIT, he was the longest-tenured employee of the department among administrators and coaches. At the time of his passing, Joe held the title of Assistant Athletics Director for Business, Facilities, and Events Management.

In addition to his work for NJIT, he was active in youth basketball and baseball in Edison, NJ, his hometown for the last 29 years of his life.

An avid bike rider who, on more than one occasion, rode from Edison to Newark and back, a round-trip of nearly 50 miles, Joe also continued to play recreational basketball in his 50s and played every year in the annual NJIT Alumni basketball games, which he helped organize. He played

throughout the most recent alumni game, held in February 2014.

Joe Caiola was a special person, universally well-liked among his NJIT co-workers and his friendliness and his kind spirit were evident almost immediately when he met new people.

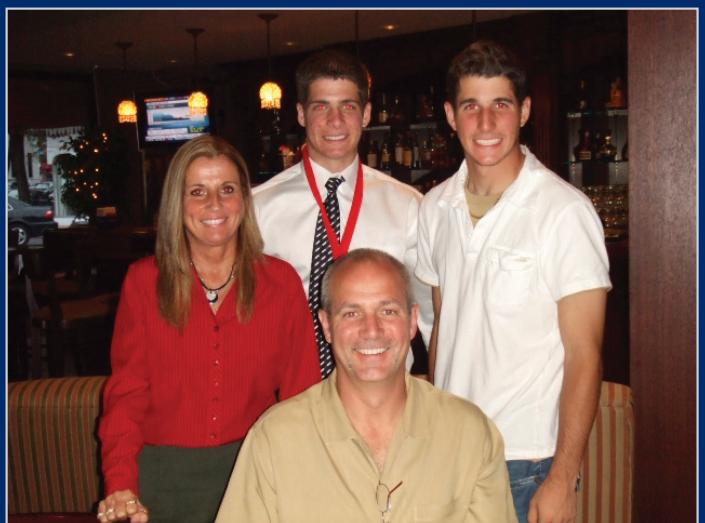
He enthusiastically took on new tasks on the job, no matter how difficult, and he was always the first to help others. Many a co-worker could tell personal stories of how Joe helped them in a time of need.

He worked especially closely with the Highlander baseball program and often traveled to the team's away games. He was the administrator-in-charge at several away Great West Conference baseball tournaments across the country and when NJIT hosted the 2013 Great West Conference Tournament, the last one for the GWC, he was Tournament Director, a post he also held when NJIT hosted previous baseball and soccer championship tournaments. Joe also accompanied other Highlander teams when they traveled to far away tournaments.

He is survived by his wife Carol and their two sons, Joe and Anthony. Both sons followed in their father's path, attending and graduating from NJIT. Joe, the elder of the Caiola brothers earned both bachelor's and master's degrees, while Anthony earned a bachelor's degree and played as member of the Highlanders baseball team for four years, completing his playing career in 2012.

His sons and their accomplishment were a special source of pride and joy for Joe. If you knew Joe well enough to speak to him regularly, you would hear news about all that his boys were doing as their lives progressed from high school all the way through college and entering the job market.

Joe is also survived by his parents, Nicholas and Filomena, and by his brother, Nicholas, Jr., in addition to numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and cousins.





# Athletic Administration & Coaching Staff

## SENIOR ADMINISTRATION

Lenny Kaplan TBA	Director of Athletics Senior Associate Athletic Director
Alexis Schug	Director Associate Athletic Director/ Senior Women Administrator
Jayson Smikle	Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance
Tim Camp	Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information
Mike Siegel	Faculty Athletic Representative Senior Women Administrator
Brian Callahan	Assistant Director of Physical Education

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Sandra Taylor	Director of The Learning Center; Academic Advisor Athletics
Mike Spisto	Eligibility Certification Officer/Academic Advisor for Athletics

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

Matt Koscs	Head Athletic Trainer
Paul Grayner	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Brittany Vorndran	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Melissa Mackey	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Kyle Tuohy	Assistant Athletic Trainer
Dr. Louis Rizio	Team Physician

## COMPLIANCE

Alexis Schug	Associate Athletic Director/ Senior Women Administrator
Jayson Smikle	Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance
Raquel Green	Compliance Coordinator

## DEVELOPMENT

Darlene Lamourt	Development Officer for Athletics
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## FLEISHER ATHLETIC CENTER

Shannon Abraham	Operations Manager
Jonathan Walker	Front Desk
Danielle Dundas	Receptionist

## SPORTS INFORMATION

Tim Camp	Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Information
Stephanie Pillari	Assistant Sports Information Director
Courtney Caden	Assistant Sports Information Director

## STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

Bobby Fisk	Head Strength and Conditioning Coach
Drew Culp	Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach

## COACHING STAFF DIRECTORY

### BASEBALL

Brian Guiliana	Head Coach
Robbie McClellan	Assistant Coach
Grant Neary	Assistant Coach

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jim Engles	Head Coach
Brian Kennedy	Assistant Coach
Jesse Agel	Assistant Coach
Dino Presley	Assistant Coach
Jared Czech	Director of Basketball Operations

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Steve Lanpher	Head Coach
Mark McCaleb	Assistant Coach
LaKea Jones	Assistant Coach
Epiphany Smith	Assistant Coach

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Al Alonso	Head Coach
John Crawford	Assistant Coach

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING

Yefim Litvan	Head Coach
Jason Henderson	Assistant Coach
Henry Kennard	Assistant Coach
Danielle Henderson	Assistant Coach

### MEN'S SOCCER

Didier Orellana	Head Coach
David Janezic	Assistant Coach
Evan Brandsdorfer	Assistant Coach
Chris Condron	Volunteer Assistant

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

Mandi Ridsen	Head Coach
Scott Waddell	Assistant Coach
Tim Verschuren	Volunteer Coach

### MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

Michael Lawson	Head Coach
Mark Albright	Assistant Coach
Shawn Bryan	Assistant Coach
Anthony Cacella	Volunteer Diving Coach

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Ira Miller	Head Coach
Livia Gherman	Assistant Coach

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (INDOOR & OUTDOOR)

Al Alonso	Head Coach
John Crawford	Assistant Coach
Robert Willmott	Volunteer Coach

### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Danny Goncalves	Head Coach
Brennon Dyer	Assistant Coach

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Pete Volkert	Head Coach
Ariel Scott	Assistant Coach
Anthony Valbrun	Assistant Coach
Alicja Pawelec	Volunteer Coach

# NJIT & NCAA Division I



*Richard Seffrin*

**Beginning on September 1, 2009, the entire NJIT athletics program officially gained across-the-board active membership in NCAA Division I, completing a process that began officially in 2003.**

**NJIT, its teams and student-athletes enjoy the full benefits of Division I membership, including eligibility for Division I postseason championship competition and the inclusion of the Highlanders among the national Division I leaders in statistics maintained by the NCAA.**

Within months of NJIT's active Division I membership, the school won its first national Division I statistical championships, as women's volleyball players Sabrina Baby led the nation in digs per set and her teammates captured the team crown for digs, as well.

The NCAA's decision to make NJIT a full member of Division I completed a specific timetable that required NJIT and its Department of Athletics to meet a series of annual benchmarks before proceeding to the next step in the process.

NJIT, which competed in NCAA Division II beginning in 1997-98 and in NCAA Division III for more than two decades before that, made its first formal move toward Division I reclassification with men's soccer paving the way in 2003. That move grew out of November 2002 meetings among then-President Robert A. Altenkirch, then Vice President Joel Bloom (who would later succeed Altenkirch as NJIT's President) and Director of Athletics Lenny Kaplan. From there came a proposal for Dr. Altenkirch to the Board of Trustees, which unanimously approved in February 2003 a plan to reclassify men's soccer to Division I. Little more than two years later, the



# NJIT & NCAA Division I



*Jonathan Drori*

NCAA approved NJIT's proposal to begin advancing its entire program to Division I.

Men's soccer achieved active Division I status in 2005 and NJIT women's soccer became postseason-eligible in 2007. The remaining programs also began reclassifying in 2005, with active status taking longer for an entire athletics program than under the single-sport- per-gender track used for the two soccer programs.

In 2005-06 the lion's share of the competition for all but the men's soccer program came at the Division II level. In 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09, NJIT's teams competed at the Division I level and fully complied with NCAA Division I rules, but were not eligible for championships at the top level.

Every facet of the program has been enhanced in the move to Division I with a special emphasis placed on student-athlete welfare. Facility upgrades have gone along with sports medicine staff expansion, a strength and conditioning program, and academic enrichment. NJIT has built a model NCAA Division I rules compliance regimen within its athletics program and across the entire university.

Further, the Board of Trustees embraced the transition to Division I as part of the University's strategic plan to enhance the quality of campus life for all students as NJIT makes the transition to being a residential university.

NJIT's teams have competed throughout the United States, taking on opponents from schools that are instantly recognizable for their stature in academics and athletics.

NJIT student-athletes have faced opponents every Ivy League institution, as well as the Patriot League, including Army and Navy, Buckell, Lafayette, and Lehigh.

The Highlanders have also competed against teams from every Division I conference with teams either in the

Northeast or Mid-Atlantic States, including the America East, American Athletic, Atlantic 10, Big East, Colonial Athletic Association, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-Eastern Athletic, and Northeast.

The eighth New Jersey-based institution in Division I, NJIT has competed against all seven of its home state peers, including Rutgers and Seton Hall.

In addition, Highlander teams have taken on squads from power conferences such as the ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, and Pac-12.

Two high-profile opponents, Maryland in men's soccer in 2005 and Penn State in men's volleyball in 2008, won national championships following the same regular seasons in which they faced NJIT.

NJIT joined its first Division I conference in 2009-10 when the Great West became an all-sports conference and women's tennis captured back-to-back league titles in 2011 and 2012. In 2012-13, the final year of the GWC, NJIT men's basketball was regular season champion and NJIT women's basketball was GWC Tournament champion.



*Brian Capozzola*

Moving on from the Great West, NJIT women's tennis joined the America East Conference in 2013-14 and finished as conference runner-up in 2014, the Highlanders' first try at the AEC title. NJIT men's soccer began play as a member of the Sun Belt Conference in 2014, with the Sun Belt champion earning an automatic qualifying berth in the Division I College Cup field.

Also in 2013-14, NJIT men's swimming and diving became one of three new members in the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA), a 15-member Division I association.



# Athletics Facilities

**The New Jersey Institute of Technology teams play home games and practice in a combination of facilities on campus and off.**

**The on-campus facilities include Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium for outdoor sports and the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center for indoor sports. In addition, NJIT in 2011 opened is the Naimoli Family Athletic and Recreational Facility, a multi-purpose indoor facility on the site of the former outdoor tennis courts.**

**Off-campus venues include Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, a professional minor league stadium that is the home of NJIT baseball; the Prudential Center, home of the NHL Devils and NBA Nets, which has hosted selected NJIT basketball games; and, Branch Brook Park in Newark and Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, home sites for NJIT cross country. All except for Van Cortlandt Park are less than two miles from the NJIT campus.**

## Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium

The men's and women's soccer teams play their home games and practice on campus at Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium, a first-class venue for college soccer.

The field on the west end of NJIT's University Heights campus is an all-weather facility, with 24/7 availability for competition or practice. Outfitted with SprinTurf artificial grass in the summer of 2004, Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium also includes lighting for night contests, bleacher seating for more than 1,200 spectators, a press box and scoreboard.

The fully-enclosed facility, with its entrance a few feet opposite the entrance of the indoor Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center, can take its place alongside any college soccer facility in the Northeast.

The home of Highlanders soccer served as the host site for the first-ever Great West Conference women's soccer championship tournament in November 2009. Previously, NJIT hosted the three-day 2005 ECAC Division II women's soccer championship tournament.

In the fall of 2005, when the Northeast was hit with record rainfall, games went on without a hitch at Lubetkin Field, thanks to the quality of the surface. Indeed, with the rain disrupting schedules around the region, some crucial Big East contests involving Seton Hall were moved to NJIT's home field. Those games, too, went off without a hitch.



*Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium*

## Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

The NJIT men's and women's basketball teams and men's and women's volleyball teams play their home games in the Fleisher Athletic Center gymnasium, while the swimming and diving team competes and practices in building's pool. The Fleisher Center also houses intercollegiate fencing, as well as all athletic department offices, varsity and general weight and fitness rooms, and the athletic training room.

In the summer of 2006, the gym underwent renovation to include installation of a new floor and baskets, new lighting, new sound system and new scoreboards, along with entirely new seating for approximately 1,500 spectators after the first phase of renovation. The back bay 'C gym' can be sectioned off from the main competition floor, making the facility useful for intramurals, physical education classes and campus recreation time, while being able to host multiple simultaneous events.

A six-lane swimming pool in Fleisher Athletic Center is home to the NJIT swimming and diving team. Fencing has its own area on the second floor of the building.

In addition to all athletic department offices, the Fleisher Athletic Center also houses the sports medicine staff in the Athletic Training Room and the varsity weight room, supervised by the head strength and condition coach. The building's third floor is home to a fitness center, which is open for use by all students and staff.





# Athletics Facilities

## The Naimoli Family Athletic & Recreation Facility

Opened in 2011, the facility is approximately 25,600 square feet. The Naimoli Family Center will be a multi-purpose space for athletics, community recreation, and gatherings involving large numbers of people.

Built on top of the old outdoor tennis courts adjoining the Fleisher Athletic Center, construction of this new building has been made possible, in part, by a generous gift from Vincent Naimoli '62, Chairman and CEO of Anchor Industries International and Chairman Emeritus/Founder of the Tampa Bay Rays major league baseball team.

The facility houses courts for tennis and is available for other athletic and recreational activities, including practice for basketball and volleyball. It is heated and air conditioned, with flooring appropriate for the intended athletics and recreational activities.

Its indoor tennis courts offer vital year round practice and playing opportunities for NJIT's intercollegiate tennis teams, which have been consistently successful in the transition to Division I. In 2011, the women's tennis team became NJIT's first conference championship team in the Division I era.



*The Naimoli Family Athletic & Recreation Facility*

## Branch Brook Park and Van Cortlandt Park

A hallmark of the NJIT cross country program under veteran coach Al Alonso is its ability to host cross country competition that have made Highlander-sponsored races a popular destination for schools from throughout the New York/New Jersey area.

In 2009, NJIT hosted the Great West Conference championships at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, and the course, which is home to some of the most prestigious events in the sport, is also the home venue for other annual NJIT-hosted races. Branch Brook Park, which is a public park of Essex County, reaches into several towns, including Newark, with the park entrance less than a mile from the NJIT campus.



*NJIT Athletics Weight Room at Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center*

## Track Facilities

The NJIT men's and women's indoor track & field team trains at the Jersey City Armory which is home to a 6-lane indoor 200m track while the outdoor track & field team trains at the Nat Turner Park 6-lane outdoor 400m track.





## Prudential Center

In October 2007, the Prudential Center ushered in a new era in sports and entertainment in Newark and the entire northern New Jersey area.

Prudential Center is the cornerstone in the revitalization and renaissance of downtown Newark. In addition to the arena, Newark will soon add scores of condominiums, restaurants, themed bars and mixed retail establishments. Prudential Center, one of the finest arenas in the country, is New Jersey's home for hockey, basketball, concerts and numerous other events.

A public/private partnership between the City of Newark and Devils Arena Entertainment made the \$375 million Prudential Center a reality that is changing the face of downtown Newark and making it a destination place for sports and live entertainment in the region.

"The Rock" is located about a mile from NJIT's University Heights campus and is known best as the home of the National Hockey League New Jersey Devils and the former home of the National Basketball Association New Jersey Nets.

The arrival of the spectacular Prudential Center nearly coincided with NJIT's arrival as an NCAA Division I institution--the first in Newark and the newest in New Jersey in more than 20 years. The Rock opened one year after NJIT began Division I competition as part of its NCAA reclassification which is now complete.

In the arena's inaugural year, NJIT played host to six basketball games on four dates, including four men's basketball games and two women's games. Included was the first women's basketball game in the building's history, when the Highlanders entertained Cornell on January 15, 2008.

The Highlanders hosted additional basketball games in subsequent years and have played there each year of the building's existence. Further, NJIT's club ice hockey team plays all of its home games

in the full-size Devils practice rink facility (AmeriHealth Pavilion), which adjoins the main arena and has an 800-seat capacity. And one of the special events held in the main arena is NJIT's annual commencement.

# Athletics Facilities

## Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium: Home of the NJIT Highlanders

Joe Torre, then the manager of the New York Yankees, visited New Jersey Institute of Technology on December 8, 2005 to herald a new partnership between NJIT's baseball team, the Highlanders, and Newark professional baseball.

Torre was on hand as the Highlanders signed a 10-year contract to play their home games at Bears & Eagles Riverfront Stadium in Newark.

"I think this partnership is nothing but aces," Torre said during a press conference at NJIT. "It's a partnership between two class organizations that will make for nothing but a lot of fun for everyone."

For the previous two years, the Highlanders played their home games at the stadium. But the team's longer-term commitment to play at the stadium came as NJIT elevated its baseball program to Division I.

"NJIT is bringing Division I baseball to this great stadium," said NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch, "which will generate the highest level of

excitement. It's a great partnership that allows NJIT to play intercollegiate baseball in a great facility, maybe the best for college baseball in the country."

Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, the \$30 million state-of-the-art home of professional baseball in Newark, officially opened to the public on July 16, 1999.

With a seating capacity of 6,200 Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium affords everyone in attendance an up-close view of the action. The ballpark also has 20 luxury suites, a picnic area, a party deck, a concert stage situated behind the outfield wall and a major league-caliber press box featuring two radio booths and two television booths.

The name, Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, honors Newark's rich baseball history. The original Bears were a farm team for the New York Yankees up until 1949 and the Eagles were a very successful Negro League team that played in Newark until 1950.

*Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium*





# About Newark



## Newark: The Renaissance City

NJIT is located in the heart of New Jersey's largest city, Newark, with a population of over 300,000, making it the 65th-largest city in the United States. A major urban center, Newark is a city on the move.

Attractions in Newark include:

- The Prudential Center, a major indoor entertainment and sports venue housing New Jersey Devils hockey and major concerts and other premier events
- New Jersey Performing Arts Center
- The Newark Museum
- The Newark Public Library
- Symphony Hall
- Branch Brook Park
- Art galleries, restaurants, shopping
- The Ironbound neighborhood, renowned for its dining and vibrant nightlife
- An urban architectural laboratory



## Newark: New Jersey's College Town

Some 30,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students attend classes in the University Heights section, which is home to NJIT, Rutgers-Newark, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Services, and Essex County College.

Adjacent to NJIT to the east, is the Newark campus of Rutgers University and the two schools enjoy an exceptionally close and productive relationship. NJIT and Rutgers students have library privileges at both campuses. NJIT students may also enrich their educational experience by enrolling in Rutgers-Newark courses and in full degree programs in disciplines not offered by NJIT, such as art, music, geology, and psychology.

Each year, the two universities co-sponsor a common season of theatrical productions, as well as 'World Week', a joint program of honors colloquia, and a variety of other cultural and social activities.

NJIT also enjoys a cooperative relationship with its neighbor to the west in the University Heights area, UMDNJ, with several joint degree programs.



## New Jersey/New York Metropolitan Region

NJIT and Newark are a part of a region that is a magnet not only to the rest of the United States, but also to the world.

In Newark and neighboring northern New Jersey alone, attractions such as the Prudential Center, New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Meadowlands Sports Complex, Red Bull Arena, Liberty Science Center, and numerous others are minutes away by car and in most cases accessible by public transportation. Literally dozens of shopping malls are within a 20-minute drive of Newark, as well.

Midtown Manhattan, with all that it and the rest of New York City offer, is less than 15 miles from the NJIT campus.

NJIT students have regular access to discount tickets for Broadway shows, museums, concerts, and sporting events.

The school also sponsors weekend trips throughout the northeastern United States, with activities such as skiing, boating, swimming, hiking, and more.

The spectacular Jersey shore is less than an hour away by car and winter sports are within a couple of hours drive to the west and north.



# Sports & Entertainment Around Newark

**NJIT, with its campus in Newark, NJ, sits in a region that abounds with major professional sports unlike any other in the United States and perhaps in the world. There are nine teams in the major professional leagues (MLB, NFL, NBA, and NHL) located in New York City, northern New Jersey and Long Island.**

**Only one of nine major teams is more than 25 miles from Newark, but most, including MetLife Stadium (Giants and Jets NFL football), Madison Square Garden (NBA Knicks, NHL Rangers), are much closer.**

**The three closest professional sports venues (listed below) are within three miles of NJIT's campus and can be accessed in a matter of minutes at low cost by public transportation, beginning with Newark Light Rail, from campus.**

## Prudential Center

The home of the National Hockey League New Jersey Devils is in downtown Newark at the corner of Mulberry and Edison streets, about one mile from the NJIT's University Heights campus.

Opened in October 2007, 'The Rock' is the centerpiece of the city's Downtown Core Redevelopment Project. In addition to NHL hockey, it has hosted numerous entertainment and sporting events, including NJIT basketball.

NJIT played basketball in the Rock in the inaugural year and in each year since. Indeed, NJIT hosted the first women's basketball game ever played in the Prudential Center on January 15, 2008 (NJIT vs. Cornell).

The arena, with full-capacity seating for 18,500 spectators, features a 4,800 square-foot exterior LED screen, as well as the latest in ice-surface technology and a gourmet restaurant overlooking the ice for Devils games. The building contains 850,000 square feet of space, 9,000 tons of steel, eight million pounds of structural steel and 25,000 cubic yards of concrete.



# Sports & Entertainment Around Newark



## Red Bull Arena

Located in Harrison, NJ, just across the Passaic River from Newark and less than three miles from the NJIT campus, the new home of the New York Red Bulls (opened in March 2010) sets the standard for soccer venues across North America.

The state-of-the-art soccer-specific facility is a major component of a multi-billion dollar development.

Red Bull Arena has a number of key design elements which give its seating bowl a close-to-the-action feeling and the unique stadium roof design extends from its leading edge over the entire seating bowl and then curve down to the concourse.

The overall seating capacity for soccer is 25,000, including 30 luxury suites (20 lower level and 10 upper level) and 1,116 club seats. Other amenities include three stadium clubs and two retail outlets.



## Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium

Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, the \$30 million state-of-the-art home of professional baseball and, since 2004, the home of NJIT Highlanders baseball, officially opened to the public on July 16, 1999. With a seating capacity of 6,200, "The Den" affords fans an up-close view of the action. The ballpark also has 20 luxury suites, a picnic area, a party deck, a concert stage situated behind the outfield wall and a major league-caliber press box.

In December 2005, NJIT and the Bears held a joint press conference to herald a new partnership that includes a 10-year deal that extends Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium as the home of NJIT Highlanders baseball.

## 2014-15 Season Preview

After a strong performance in 2013 in the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association Conference, the NJIT men's swimming and diving program is looking ahead to another record-breaking season.

The team, with most of its top performers returning and a solid recruiting class, will begin its 2014-15 campaign this weekend, October 18 and 19 in Baltimore, MD. The Highlanders will be competing against Virginia Military Institute, Gardner-Webb and University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) at the CCSA North Invitational hosted by UMBC.

Last season marked the first year the Highlander program competed in an exclusive Division I conference, the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA). At the conference championships held last February, the team broke 14 school records and finished 5th out of 7 men's teams, ahead of Howard and VMI.

Junior Brian Capozzola led the team in 2013-14, as he broke three individual records at the conference championship and helped his teammates achieve four new relay records. Capozzola also earned a third-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, being the only NJIT swimmer to take a stand on the podium at the meet. Last season Capozzola was named CCSA Swimmer of the Week and NJIT Athlete of the Week twice. He is one of this year's team captains along with Christian Giglio and Jonathan Drori.

Sophomores Anthony Czar and Michael Sungurov also finished their season being a part of the record-breaking relays. Czar broke the 50 and 100-yard backstroke records, while Sungurov claimed the 200-yard backstroke record as his own.

The 2013-2014 season was the first year NJIT had a diving program. Junior David Schmidt finished his first season creating new records for the 1-meter and 3-meter events. This year he is joined by junior JT Stefan and together they will compete in meets throughout the season.

This year the Highlanders are joined by six new freshmen who will add to NJIT's repertoire of talented student-athletes. The freshmen include Collin Moore, Scott Quirie, Maxim Tillmann, Edward Mann Joseph Gross and Alexander

Hilsamer. Moore, Quirie and Mann have all been accepted into the Albert Dorman Honors College.

On top of Moore's academic proficiency, he joins the team with an impressive record from high school. Moore earned second place finishes in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly at the 2013 PAC-7 League Championships. He was also named Paso Robles high school Male Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2013. He will help NJIT score points in the butterfly and freestyle events this season.

Freshman Scott Quirie has joined the team from Ontario, Canada. His events include the 100 and 200 backstroke. Quirie has already managed to break the NJIT 100 individual medley record with a 56.7 at the Red vs. White Inter-squad Alumni Meet. He also got his name on the record board, finishing the 50 backstroke with a time of 25.46.

The men have a challenging season; facing several Division I teams, including:

- America East/CCSA foe UMBC
- Patriot League challenger Lehigh
- MAAC opponents Manhattan, Fairfield, and Saint Peter's
- Northeast Conference rivals St. Francis Brooklyn and Bryant

The season includes for the first time, regular season meets against CCSA rivals UMBC, Gardner Webb, VMI, and Howard, before the CCSA Championship meet held at Georgia in February.

The Highlanders' first home meet will take place on November 1 at 1pm against Manhattan and St. Francis Brooklyn at the Fleisher Athletic Center on NJIT's campus.

Head Coach Michael Lawson stated, "We are going to challenge our young and growing team this season and push them to reach beyond their goals and expectations. This is a team with a lot of heart and we are going to show that during every meet. It should be a very exciting season."

For results and updates on the team go to [www.njithighlander.com](http://www.njithighlander.com), like the team on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/njitswimming](https://www.facebook.com/njitswimming), or follow the team on Twitter, @njitswimanddive.







## Head Coach Michael Lawson



As head coach of the Highlanders since 2010, coach Michael Lawson has continued to raise the status of the Highlander program and help his student athletes achieve milestones within their swimming and diving careers.

In his tenure at NJIT, coach Lawson has implemented a student-focused philosophy

of helping student athletes accomplish their academic and athletic goals through a balanced holistic approach to training. Coach Lawson prides himself on his ability to see a swimmer not just as a student-athlete but as a maturing individual that with guidance can accomplish anything they put their mind and heart into.

With Lawson at the helm, NJIT men's swimming & diving has built upon the programs past successes. In 2013-14 the Highlanders were invited to join the exclusively Division I Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA). The CCSA brings together five East Coast Division I conferences that do not sponsor swimming and diving, making it one of the fastest conferences in the nation. In their inaugural CCSA championship, the Highlanders finished 5th overall, beating Howard University and Virginia Military Institute. At the championship, then sophomore freestyle sprinter Brian Capozzola finished third in the 50 Freestyle with a time of 20.52, only three tenths off a NCAA 'B' standard.

The 2013-14 season concluded with 14 out of 25 school records broken, the team being named CSCAA All-Academic Team by having a team GPA above 3.0, and 8 Highlanders achieving CCSA All-Academic Conference awards by having a GPA above 3.5. The 2013-14 season also marked the inaugural year of the programs diving

team. Lawson initiated the addition of diving to make the overall program more competitive.

During the 2012-13 season Lawson led the team to break 19 of 23 schools records and qualified six swimmers, a school high, to the ECAC Open Championship. The Highlanders placed 12th out of 29 teams at the ECAC meet, as well as finishing 9th out of 19 teams at the Metropolitan Swimming Conference Championships. Both meets saw a record amount of NJIT swimmers finish in Top 8 and Top 16, with multiple athletes garnering 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place finishes.

Before being named head coach at NJIT in 2010, Coach Lawson was an assistant coach for the Highlanders during the 2009-10 season. From 2005 to 2007 he was head swim coach at the Kellogg Club in Morristown, NJ. Through the guidance of his former coaches and his numerous friendships amongst the swimming coach's community, coach Lawson has developed a coaching style rooted in proper stroke technique and strength training.

In 2010, coach Lawson graduated Magna cum Laude from New Jersey Institute of Technology Albert Dorman Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and in 2011 with a Master of Science in Management, specializing in Organization Management. He graduated in 2013 with his Master of City & Regional Planning, specializing in Urban Design and Transportation from the Rutgers University's Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Lawson is an Associate Planner at Heyer, Gruel & Associates in Red Bank, NJ.

During his tenure as an undergraduate student at NJIT, Lawson was team captain for two years, competing as the primary swimmer in the Individual Medley and Breaststroke. In 2007 he was a finals qualifier in Breaststroke at the Metropolitan Swimming Conference Championships. He held the 800 Freestyle Relay record and was named to the Metropolitan Conference All-Academic Team in 2009.

# Coaching Philosophy

NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving's coaching staff's training philosophy is constantly evolving, allowing for new ideas and creative coaching techniques to permeate through the team's training regimen. Head Coach Michael Lawson and his coaching staff have continually tried new training techniques to improve their swimmers stroke, cardio, and lifting regimens to make them fun, interesting, and challenging. The main goal is to create practices that achieve the goal of creating strong fast swimmers in their individual events, while being challenging and interesting to make sure each swimmer continues to enjoy the sport.

The coaching staff works together to create practices; therefore creating diversity and a set of differing style workouts which are not monotonous or boring. This approach adds a great variety to the sessions and enables for a great deal more creativity. Throughout all practices, a common theme is created based on the philosophy that "quality yardage is much better than quantity yardage." Base yardage targets are met throughout the season; however every practice is conceived with this idea in mind.

Visualization is an important part of the training process. The coaching staff continually uses video footage through the season to show the student athletes their mistakes and help to improve their stroke technique. This visualization helps the swimmers understand what their body is doing and how they can become in control of their stroke. It is vitally important that in practice bad habits are corrected through understanding and control of each swimmers body. This allows good habits to then become automatic within a race.

Injury prevention is a prime concern for college athletes. The coaching staff takes this seriously and has devised our practice regimen on making sure we are training our athlete's entire bodies at a healthy rate, so to minimize injury while strengthening each athlete. To do this we maximize our kicking workouts, therefore minimizing the stress on the shoulders and upper body. Kicking combined with integrated cross training, cardio/core workouts, and light weight, high rep lifting regimens allows for NJIT's athletes to grow stronger, and become faster in the water.

Our overarching goal continues to be to mentor our student athletes through the academic and athletics stress of being a student athlete at the Division I level. We have successfully been able to develop our athletes so that they can reach and surpass their goals and we will continue to evolve our training regimen as it responds to the new classes of student athletes we recruit.





## Assistant Coach Mark Albright



In his fourth year as assistant coach, Mark Albright, continues to help develop NJIT swimmers so that they can accomplish their season and lifetime goals. His extensive knowledge of swimming technique and strength training is an enormous asset to the division I program.

Through intense strength training, rigorous practices, and refining technique Albright hopes to bring the team's performance

to the next level. The dedication and commitment from both the athletes and the coaching staff will provide a solid base for success both in and out of the pool, whether in competition or in life.

Prior to joining the coaching staff at NJIT, Albright graduated from Loyola University (MD) in 2011. At Loyola he was an active member of the swimming and diving team, and was a part of the 3-time MAAC Conference Champion Loyola squad. Albright graduated from NJIT with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering in 2014 and currently works as an Engineer at Accurate Box Company in Paterson, NJ.

## Assistant Coach Shawn Bryan



Shawn Bryan, who joined the NJIT coaching staff for the 2014-15 season, comes from a diverse swimming background having been a college stand-out on the Highlander team when he graduated from the University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Albert Dorman Honors College.

As assistant coach, Bryan will assist with the team's sprinters.

He will develop practices and training regimens that from his own personal experience will motivate and improve the team.

Prior to joining the coaching staff at NJIT, Bryan was captain of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving team. He was a member of the NJIT relay teams that broke all five team relay records including the 200 and 400 Medley, and the 200, 400, and 800 Freestyle relays during the 2012-13 season. On all relays, Bryan swam anchor dropping his 50 freestyle split time in the 200 Freestyle relay to a 20.80 by the end of the season. During his senior season Bryan received Metropolitan All-Conference, Metropolitan Honorable Mention, and qualified for the ECAC Open Swim Championship.

## Volunteer Diving Coach Anthony Cacella



In his second season coaching diving at NJIT Coach Anthony Cacella has high hopes for this young diving program. He has many goals to reach while using his diving expertise, motivating others to explore past their 'limitations.'

During his first season as diving coach, Cacella led NJIT diver David Schmidt to a 7th place finish in the 3 Meter and 10th place finish in the 1 Meter at the CCSA Conference Championship.

Cacella has a background in diving, mainly coaching elementary and high school athletes at the Lakeland Hills YMCA and a local summer league. Cacella was a four year varsity diver at Division III Montclair State University, graduating in 2013 with a BFA in Graphic Design.

## 2014-15 Roster

NAME	YR.	EVENT	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	MAJOR
Adam Bransky	So.	Distance/Fly	Scotch Plains, NJ/Scotch Plains Fanwood	Science, Technology, Society
Brian Capozzola	Jr.	Free	Toms River, NJ/Toms River East	Biomedical Engineering
Anthony Czar	So.	Distance/Back	Egg Harbor Twp, NJ/Egg Harbor Twp.	Business
Jonathan Drori	Jr.	IM/Breast	Mountainside, NJ/Governor Livingston	Biology
John Ghebrial	Jr.	Distance/Breast	Jersey City, NJ/McNair Academic	Chemical Engineering
Christian Giglio	Jr.	Back/Free	Ocean Gate, NJ/Central Regional	Business
Alexander Hilsamer	Fr.	Free/Breast	West New York, NJ/ Memorial	Information Technology
Edward Mann	Fr.	Free/Back	Pompton Plains, NJ/ Pequannock Twp.	Mechanical Engineering
Jack Matusiak	So.	Free/IM	Dallas, PA/Dallas	Chemical Engineering Tech.
Collin Moore	Fr.	Fly/Free	Paso Robles, CA/ Paso Robles	Civil Engineering
Joseph Nguyen	Jr.	Back/Free	Jersey City, NJ/Ferris	Business
Joseph Pedo	So.	Free	West Orange, NJ/West Orange	Computer Engineering
Scott Quirie	Fr.	Back/Distance	Ottawa, ON/ John McCrae Secondary	Chemical Engineering
David Schmidt	Sr.	Diver	Mountainside, NJ/Home-Schooled	Web & Information Systems
Richard Seffrin	Jr.	Distance/Breast	Glassboro, NJ / Glassboro	Mechanical Engineering
John Thomas Stefan	Sr.	IM/Back	North Brunswick, NJ / N. Brunswick Twp.	Applied Physics
Timothy Sullivan	So.	Breast	Keansburg, NJ/Keansburg	Mechanical Engineering
Michael Sungurov	So.	Free/Back	Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills	Business
Maxim Tillmann	Fr.	Free	Yorktown Heights, NY/ Somers	Computer Science
Gene Tutzauer	Sr.	Free/IM	Toms River, NJ/Toms River North	Electrical Engineering

## Team Standouts

### Richard Seffrin Jr. | Distance/Breast | Glassboro, NJ



**2013-14:** Set three school-records in the 200 breaststroke (2:07.15), 400 medley relay (3:32.59) and 800 free relay (6:55.14).

At ECAC's, Seffrin placed 8th (one spot higher than his finish in 2012-13) in the 1650 freestyle event with a time of 17:03.83.

He swam a season-best 10:08.26 in the 1000 freestyle placing third

against Colgate/Lehigh and a season-best 1:01.23 in the 100 yard breaststroke.

At the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association finals, he earned 16th place overall in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 4:40.87, a season-best.

**2012-13:** Currently holds seven individual school records including 500 Free, 1000 Free, 1650 Free, 50 Breast, 200 IM, 400 IM and three relay records including the 200 Medley, 400 Medley, and 800 Free.

At ECAC Open Swim Championship, Seffrin placed 9th overall in the 1650 Free

At Metropolitan Conference Championships Seffrin placed 2nd overall in the 400 IM, 3rd overall in the 1650 Free, and 5th overall in the 500 Free. He also was part of the 800 Free Relay which placed 5th overall and the 400 Medley Relay which placed 8th overall.

Seffrin was runner-up for Newcomer of the Meet at the METS Championships which includes 19 schools from around the NY region. It is one of the largest swimming conferences in the nation. Rick lost out to a transfer junior from Southern CT.

**Prior to NJIT:** Attended Glassboro High School. ... member of the National Honors Society.

#### Getting to know Richard Seffrin ...

**Why did you choose NJIT as your university?** When it came down to cost, NJIT was one of my top choices. It was the value of education that was the final factor. The education offered at NJIT will open more doors than what could be offered at other universities.

**When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** After I completed my official visits to the schools I was interested in, it was the bond shared by the team members of the NJIT Swimming & Diving program that made me want to be a part of this team. In a way, I felt that I belonged here and that sense of family is what drew me in to be on this team.

**Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** I looked back on my swimming career and remembered the times that I truly enjoyed swimming. Each day where I was happy to get into the pool and work hard. I looked at the coaches from their respective programs and thought which one could allow me to thrive and be happy with swimming. That's when I made my final decision to be part of NJIT Swimming & Diving.



## Jonathan Drori Jr. | IM/Back | Mountainside, NJ



Captain (2014-15)

**2013-14:** Did not participate due to injury.

**2012-13:** Earned Metropolitan Conference Championships honorable mention.

Member of each relay team (five teams) which have notched school records at NJIT this season.

Drori qualified for the ECAC Open Swim

Championship held at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. NJIT placed 12th out of 29 declared Division I and III teams in the team standings ahead of America East rivals Maine and Binghamton, and region rival St. Francis (NY).

**Prior to NJIT:** Attended Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights. ... Swam for the Berkeley Aquatic Club Team. ... three-time National Latin exam medalist. ... member of the Latin and Math honors society.

### Getting to know Jonathan Drori ...

#### **Why did you choose NJIT as your university?**

I chose NJIT because it offered me a lot of help with financial aid, and it was small and close to home. It also has a really reputable honors college, and a great biology program. I was also really excited to be part of the swim team here when I applied.

#### **When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?**

What makes NJIT Swimming & Diving unique is that it was a small team, which meant I had a lot of room to make a big difference. I'm now captain and I couldn't ask for a better coaching staff or better teammates.

#### **Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?**

I chose NJIT Swimming & Diving because after a season of plateaued times from my previous club, The Berkeley Aquatic Club, I wanted to continue my career in swimming. Coaches Mike, Dan, and Mark introduced a very different kind of training, and with their help I was able to drop significant time in almost all of my events for the first time since I was 15.

## Team Standouts

### Brian Capozzola Jr. | Free | Toms River, NJ



Captain (2014-15)

**2013-14:** Set eight school records (four individual, four relay) in the 50 yard freestyle (20.52), 100 freestyle (45.47), 200 freestyle (1:42.18), 100 IM (57.09), 200 free relay (1:25.27), 400 free relay (3:10.84, 400 medley relay (3:32.59), 800 free relay (6:55.14).

Brian became the first Highlander to reach the podium at the Coastal

Collegiate Swimming Association placing third. Set a lifetime best in his 50 free relay split during the 200 free relay, going under 20 seconds, at a supersonic 19.76.

Earned CCSA Swimmer of the Week (11/20/13) and selected NJIT Male Athlete of the Week (2/24/14). Brian was also named 2013-14 Outstanding Performer Award for Men's Swimming and Diving.

**2012-13:** Earned Metropolitan Conference Championships all-conference in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle while receiving METS honorable mention in the 50 freestyle.

Capozzola took fifth in the 50 freestyle and seventh in the 100 freestyle and set three NJIT individual records and four relay records.

He qualified for the ECAC Open Swim Championship held at Harvard University in Boston, Massachusetts. NJIT placed 12th out of 29 declared Division I and III teams in the team standings ahead of America East rivals Maine and Binghamton, and region rival St. Francis (NY).

**Prior to NJIT:** First-team all-Shore at Toms River East. ... placed fourth at the New Jersey State in the 50 and 100 freestyle. ... set the Ocean County Championship record in the freestyle (21.86) and also took second in the 100 freestyle and swam a leg of the 200 and 400 freestyle relays as the Raiders took second in both.

#### Getting to know Brian Capozzola ...

##### **Why did you choose NJIT as your university?**

I chose NJIT for its Division I Swimming, Biomedical Engineering Program and it is also affordable.

##### **When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?**

I found NJIT Swimming & Diving unique because of their young coaching staff and optimistic outlook towards the future. I wanted a growing team that I could make a difference on.

##### **Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?**

I chose NJIT Swimming & Diving because I love swimming, being part of a team, bettering myself, staying active, and I truly wanted to be part of a team I could help improve.

## Anthony Czar

So. | Distance/Back | Egg Harbor Twp., NJ



**2013-14:** In his freshman season, Czar recorded 15 first-place finishes and set six school records in the 50 backstroke (26.34), the 100 backstroke (55.25), 200 free relay (1:25.27), 400 free relay (3:10.84), 400 medley relay (3:32.59), and the 800 free relay.

Anthony swam a season-best 1:46.47 in the 200 yard freestyle, placing second against Montclair

State, season-best 1000 yard freestyle with a time of 10:02.96, placing first against Loyola.

He swam two season-best times at the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association, first in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 4:38.81 placing 15th overall and 11th in the 1650 yard freestyle with a time of 16:27.27.

**Prior to NJIT:** Four-year letter winners and senior captain from Egg Harbor Township High School where he has swam competitively for both Egg Harbor Township High School (Coach Mark Jameison) and Egg Harbor Township Seahawks (Coach Brian Elko). ...swimming accomplishments include: top 5 Finisher in the 500 Freestyle at the 2013 NJSIAA Meet of Champions, top 10 Finisher in the 200 Freestyle at the 2013 NJSIAA Meet of Champions, top 12 Finisher in the 500 Freestyle at the 2012 NJSIAA Meet of Champions, 2012-13 All Conference 1st Team 400 Meter Freestyle, 2013 All South Jersey 1st Team 200 Yard Freestyle, 2013 Atlantic City Press Swimmer of the Year.

### Getting to know Anthony Czar ...

**Why did you choose NJIT as your university?** NJIT is a prestigious academic school with a growing swimming and diving program. I knew that NJIT would help me realize my long term academic goals and short term athletic goals.

**When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** There is a family atmosphere both in and out of the pool that is unique to this team.

**Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** I chose NJIT Swimming & Diving to become a part of the Highlander family. I wanted to be part of a growing program with ambitious goals for the future.



## Team Standouts

### Michael Sungurov

Fr. | Free/Back | Wayne, NJ



**2013-14:** As a freshman, set four school records in the 200 backstroke (2:02.64), 200 free relay (1:25.27), 400 free relay (3:10.84), and 800 free relay (6:55.14).

He placed second in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 58.55, a season-best, against Montclair State, placed second at Fairfield in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 49.99, a season-best.

At the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association finals, Sungurov swam a season-best 4:52.72 in the 500 freestyle.

**Prior to NJIT:** Had an enormously successful swimming career at Wayne Hills High School (Coach Brian Pickler) and Cougar Aquatics. ...top 20 finisher in the 500 Freestyle at the 2013 NJSIAA Meet of Champions, 2013 Passaic County Champion in 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle, three-time All-County first-team 200 Freestyle, three-time All-County 2nd Team 500 Freestyle and three-time All-County first-team 200 Freestyle Relay/ 400 Freestyle Relay.

#### Getting to know Michael Sungurov ...

##### **Why did you choose NJIT as your university?**

I chose NJIT because of the swimming team and the financial aid package I received.

**When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** I felt a connection with the guys on the team.

**Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** I chose to be part of the NJIT Swimming & Diving program because I felt I could improve my times here and become a better individual.

## David Schmidt

### So. | Diver | Mountainside, NJ



**2013-14:** In diving's inaugural season, David set school-records in 1 meter diving (196.79) and 3 meter diving (182.80).

At Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association finals, finished seventh overall in 3M diving at CCSA's with a score of 173.70 and finished 10th overall in 1M diving with a score of 170.80.

#### Getting to know David Schmidt ...

**Why did you choose NJIT as your university?** NJIT is a good value for the quality of education that it provides. Also their Web and information major was the perfect combination of computer science and business I was looking for in an academic program.

**When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** It was a unique opportunity to be part of a Division I athletic sport where the diving program was just beginning.

**Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program?** I chose NJIT Swimming & Diving because the team was very welcoming to newcomers and made me feel at home very quickly. The coaching staff was very supportive and willing to work with me.

## Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association

In 2013, NJIT was one of three new members to be invited to join the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA). NJIT was announced as a new CCSA conference member along with UMBC (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) and University of the Incarnate Word (San Antonio, TX).

The Highlanders will be one of seven schools competing on the men's side of the CCSA, joining Davidson College, Gardner-Webb University, Howard University, the University of Incarnate Word, the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC—winner of the last two America East Conference titles), and the Virginia Military Institute (VMI).

Founded in 2007, the CCSA was developed by four regional multi-sport Division I conferences—the Atlantic Sun Conference, Big South Conference, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, and the Southern Conference—to create a centralized home for their members with swimming and diving programs (depending on what sports their member institutions sponsor, some multi-sport conferences do not offer championships in a particular sport. This was the case with the four aforementioned conferences, who brought their swimming & diving programs together to found the sport-specific CCSA).

The CCSA umbrella covers 15 schools and 20 teams, with some programs competing in both genders and others in one gender. Institutions from seven states and the District of Columbia are members, with schools up and down the East Coast, NJIT being the northernmost. Incarnate Word, from Texas, is the only program from the western United States. Conference Championships are held in alternating years at the University of Tennessee and the University of Georgia.

In announcing the CCSA expansion, Executive Director Gumbart said: “On behalf of the CCSA institutions and our student-athletes, we are proud to welcome three outstanding universities to our membership. UMBC, NJIT, and University of the Incarnate Word each help strengthen the overall performance of the CCSA, and all promote programs that value the student-athlete experience. We look forward to



building a great relationship with each of the new teams, and bragging often about their achievements in the classroom and in the pool.”

Previously, NJIT was in the Metropolitan Swimming Conference, which in 2012-13 included 22 programs from all three NCAA Divisions. NJIT and St. Francis of Brooklyn were the only Metropolitan Swimming Conference representatives from Division I.

“We are extremely pleased to be a part of the CCSA for this upcoming season,” said NJIT coach Michael Lawson at the time. “In making this move, we are allowing our student-athletes the ability to compete and excel against top swimming programs from around the nation.”

NJIT, under the guidance of Lawson, a former swimmer for the Highlanders and 2010 magna cum laude graduate of NJIT, has earned a reputation for being a swimming program that is on the rise.

Begun as an intercollegiate sport in 1967, when NJIT athletics was part of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the swim program and other sports moved to NCAA Division III in 1974-75. Swimming was dormant from 1983 to 1997 and reinstated when NJIT athletics moved up to NCAA Division II. It made the transition along with the rest of NJIT Athletics to NCAA Division I, becoming championship eligible at college's highest level of athletics on September 1, 2009.

With Lawson at the helm, the 2012-13 Highlanders, in one season, broke 19 of the 23 existing school records. They placed ninth out of 19 teams in the 2013 Metropolitan Swimming Conference Championships and 12th out of 29 teams in the 2013 ECAC Open Championship (which requires qualifying times in order to enter specific events).

NJIT Director of Athletics Lenny Kaplan commented: “We are very excited to have our swimming program join the CCSA and its member institutions. It will provide new competitive horizons for our student-athletes and, in turn, the opportunity to earn recognition for their accomplishments.”



# Swimming and Diving Records

EVENT	TIME	DATE	RECORD HOLDER
50 Freestyle	20.52	02/20/2014	Brian Capozzola
100 Freestyle	45.47	02/22/2014	Brian Capozzola
200 Freestyle	1:42.18	02/21/2014	Brian Capozzola
500 Freestyle	4:38.37	02/15/2013	Richard Seffrin
1000 Freestyle	9:43.44	02/17/2013	Richard Seffrin
1650 Freestyle	16:09.27	02/17/2013	Richard Seffrin
50 Backstroke	26.34	02/21/2014	Anthony Czar
100 Backstroke	55.25	02/21/2014	Anthony Czar
200 Backstroke	2:02.64	02/22/2014	Michael Sungurov
50 Butterfly	24.11	02/23/2008	Hayk Ekshian
100 Butterfly	52.97	02/23/2008	Hayk Ekshian
200 Butterfly	1:58.91	03/02/2013	Dennis Popov
50 Breaststroke	28.29	02/16/2013	Richard Seffrin
100 Breaststroke	57.43	02/17/2007	Alan Roberts
200 Breaststroke	2:07.15	02/22/2014	Richard Seffrin
100 IM	57.09	01/04/2014	Brian Capozzola
200 IM	2:01.33	02/02/2013	Richard Seffrin
400 IM	4:06.13	02/16/2013	Richard Seffrin
200 Free Relay	1:25.27	02/20/2014	Michael Sungurov, Jack Matusiak, Anthony Czar, Brian Capozzola
200 Medley Relay	1:39.84	03/01/2013	John Thomas Stefan, Richard Seffrin, Dennis Popov, Shawn Bryan
400 Free Relay	3:10.84	02/22/2014	Michael Sungurov, Jack Matusiak, Anthony Czar, Brian Capozzola
400 Medley Relay	3:32.59	02/21/2014	Anthony Czar, Richard Seffrin, Dennis Popov, Brian Capozzola
800 Free Relay	6:55.14	02/19/2014	Richard Seffrin, Michael Sungurov, Anthony Czar, Brian Capozzola
1 Meter Diving	196.79	01/31/2014	David Schmidt
3 Meter Diving	182.80	02/20/2012	David Schmidt

## Year-by-Year



Adam Bransky

## 2005-06 (9-5)

10/28	at Baruch	W, 103-90 11/
	COLL. OF STATEN ISLAND	L, 98-104
11/9	DREW	W, 59-36
11/13	at Pace	W, 101-84
11/15	at Montclair	L, 80-97
11/30	vs. William Paterson	L, 45-51
	vs. SUNY Maritime	L, 91-110
12/3	at Arcadia	W, 77-17
12/7	STEVENS	W, 117-86
12/10	MOUNT ST. MARY	W, 119-70
1/21	ADELPHI	L, 84-105
1/25	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	W, 78-49
2/3	at Vassar	W, 118-90
2/10	at Queens (NY)	W, 90-64
2/17-19	Metropolitan Conference Championships	

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

## 2006-07 (4-8)

10/21	MONTCLAIR	L, 45-47
	BARUCH	W, 58-36
10/22	McCarthy Invitational	
	vs. St. Peter's @ NYAC	
	vs. Lehman @ NYAC	10/27
	at Loyola (MD)	L, 59-196
11/21	at NY Maritime	W, 110-92
12/2	at St. Peter's	L, 62-148
	vs. St. Francis (NY)	L, 79-133
12/9	at Canisius	L, 77-103
1/20	at Fairfield	L, 81-116
1/26	QUEENS (NY)	W, 88-65
1/27	at William Paterson	L, 75-122
2/3	at NYU	L, 29-61

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

## 2007-08 (2-5)

11/3	vs. Howard (at Mt. St. Mary)	L, 73-95
11/10	vs. St. Peter's (at Manhattan)	L, 14-79
	vs. Canisius (at Manhattan)	L, 16-78
12/4	WILLIAM PATERSON (M)	
12/8	ST. PETER'S (M/W)	
	ST. FRANCIS (NY) (M/W)	1/19
	at Fairfield	L, 72-115
1/26	at St. Francis (NY)	W, 94-90
1/29	SUNY MARITIME (M)	L, 93-110
2/4	QUEENS (NY)	W, 72-47
2/22-24	Metropolitan Conference Tournament	
2/28-3/1	ECAC Tournament	

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

## 2008-09 (3-11)

10/26	MANHATTAN	W, 102-70
11/9	at Lehigh	L, 62-121
11/15	at Virginia Military Institute	L, 72-162
12/2	at William Paterson	L, 71-98
12/6	vs. Howard (at Siena)	L, 73-103
12/13	at Saint Peter's	L, 32-71
	vs. Saint Francis (NY)	W, 50-44
1/17	at Saint Francis (NY)	L, 45-50
	vs. Saint Peter's	L, 34-65
1/18	at Fairfield	L, 66-122
1/22	MONTCLAIR	L, 67-105
1/26	at SUNY Maritime	L, 55-127
1/31	at Manhattan	W, 80-60
2/4	at Queens	L, 78-96
2/20-22	Metropolitan Championships	
2/27-3/1	ECAC Championships	

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

## 2009-10 (0-14)

10/17	BRYANT	L, 77-116
10/30	vs. VMI (at Saint Peter's)	L, 9-91
10/31	vs. Manhattan (at Saint Peter's)	L, 26-69
11/8	at Lehigh	L, 43-56
11/10	at William Paterson	L, 68-109



Michael Sungurov



Timothy Sullivan

11/22	at Fairfield	L, 81-104
12/12	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	L, 38-66
	SAINT PETER'S	L, 29-77 1/16
	at St. Francis (NY)	L, 37-57
	vs. Saint Peter's	L, 11-84
1/17	vs. Bryant (at Siena)	L, 66-126
	vs. Canisius (at Siena)	L, 46-168
1/20	at Montclair	L, 70-90
1/25	SUNY MARITIME	L, 90-110
1/29	at Manhattan	
2/2	at Queens	2/19-21
	Metropolitan Championships	

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

## 2010-11 (0-12)

10/29-30	Mt. St. Mary's Maryland Invitational	
11/7	at Lehigh	L, 66-100
11/9	at William Paterson	L, 83-107
11/13	at Montclair	L, 46-51
	vs. St. Peter's (at Montclair)	L, 46-121
11/20	MANHATTAN	L, 79-112
12/4	at Ramapo	L, 90-140
12/11	at St. Peter's	L, 78-177
	vs. St. Francis (NY) (at Saint Peter's)	L, 103-144
1/15	at Bryant	L, 83-152
	vs. St. Francis (NY) (at Bryant)	L, 103-140
1/23	at Fairfield	L, 91-110
1/29	at Manhattan	L, 69-99
2/18-20	Metropolitan Championships (at Rutgers)	
2/25-27	ECAC Championships (at Harvard)	

Interim Head Coach: Michael Lawson

### 2011-12 (0-12)

10/28-29	Mt. St. Mary's Maryland Invitational	
	vs. VMI	L, 20-172
	vs. Manhattan	L, 24-163
	vs. McDaniel	L, 40-140
11/9	WILLIAM PATERSON	L, 78-98
11/13	at St. Francis (NY)	L, 65-121
11/19	at Ramapo	L, 77-150
	vs. Post (at Ramapo)	cancelled
11/20	MANHATTAN	L, 82-88
12/3	at Lehigh	L, 24-138
1/5	FIU Relays	
1/14	at St. Francis (NY)	L, 20-75
	vs. Bryant (at St. Francis (NY))	
1/16	MONTCLAIR	L, 76-108
1/28	at Manhattan	L, 78-153
2/4	at Fairfield	L, 78-153
2/17-19	Metropolitan Championships (at Rutgers)	
2/24-26	ECAC Championships (at Pittsburgh)	

Head Coach: Michael Lawson

### 2013-14 (3-8)

10/26	Red vs. White Alumni Meet	
11/2	at Lehigh	L, 53-222
	vs. Colgate (at Lehigh)	W, 142-126
11/9	at Ramapo	L, 117-145
11/15	SAINT PETER'S	L, 89-116
11/16	at Manhattan	L, 76-127
	vs. St. Francis Brooklyn	L, 99-104
12/6-8	ECAC Warm-Up (at Lehman) All Day	
1/4	Florida International Invitation	
1/18	Stag Diving Invitational	
1/19	at Bryant	L, 118-144
	vs. St. Francis Brooklyn	W, 136-126
1/20	MONTCLAIR STATE	L, 85-120
1/25	FAIRFIELD	W, 135-127
1/31	at Loyola (MD)	L, 124-171
2/19-22	CCSA Championships (at Tennessee)	5th place

Head Coach: Michael Lawson

### 2012-13 (5-6)

11/7	William Paterson	W, 132.5-97.5
11/17	vs. Pace (at Ramapo)	W, 70-51
	at Ramapo	L, 53-69
11/18	MANHATTAN	L, 41-54
	St. Francis-Brooklyn	W, 53-42
12/1	LEHIGH	L, 63-142
1/5	FIU Invite	5th place
1/13	ST. FRANCIS-BROOKLYN	W, 139-121
	BRYANT	L, 95-158
1/21	at Montclair	W, 107-96
1/27	at Manhattan	L, 91-99
2/2	at Fairfield	L, 111-149
2/15-17	Metropolitan Championships	All Day
3/1-2	ECAC Championships	All Day

Head Coach: Michael Lawson



Joe Pedeo



Richard Seffrin



# All-Time Varsity Roster

(first season: 1967-68; complete thru 2013-14)



Anthony Czar

A

AFRAM, George 75\*  
 ALLEN, N. 72, 74  
 AMARO, Brian 08, 11\*  
 ANDERSON, R. 74  
 ANGELI, Ben 06  
 AOUDE, Issa 77\*  
 ARCE, Justin 11  
 ARMSTRONG, R. 72, 74  
 ASCENZO, Ron 76, 83\*  
 ATHANASSIOU, Pantelis 06  
 AZRAK, Joseph 80\*

B

BAHADUR, Rajendra 06, 07, 08  
 BARAN, George 74, 76  
 BARBOSA, Manuel 76\*  
 BARNARD, Christian 11, 12, 13, 14  
 BARONE, Glenn 79, 80  
 BASTAWROS, Moheb 81\*  
 BEESLEY, David 72, 74, 76  
 BERDELA, Edmund 50\*  
 BESTRUTSCHKO, Peter 68, 71\*  
 BILLAND, Glenn 99, 00, 03\*  
 BOGDANY, A. 68, 69  
 BOOTWALA, Mufaddal 04\*  
 BORAX, Craig 79  
 BORDEN, Alan 79  
 BOTERO, Daniel 06, 07  
 BOTERO, Pablo 07, 08, 09, 10  
 BOVE, Gene 12  
 BRADLEY, Tom 76, 77, 78, 79\*  
**BRANSKY, Adam 14**  
 BREZNAK, J. 71  
 BRYAN, Shawn 10, 11, 13

C

CAMUSO, Walt 70, 73\*  
 CANGIALOSI, Anthony 11\*  
**CAPOZZOLA, Brian 13, 14**  
 CARRERA, Daniel 06, 08, 09, 10, 11  
 CARROLL, Rodney 98  
 CASSIDY, Mark 81\*  
 CHALET, Miguel 79  
 CIESLA, Anthony 00  
 CLARK, Peter 68, 69  
 COLL, John 69, 71, 73\*  
 COLLINS, Harry (JV) 81  
 CONDIT, Matthew 69\*  
 CONDON, William 80(JV), 84\*  
 COOPER, Phil 76, 77  
 CORNELLI, R. 72  
 CORRIGAN, William 09  
 COSLOW, Andrew 06, 07  
 COZZI, William 70\*  
**CZAR, Anthony 14**

D

DAUM, Jeff 80, 82\*  
 DE LA ROSA, Marlon 10, 11  
 DEL VECCHIO, Dennis 69\*  
 DER-AVAKIAN, Edward 76\*  
 DIMARTINO, Robert 79\*  
**DRORI, Jonathan 13, 14**  
 DUBAS, Luke 99, 03\*  
 DUGAN, Dan 79

E

EARLY, Chris 10, 11, 12  
 EICK, Rich 70, 72\*  
 EKSHIAN, Hayk 06, 07, 08  
 EMMETT, Doug 76, 77, 79\*  
 ESKIN, Steven 71, 72, 73  
 ESTEVEZ, Nick 12

F

FEITH, Allen 68, 69, 70  
 FERNANDEZ, Juan 72, 74  
 FEUER, Brian 98, 99  
 FINLEY, Michael 07, 08, 10\*  
 FORTUNATO, Franklin 71\*  
 FRANC, Robert 07\*  
 FREDERICKS, Jarred 03\*  
 FRENCH, D. 69  
 FRIESTAD, Jay 14  
 FURMAN, John 68\*

G

GADDIS, David 77, 78, 79, 80, 81\*  
 GALLENE, Paul 81  
 GALVEZ, Antonio 80\*  
 GANGWAR, Hans 98, 99, 00  
 GARCIA, Andrew 13  
 GENTILE, Dimitri 04\*  
**GHEBRIAL, John 13, 14**  
**GIGLIO, Christian 14**  
 GIRALDO, Richard 09  
 GOICOECHEA, Tony 79, 80  
 GORTYCH, Tom 82  
 GRIBBON, Sean 78, 79, 80, 81  
 GUERCIO, Ryan 98, 99  
 GURVITZ, Al 69, 70, 71, 72  
 GUZZETTI, Luis 99, 00, 01\*

H

HADLEY, Bob 80, 81  
 HAFF, Richard-Thomas 10, 11  
 HAMZA, Kirk 71, 72  
 HARRIS, Michael 68\*  
 HARRIS, Wally 98, 99, 00  
 HAUSER, James 77\*  
 HAYEMPOUR, Harden 75\*  
 HAZLITT, Paul 76, 77, 78  
 HEATH, William 71, 74  
 HELBERS, Andrew 09, 10  
 HENDERSON, John 79  
 HENRY, Donald 80\*  
 HERITS, Thomas 68, 69, 72\*  
 HODGE, Chris 76, 79\*  
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 HORVATH, Carlos 74\*  
 HUETTNER, Tom 80

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Jack Matusiak

## K

KASHI, Hossein 77\*  
KEENAN, Tom 79, 80, 81  
KELLER, Harry 40\*  
KHADR, Esam 75\*  
KIDD, William 77, 78, 79, 80  
KISELICA, Bruce 71, 72, 74, 75  
KWOK, Billy 05\*

## L

LAGALA, Antonio 77\*  
LANKEN, P. 68  
LAWSON, Michael 06, 07, 08, 09  
LEHMAN, Howard 78, 79  
LERCH, Ben 00, 04\*  
LIBERTY, Ed 79, 80, 81\*  
LIDDY, George 70, 71, 72  
LOMBARDI, Frank 09, 10  
LOPEZ, Julian 11\*  
LUCAS, John 77, 78, 79  
LUI, Edmund 06

## M

MAANAY, Ishwar 05\*  
MADJESKI, Mark 12  
MALLEY, James 68, 70\*  
MARCHETTI, Dennis 69, 70, 71, 72, 73\*  
MARTIN, Miguel 98  
MARTIN, William 60\*  
MASHAT, Jan 99  
MASSA, Marc 06  
**MATUSIAK, Jack 14**  
MATUSIAK, Ron 82, 85\*  
MCGUIRE, Gerry 78  
MCNAMARA, Wayne 69, 70  
MELENDEZ, Gary 98, 99, 00, 05\*  
MENZEL, William 06  
MESA, Antonio 76\*  
MOFFIT, Gabe 13  
MOHLER, Bob 69, 70, 72\*  
MOLCHAN, Gary 71, 72, 74  
MOLCHAN, Wayne 76  
MOLINA, Gilbert 98  
MONTESANO, Richard 09, 10  
MORRISON, Michael 01\*

## N

NATALE, Pat 68, 69, 70  
NEGRON, Matthew 09, 10, 11, 12, 13  
**NGUYEN, Joseph 13, 14**  
NITZSCHE, Steven 74, 76, 80\*  
NUNEZ, V. 69

## O

OLECK, R. 68, 69  
ORBINO, Gregory 02\*

## P

PACCIORETTI, James 06, 07, 08, 09  
PANZARINO, Steve 80, 81, 82, 84\*  
PASCHEDAG, Alan 74, 75  
**PEDO, Joe 14**  
PELLEY, Ken 78, 79, 81, 82  
PIRKOWSKI, Edward 78\*  
PLATT, Douglas 68, 69, 71\*  
POLLIN, Stewart 74, 77  
**POPOV, Dennis 13, 14**

## R

RACITE, Alfio 06, 07, 08, 10\*  
RAFFERTY, Amber 72\*  
RAZUK, Victor 11, 12, 13, 14  
REUBEN, Moiz 77\*  
RICHARD, Brad 07  
ROBERTS, Alan 07, 08  
RONAN, John 80  
ROZMAN, Roy 99, 00  
RUSSELL, K. 71

## S

SAMPER, Hector 80\*  
SAUNDERS, Edwin 06  
SAVAGE, T. 68  
SCHICK, Arthur 76, 77, 78  
SCHIRM, Charles 70  
SCHITTONE, David 07, 08  
**SCHMIDT, David 14**  
SCHREYER, Steve 06, 07, 08, 09  
SCHULZKI, Mike 81, 82, 85\*  
SCHWIEDEREK, Bill 79  
SECOR, Bob 78, 79  
**SEFFRIN, Richard 13, 14**  
SELLIAH, Divaker 00  
SENATORE, Andi 79  
SHARMOKH, Steve 00, 04\*  
SHEHADY, Zaid 81\*  
SMIT, Johannes 10, 11, 12, 13  
SMITH, Bill 76, 77, 78, 79  
SPIESS, Russell 68\*  
STAFFORD, Sean 08, 09, 11\*  
**STEFAN, JT 12, 13, 14**  
STRATER, Christopher 03\*  
**SULLIVAN, Timothy 14**  
**SUNGUROV, Michael 14**

SYTSMA, Colin 99, 00, 02\*  
SZABO, Ronald 74, 75

## T

TABOADA, Joseph 48\*  
**TEMPLE, Matthew 13, 14**  
THOMPSON, Barry 70  
TOLSMA, Brant 70, 71  
TRAINO, Gary 82  
TRAN, Hanson 13  
TUREK, Peter 75\*  
TUREK, R. 74  
**TUTZAUER, Gene 14**

## U

UBALDI, Marc 06, 07

## V

VAN OSTENBRIDGE, Jonathan 10, 11, 12  
VICZIAN, Karoly 76\*

## W

WALKER, Edwin 08, 09, 10  
WEIDMAN, Brad 06  
WERBER, Roy 81(JV), 82  
WEISSMAN, Robert 75\*  
WEISSMAN, William 72, 75  
WEXEL, LEE 69, 72  
WILTSIE, Ed 70  
WINKLER, Wayne 70, 72\*  
WRIGHT, Steve 76  
WROCLAWSKI, G. 68  
WYZYKOWSKI, Greg 82

## Y

YILDIRIM, Gokce 00

## Z

ZARTARIAN, Michael 74\*  
ZYCHOWSKI, Andrew 77\*

*Note: Only second year of playing season is listed; i.e., 95 = 1994-95 season.*

*\* indicates graduation year only*

**Returning players in bold**

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## Hall of Fame

Name	Grad. Year	Contribution	Sport (s)	Years Active	Year of Induction	Name	Grad. Year	Contribution	Sport (s)	Years Active	Year of Induction
BAKUN, Andrew I.	1982	Athlete/Asst. Coach	M-Soccer	1978-81/ 90-91	2005	IRIS, Herb	1951	Benefactor	--	--	2007
BAKUN, Myron	1967	Athlete	M-Soccer	1964-66	1991	KAMINSKY, Nicholas J.	1978	Athlete	Baseball	1975-78	2006
BARTH, Roland E.	1960	Athlete	M-Fencing	1957-59	2009	KASBARIAN, Raymond P.	1966	Founder/Athlete	Judo	1962-66	1989
			M-Soccer	1956-59		KETZNER, Robert Shelby	--	Coach	Rifle	1962-86	1987
BAUDER, Fred "Coach"	--	Coach	M-Basketball	1932-61	1989	KHOWAYLO, Alex	1969	Athlete	M-Soccer	1960-63	1996
BLUM, Raymond E.	1950	Distinguished Alumnus	Speedskating/ Cycling	--	1996	LUBETKIN, Charles "Tudy"	1953	Athlete	M-Basketball/ M-Track	1949-52	1994
						LYNCH, Robert K.	1984	Athlete/Coach	M-Fencing	1977-80/ 86-91	1993
BORJA, Hernan "Chico"	1981	Athlete	M-Soccer	1977-80	1986	MacDONALD, Dan	1984	Athlete	Baseball	1981-84	1992
BORNAKO, Gregory "Egor"	1970	Athlete	M-Fencing	1966-70	1987	OLSEN, Richard J.	1969	Athlete	M-Basketball	1965-69	1988
BOWSER, Hamilton V.	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	1948-52	1989	OLSON, George R.	1977	Athlete	Baseball	1974-77	1987
BRADLEY, Thomas	1978	Athlete	M-Swimming	1974-78	1990	PAULIUS, Raymond V.	1985	Athlete	M-Soccer	1980-83	2006
BROWN, Andrew D.	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1956-59	2006	RODGERS, Tarik	1996	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1992-95	2010
CRIMMINS, David	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	1948-52	2007	ROGERS, Warren	1988	Athlete	M-Basketball	1983-87	1993
CRUZ, Edward	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1959-62	1995	ROMULUS, Rudy	1991	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1988-91	1996
DAWSON, Marilyn E.	1986	Athlete	WVB/WBKB/SB	1982-86	1991	ROSS, Jonathan A.	1956	Athlete	M-Soccer	1953-55	2010
DeNICOLA, Carmine P.	1978	Athlete	Baseball	1975-78	2005	SARLO, Paul A.	1992	Athlete	Baseball	1989-91	2005
DeNURE, Dave	--	Coach	M-Volleyball W-Volleyball W-Basketball	1982-98 1986-90 1987-88	2009	SCHMID, John "Gene"	--	Asst Coach/Coach	Baseball	1968-72/ 73-97	2002
DeVITO, Louis	1960	Athlete	M-Soccer/ M-Fencing	1956-60	1992	SIMON, J. Malcolm	--	Coach	M-Soccer	1955-83	1994
								Director of Athletics	--	1983-94	
DIAS, Joe A.	1977	Athlete	M-Soccer	1973-76	1993	SKURLA, Peter J.	1941	Athlete	Bowling	1937-41	1992
DRURY, Eugene M.	1963	Athlete	M-Tennis	1960-63	1988	SORIANO, Gregory	1975	Athlete	M-Fencing	1968-72	2010
ENG, Katherine	1993	Athlete	W-Volleyball	1989-92	2007	SWANSON, Robert F.	--	Director of Athletics	--	1947-82	1986
ETIENNE, Yves	1979	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1976-78	1990	TAETZSCH, Robert	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	1948-52	2007
FEHN, Gilbert F.	1940	Athlete	M-Basketball/ M-Tennis	1936-40	1992	TAETZSCH, William	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	1948-52	2007
FITZGERALD, Joseph M.	--	Coach/Asst. Coach	M-Basketball	1961-66/ 52-61	1986	TOSATO, Lawrence P.	1956	Athlete	M-Basketball/ Baseball	1952-56	1987
FLEISHER, Seymour "Zoom"	1951	Athlete	M-Basketball	1947-51	1992	TUBELLO, Jeffrey	1976	Athlete	Rifle	1972-76	1988
GAGLIARDO, Salvatore A.	1985	Athlete	M-Basketball	1981-85	1995	VAN WRIGHT, Nevea	1997	Athlete	W-Basketball	1991-96	2005
GALLAGHER, Thomas G.	1985	Athlete	M-Basketball	1981-85	1991	WALSH, John J.	1966	Athlete	MSoc/MBKB/ Baseball	1962-66	1986
GIOVANNOLI, Arnold L.	1953	Athlete	M-Basketball	1950-53	1993	WASNIEWSKI, Frank	1980	Athlete	M-Tennis	1977-80	1990
GOLDRICK PITT, Elizabeth M.	1990	Athlete	W-Volleyball/ Softball/WBKB/WTen	1985-90	1995	WELGOS, Bob	1962	Athlete	M-Basketball/ Bowling	1959-62	2005
GRAZIANO, Jean M.	1989	Athlete	Softball	1986-89	2009	WOROBEC, Myron S.	1966	Athlete	M-Soccer	1962-65	1994
GRUENEWALD, Wendy A.	1997	Athlete	WBKB/Softball/ W-Volleyball/W-Soccer	1992-96	2003	YONEZUKA, Yoshishada	--	Founder/Coach	Judo	1962-?	1991
HAASE, Jay W.	1975	Athlete	M-Fencing	1971-75	1988	ZORN, Werner	1962	Athlete	M-Soccer	1958-61	1988
HAMMOND, Kenneth W.	1979	Athlete	M-Soccer	1974-77	2003						
HANDWERKER, Andy	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1959-62	2002	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Accomplishments</b>		<b>Year of Induction</b>	
HAUSSER, Paul C.	--	Administrator Coach	-- Fencing/Baseball	1953-91 1954-88/53-72	1990	Men's Soccer	1960	NAIA co-National Champion		1988	
HUBEY, Ali	1972	Athlete	M-Soccer	1968-71	1990	Men's Basketball	1981-82	NJIT's first ECAC and IAC champion		1990	
HURTADO, Fabian	1975	Athlete	M-Soccer	1970-74	1987	Baseball	1982	NJIT's second ECAC and IAC champion		1993	



# Directions

## FOR GPS USERS

The address for Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium, the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center, and the Naimoli Family Athletic and Recreational Facility is 80 Lock Street, Newark, NJ, 07102.

## BY CAR

**New Jersey Turnpike: Driving North from South Jersey:** Take NJ Turnpike to Exit 13A Newark Airport. After toll stay to left and follow signs to Rt. 1 & 9 North. You will merge onto Rt. 1 & 9 North. Airport will be on right. Follow signs for downtown Newark and Rt. 21 North-(left lane exit ramp). Downtown Newark will be in front of you. NYC will be off to your right. Follow Rt. 21 North (McCarter Highway). Turn left on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**New Jersey Turnpike: Driving South from North Jersey:** Take exit 15W to Route 280 West, then follow Route 280 West directions.

**Route 280 West:** After drawbridge, take Exit 15A (Rt. 21 South - McCarter Highway). Follow Rt. 21 South to Raymond Blvd. Turn right on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**Route 280 East:** Take Exit 15 (Rt. 21 South - McCarter Highway). Follow Rt. 21 South to Raymond Blvd. Turn right on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**Garden State Parkway (North & South bound):** Take exit 145 to Route 280 East, then follow Route 280 East directions.

**Route 1 & 9 North & South:** Take exit marked Newark, Rt. 21 North (McCarter Highway). Follow Rt. 21 North (McCarter Highway). Turn left on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**Route 78 East:** Take Route 78 East to Rt. 21 North. Turn left on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**Route 22 East:** Take Route 22 East to Route 21 North. Turn left on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).



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**Route 21 North:** Follow Rt. 21 North to Raymond Blvd. Turn left onto Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**Route 21 South:** Follow Rt. 21 South (McCarter Highway) to Raymond Blvd. Turn Right on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**New York Thruway:** Thruway to Exit 14A, Garden State Parkway. Follow Garden State Parkway directions above.

**George Washington Bridge:** NJ Turnpike South to Exit 15W. Follow Route 280 West directions above.

**Lincoln Tunnel:** West on Rt. 3 to Rt. 21 South. Turn right onto Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren Street traffic light and Fleisher Athletic Center, Naimoli Center, and Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium will be to your right (one soccer goal line runs along Warren Street and the soccer sideline parallels Lock Street).

**From Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island:** Take Verrazano-Narrows Bridge (Interstate 278) and follow 278 across Staten Island. Cross Goethels Bridge. Follow signs to New Jersey Turnpike North then follow New Jersey Turnpike directions above.

## PARKING

**Bus/Van Parking:** Visiting buses and vans may usually park on Lock Street adjacent to the athletic center. Please be careful not to block the parking space reserved for the doctor.

**Visitor Parking:** Visitor parking may be reserved in advance through your host. Otherwise, visitor parking at NJIT is available in the NJIT parking deck. Turn right onto Warren Street. Turn right onto Colden Street and proceed around the block to Summit Street. Parking Deck entrance is located to your right before the intersection with Warren Street.

**Parking for on-campus athletic contests:** NJIT is offering free off-street parking for fans attending regular season home soccer and volleyball matches and basketball games. The parking entrance, marked by a yellow sign is located on New Street.

## OTHER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

**Newark Liberty International Airport:** Minutes from the NJIT campus. A minibus (Newark Airlink) or taxi service connects the airport with Penn Station in Newark. Bus, Newark Light Rail, and taxi connections are available at the station.

**Newark Penn Station:** Located in downtown Newark, connections to the NJIT campus may be made by bus, Newark Light Rail, or taxi.

**Morris & Essex Broad Street Station:** A five-block walk to the NJIT campus via MLK Boulevard to Central Avenue. Taxi service is also available.

**Newark Light Rail:** From Penn Station in Newark, take the Warren Street stop for the NJIT campus. The Warren Street stop is on the sidewalk behind the press box for Lubetkin Field at J. Macolm Simon Stadium.

## HOTELS DOWNTOWN

### Hilton Newark Gateway

Gateway Center, Raymond Boulevard & McCarter Highway  
Newark, NJ, 973/622-5000

### Robert Treat Hotel

50 Park Place, Newark, NJ, 973/622-1900

### Hampton Inn & Suites Newark Riverwalk

100 Passaic Ave, Harrison, NJ, 973/483-1900

## NEAR NEWARK LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### Best Western Newark Airport West

101 International Way, Newark, NJ, 973/621-6200

### Hilton Newark Airport

1170 Spring Street, Elizabeth, NJ, 908/351-3900

### Holiday Inn Newark Liberty International Airport

160 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ, 973/589-1000




### **2014-15 Highlanders Men's Swimming and Diving**

Top Row: Head Coach Michael Lawson, Coach Mark Albright, Brian Cappozola, John Ghebrial, Maxim Tillmann, Edward Mann, Jack Matusiak, Scott Quirie, Michael Sungurov, Anthony Czar, Alexander Hilsamer, Joseph Nguyen, Coach Shawn Bryan, Coach Anthony Cacella

Middle Row: Joseph Gross, Dennis Popov, David Schmidt, Richard Seffrin, Gene Tutzauer, Christian Giglio, Timothy Sullivan

Bottom Row: Jonathan Drori, JT Stefan, Adam Bransky, Collin Moore, Joseph Pedo





## 2014-15 HIGHLANDERS SWIMMING & DIVING

### OCTOBER

Sat.	4	RED VS. WHITE ALUMNI MEET	1:00 pm
<i>CCSA North Invitational</i>			
Sat.-Sun.	18-19	vs. VMI* (at UMBC)	1pm/11am
Sat.-Sun.	18-19	vs. Gardner-Webb* (at UMBC)	1pm/11am
Sat.-Sun.	18-19	at UMBC *	1pm/11am

### NOVEMBER

Sat.	1	MANHATTAN	2:00 pm
Sat.	1	ST. FRANCIS BROOKLYN	2:00 pm
Fri.	7	at Saint Peter's	7:00 pm
Sun.	16	at Bryant	1:00 pm

### DECEMBER

Fri.-Sun.	5-7	at ECAC Warm-Up (at Nassau County)	
Sat.	13	at Montclair State	12:00 pm

### JANUARY

Tue.-Tue.	7-13	Winter Training Trip, Islamorada, FL	
Sat.	18	LEHIGH	1:00 pm
Fri.	24	at Fairfield	1:00 pm
Fri.	31	HOWARD* (Senior Day)	1:00 pm
Fri.	31	MANHATTAN (Senior Day)	1:00 pm

### FEBRUARY

<i>CCSA Championships</i>			
Tue.-Fri.	18-21	CCSA Championships (at Georgia)	
Thu-Fri.	27-28	ECAC Championships (at TBD)	

### MARCH

Sat.	1	ECAC Championships (at Pittsburgh)	
Sun.-Tue.	9-11	NCAA Zone Diving Championships (at Rutgers)	
Wed.-Fri.	26-28	NCAA Division I Championships (at Iowa)	

Head Coach: Michael Lawson

Assistant Coaches: Mark Albright, Shawn Bryan

Volunteer Diving Coach: Anthony Cacella

CAPS/Bold = Home events at Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center