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FRONT COVER (L-R): Katrina Hornstein; Kristy Haeckel; Sabrina Baby (Larry Levanti photos). BACK COVER: the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center as seen from Lock Street; 2009 schedule. INSIDE FRONT COVER: the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center as seen from the corner of Lubetkin Field at J. Malcolm Simon Stadium. INSIDE BACK COVER: the 2009 Highlanders team picture (Levanti photos).

# Media Information

This guide is designed to assist in coverage of NJIT volleyball. For home matches, the NJIT sports information office will provide an official box score 10 minutes following each game. Coach JR Martins and requested players will be available for interviews on the court following a 10-minute coolingoff period. Radio broadcast requests should me made at least 10 business days prior to the contest.

Requests for coach and player interviews on nongame days should be made through the NJIT sports information office (973-596-8461).

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# Why the 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 Results hotline: 973-596-5555



In 2006-07, NJIT athletics, in keeping with its move to NCAA Division I, unveiled a new graphic identity, which includes a new Highlanders logo (shown). Developed by CN Foundry for NJIT, the logo depicts the traditional Highlander, whose ferocity and bravery against all odds are the stuff of legend. Returning/lost (starters): 9/2 (5+libero/1)

# Quick facts

**NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF** TECHNOLOGY (NIIT)



Location: University Heights, Newark, NJ

Founded: 1881

**Enrollment:** 5,300 (undergraduate) NJIT website: www.njit.com

Nickname/colors: Highlanders/Red and White

(Blue accent)

Home Court: Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic

Center

Affiliations: NCAA Division I. ECAC Conference: Great West Conference

University President: Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch **Director of Athletics:** Lenny Kaplan

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Career Record: First Season Assistant Coaches: Melissa Golob (UMBC,

2007), Rodrigo Correa (NJIT, 2009)

Student Assistant Coach: Agnieszka Pregowska Captains: Sabrina Baby, Renata Pandolfo

2008 overall: 18-16



# 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 technologydependent 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 more than \$83 million toward new and improved buildings and facilities on the 45-acre campus, including biomedical engineering labs and a campus center.

# Instructional **Programs**

NJIT offers an ever-expanding array of educational programs, with eight new academic programs approved beginning in 2009-10, which comes after the addition of 14 new programs in 2008. As of 2009, NJIT lists 55 bachelor's degree majors, 53 master's degree programs and 19 doctoral 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 416 full-time faculty; more than 98 percent of whom hold the highest degree in their field. The student-faculty ratio is 13:1, with more than 5,300 undergraduate students and more than 2,800 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 more than 44,000 alumni, NJIT is rated by US News and World Report as a top-tier national research university offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

#### Research

NJIT drew more than \$75 million in research funding in 2005 and faculty members welcome student collaboration on research projects.

# **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. More than 60 technology start-up companies, many of which hire NJIT students, are on campus.





All 10 of the majors with the highest starting salaries for 2005-06 grads are in engineering, computing and business, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Computer and data processing services lead the list of the 10 fastest-growing occupations in projections compiled by the US Department of Labor. Computerrelated employment is expected to grow 117 percent by 2008, according to the Career Guide to Industries.

As technology changes all fields, those with science and technology backgrounds are positioned to lead. Among the CEOs of the S&P 500 companies, engineering is the single largest undergraduate degree and more than half of CEOs have undergraduate degrees in engineering, business management, science, math and computing.

# The Global Edge

The diversity in NJIT's student body and faculty prepares graduates to understand and succeed in the global marketplace. NJIT was named among the world's top 500 universities in a study by the Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

# 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 has long been a national leader in applying new technologies and approaches to the educational experience. NJIT was a pioneer in requiring computer science for students in all majors and the School of Architecture has led innovations in teaching CAD and digital design. The school's innovative "paperless" first-year program was recently cited by Campus Technology Magazine.

Students have a wide range of educational choices in building an interest-tailored program. Among their options are cross-enrolling at neighboring Rutgers to enrich their program with subjects such as music and languages.

NJIT students learn emerging technologies from the researchers behind the technologies, developing valuable marketplace skills. Real-world experience through experiential learning makes graduates more marketable, with many co-op opportunities leading to permanent jobs.



# 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 newest school, 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. Robert A. **Altenkirch**

President

Having joined NJIT as its seventh president in July 2002, Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch is leading the university in a period of multi-layered growth.

In recent years, NJIT has put more than \$80 million toward new and improved buildings and facilities, while also drawing similar dollars in annual research funding.

Under President Altenkirch, NJIT has expanded its course offerings, with 16 new degree programs added in the 2008-09 academic year alone, and 13 in various stages of development for implementation in the next two years..

Coinciding with the expansion is NJIT's transition from a smaller commuter campus to a larger institution with a larger resident student population. The incoming class of 2012 is the largest in the history of the school, and more than half the freshman class resides on campus.

Tied to that transition is Altenkirch's strong belief that the home institution in New Jersey's largest city needs to be residential and provide the experiences associated with a residential campus. At the same time, Altenkirch is committed to NJIT's involvement with the community in its home city of Newark.

Intercollegiate athletics fits those goals naturally and upgrading NJIT athletics has been a priority of Altenkirch's presidency going back to November 2002 meetings that led to NJIT's reclassification to NCAA Division I.

Adding a personal dimension to his support, Altenkirch, a multi-sport athlete in high school, freshman baseball player at Purdue University, and a former college soccer official, and his wife, Beth, are regular attendees at NJIT competitions, home and

Immediately before his selection as president of NJIT, Altenkirch was vice president for research at Mississippi State University (MSU), a position he held from 1998 to 2002.

Prior to his appointment as vice president at MSU, Altenkirch served as dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture at Washington State University (1995-98).

From 1988 to 1995, he was dean of the College of Engineering at MSU. He also served as professor and chair of mechanical engineering at the University of Kentucky (1975-88).

Altenkirch holds a PhD from Purdue University, an MS from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BS from Purdue, all in mechanical engineering.

He is the author of over 50 publications and nearly 100 presentations in combustion and heat transfer and served as principal investigator for 10 Space Shuttle experiments investigating the spread of fire in reduced gravity.

He is a fellow of the American Society of Engineers and in 2008 received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



Dr. Joel Bloom Vice President for Academic and Student Services

Dr. Joel Bloom, who joined NJIT in July 1990, is responsible for eight divisions of the university, including physical education and athletics.

In 1998, Bloom was appointed the first dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College in addition to his vice president responsibilities. The honors college enrolls over 500 students, including residents of 15 states and several foreign countries. The combined average SAT score is over 1300 and freshmen typically have ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. Honors College students maintain a grade point average higher than 3.5.

Prior to his arrival at NJIT, Dr. Bloom served seven years as assistant commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education for the Division of General Academic Education. He was responsible for managing many of the education department's initiatives, over 300 grants and contracts, and a \$24 million budget.

Formerly a teacher and school administrator in New York City Public Schools, Dr. Bloom was also a director of research and instructor at Teacher's College, Columbia University.

He is chair of the Greater Newark Consortium for Pre-College Education and vice chair of the State Board for Communities and Schools. He serves further as a member of numerous boards at the state, regional and national levels and has received 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 Teacher's College, Columbia University. He also earned master's and bachelor's degrees from Hunter College of the City University of New York.



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.

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 university President Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch and 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.

The sports offerings have expanded to 19 varsity programs and since 2004, NJIT has renovated its two main on-campus venues-Mal Simon Stadium at Lubetkin Field and the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center. The school also 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 new Prudential Center, 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 in 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.

Kaplan guided the Highlanders toward further stability with membership in the newly-expanded allsports Great West Conference, which will offer a conference home for 11 of NJIT's 19 varsity sports.

NJIT's outstanding home facilities will allow it to host conference championships in the Great West Conference and allowed it to host ECAC postseason

championships in 2005-06.

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.

# STUDENT-ATHLETE SUPPORT

# **Sports Medicine**

NJIT sports medicine is moving forward with expanded facilities and a staff of three full-time trainers led by head trainer Matt Koscs, MS/ATC, with assistant trainers Paul Grayner, MEd/ATC, and Sandra Brendle, MSEd/ATC. They work with team physicians Louis Rizio, MD, and Rutvik (Rudy) Patel, DO.

Matt Koscs, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Delaware, came to NJIT as an assistant trainer in July 2008 and moved up to the head trainer position a year later. As an undergrad, he was recipient of the Paris Delligatti Memorial Award for Excellence in Athletic Training.



Matt Koscs

Prior to NJIT, he served three years as head trainer at Hodgson Vocational Technical High School in Newark, DE. He also worked with soccer clubs in Delaware and was employed at Christiana Care Physical Therapy Plus, in Newark, DE.

Paul Grayner, who holds a bachelor's degree from Saint Leo College in Florida and a master's from American University in Washington, DC, has a diverse background in athletic training, having served at the college and professional levels, as well as in a fitness center setting. He joined the NJIT staff late in 2008.

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 and in 1984 he was assistant trainer with the Mets. He later worked with the Long Island Knights professional basketball team.



Paul Grayner

At the collegiate level, he was head trainer at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ from 1989 to 1998 and earlier worked as an assistant trainer at Hofstra, Adelphi and FDU.

Sandra Brendle, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant trainer in the summer of 2009, earned her bachelor's degree, majoring in athletic training from Greensboro (NC) College in 2007. She earned her master's in athletic training at Old Dominion University in May 2009. At ODU, she worked with seven teams and was on the medical staff for the 2008 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament first and second rounds. At Greensboro, she was 2006 Athletic Training Student of the Year and worked on the 2004 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championship tournament medical staff.

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, Dr. Rizio completed his orthopedic residency at Tufts University in Boston.

He then completed a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Miami and was assistant team physician of the Hurricanes, as well as the Miami Dolphins, the Miami Hurricanes.

Dr. Rizio practices at the New Jersey Sports Medicine Institute. Prior to starting his own practice, Dr Rizio was the Chief of Sports Medicine at the NJ Medical School from 2000-2005.

Dr. Patel practices in association with Dr. Rizio. A cum laude graduate of NYIT, Dr. Patel earned his DO from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was chief resident in Family Medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ, from 2003 to 2006.

# Strength and Conditioning

A formal strength and conditioning program is a key part of a Division I program, with an eye toward maximizing individual and team performance in competition. The strength and conditioning coach also works closely with the Athletic Training Staff in the areas of injury prevention and injury rehabilitation.

The 2008-09 season brought another dimension to NJIT athletics with the hiring of Dan Huff, CSCS, as the Highlanders' first full-time strength and conditioning coach. In addition to the hiring of a full-time coach to coordinate the strength and conditioning, NJIT renovated the weight rooms and purchased new equipment, with the area dedicated to use by the Highlander teams.

Huff previously served five years as strength and conditioning coordinator at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ, from 2003 to 2008, working with an 18-sport NCAA Division I program.

Huff was Sports Performance Director for Velocity Sports Performance in Wall, NJ, immediately before accepting his position at NJIT. He is a graduate of William Paterson University of New Jersey. He holds numerous certifications.



Dan Huff

# **Academic Enrichment**

NJIT's Center for Academic and Professional Enrichment (CAPE) added a new component with the 2007 hiring of Erika Rigby McCourt as Associate Director of CAPE in a position that was created for the specific purpose of serving the needs of NJIT's student-athletes.

Rigby McCourt will be leaving her post to focus more on raising her infant daughter and NJIT is in the process of filling the position, which focuses on five key areas: academic support, career development, personal development, leadership and community service including the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and CHAMPS Life Skills for NJIT's nearly 300 student-athletes.

In 2008-09, Tim Wuorinen moved over to CAPE as eligibility certification officer/academic advisor, after having spent the previous five-plus years working in the NJIT Department of Athletics as assistant athletic director and coordinator for compliance and student-athlete services.



Tim Wuorinen

Erika Rigby McCourt came to NJIT from Seton Hall University, where she was Associate Director of Academic Support Services for athletics from 2004 until she left for NJIT, which was her fourth Division I program in a career that began in 1997 at Northern Arizona, where she directed the Academic Enrichment Program. She later returned home to New Jersey, serving as Academic/Athletic Coordinator at Saint Peter's College from 1999 to 2004.

Tim Wuorinen was a compliance fellow with the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and he has worked in the athletic offices of four colleges, including Western New England College, his undergraduate alma mater. In addition to his bachelor's degree from Western New England, he earned a master's degree from NIIT.

Tim and his wife, Tara, who is the academic/athletic coordinator at Saint Peter's College, reside in Aberdeen, NJ.

NJIT's Center for Academic and Professional Enrichment, headed by Dr. Marybeth Boger, is a resource available to all students within NJIT's Student Services Division. The CAPE provides academic support services and activities to enhance students' academic and professional development and it works with academic and administrative departments to help students develop the necessary analytical and problemsolving skills to become independent learners.

CAPE provides tutoring, student success workshops and testing accommodations.

# ATHLETICS SENIOR STAFF





# **NJIT Officially Gains Active NCAA Division I** Membership

NJIT athletics has officially gained across-the-board active membership in NCAA Division I, beginning September 1, 2009.

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

The NCAA's decision that NJIT is a full member of Division I completes a specific timetable that required NJIT and its Department of Athletics to meet a series of annual benchmark standards before proceeding to the next year in the process.

NJIT, which previously competed in NCAA Division II, first moved to reclassify its men's soccer program in 2003, with active Division I status arriving in 2005. NJIT women's soccer became postseason-eligible in 2007.

The remainder of NJIT's 19-sport athletics program also began reclassifying in 2005 (the process is longer for an entire program than under the single-sportper-gender track).

In 2005-06 the lion's share of the competition for the reclassifying sports came at the Division II level. In 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09, NJIT's teams competed at the Division I level and were in full compliance with NCAA Division I rules.

As part of the reclassification, every facet of the program has been enhanced, with a special emphasis placed on student-athlete welfare. Facilities have been upgraded, along with sports medicine, strength and conditioning, and academic enrichment. NJIT has also built a strong NCAA Division I rules compliance

regimen within its athletics program and across the NJIT teams and student-athletes have faced oppo-NJIT community.

A key late benchmark in the process came in the spring of 2009, with NJIT's successful completion of the NCAA Division I certification self-study. An in-depth project that takes approximately one year to complete and involves an on-campus visit from a Peer Review team, Division I certification, renewable every 10 years, is required of all active Division I institutions.

"We completed a major milestone in demonstrating that we have the infrastructure in place and the commitment to compete at the highest levels, not only academically but now athletically as well," said Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch, who has made upgrading NJIT athletics a priority since he was selected as the seventh President of NJIT in May 2002.

Professor Robert English, the Faculty Athletics Representative and Interim Dean of the School of Management, added, "I am very impressed with NJIT's student-athletes who have worked hard to meet the challenge of the heightened level of Division I competition and at the same time continued to excel academically, with many athletes earning academic honors and awards and several earning perfect 4.0 GPA's during the semester of competition."

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

Going back to early announcements of NJIT's plans to reclassify to NCAA Division I, Altenkirch stated: "As NJIT continues to grow academically, and as a residential university, strengthening the athletics program through the transition to Division I will allow us to align the university with our academic peers."

Already, 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.

nents from seven of the eight Ivy League schools (all except for Brown) and all eight Patriot League schools, including Army and Navy, Bucknell, Lafayette, and Lehigh.

In addition, Highlander teams have taken on teams from such famed conferences as the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Pac 10 Conference and Conference USA.

Two such opponents—the University of 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.

The Highlanders have also competed against members of all of the conferences based in the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States, including America East, Atlantic 10, Colonial, Metro Atlantic, and Northeast.

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

NJIT's longest-established Division I program, men's soccer, gained its first win against a Big East foe in 2008, defeating Rutgers a little more than a year after NJIT topped San Diego State for the Highlanders' first win over a Top 25-ranked team.

With its place in Division I officially certified by the NCAA, NJIT is looking ahead to continued growth. That outlook is consistent with President Altenkirch's frequently expressed view that, "the transition to Division I is just that, a transition, a process rather than an event."

For his part, Director of Athletics Lenny Kaplan said: "We've worked hard toward this goal and it is a big step for the program. We are looking forward to being a solid and successful member of Division I and we are excited by the opportunity to write a new chapter in the history of NJIT athletics."



# COACHING STAFF



**IR Martins** Interim Head Coach

JR Martins (mar-TEENS) assumed leadership of the women's volleyball program in 2009 after three seasons as the top assistant for NJIT's women's volleyball and men's volleyball teams.

His appointment as women's volleyball interim head coach is part of a reorganization of the coaching structure for NJIT's two volleyball teams. Ryan McNeil, who had been head coach of both teams, stepped down from coaching women's volleyball to focus on his duties as men's volleyball head coach.

Martins (whose initials, 'JR', stand for Jose Reynaldo) is a native of Brazil who was a four-year college player at Lewis (IL) University, graduating in 2004. He was a captain and starter on the Lewis team that won the 2003 NCAA national championship match (later vacated). A four-year dean's list student at Lewis, he was a 2004 Academic All-America.

With NJIT women's volleyball, he helped a successful transition to Division I from Division II, as the Highlanders improved their wins total from 10 in 2006, to 13 in 2007 and then to 18 in 2008, for the program's highest wins total since 1990, when it won 23 matches at the Division III level.

Assisting McNeil on the men's side, Martins helped NJIT to the 2007 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Hay Division regular season championship and to a berth in the 2008 EIVA playoff semifinals.

Martins is also a graduate of Pontific Catholic University of Campinas in his home country. A veteran of the Brazilian army, he has coached collegiate volleyball in Brazil and then club volleyball in the Midwestern United States, before returning to Brazil, where he played and coached club ball.

He resides in Newark.



Melissa Golob Assistant Coach

A 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Golob joined the NJIT coaching staff as a graduate assistant at the start of the 2008 men's volleyball season.

She first worked with NJIT women's volleyball in 2008, when the Highlanders posted 18 wins, the most for the program since 1990. The team's 18-16 mark in 2008 came in just its third season facing Division I competition.

She assisted with the Highlanders men's run to the semifinals of the 2008 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association playoffs, while also assisting with the women's team's non-traditional season.

Golob remains an assistant coach with the NJIT men's volleyball team in addition to her duties with the women's team.

Coach Golob, who is pursuing her master's degree from NJIT, majored in biology and minored in psychology at UMBC, where she was a Division I player, competing for the Retrievers from 2003 to 2005.

She is also a graduate of Broadneck High School in Annapolis, MD, where she was an honor roll student in addition to being volleyball team captain.

She resides in Bloomfield, NJ.



**Agnieszka** Pregowska Student Assistant Coach

One of the cornerstone players in NJIT's recent women's volleyball resurgence, Agnieszka Pregowska will continue working with the Highlanders as a student assistant coach in 2009.

She holds five school Division I season and career records for sets played, points and blocks. In 2007 she was a Division I All-Independent second team honoree and in 2006 she was Division I Independent academic honoree. Her freshman year was NJIT's last in Division II and she ranked fourth nationally in the final NCAA stats in kills per game and was named all-conference first team.

At Bridgewater-Raritan High School, she was NJ Gatorade Player of the Year and Star-Ledger state Player of the Year as a senior, as well as MVP at the 2004 NJ Tournament of Champions and was selected as an all-America by prepvolleyball.com.

She is completing her studies at NJIT, where she majors in architecture, with a minor in business.

# Rodrigo Correa Assistant Coach

A 2009 NJIT graduate, Correa was a four-year starter and the assists leader for men's volleyball, ranking 26th nationally in assists as a senior, 18th as a junior, and 20th as a sophomore.

The native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was a business management/finance major enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College, Correa earned all-academic honors in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association each of his last three seasons.

#### 2009 OUTLOOK

As NJIT enters active, championship-eligible membership in NCAA Division I, women's volleyball stands as a model of positive growth for the entire Highlanders athletics program.

The program, which improved steadily throughout the three seasons of Division I competition in reclassification from Division II, aims to continue its upward trajectory in 2009 and beyond.

In 2008, NJIT finished 18-16, a record that included the program's highest season wins total since 1990, when the team was 23-12 competing at the Division III level.

Back in the 1980's when NJIT was a Division III program, the Highlanders posted 20-plus win records in four out of five seasons. But the Division II era (1998 to 2005) was a difficult one for women's volleyball. The Highlanders were 9-20 in 2005, their final season of Division II competition and it was one of their best in eight seasons at that level.

Moving up to face DI teams in 2006, the Highlanders actually upped their win total to 10 in the first year and then to 13 in 2007 before last year's breakthrough.

Heading into 2009, there are some changes, including the appointment of JR Martins as interim head coach. Martins, who celebrated a national championship in his own college playing career, takes over as head of the NJIT women after having assisted former head coach Ryan McNeil through all three years of reclassification. He was also assistant for the men's volleyball Highlanders.

"Any time there's a new coach, there's a difference in the style of training and coaching," noted Martins, who led the team the whole offseason. "There are differences between the way I do things and the way Ryan (McNeil, who is concentrating on being men's head coach) does things. The team is responding very well and they have accepted the way I do things. They understand the reasons and they have made a great commitment."

Last season, four freshmen, including star hitter Renata Pandolfo, integrated into the lineup and this year three more freshmen should contribute from the beginning of their careers.

Joining that young group are a core of three seniors and a junior who will provide stability and leadership. Two of the seniors, Kristy Haeckel and Katrina Hornstein, are set to become the program's first players to play four years of Division I competition. The third senior, Erica Schultz, will be a three-year Highlander after spending her freshman year at Louisiana Tech. The junior is Baaba Hughes.

Pandolfo, one of four Brazilians on the 2009 Highlanders, emerged as an all-around force in her debut season, leading NJIT in points (422.5) by a wide margin and pacing the squad in kills per game and service aces, while finishing second in digs and third in blocks. Not tall for a hitter, she has an explosive vertical leap that more than makes up for any

lack of height on the attack. She had 20 double-figure kills matches and 25 double-digit matches in digs.

Senior Kristy Haeckel, meanwhile, will play a big role in the middle. One of the team's top players her first two years (she was team MVP as a freshman), her junior year was compromised by a shoulder injury that limited her time on the floor and her ability to swing for kills.

She missed just five sets all season, but had to be subbed out more often than before. Even so, she had 18 more blocks than any other Highlander. However, the shoulder problems dropped her 2008 kills per set (1.69) to barely half the 3.12 kills average she posted a year earlier. "Kristy is prepared and ready to go," said Martins. "She's back in form."

This year, Haeckel's classmate, Katrina Hornstein, is dealing with a sore shoulder of her own. An intense competitor, Hornstein has always provided NJIT with solid all-around play and last year was no exception, as she third on the 2008 team in points, while appearing in all 123 sets the Highlanders played in 34 matches. "We know Kat will give us everything she has, including great leadership," Martins said.

Joining the 6-foot-1 Haeckel as a pure middle is rookie Fernanda Lima, a 6-foot native of Brazil, who enrolled at NJIT for the Spring 2009 Semester. "Fernanda had a whole spring to train and prepare and she is very motivated to compete in matches this fall," said the coach.





# OUTLOOK

Talented freshman Janet Snell, junior Baaba Hughes, and sophomore Juliana Araujo all loom as additional candidates for playing time on either the left or right side. Snell, a two-time first-team all-state selection, was 2008 Player of the Year in the Record of North Jersey.

Hughes has taken on an increasing role throughout her NJIT career. Last year, she was second on the squad in kills per set and one of six to record more than 100 digs. Araujo offers solid depth.

The unquestioned leader of the defense is senior captain Sabrina Baby, a superb libero since she debuted in 2006. Last season she appeared in all 123 sets and notched 542 digs and 45 service aces, following a spectacular 795 digs and 71 aces that earned her all-Division I Independent honors in 2007.

"Sabrina is a true leader who helps guide the team in the tough moments, not only in the easy times," said Martins. "She is an important player who can be recognized in the conference and in the nation."

Setter is covered well with senior Erica Schultz, sophomore Chanelle Preredovich, and freshman Anna Mercado.

Schultz, who played at Louisiana Tech in 2006, was an all-Independent honorable mention in 2007 for NJIT. Last year, she was unable to play early in the 2008 season and her return to the lineup paralleled the best run the Highlanders have had in many years.

NJIT started 2009 at 2-6 in her absence, but she returned with 37 assists and 10 digs in a 3-1 upset of Seton Hall, triggering a 9-1 stretch of matches, including eight straight wins. By season's end, NJIT was 16-10 with Schultz its setter. She recorded 830 assists in 96 sets.

She had offseason shoulder surgery, missing all of the spring season and is joined by the highly-regarded Mercado, a 5-foot-10 setter who had a strong scholastic career in California, as well as by Preredovich and Audrey Snell, who will also be a defensive specialist, joined in that role by Claudia Gamarra.

A new challenge for NJIT is its membership in the Great West Conference, where the Highlanders will play a double-round robin schedule of 12 matches, plus a season-ending tournament for the championship in what figures to be one of the most competitive sports in the fledgling all-sports conference.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of the conference and to being a contender," said the coach. "No matter who we're playing, we feel we have the talent and potential to achieve our goals. We are positive and confident and we have high expectations."

The bulk of NJIT's pre-conference schedule will be taken up in tournaments hosted by St. Francis of New York, Central Connecticut, American, and Seton Hall. The season opens at the St. Francis Tournament August 28 and 29 and ends in Houston with the first Great West Conference postseason championship tournament, hosted by Houston Baptist on November 20 and 21.

# 2009 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Audrey Snell	So.	DS/S	5-5	Bogota, NJ/Bogota
2	Anna Mercado	Fr.	S	5-10	Covina, CA/St. Lucy's Priory
3	Janet Snell	Fr.	OH/RS	5-11	Bogota, NJ/Bogota
4	Kristy Haeckel	Sr.	MB	6-1	St. Louis, MO/Nerinx Hall
6	Erica Schultz	Sr.	S	5-9	Wildomar, CA/Elsinore (Louisiana Tech)
7	Baaba Hughes	Jr.	OH/RS	5-8	Toronto, Ontario/Mother Teresa Catholic
8	Sabrina Baby	Sr.	L	5-5	Florianopolis, Brazil/Catarinense
9	Juliana Araujo	So.	OH/RS	5-10	Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil /Anglo Taquaral
10	Katrina Hornstein	Sr.	OH/RS	5-10	Duluth, MN/Marshall School
11	Renata Pandolfo	So.	OH/RS	5-8	Joinville, SC, Brazil/Barao do Rio Branco
12	Chanelle Preradovich	So.	S/M	5-10	Burlington, Ontario/Assumption
13	Claudia Gamarra	So.	DS	5-2	Bayonne, NJ/Bayonne
15	Fernanda Lima	Fr.	М	6-0	Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil/Loukelond

# (Alphabetical)

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No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
9	Juliana Araujo	So.	OH/RS	5-9	Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil /Anglo Taquaral
8	Sabrina Baby	Sr.	L	5-5	Florianopolis, Brazil/Catarinense
13	Claudia Gamarra	So.	DS	5-2	Bayonne, NJ/Bayonne
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3	Janet Snell	Fr.	OH/RS	5-11	Bogota, NJ/Bogotal

Interim Head Coach: JR Martins (Lewis, 04), first season

Assistant Coach: Melissa Golob (UMBC '07) Student Assistant Coach: Agnieszka Pregowska

# SABRINA BABY

Senior | L | 5-5 Florianopolis, Brazil/Catarinense Team captain and record-setting libero returns for her senior season ... JR Martins on Baby: "She's a leader who helps guide the team in the tough times, not just the easy times. We are looking forward to her being recognized in the conference and in the nation."

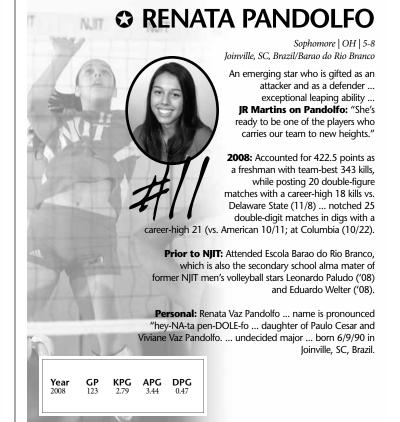
2008: Team captain ... Great West

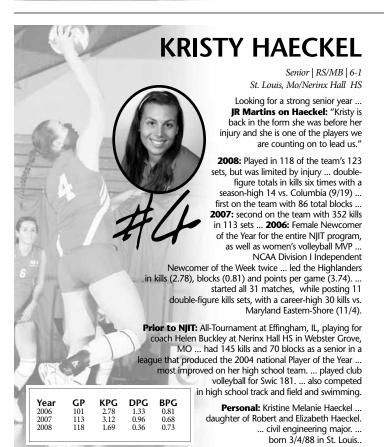
Conference all-Academic team ... helped

the team reach a milestone 18 wins, the most for NJIT women's volleyball since 1990 ... reliable defensive player and outstanding server who appeared in every set in 2008, registering 542 digs and 45 service aces ... 2007: Division I All-Independent second team, Division I Independent All-Academic team ... team-best 795 digs and 71 service aces ... recorded double-figure digs totals in every set but two while posting a Highlander Division I record 42 digs vs. Sacred Heart (10/31) ... 2006: Appeared in 94 sets leading the Highlanders defense with 356 digs and topped the team with 49 aces.

Prior to NJIT: Played club volleyball in her native Brazil.

Personal: Sabrina Bianca Baby ... daughter of Joao Batista and Mariangela Pereira Baby ... business major with concentration in finance/marketing ... born 4/25/88 in Florianopolis, Brazil





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Senior | OH/RS | 5-10 Duluth, MN/Marshall School

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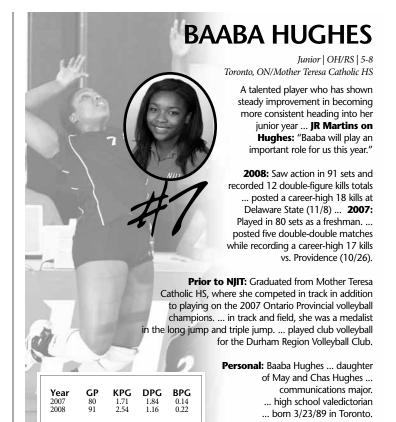
2008: Great West Conference all-Academic ... third on the team in points (267.5), while recording 234 kills and 299 digs ... 2007: Appeared in 136 sets ... recorded double-figure digs totals 23 times ... tied her careerhigh 26 digs at Harvard (9/22) ...

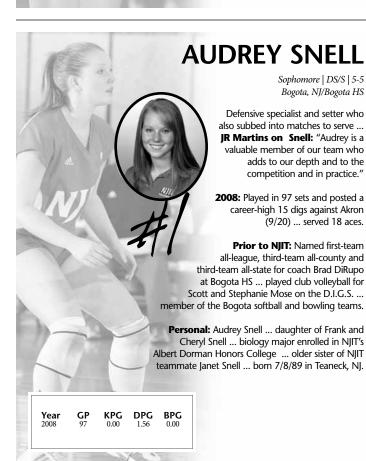
2006: Appearing in 101 sets, was 3rd in ppg, 2nd in kills pg, 3rd in aces and 2nd in digs.

Prior to NJIT: All-conference for Marshall School in Duluth, MN. ... Duluth News Tribune Prep Newsmaker and Prep Performance honoree. ... second in the Duluth area in kills per game and ranked in serve percentage ... Minnesota all-state nominee ... Duluth team MVP in the Pepsi All-Star game ... played club volleyball for East End Volleyball Club ... also competed in basketball and track and field and was 10th in the high jump at the 2006 Lake Superior championships.

> Personal: Katrina Rachel Hornstein ... daughter of Theresa Hornstein and Terry Weins. ... mechanical engineering major enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College ... born 12/23/88 in Duluth, MN.

> > Sophomore | DS/S | 5-5 Bogota, NJ/Bogota HS







Will help the Highlanders as a hitter on either side ... JR Martins on Araujo: "Juliana will be in the fight for playing time."

2008: Appeared in 52 sets and posted career-high 10 digs against Butler (8/29) ... Accounted for 86 points (6th on the team) while her 52 sets played were eighth on the team.

> Prior to NJIT: Played club volleyball for Clube Campineiro de Regatos e Natacao.

Personal: Juliana Rangel Cardim Araujo ... daughter of Luciano and Flavia Araujo. ... business management major ... born 9/25/90 in Campinas, Brazil.

> GP KPG DPG **BPG** Year



Has the versatility to contribute as a middle or as a setter ... JR Martins on Preradovich: "Chanelle will be fighting for a starting position at setter along with Erica (Schultz) and Anna (Mercado).

2008: Saw action in 27 sets as a freshman.

**Prior to NJIT:** Played for coach Lana Femly at Assumption HS in Burlington ... played club volleyball for the Falcons (Scarborough).

**Personal:** Chanelle Lee Preradovich ... daughter of Sonja Preradovich ... international business major ... born 9/23/90 in Toronto

> DPG BPG



Back for her second year on the team ... JR Martins on Gamarra: "She is a walk-on who will contribute to our depth this year."

2008: Did not see match action for the Highlanders.

Prior to NJIT: all-Hudson (NJ) County 2nd team playing for coach Pat Longo at Bayonne HS ... also played softball.

Personal: Claudia Stephanie Gamarra ... daughter of Jorge and Augusta Gamarra ... industrial engineering major ... born 5/22/89 in Lima, Peru.



Middle who will make her NJIT debut this season after practicing with the team for a semester ... JR Martins on Lima: "She had the whole spring to train and prepare and s he's very motivated to play in matches."

Prior to NJIT: Enrolled in NJIT for the 2009 Spring Semester. ...played club volleyball for Sociedode Hipica de Campinas for coach Lucas Lemos.

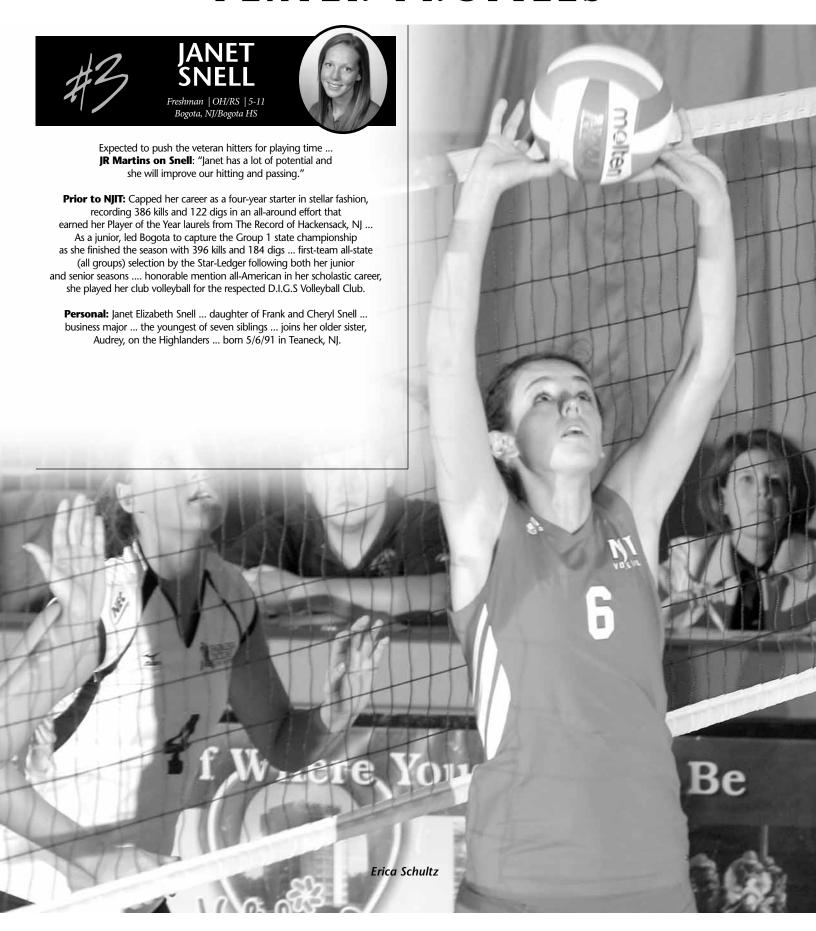
Personal: Fernanda Domene B. Lima ... daughter of Jose Adriano Lima and Marcia Domene ... international business major ... born 8/7/89 in Campinas, Brazil.



Talented setter who will challenge for playing time right away ... IR Martins on Mercado: "Anna has the ability to play a quick game and she has the potential to come in and fight for a starting position. I think she's up to the challenge of playing in Division I right away."

Prior to NJIT: Widely regarded as the top setter in the Sierra League, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune ... first-team all-league directing the offense for St. Lucy's Priory HS, which compiled a 19-9 record and won the league title in her senior year ... in addition to collecting 346 assists, she also ranked third in the Sierra League in blocks, according to MaxPreps.com ... played her club volleyball with the Top Gun Volleyball Club, one of the top programs of its kind in southern California.

Personal: Kirstianne deLeon Mercado ... daughter of Byron and Judy Mercado ... engineering major ... born 7/20/91 in Glendora, CA..





#### All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	18-16	7-5	7-6	4-5
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	18-16	7-5	7-6	4-5

		S			Attack			S	et		Serve	-4		D	ig ,		E	Blocking				
##	Player	sp	k	k/s	е	ta	pct	а	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	points
11	PANDOLFO, Renata	123	343	2.79	144	1015	.196	23	0.19	46	43	0.37	33	423	3.44	9	49	58	0.47	2	0	422.5
3	PREGOWSKA, Agniesz	123	248	2.02	102	609	.240	30	0.24	44	49	0.36	1	87	0.71	14	54	68	0.55	3	0	333.0
10	HORNSTEIN, Katrina	123	234	1.90	114	833	.144	23	0.19	17	41	0.14	29	299	2.43	1	31	32	0.26	2	0	267.5
4	HAECKEL, Kristy	118	200	1.69	87	545	.207	33	0.28	0	0	0.00	3	42	0.36	21	65	86	0.73	5	2	253.5
7	HUGHES, Baaba	91	231	2.54	103	752	.170	5	0.05	3	9	0.03	15	106	1.16	3	9	12	0.13	2	1	241.5
9	ARAUJO, Juliana	52	80	1.54	60	334	.060	1	0.02	0	3	0.00	7	52	1.00	2	8	10	0.19	1	0	86.0
6	SCHULTZ, Erica	96	25	0.26	12	124	.105	830	8.65	14	12	0.15	0	168	1.75	3	18	21	0.22	1	9	51.0
8	BABY, Sabrina	123	5	0.04	4	33	.030	34	0.28	45	35	0.37	58	542	4.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	50.0
5	THOMPSON, Danielle	46	8	0.17	2	29	.207	227	4.93	6	6	0.13	1	51	1.11	2	10	12	0.26	1	5	21.0
1	SNELL, Audrey	97	0	0.00	1	6	167	11	0.11	18	24	0.19	27	151	1.56	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	18.0
12	PRERADOVICH, Chane	27	2	0.07	2	15	.000	48	1.78	- 1	2	0.04	1	13	0.48	1	5	6	0.22	0	7	6.5
	TEAM								-	35		-	28	3.	K=	-				-	-	-
	NJIT	123	1376	11.19	634	4298	.173	1265	10.28	194	225	1.58	203	1934	15.72	56	249	180.5	1.47	17	25	1750.5
	Opponents	123	1448	11.77	724	4409	.164	1324	10.76	203	236	1.65	194	1953	15.88	46	347	219.5	1.78	53	54	1870.5

Team Statistics	NJITWVB	OPP	Date	Opponent
ATTACK			Aug 29	vs ORU
Kills	1376	1448	Aug 30	at UTEP
Errors	634	724	Aug 29	vs BUTLE
Total Attacks	4298	4409	Sep 5	at St. Fran
Attack Pct	.173	.164	Sep 09	WAGNER
Kills/Set	11.2	11.8	Sep 12	UMBC
SET			Sep 13	LOYOLA (
Assists	1254	1323	Sep 13	SACRED
Assists/Set	10.2	10.8	Sep 17	SETON H
SERVE			+Sep 19	vs Columb
Aces	194	203	Sep 20	at Saint Fr
Errors	225	236	Sep 20	vs Akron
Attempts	2644	2579	Sep 24	at Fairleigh
Serve Pct	.915	.908	Sep 27	at Quinnip
Aces/Set	1.6	1.7	Sep 27	vs Hartford
SERVE RECEPTIONS			Sep 28	vs Coppin
Errors	203	194	Sep 30	at La Salle
Errors/Set	1.7	1.6	Oct 07	LEHIGH
DEFENSE			Oct 08	ARMY
Digs	1934	1953	Oct 11	at America
Digs/Set	15.7	15.9	Oct 14	at Lafayett
BLÖCKING			Sep 17	at Sacred
Block Solo	56	46	Oct 22	at Columb
Block Assist	249	347	Oct 28	ST. FRAN
Total Blocks	180.5	219.5	Oct 31	PROVIDE
Blocks/Set	1.5	1.8	Nov 01	<b>BRYANT</b>
Block Errors	17	53	Nov 01	HOWARD
Ball handling errors	25	54	Nov 5	at Wagner
ATTENDANCE			Nov 08	at Delawa
Total	1743	1610	Nov 12	FAIRLEIG
Dates/Avg Per Date	12/145	13/124	Nov 21	vs Provide
Neutral site #/Avg	9/70	1.0000000	Nov 21	vs CSU Ba
Current win streak	0	*	Nov 22	at Utah Va
Home win streak	0	=	Nov 22	vs Texas-F

Date	Opponent		Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 29	vs ORU	L	0-3	12-25,26-28,14-25	150
Aug 30	at UTEP	L	0-3	18-25,22-25,15-25	256
Aug 29	vs BUTLER	L	0-3	16-25,12-25,16-25	154
Sep 5	at St. Francis	W	3-0	25-12,25-17,25-13	185
Sep 09	WAGNER	W	3-0	25-23,25-21,27-25	158
Sep 12	UMBC	L	0-3	19-25,23-25,19-25	101
Sep 13	LOYOLA (MD)	L	2-3	25-17,24-26,25-19,18-25,13-15	109
Sep 13	SACRED HEART	L	0-3	23-25,21-25,20-25	119
Sep 17	SETON HALL	W	3-1	25-22,13-25,25-22,25-18	154
+Sep 19	vs Columbia	L	2-3	17-25,25-23,25-20,19-25,10-15	111
Sep 20	at Saint Francis (PA)	W	3-0	25-22,25-20,26-24	94
Sep 20	vs Akron	W	3-2	25-23,20-25,17-25,25-23,15-12	107
Sep 24	at Fairleigh Dickinson	W	3-0	25-21,25-17,25-13	119
Sep 27	at Quinnipiac	W	3-0	26-24,25-10,25-17	112
Sep 27	vs Hartford	W	3-0	27-25,25-21,25-23	67
Sep 28	vs Coppin State	W	3-0	25-10,25-17,25-16	45
Sep 30	at La Salle	W	3-0	25-5,25-22,26-24	0
Oct 07	LEHIGH	W	3-1	25-22,25-21,18-25,25-14	137
Oct 08	ARMY	L	0-3	20-25,20-25,23-25	104
Oct 11	at American	L	2-3	11-25,25-22,14-25,25-23,11-15	119
Oct 14	at Lafayette	W	3-2	20-25,28-26,25-22,17-25,15-13	82
Sep 17	at Sacred Heart	L	0-3	23-25,22-25,16-25	212
Oct 22	at Columbia	L	1-3	17-25,25-19,20-25,17-25	179
Oct 28	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W	3-0	25-7,25-5,25-10	169
Oct 31	PROVIDENCE	W	3-0	25-15,25-16,25-23	194
Nov 01	BRYANT	W	3-0	25-22,25-16,25-14	103
Nov 01	HOWARD	W	3-1	25-21,25-19,20-25,25-15	191
Nov 5	at Wagner	W	3-0	25-22,25-18,25-12	198
Nov 08	at Delaware State	L	2-3	21-25,25-21,19-25,25-23,11-15	54
Nov 12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L	2-3	25-21,18-25,25-22,22-25,11-15	204
Nov 21	vs Providence	W	3-0	25-12,25-18,26-24	0
Nov 21	vs CSU Bakersfield	L	0-3	15-25,10-25,16-25	0
Nov 22	at Utah Valley	L	1-3	15-25,25-20,21-25,17-25	0
Nov 22	vs Texas-Pan American	L	2-3	25-12,22-25,12-25,25-19,9-15	0

Record in 3-set matches: 13-8 Record in 4-set matches: 3-2 Record in 5-set matches: 2-6



# OPPONENT INFORMATION

#### **AMERICAN UNIVERSITY**

Sept. 12, 11 am, at American (American Volleyball Classic)

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Washington, DC FOUNDED: 1893 ENROLLMENT: 5,286 (undergraduate)

NICKNAME/COLORS: Eagles/Red, White and Blue HOME COURT: Bender Arena

PRESIDENT: Dr. Neil Kerwin DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Keith Gill

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Andrew Chesebro OFFICE PHONE: 202-885-3030 E-MAIL: Chesebro@american.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Barry Goldberg (Pittsburgh '84)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 498-187 (20) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 24-9/13-1 (t-1st) POSTSEASON: Patriot League Champions; NCAA Tournament RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 10 (4)/5 (2)

#### **BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY**

Aug. 29, 1 pm, at St. Francis (NY) (Terrier Invitational)

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Lewisburg, PA FOUNDED: 1846 ENROLLMENT: 3.583

NICKNAME/COLORS: Bison/ Orange and Blue HOME COURT: Davis Gym

PRESIDENT: Brian C. Mitchell DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: John P Hardt

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Becky Hart OFFICE PHONE: 570-577-1835 E-MAIL: becky.hart@bucknell.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Cindy Opalski (Southern Connecticut '77) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 371-321 (23) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 279-275 (19)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF.: 13-18/8-6 RETURING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (4 + libero)/3 (2)

#### CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 5, 1:30 pm, at Central Connecticut State (CCSU Blue Devil Invitational)

#### General Information

LOCATION: New Britain, CT FOUNDED: 1849 ENROLLMENT: 12,000

NICKNAME/COLORS: Blue Devils/ Blue and White HOME COURT: Detrick Gymnasium

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Jack Miller

**DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS:** Dr. Paul Resetarits

#### Sports Information

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#### Women's Volleyball

WOOTEN S VOTEYBATI HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Linda Sagnelli (C.W. Post '83) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 279-291 (23) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 151-109 (9)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 11-14/5-3 (3rd) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 10 (5 + libero) /2 (1)

#### CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Oct. 3, 2 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center Nov. 14, 2pm (CT), at Chicago State Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Chicago, IL FOUNDED: 1867 ENROLLMENT: 7,131

NICKNAME: Cougars COLORS: Evergreen and White HOME COURT: Jacoby Dickens Center

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Wayne D. Watson DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Sudie D. Davis, Jr.

#### **Sports Information**

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# Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Shakeila Castile-Jones (Chicago State '07) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): First season RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 0-29 RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (5)/3 (libero + 1)

#### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

Sept. 15, 7 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: New York, NY FOUNDED: 1754

NICKNAME/COLORS: Lions/Columbia Blue & White HOME COURT: Francis Levien Gymnasium

PRESIDENT: Lee C. Bollinger DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Dr. M Dianne Murphy

#### Sports Information

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#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Jon Wilson (UMass, '77) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 326-216 (17) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 6-18 (1)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 6-18/0-14 (8th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 15 (5)/3 (1)

#### FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Sept. 2, 7pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Teaneck, NI FOUNDED: 1942 ENROLLMENT: 6,051

NICKNAME/COLORS: Knights/Burgundy and Blue HOME ARENA: Rothman Center

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. I. Michael Adams DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: David A. Langford

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Wes Heinel OFFICE PHONE: 201-692-2204 E-MAIL: heinelwr@fdu.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Stacey Recanati (FDU, '90) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 219-347 (19) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 17-14/4-4 (t 5th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (4)/5 (3) STARTERS RETURNING/LOST: 4/3

# UNIVERSITY of HARTFORD

Sept. 4, 7 pm, at Central Connecticut State (CCSU Blue Devil Invitational)

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: West Hartford, CT FOUNDED: 1877 ENROLLMENT: 4.796

NICKNAME/COLORS: Hawks/ Scarlet and White HOME COURT: The Sports Center Intramural Gym

America East Conference

PRESIDENT: Walter Harrison DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Patricia H. Meiser

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Dan Ruede OFFICE PHONE: 860-768-4501 E-MAIL: ruede@hartford.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Don Ferguson (Rivier '00) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 71-150 (7) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 30-100 (4)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF, (FINISH): 6-25/0-12 (7th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (7)/1 (0)

#### HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Sept. 19, 4:30 pm, at Seton Hall (Seton Hall Tournament)

#### General Information

LOCATION: Hempstead, NY FOUNDED: 1935 ENROLLMENT: 12,700

NICKNAME/COLORS: Pride/Gold, White, Blue HOME COURT: Volleyball Venue at the Physical Fitness Center

Colonial Athletic Association

PRESIDENT: Stuart Rabinowitz DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Jack Hayes

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Stephen Gorchov OFFICE PHONE: 516-463-4933 E-MAIL: stephen.a.gorchov@hofstra.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Kristina Hernandez (NC A&T, '03) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 67-95 (5) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 18-14 (1)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 18-14/9-5 (t 3rd) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (1+libero)/7 (5)

#### HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Sept. 26, 2 pm (CT), at Houston Baptist Oct. 29, 7 pm, at Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

#### General Information

LOCATION: Houston, TX FOUNDED: 1960 ENROLLMENT: 2,749

NICKNAME/COLORS: Huskies/Royal Blue & Orange HOME COURT: Sharp Gym

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr. DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Steve Moniaci

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Mary Ellen Leisering OFFICE PHONE: 281-649-3087 E-MAIL: mleisering@hbu.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Kaddie Platt (HBU) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 447-115 (14) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 24-7 RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (2)/7 (5)

# OPPONENT INFORMATION

#### LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Oct. 14, 7 pm, at Lafayette

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Easton, PA FOUNDED: 1826 ENROLLMENT: 2,382 (undergraduate)

NICKNAME/COLORS: Leopards/Maroon and White HOME COURT: Allan P. Kirby Sports Center

PRESIDENT: Daniel H Weiss DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Bruce E. McCutcheon

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Katie Meier OFFICE PHONE: 610-330-5118 E-MAIL: meierk@lafayette.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Terri Dadio Campbell (Lafavette '92)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 243-173 (14) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 84-125 (7)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 12-18/5-9 (t-5th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (6)/3 (2)

#### **MANHATTAN COLLEGE**

Sept. 5, 4 pm, at Central Connecticut State (CCSU Blue Devil Invitational)

#### General Information

LOCATION: Riverdale, NY ENROLLMENT: 3,200

NICKNAME/COLORS: Jaspers/Kelly Green and White HOME COURT: Draddy Gymnasium

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

PRESIDENT: Brennan O'Donnell, Ph.D. **DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Robert J. Byrnes** 

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Joe Clifford OFFICE PHONE: 718-862-7709 E-MAIL: joseph.clifford@manhattan.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Mark Jones (Washington State, '95) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): first year

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 11-17/10-8 (5th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 4 (3)/6 (4)

#### UNIVERSITY of NORTH DAKOTA

Oct. 23, 7 pm (CT), at North Dakota Nov. 7, 2 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Grand Forks, ND FOUNDED: 1883 ENROLLMENT: 12,748

NICKNAME/COLORS: Fighting Sioux/Kelly Green and White

HOME COURT: Betty Engelstad Sioux Center

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert Kelly DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Brian Faison

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Ryan Powell OFFICE PHONE: 701-777-2986 E-MAIL: ryanpowell@mail.und.nodak.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Ashley Hardee (East Carolina '00)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): First season

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 24-8 RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 10 (: 5+libero) /1 (0)

#### SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Sept. 9, 7pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Fairfield, CT FOUNDED: 1963

ENROLLMENT: 3,400 undergraduates NICKNAME/COLORS: Pioneers/Red and White HOME COURT: William H. Pitt Center

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Anthony I. Cernera DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: C. Donald Cook

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Gene Gumbs OFFICE PHONE: 203-396-8127 E-MAIL: gumbsg@sacredheart.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ÁLMA MATER, YEAR): Rob Machan (USC '01) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 27-33 (2) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 8-13/4-4 (4th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 9 (5)/5 (0)

#### ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE (NY)

Aug. 28, 1 pm, at St. Francis | (Terrier Invitation

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Brooklyn Heights, NY FOUNDED: 1884

NICKNAME/COLORS: Terriers/Red and Blue HOME COURT: Genovesi Center

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Brendan J. Dugan DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Irma Garcia

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: David Gansell OFFICE PHONE: 718-489-5369 E-MAIL: dgansell@stfranciscollege.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Lucy Liriano (Saint Francis '05) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 0-10 (1)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

RETURNING/LOST: 7/4

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 0-32/0-9 (9th)

#### SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE

Aug. 29, 3 pm, at St. Francis (NY) | (Terrier Invitational)

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Jersey City, NJ FOUNDED: 1872 ENROLLMENT: 3,282

NICKNAME/COLORS: Peahens/Blue and White

HOME COURT: Yanitelli Center Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Eugene Cornacchia

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Patrick Elliot

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: David Freeman OFFICE PHONE: 201-761-7315 E-MAIL: davidafreeman@verizon.net

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Joseph Agrest CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 29-27 (2) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 13-19 (1)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 13-19/7-11 (7th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 8 (4)/3 (3)

#### SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Sept. 18, 7 pm, at Seton Hall | (Seton Hall Tournament)

#### **General Information** LOCATION: South Orange, NJ

FOUNDED: 1856 ENROLLMENT: 9,700

NICKNAME/COLORS: Pirates/Blue and White HOME COURT (CAPACITY): Walsh Gymnasium (2,600)

CONFERENCE: Big East

PRESIDENT: Monsignor Robert Sheeran DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Joseph A Quinlan, Jr.

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Mike Kowalsky OFFICE PHONE: 973-761-9493 EMAIL: kowalsmi@shu.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Kris Zeiter (Concordia College '98) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 76-76 (6) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 46-41 (3)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 14-15/6-8 (10th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 8 (4)/7 (2)

#### UNIVERSITY of SOUTH DAKOTA

Oct. 25, 12 pm (CT), at South Dakota Nov. 15, 7 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Vermillion, SD FOUNDED: 1862 ENROLLMENT: 9,291

NICKNAME/COLORS: Coyotes/Red and White HOME COURT: Dakota Dome

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: James W. Abbott DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Joel Nielsen

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Tom Berg OFFICE PHONE: 605-677-8813 E-MAIL: tom.berg@usd.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Matt Houk (Wisconsin-Milwaukee '02) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 23-4 (1) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 23-4 RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 5 (2)/5 (4)

#### UNIVERSITY of TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

Sept. 25, 5pm (CT), at Houston Baptist Oct. 31, 2 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Edinburg, TX FOUNDED: 1927 ENROLLMENT: 17,534

NICKNAME/COLORS: Broncs/Forest Green, Orange and White HOME COURT: UTPA Fieldhouse

Great West Conference

INTERIM PRESIDENT: Dr. Charles Sorber INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Ricky Vaughn

#### Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Zena Davila OFFICE PHONE: 956-381-2240 E-MAIL: zedavila@utpa.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Angela Hubbard (West Georgia, '04) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 23-36 (2) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 8-18 RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (3)/4 (4)

# OPPONENT INFORMATION

#### **UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY**

Oct. 10, 5 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center Nov. 12, 7 pm (MT), at Utah Valley Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

**General Information** 

LOCATION: Orem, UT FOUNDED: 1941 ENROLLMENT: 23,214

NICKNAME/COLORS: Wolverines/Green, White and Gold HOME COURT: The Shurian Family Activity Center

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Matthew S. Holland DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Michael V. Jacobsen

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Jay Hinton OFFICE PHONE: 801-863-8813 EMAIL: jay.hiton@uvsc.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH: Sam Atoa (BYU '88) CAREER RECORD AT UVU (YEARS): 226-105 (10) NCAA DIVISION I RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 88-74 (6)

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 14-12 RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (5)/3 (2)

#### VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY

Sept. 11, 5 pm, at American | (American Volleyball Classic)

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: Blacksburg, VA FOUNDED: 1872 ENROLLMENT: 30,000



NICKNAME/COLORS: Hokies/Chicago maroon & burnt orange HOME COURT: Cassell Coliseum

PRESIDENT: Charles W. Steger DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Jim Weaver

#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Kevin Hunt OFFICE PHONE: 540-231-1454 EMAIL: kevinh5@vt.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH: Chris Riley (Jacksonville '93) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 195-97 (8) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 51-43 (3)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 20-11/11-9 (7th) RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 12 (5 + libero)/2 (1)

#### YALE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 19, 1 pm, at Seton Hall | (Seton Hall Tournament)

#### **General Information**

LOCATION: New Haven, CT FOUNDED: 1701 ENROLLMENT: 5,200 (undergraduate)

NICKNAME/COLORS: Bulldogs/Blue and White HOME COURT: John J. Lee Amphitheater

PRESIDENT: Richard C. Levin DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Tom Beckett

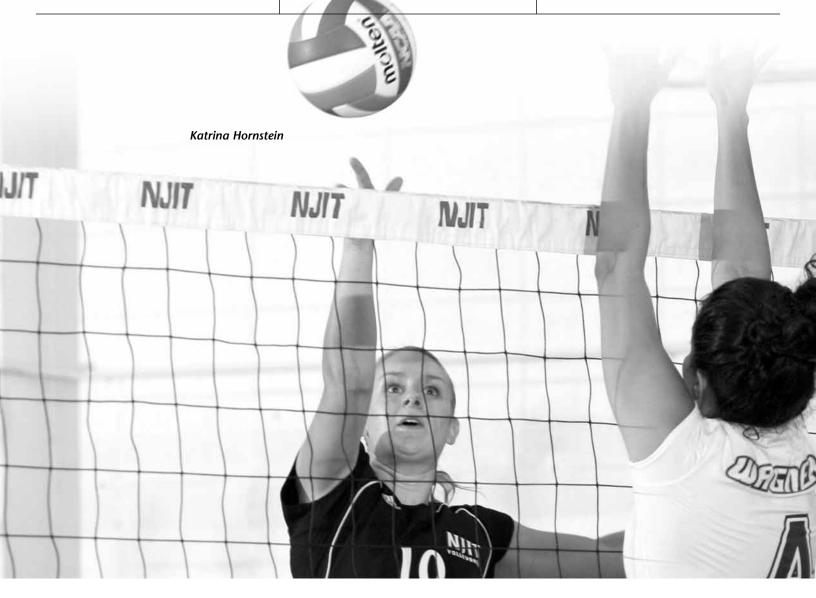
#### **Sports Information**

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Drew M. Kingsley
OFFICE PHONE: 203-432-1448 EMAIL: sports.info@yale.edu

#### Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH: Erin Appleman (San Diego State '90) CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 107-44 (6) RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 21-6/13-1 (1st) POSTSEASON: NCAA Championship 2nd round RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 9 (5 + libero)/2 (1)



# ATHLETICS FACILITIES

The NJIT men's and women's volleyball teams play their home matches in the newly-renovated gymnasium of the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

In the summer of 2006, the Fleisher Athletic Center 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," area can be sectioned off from the main floor, making the entire gymnasium useful for intramurals, physical education classes and campus recreation time. It is capable of hosting simultaneous separate events.

The volleyball teams also have access to all of the other facilities in the athletic center. These include the fitness area (containing computer-controlled biking equipment, Cybex resistance units, and an indoor track), a free-weight room and a hammerstrength weight room, four racquetball courts (which can be converted for squash), and a martial arts/fencing center.



A six-lane swimming pool is home to NJIT's men's and women's swimming teams, while the two varsity tennis squads utilize the four lighted outdoor hardcourt tennis courts behind the building. The NJIT Campus Center houses six regulation bowling lanes.

Lubetkin Field at J. Malcolm Simon Stadium, with an entrance a few feet opposite the entry to Fleisher Athletic Center is a first-class venue for college soccer. Outfitted with SprinTurf artificial grass in the summer of 2004, the venue also includes lighting for night contests, bleacher seating for more than 1,000 spectators, a press box and scoreboard.

Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium in downtown Newark, opened in 1999 at a cost of \$30 million and with a seating capacity of 6,200 became the home of NJIT baseball in 2004.

In a joint December 2005 press conference, New York Yankees manager Joe Torre was a featured speaker as NJIT and the professional Newark Bears announced a 10-year partnership that secured the downtown stadium as the site of all Highlanders home games for the decade to come.

NJIT basketball is also be a tenant in the new downtown Prudential Center, the state-of-the-art home of the National Hockey League New Jersey Devils. The Highlanders hosted six games in "The Rock's" first season (2007-08) and NJIT plans to continue to play there.

NJIT, which offers a growing list of club sports, also has a robust intramural program, which makes use of the numerous athletic facilities. Each student must pass two physical education classes as a graduation requirements, with offerings including aerobics, archery, bowling, dance, fencing, golf, karate, swimming, skiing, strength training and conditioning, volleyball, and water safety.





# ABOUT NEWARK

Newark: New Jersey's New Jersey/ The Renaissance City College Town New York

city. A major urban center, Newark is a city on the University. move. Some 30,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students attend classes in University Heights at the city's four public institutions of higher learning: NJIT, Rutgers-Newark, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and Essex County

Attractions in Newark's revitalized downtown include:

- The Newark Museum
- New Jersey Performing Arts Center
- The Newark Public Library
- Symphony Hall
- Branch Brook Park
- Art galleries, restaurants, and shopping
- An urban architectural laboratory
- Professional minor league baseball (Newark Bears)
- New Jersey Devils Hockey and other events at the Prudential Center

Far Right: New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located minutes from campus, is quickly becoming one the state's more popular entertainment venues. Right: The Newark Museum, a staple in the revitalization efforts in the downtown Newark area. Below: Aerial view of downtown Newark.

NJIT is located in the heart of New Jersey's largest Adjacent to NJIT is the Newark campus of Rutgers

NJIT and Rutgers enjoy an exceptionally close and productive consortial relationship within the thriving University Heights section of Newark. 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 at 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.



# **Metropolitan Region**



The NJIT campus is in one of the nation's most exciting cultural and business regions. Advantages include:

- · Minutes from New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Liberty Science Center, Meadowlands Sports Complex, Manhattan and all of its attractions, Newport Center Mall, and Secaucus Outlet Center.
- Discount tickets for Broadway shows, museums, concerts, and sporting events.
- Weekend trips throughout the Northeastern United States: skiing, boating, swimming, hiking, and more.
- The spectacular Jersey shore is less than one hour away.



# HAPPENINGS IN & AROUND NEWARK

## **Prudential Center**

The new 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 the world's best hockey, it is home to numerous entertainment and sporting events, including NJIT basketball. Indeed, NJIT hosted the first women's basketball game in the Prudential Center on January 15, 2008 (NJIT vs. Cornell).

NJIT played in the Rock in the inaugural year and plans are ongoing for the Highlanders to play games each year in North America's newest major arena.

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.

## **Red Bull Park**

The Red Bulls of Major League Soccer and AEG New York broke ground in September 2006 for Red Bull Park, a 25,000-seat soccer stadium and a major component of the Harrison MetroCentre development, located across the Passaic River, about two miles from NJIT's campus.



The \$100 million 'soccer specific' stadium will feature a 360-degree European-style roof/canopy covering the majority of the seating. When completed in the summer of 2008, Red Bull Park will be the home of the MLS Red Bulls, international soccer and other events. AEG developed and operates 'soccer specific' stadiums in California and in Illinois.

The multi-billion dollar Harrison MetroCentre will feature three million square feet of office space; 3,500 residential units; 300,000 square feet of retail space and over 10,000 decked parking spaces when completed.





Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, the \$30 million state-of-the-art home of the professional baseball Newark Bears 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.





# ALL-TIME HONORS

#### **POSTSEASON APPEARANCES**

ECAC D-III Metro 1987,1988

#### **CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

WIAC 1985,1986,1988 IAC 1986,1988

#### **CONFERENCE** PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1988 - Sonia Zacher

#### **GTE REGIONAL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA**

1988 – Sonia Zacher

#### **ALL-WIAC** 1984

Eileen Begasse Marilyn Dawson Heidi Harting

#### 1985

Eileen Begasse Marilyn Dawson Liz Goldrick

#### 1986

Marilyn Dawson Clairie Nicolaou

#### 1987

Clairie Nicolaou

#### 1988

Denise Corsaro Liz Goldrick

Gina Ochs (2nd) Sonia Zacher

#### 1989

Denise Corsaro Kathy Eng (2nd) Ursula Fukazawa (2nd) Yanet Gonzalez

#### 1990

Kathy Eng Yanet Gonzalez Gina Ochs Joanie Pratt

#### 1991

Kathy Eng Connie Krzeminski (HM)

#### 1992

Kathy Eng

#### 1995 Wendy Gruenewald (HM)

#### Lenny Jiminez **ALL-IAC**

1986 Denise Corsaro Marilyn Dawson Liz Góldrick (2nd) Clairie Nicolau Regina Rygelis (2nd)

#### 1987

Liz Goldrick Clairie Nicolaou Gina Ochs (2nd) Sonia Zacher (2nd)

#### 1988

Denise Corsaro Liz Goldrick

Yanet Gonzales (2nd) Gina Ochs` Sonia Zacher

#### 1989

Denise Corsaro Kathy Eng (2nd) Ursula Fukazawa (2nd) Yanet Gonzalez

#### 1990

Kathy Eng Ursula Fukazawa Yanet Gonzalez Gina Ochs Joanie Pratt

#### 1991

Kathy Eng Connie Krzeminski Kathy Liu (HM)

#### 1992

Kathy Eng Kathy Liu (2nd) Tulia Rios (2nd) Edyta Wrona

#### 1993

Donna King (2nd)

#### 1995

Wendy Gruenewald (2nd) Lenny Jiminez (2nd)

#### **ALL-JERSEY 9** 1990

Kathy Eng

1991

Kathy Eng Connie Krzeminski

#### 1992

Kathy Eng

#### 1993

Donna King Clara Ponton

#### **CACC NEWCOMER** 2004

Angie Casado

#### ALL-CACC 2005

Agnieszka Pregowska

#### **DIVISION I INDEPENDENT ALL-ACADEMIC** 2006

Emese Gyuricza Agnieszka Pregowska

#### **DIVISION I ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM** 2007

Sabrina Baby (2nd) Kristy Haeckel (2nd) Agnieszka Pregowska (2nd) Erica Schultz (HM)

#### **DIVISION I INDEPENDENT** ALL-ACADEMIC 2007

Sabrina Baby Katrina Hornstein Danielle Thompson

#### 2008

Sabrina Baby Katrina Hornstein Erica Schultz

# PROGRAM HISTORY

Year	Record	WIAC	IAC	NYCAC	CACC	Postseason	Head Coach	Captains	MVP
NCAA D	III NOISIVI								
1982	1-11						Oleg Moiseenko	Heidi Hartung, Becky Miranda	
1983	6-15						Dave DeNure	Heidi Hartung, Becky Miranda	Sharon Ingram
1984	10-5	2nd					Dave DeNure	Heidi Hartung, Becky Miranda	Becky Miranda
1985	14-6	1st	2nd				Dave DeNure	Eileen Begasse, Marilyn Dawson	Marilyn Dawson
1986	24-8	1st	1st				Dave DeNure	Marilyn Dawson	Clairie Nicolaou
1987	22-8	2nd	2nd			ECAC semis	Dave DeNure	•	Clairie Nicolaou
1988	26-6	1st	1st			ECAC semis	Dave DeNure	Liz Goldrick, Felicia Mays	Liz Goldrick
1989	15-17	2nd	2nd			<del></del>	Dave DeNure	Denise Corsaro	Denise Corsaro
1990	23-12	2nd	2nd				Dave DeNure	Kathy Eng	Kathy Eng
1991	10-16						Dave DeNure	, -	Kathy Eng
1992	11-13	2nd	2nd				Kerry Keith	Kathy Eng	Kathy Eng
1993	7-20		3rd				Bob Fordi	Diana Nieto, Bonnie Tai	Donna King
1994	9-14	3rd	2nd				Bob Fordi	Lenny Jiminez, Bonnie Tai	Lenny Jiminez
1995	8-19					<del></del>	Bob Fordi	Sandra Caceras	Lenny Jiminez
1996	no team								
1997	no team								
NCAA D	IVISION II								
1998	0-10			12th	<del></del>	<del></del>	Jon Bednasz		Melsha Winchester
1999	1-17			12th			Jon Bednasz		Melsha Winchester
2000	0-16				8th		Manny Del Rio	Nikiesha Joseph	Carisa Butensky
2001	0-20				8th		Anthony Valbrun	Nikeisha Joseph	Marta Oporska
2002	0-18				9th		Anthony Valbrun	Eliana Lara, Stacy Waldburger	Chevanese Samms
2003	0-21				10th		Pavlina Klimova	Dolores Martinez	Dolores Martinez
2004	13-13				5th	<del></del>	Pavlina Klimova	Dolores Martinez	Angie Casado
2005	9-20				8th		Ryan McNeil	Danielle Thompson	Agnieszka Pregowska
	IVISION I (red	lassification y	ears-2006-	08)					
2006	10-21			<del></del>		<del></del>	Ryan McNeil	Agnieszka Pregowska, Danielle Thompson	Kristy Haeckel
2007	13-24	_			_		Ryan McNeil	Agnieszka Pregowska Sabrina Baby	Katrina Hornstein
2008	18-16						Ryan McNeil	Agnieszka Pregowska Sabrina Baby	Katrina Hornstein

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# ALL-TIME ROSTER

(First season: 1982; Complete thru 2008)



APPLEBY, Emma 00,01,02,03 ALMAGRO, Sandy 99 ALVARADO, Karla 91,92,93,94 ALVAREZ, Mildred 92 ARAUJO, Juliana 08

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BABY, Sabrina 06, 07, 08 BAEZ, Aliza 91 BEGASSE, Eileen 83,84,85,88 BERNAL, Marelis 03 BERROA, Beverly 99,00,02 BROWN, Jessica 87 BUTENSKY, Carisa 00,01 BORILLO, Anna 98

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Sets Played - Career 274 Agnieszka Pregowska 271 Katrina Hornstein 268 Sabrina Baby	2006-08 2006-pres. 2006-pres.	Assists- Season 966 Danielle Thompson 887 Erica Schultz 830 Erica Schultz	2006 2007 2008	423 Renata Pandolfo 408 Katrina Hornstein 356 Sabrina Baby 350 Erica Schultz	2008 2007 2006 2007
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# DIVISION I SUPERLATIVES

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82 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06) 77 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06) 17 vs. Saint Francis (NY) (9.28.07) 123 vs. Sacred Heart (10.27.07)

8 vs. Sacred Heart (10.27.07)

19 at Delaware State (10.21.06) 14 vs. Sacred Heart (10.27.07)

14 vs. Hartford (9.9.06)

95 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06)

Kills Assists Aces Digs **Block Solo Block Assist Total Blocks** 

85, Seton Hall (9.5.07) 77, Seton Hall (9.5.07) 23, Delaware State (11.10.07) 108, Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06) 9, Delaware State, (11.8.08) 30, Howard (10.27.07) 19, Howard (10.27.07)

105, Columbia (10.29.07)

#### **Points INDIVIDUALS**

#### **KILLS**

30, Kristy Haeckel vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (5 sets) (11.4.06)

19, Kristy Haeckel vs. Central Connecticut State (4 sets) (8.25.07)

19, Kristy Haeckel vs. at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)

18, Kristy Haeckel vs. Fairfield (3 sets) (9.1.07)

63, Danielle Thompson vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (5 sets) (11.4.06)

49, Danielle Thompson at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)

42, Erica Schultz vs. Providence (3 sets) (11.21.08)

8, Sabrina Baby vs. Providence (5 sets) (10.26.07)

6, Kristy Haeckel vs. Manhattan (3 sets) (9.1.06)

6, Sabrina Baby vs. Quinnipiac (3 sets) (10.3.06)

6. Kristy Haeckel vs. Winston-Salem State (3 sets) (10.20.06)

6, Agnieszka Pregowska vs. St. Francis (NY) (3 sets) (9.5.08)

6, Renata Pandolfo vs. St. Francis (NY) (3 sets) (9.5.08)

42, Sabrina Baby vs. Sacred Heart (5 sets) (10.27.07)

32, Sabrina Baby at Harvard (4 sets) (9.22.07)

25, Sabrina Baby vs. providence (3 sets) (10.31.08)

#### **BLOCK SOLO**

7, Agnieszka Pregowska vs. Sacred Heart (5 sets) (10.27.07)

#### **BLOCK ASSISTS**

7, Kristy Haeckel at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)

6, Renata Pandolfo vs. American (5 sets) (10.11.08)

#### **TOTAL BLOCKS**

12, Agnieszka Pregowska vs. Sacred Heart (5 sets) (10.27.07)

9, Kristy Haeckel vs. Hartford (4 sets) (9.9.06)

7, Kristy Haeckel vs. Bryant (3 sets) (11.1.08)

#### **POINTS**

33, Kristy Haeckel vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (5 sets) (11.4.06)

23.5, Kristy Haeckel at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)

23.5, Katrina Hornstein vs. Utah Valley (4 sets) (9.28.07)

18.5, Agnieszka Pregowska at Manhattan (3 sets) (9.1.06)

18.5, Kristy Haeckel at Manhattan (3 sets) (9.1.06)



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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 St. traffic light (Raymond Blvd. becomes Lock St.) Fleisher Athletic Center & Lubetkin Field will be on your right.

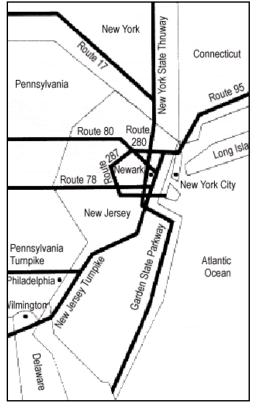
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# NJIT HALL OF FAME

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Name	Grad. Year	Contribution	Sport(s)	Years	Year of Induction
BAKUN, Andrew I.	1982	Athlete/Asst. Coach	M-Soccer	1978-81/90-91	2005
BAKUN, Myron	1967	Athlete	M-Soccer	1964-66	1991
BARTH, Roland E.	1960	Athlete	M-Fencing	1957-59	2009
,			M-Soccer	1956-59	
BAUDER, Fred "Coach"		Coach	M-Basketball	1932-61	1989
BLUM, Raymond E.	1950	Distinguished Alum.	Speedskating/Cycling		1996
BORJA, Hernan "Chico"	1981	Athlete	M-Soccer	1977-80	1986
BORNAKO, Gregory "Egor"	1970	Athlete	M-Fencing	1966-70	1987
BOWSER, Hamilton V.	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	1948-52	1989
BRADLEY, Thomas	1978	Athlete	M-Swimming	1974-78	1990
BROWN, Andrew D.	1982	Athlete	M-Soccer	1956-78	2006
CRIMMINS, David	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing		2007
CRUZ, Edward	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1959-62	1995
DAWSON, Marilyn E.	1986	Athlete	WVB/WBKB/SB	1982-86	1991
DeNICOLA, Carmine P.	1978	Athlete	Baseball	1975-78	2005
DeNURE, Dave		Coach	M-Volleyball	1982-98	2009
			W-Volleyball	1986-90	
			W-Basketball	1987-88	
DeVITO, Louis	1960	Athlete	M-Soccer/M-Fencing	1956-60	1992
DIAS, Joe A.	1977	Athlete	M-Soccer	1973-76	1993
DRURY, Eugene M.	1963	Athlete	M-Tennis	1960-63	1988
ENG, Katherine	1993	Athlete	W-Volleyball	1989-92	2007
ETIENNE, Yves	1979	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1976-78	1990
FEHN, Gilbert F.	1940	Athlete	M-Basketball/M-Tennis	1936-40	1992
FITZGERALD, Joseph M.		Coach /Asst. Coach	M-Basketball	1961-66/52-61	1986
FLEISHER, Seymour "Zoom"	1951	Athlete	M-Basketball	1947-51	1992
GAGLIARDO, Salvatore A.	1985	Athlete	M-Basketball	1981-85	1995 1991
GALLAGHER, Thomas G. GIOVANNOLI, Arnold L.	1985 1953	Athlete Athlete	M-Basketball	1981-85 1950-53	1991
•	1990	Athlete	M-Basketball	1985-90	1995
GOLDRICK PITT, Elizabeth M.	1989	Athlete	WVB/SB/WBKB/WTen Softball	1986-89	2009
GRAZIANO, Jean M. GRUENEWALD, Wendy A.	1997	Athlete	WBKB/SB/WVB/WSoc	1992-96	2003
HAASE, Jay W.	1975	Athlete	M-Fencing	1971-75	1988
HAMMOND, Kenneth W.	1973	Athlete	M-Soccer	1974-77	2003
HANDWERKER, Andy	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1959-62	2002
HAUSSER, Paul C.		Administrator		1953-91	1990
Tirlossen, Taur C.		Coach	Fencing /Baseball	1954-88/53-72	1770
HUBEY, Ali	1972	Athlete	M-Soccer	1968-71	1990
HURTADO, Fabian	1975	Athlete	M-Soccer	1970-73	1987
IRIS, Herb	1951	Benefactor		<del></del>	2007
KAMINSKY, Nicholas J.	1978	Athlete	Baseball	1975-78	2006
KASBARIAN, Raymond P.	1966	Founder/Athlete	Judo	1962-66	1989
KETZNER, Robert Shelby		Coach	Rifle	1962-86	1987
KHOWAYLO, Alex	1969	Athlete	M-Soccer	1960-63	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
MacDONALD, Dan	1984	Athlete	Baseball	1981-84	1991
OLSEN, Richard J.	1969	Athlete	M-Basketball	1965-69	1988
OLSON, George R.	1977	Athlete	Baseball	1974-77	1987
PAULIUS, Raymond V.	1985	Athlete	M-Soccer	1980-83	2006
ROGERS, Warren E.	1988	Athlete	M-Basketball	1983-87	1993
ROMULUS, Rudy	1991	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1988-91	1996
SARLO, Paul A.	1992	Athlete	Baseball	1989-91	2005
SCHMID, John "Gene"		Coach/Asst. Coach	Baseball	1973-97/68-72	2002
SIMON, J. Malcolm		Coach	M-Soccer	1955-83	1994
CIZIDI A Datas I	1041	Athletics Director	 Bdi	1983-94	1002
SKURLA, Peter J.	1941	Athlete	Bowling	1937-41	1992
SWANSON, Robert F.	1052	Athletics Director Athlete	 M Fansing	1947-82	1986
TAETZSCH, Robert TAETZSCH, William	1952		M-Fencing	 	2007
	1952 1956	Athlete Athlete	M-Fencing M-Basketball/Baseball		2007 1987
TOSATO, Lawrence P. TUBELLO, Jeffrey	1976	Athlete	Rifle	1952-56 1972-76	1988
VAN WRIGHT, Nevea	1976	Athlete	W-Basketball	1972-76	2005
WALSH, John J.	1966	Athlete	MSoc/MBKB/Baseball	1962-66	1986
WASNIEWSKI, Frank	1980	Athlete	M-Tennis	1977-80	1980
WELGOS, Bob	1962	Athlete	M-Basketball/Bowling	1959-62	2005
WOROBEC, Myron S.	1966	Athlete	M-Soccer	1962-65	1994
YONEZUKA, Yoshisada		Founder/Coach	Judo	1962-??	1991
ZORN, Werner	1962	Athlete	M-Soccer	1958-61	1988
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1960 Men's Soccer Team		NAIA co-national cha	mpion 1988		
1981-82 Men's Basketball	Team	NJIT's first ECAC and	IAC champion 1990		
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NJIT's second ECAC and IAC champion 1993

1982 Baseball Team

# GREAT WESTERN CONFERENCE



NJIT women's volleyball will compete starting this season as part of the expanded multi-sport Great West Conference.

On July 10, 2008, NJIT was one of six institutions to announce it had joined the expansion of the Great West Conference to form a Division I all-sports league that begins full conference scheduling and championships in 2009-10.

The announcement was made simultaneously by the six institutions and by the conference office, which is led by Commissioner Ed Grom. Joining NJIT in making the announcement were: Houston Baptist, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas-Pan American and Utah Valley.

In October 2008, Chicago State announced that it would join the original six institutions, bringing the expanded all-sports Great West to seven members, all of whom sponsor women's volleyball.

The conference schedule for women's volleyball is an ambitious one, with the seven schools playing a double round robin regular season format, meaning they will meet each conference foe at home and at the opponents' home.

At season's end, the teams will gather for the first annual Great West Conference championship tournament to be hosted by Houston Baptist on November 20 and 21.

NJIT, which won 18 matches in 2008 as a Division I Independent for its most successful season in nearly two decades will face a stern challenge in the Great West. Based on past performance, women's volleyball figures to be among the most hotly-contested championships in the newly-expanded conference.

Utah Valley won three of the last four Division I Independent championship tournaments. Houston Baptist was a six-time qualifier for the national tournament when the Huskies competed in the NAIA and they were national runner-up in 2002, with coach Kaddie Platt, who is still at HBU, earning NAIA National Coach of the Year laurels. North Dakota was 24-8 in 2008 playing a mix of schools from different classifications in its first year of reclassification to Division I. South Dakota was 23-4 facing a similar schedule.

The Great West, which had existed for four years as a football-only league in the NCAA's Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly known as I-AA), is expanding into an all-sports league with the addition of NJIT, Chicago State, Houston Baptist, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas-Pan American.

The all-sports version of the Great West Conference will offer championships in 15 sports, 12 of which are sponsored by NJIT, including: baseball, men's and women's basketball; women's soccer; women's volleyball; women's tennis; men's and women's cross country; men's and women's indoor track and field; and, men's and women's outdoor track and field.

NJIT, Texas-Pan American and Utah Valley have been playing each other in multiple sports, including home-and-home games in men's and women's basketball, since NJIT began facing Division I competition for the first time in 2006-07. Houston Baptist became an NJIT foe in 2008-09.

NJIT and Utah Valley completed their NCAA reclassification and become active championship-eligible members of NCAA Division I on September 1, 2009. Houston Baptist announced an agreement with the NCAA that can make HBU an active member of Division I in 2011-12 and North Dakota and South Dakota will be active members of Division I in 2012-13. Texas-Pan American and Chicago State have been active Division I programs for many years.

The expanded conference is not eligible for automatic Division I championship postseason qualification, but will offer the benefit of conference championships, stable scheduling opportunities in all conference sports and individual recognition for studentathletes through weekly and season all-conference recognition. The individual awards programs for student-athletes began in 2008-09.

NJIT's sports that do not come under the Great West umbrella will continue in their existing conferences men's soccer in the Atlantic Soccer Conference and men's volleyball in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, which has an automatic NCAA postseason berth, which was claimed in 2008 by eventual 2008 national champion Penn State.

In addition, NJIT will continue to schedule against top non-conference regional and national opponents. Two NJIT opponents-Maryland in men's soccer and Penn State in men's volleyball have won national championships following seasons in which they faced the Highlanders. Meanwhile, NJIT teams will compete regularly with opponents from the Big East, Atlantic 10, America East, Ivy League, Patriot League, MAAC and Northeast Conference.

The latest conference news and information is available on line at http://www.greatwestconference.org.

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# **NJIT'S 2009 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM**

Back Row (I-r): Interim Head Coach JR Martins, Kelly Fernandez, Fernanda Lima, Kristy Haeckel, Anna Mercado, Janet Snell, Juliana Araujo, Student Assistant Coach Agnieszka Pregowska, Assistant Coach Melissa Golob

Front Row (I-r): Sabrina Baby, Katrina Hornstein, Renata Pandolfo, Chanelle Preradovich, Erica Schultz, Baaba Hughes, Audrey Snell





DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME	DATE October	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Saint Frances (NY) Tournament (Aug. 28/29)				3	Sat.	CHICAGO STATE*	2:00pm
28	Fri.	at Saint Frances (NY)	1:00pm	10	Sat.	UTAH VALLEY*	5:00pm
29	Sat	vs. Bucknell	1:00pm	14	Wed.	at Lafayette	7:00pm
		vs. Saint Peter's	3:00pm	23	Fri.	at North Dakota*	7:00pm(CT)
September				25	Sun.	at South Dakota*	12:00pm(CT)
2	Wed.	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00pm	29	Thu.	HOUSTON BAPTIST*	7:00pm
CCSU Blue Devil Invitational (Sept. 4/5)			03004000	31	Sat.	TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN*	2:00pm
1	FrL	vs. Hartford	7:00pm	November			
	Sat	at Central Connecticut State	1:30pm	5	Thu.	SOUTH DAKOTA*	7:00pm
		vs. Manhattan	4:00pm	7	Sat.	NORTH DAKOTA*	2:00pm
9	Wed.	SACRED HEART	4:00pm			**Senior Day**	
The American Volleyball Classic (Sept. 11/12)			2000	12	Thu.	at Utah Valley*	7:00pm(MT)
11	Fri.	vs. Virginia Tech	5:00pm	14	Sat.	at Chicago State*	2:00pm(CT)
12	Sat	at American	1:00pm				
15	Tue.	COLUMBIA	7:00pm	GREAT WEST VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT			
Seton H	all Tourna	ment (Sept. 18/19)	- V	20-21	FriSat	(at Houston Baptist)	All Day
18	Fri.	at Seton Hall	7:00pm	20-21	Fill-Sat	160	All Day
19	Sat.	vs. Yale	1:00pm	Interim Head Coach: JR Martins (Lewis '04), first season			
		vs. Hofstra	4:30pm	Assistant	Coach: Me	lissa Golob (UMBC '07)	
25	Fri.	vs. Texas-Pan American* (at HBU)	5:00pm(CT)			gnieszka Pregowska	
26	Sat.	at Houston Baptist*	2:00pm(CT)	CAPS/Bold = Home matches at Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center 'Great West Conference Matches			