



POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2018 HONOREES

SARAH SEARS, DAVIDSON

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field | Arlington, Va.
Latin American Studies



Sears, the 2018 Most Outstanding Track Performer at the Atlantic 10 Indoor Track & Field Championship, was named Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference twice during her career at Davidson. She set new school records in the Cross Country 5k (2017), indoor mile (2018), indoor 3,000m (2018), and the indoor 5,000m (2018). Sears received the Davidson Research Initiative Fellowship in 2017, a competitive summer research grant and the Latin American Studies Prize. She completed her Latin American Studies honors thesis this year about the

Mexican Revolution.

Postgraduate School: University of California, Davis

JACKIE KAWAMOTO, DAYTON

Women's Tennis | Camby, Ind.
Psychology



Kawamoto was a three-year member of Dayton's Dean List and the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll. She was also a three-year member of the Team OASSA Academic Cup, which awards the team with the highest cumulative team GPA. From 2015-2017, she was the secretary for the Wigs for Kids campus organization, and served as the 2017-2018 Women's Tennis team captain. Kawamoto was a volunteer at Christmas on Campus, ABC Pediatrics, and was a research assistant in the Psychology Department. Named the 2014 team MVP, Kawamoto was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Second Team in 2015.

Postgraduate School: University of Indianapolis

ALEXANDRA SANTER, DUQUESNE

Women's Swimming & Diving | Wilmington, Del.
Occupational Therapy



Santer, a four-year member of the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll and three-year member of the Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference. Inducted into Pi Theta Epsilon: National Honor Society for Occupational Therapy in 2017. Twice named a CSCAA Scholar All-American Honorable Mention. Santer served as the Social Chair and Image Chair for the Duquesne University Integrated Honor's Society. She is the school record holder in the 200 Backstroke and the 200 Individual Medley and also holds team records in the 800 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay and the 400 medley relay. Santer was named Atlantic 10 Academic

All-Conference the past three years. She is a member of the United States Lifesaving Association High Performance Squad and volunteered with multiple organizations.

Postgraduate School: Duquesne University

CHRISTOPHER BAZZINI, FORDHAM

Men's Soccer | Oakland, N.J.
Information Systems



Bazzini, a four-year member of the Dean's List and Breakfast of Champions, won an institution award for a 3.0 GPA or better. Chosen as the EY Imagination Challenge Winner by EY Partners for his EY Case Study in 2018. Bazzini's also served as three-year member of the Fordham Athletics Leadership Academy and a Student Athlete Advisory Committee. During the 2017-2018 academic year, he served as a SAAC Executive Board Member, holding the position as Event Coordinator. A member of the 2014 and 2016 men's soccer teams that

won Atlantic 10 titles and was named captain of the 2017 team that advanced to the Elite 8 in the NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament. Bazzini also met with young players to provide them insight about the experiences and challenges as a student-athlete.

Postgraduate School: New Jersey Institute of Technology

SHARON DORSEY, GEORGE MASON

Women's Track & Field | Baltimore, Md.
Environmental Science



Dorsey was a three-time Provost-Scholar Athlete and a four-year member of the Dean's List. She received the Outstanding Performance Departmental Award from the College of Science and the 2017 MVP Award from the Black Excellence Gala. She has been a member of the A-10 Academic All-Conference Team the past three years. In 2017, Dorsey served on the Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as the treasurer. She was an A-10 representative for the Student Athlete Advisory Council, where she also served as the Vice President. Dorsey volunteered in the

Occoquan River Clean Up, Victim's Rights Run/Walk 5k, and the Langston Hughes Middle School Career Day. During the 2017 season, she was a member of the 4x400m record setting relay team, which took first place in the A-10 Track & Field Championships.

Postgraduate School: Undecided

MIRANDA HORN, GEORGE WASHINGTON

Women's Soccer | Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
International Affairs & History



Horn, a three-year A-10 All-Academic member, has also been named to the GW Athletics Academic Dean's List and the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll the past four years for achieving a GPA of 3.5 or better. She completed her senior honors thesis in History in 2017. Horn served as the Women's Soccer Team Captain and as a member of the GW Women's Soccer Leadership Group. She was a Grassroots Project volunteer who taught middle school students lessons/information about HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention. She also volunteered with the National Book Festival, Project North Star, and a

local soccer clinic teaching DC elementary school students soccer skills. In 2014, Horn was named to the A-10 All-Rookie Team and followed that performance up with All-Conference 1st-Team selections in 2015 and 2017.

Postgraduate School: Undecided



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FABIAN BERGMAN, LA SALLE

Men's Swimming & Diving | Middlesex, N.J.
Integrated Science Business & Technology



Bergman, was named the Scholar Athlete of the Year by La Salle's Athletic Department, along with the Outstanding Senior Award and the Explorer Excellence Award in 2018. He also claimed the Explorer Excellence in 2017. Bergman is a four-year Dean's List recipient and a three-year member of the A-10 Academic All-Conference Team. The 2018 Most Outstanding Team Performer took first place in the 200 IM, setting a new conference record in his gold medal performance. Along with his 200 IM record, Bergman also set school records in the 100 & 200 backstroke, 100 & 200 freestyle, 200, 400, 800 freestyle

relay, and the 200 and 400 medley relay. He is a three-time National Invitational Champion and a record holder in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke. For multiple years, Bergman was a tutor at the La Salle Center for Academic Achievement and a Special Need Student tutor. He also helped in cleanup days of a local elementary school.

Postgraduate School: Stockholm University, Sweden

ALEXANDER DeSANTIS, MASSACHUSETTS

Men's Soccer | Belchertown, Mass.
Biology



DeSantis, the 2017 Team MVP and Team Captain, was part of the team that claimed the Regular and Conference Championship in 2017. He helped lead UMass to a NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament Appearance. DeSantis, a two-year member of Chi Alpha Sigma and a two-year Maroon Scholar, has been awarded the Abigail Adams Scholarship the past four years. He has also been a three-year Dean's List recipient and was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-Region Team in 2017. DeSantis volunteered with UMass Athletics, Men's Soccer Canned Food Drive, the Special Olympics, and as a referee at Soccerfest.

Postgraduate School: University of Massachusetts Amherst

AMANDA NARDELLA, RHODE ISLAND

Women's Soccer | Parsippany, N.J.
Kinesiology



Nardella, a three-year captain of the women's soccer team, helped lead URI to berths in the A-10 Women's Soccer Championship in 2014 and 2016. She also served as a Student Athlete Representative at the URI Leadership Bridge Retreat, Lambs to Ram Mentor and Captain, and a Locker Room Talk Mentor. Nardella has been a four-year Dean's List recipient along with being named to the Commissioners Honor Roll. She has also been awarded the Women's Athletic Academic Scholar Athlete in 2015 and 2016, while also being named the Scholar Athlete of the Game in 2018. Nardella is involved in multiple

community service projects ranging from volunteering her time at Rhody Reads, the Mews 6.9K Race Volunteer, a local elementary school, and at Narragansett/Scarborough State Beach.

Postgraduate School: Northeastern University MBA Program

LAUREN McRAE, RICHMOND

Women's Swimming & Diving | Charlotte, N.C.
Chemistry



McRae was a member of the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Women's Swimming & Diving team that captured Atlantic 10 Women's Swim & Dive Championship. She's a past winner of the UR Team Spirit Award and UR Most Outstanding Team in 2015. McRae was awarded the 2017 Research Achievement Award by the UR Department of Chemistry to a chemistry major who has shown the most impressive achievements in research. She's a five-time Dean's List recipient and a six-time Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient. In 2016 and 2017, McRae was named the Top Swimming and Diving Scholar.

Postgraduate School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

JORDAN POWERS, ST. BONAVENTURE

Men's Swimming & Diving | Lakewood, NY.
Biochemistry



Powers, a recipient of the 2017 – 2018 Worden Award, a research award awarded by the Biology Department for a senior student who is currently researching on campus, has been named to the Dean's List five times. He made the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll in the fall of 2015, 2016 and was named to the A-10 Men's Swimming Academic All-Conference Team in 2017 and 2018. Powers was a finalist for the Breakthrough Performer of the Year, which is awarded to the most improved athlete of the 2017-2018 school year. He was a Co-Founder of the ASBMB St. Bonaventure Chapter, a biology research based

club that is accredited.

Postgraduate School: Duke University

KRISTEN KELBON, SAINT JOSEPH'S

Women's Lacrosse | Mount Laurel, N.J.
Accounting & Finance



Kelbon, a 2017 First Team All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection, was awarded the SJU Women's Lacrosse Academic Award in 2016 and the SJU Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete Award in 2017, which teams award their students for their contributions on and off the playing field. Kelbon also served as the captain for the SJU Women's Lacrosse team. She's also a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Society and Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society for Business. She's also been honored on the SJU Athletic Director's, Dean's List, and the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll every

semester. Kelbon is a Class of 2018 SJU Sutula Scholars Inductee, which is awarded to the best performing accounting students who also enhanced the reputation and visibility of the SJU accounting program.

Postgraduate School: Undecided



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AALIYAH COVINGTON, SAINT LOUIS

Women's Basketball | Edwardsville, Ill.
Social Work



Covington, the 2016 SLU Most Improved Player, was very active in the community, spending her time at a local elementary school, Places for People, the Ronald McDonald House and SPENSA where she assisted children with disabilities. Covington also served as a peer mentor for freshman student-athletes, a SLU 101 Peer Instructor, and was an employee at the Saint Louis Summer Basketball Camp. She is a three-year member of the Atlantic 10 Commissioners Honor Roll, while also making the Dean's List in 2016.

Postgraduate School: Saint Louis University

TAYLOR MCCORMICK, VCU

Women's Track & Field | Glen Allen, Va.
Criminal Justice



McCormick, who won Women's Indoor Field Performer of the Week during this year's Indoor Track & Field season, tutored Criminal Justice students and also mentored freshmen student-athletes on the Women's Track and Field teams this past year. She has also been involved in It's On Us, a movement aimed at shifting the way we think and talk about sexual assault, Make a Change, and Make a Wish Foundation on VCU's campus. McCormick has been named to the AD's Honor Roll, earned A-10 All-Academic honors, and awarded the Certificate of Achievement at VCU in 2017. She's been named to the Dean's List the

past three years at VCU, and made the Dean's List in 2014 while attending Old Dominion University.

Postgraduate School: George Washington University Law School