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The Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center opened in January 2006. The \$45 million, 112,000 square foot structure was the largest building project in Long Island University's history. The WRAC features a 2,500-seat basketball arena, an NCAA regulation-size swimming pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center and weight room. In addition, two tennis courts and a running track sit atop the roof.

The WRAC also features a wellness center that is geared toward a growing Brooklyn community. Cardiac rehabilitation, orthopedic therapy and asthma education services are available. The pool also features a hydraulic floor for aqua therapy.

The facility also serves as a venue for community civic and social events. For the past two years, the WRAC has hosted the VH1 Celebrity Hip-Hop Basketball Classic.





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Arnold & Marie Schwartz Athletic Center/Paramount Theatre



The Long Island men's basketball team moved into its new home at the Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center in 2006, leaving the historic walls of the Arnold and Marie Schwartz Athletic Center.

The Schwartz Center was always a topic of conversation for visiting basketball teams, the press corps who covered the Blackbirds and the fans and alumni who cheered for LIU from the stands. The unique setting was home for the Blackbirds for over 42 years and was as much a part of the program's history as the players who competed on the floor.

The ornate and hallowed interior of the cozy 1,000-seat gymnasium was first home to the Brooklyn Paramount Theatre. The Paramount was a glittering showcase for the stars of the stage, screen and

Hollywood's celluloid epics from 1928-1962. The original edifice remains, but has been modified to suit the athletic, recreational, educational and social needs of the students and staff of LIU's Brooklyn Campus and the members of the surrounding community.

The Paramount existed as a 4,200-seat theater for 35 years after opening its doors on Nov. 24, 1928. Until the lights on the 10-story sign along Flatbush Avenue extension dimmed in Aug. 1962 it housed shows of stage and screen featuring some of the biggest entertainment stars of the day. Such show biz immortals as Mae West, Bing Crosby, Eddie Cantor, Rudy Vallee, Little Richard, Fred Waring and Ginger Rogers appeared on the Paramount's stage during its heyday. In the 1950's, Alan Freed's rock and roll shows whipped young fans into a frenzy.

Another attraction of the Paramount is its original 1928 Wurlitzer pipe organ, which provided background music for the silent films shown on the screen and also played calming interludes between shows. The only other organ of its kind in New York City is in Radio City Music Hall and the Wurlitzer has attracted several prominent guest organists to LIU over the years, including Eddie Layton who played organ for the New York Yankees and Madison Square Garden. The organ still produces marvelous sounds which rock the rafters and concerts are still assembled by the Theatre Organ Society of New York, which helps maintain the Wurlitzer.

The Paramount was converted to a gymnasium in 1963 and became the home of the Blackbirds basketball squads until early 2006. After the Paramount closed its doors, workmen transformed the orchestra section into the basketball court. The lights first shined on the court on Nov. 30, 1963 as the men's squad recorded a memorable 85-56 victory over Pace College.

A renovation and expansion of the gymnasium took place during the summer of 1975 when the Charles Hayden Foundation offered LIU a challenge grant. Through contributions from the Brooklyn business community, loyal alumni of the Brooklyn Campus, LIU's student and a generous gift from its namesake, the Arnold and Marie Schwartz Fund for Education and Health Research, the renovations were made possible. In the ensuing years the gymnasium underwent elegant decorating and cosmetic revival for dinners to raise funds for scholarships at the university.

Under the leadership of current Director of Athletics John Suarez, the Schwartz Center became the friendly confines for the men's and women's basketball teams at LIU. The unique interior features an overhanging scoreboard and accompanying message centers along the baseline corners. An adjacent lounge area, known as the Hall of Mirrors, also underwent renovations with the installation of new carpeting on



Eddie Layton, who was the organist at Yankee Stadium, often played the Wurlitzer at LIU basketball games.

The upgrades made in the later years recaptured the opulence and splendor that made the Paramount a palace and feast for the eyes.



LIU's first game in the Paramount was an 85-56 win over Pace on Nov. 30, 1963.



LIU played its final game in the Paramount on Jan. 7, 2006, against Central Conn. St.



The Blackbirds posted a 10-3 record at the Schwartz Center during 2004-05, their last full season in the gym.





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Blackbird Spirit

## Why the **Blackbirds?**



According to Dr. Elliott S.M. Gatner, an early historian of Long Island University, the first student-athletes representing the university in intercollegiate competition in the late 1920's and early 1930's were known as the Blue Devils. The teams earned the moniker because of the blue color of their uniforms. In LIU's earliest days, the basketball players were called "Beemen," after their legendary coach, Clair F. Bee, who is a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

However, sometime between February and October of 1935, the uniform color was changed to black and the Blue Devils became the Blackbirds. The story goes that a basketball reporter for the borough's famed *Brooklyn Eagle* observed the LIU players in their black uniforms running up and down the court dribbling the basketball, reminded him of blackbirds back home, bobbing up and down as they fed in the cornfields. In filing his story on the outcome of the game, the writer who came to New York from the agrarian Midwest used the nickname "Blackbirds" and it has stuck ever since.



## Dance & Cheer **Teams**

Under the direction of Pia Haynes, the cheer team can be found bringing excitement to every home basketball event. The dance team performs during timeouts and halftime of home games throughout the season.





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Long Island University



Entering its ninth decade of providing access to the American dream through excellence in higher education, Long Island University is a multicampus, diverse, doctoral institution of higher learning. One of the largest and most comprehensive private universities in the country, Long Island University offers almost 600 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degree programs and certificates, and educates more than 18,000 credit-seeking students and 5,600 continuing education students in Brooklyn, Brookville (C.W. Post), Brentwood, Riverhead, Rockland, Westchester and Southampton. The Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences prepares students for successful careers in the fields of pharmacy and health care. The University's Global College offers a wide range of study abroad options at overseas centers in China, Costa Rica, Japan and South Africa.

Long Island University's more than 650 full-time faculty members provide outstanding instruction, which is supplemented by internships and cooperative education opportunities. The accomplishments of more than 167,000 living alumni are a testament to the success of its mission – providing the highest level of education to people from all walks of life. The University's NCAA Division I and II athletic teams, nationally renowned George Polk Awards in journalism, Tilles Center for the Performing Arts and Long Island University Public Radio Network (WLIU-FM and WCWP-FM) provide enrichment for students and the community.

Accreditation and program registration. Long Island University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The degree and certificate programs also are approved and registered by the New York State Department of Education.

### Notable Alumni

#### Business

- Michael Devin '69**  
President, Dime Savings Bank of Williamsburg
- Horace Malfa '56**  
President of Cunningham and Walsh Advertising
- Joel Press '68**  
Former Senior Partner, Ernst & Young
- Aubrey Rogers '65**  
Deputy District Director of New York Office, U.S. Small Business Administration
- Frank Ross '66, '68**  
Area Managing Partner, KPMG
- Terry Semel '64**  
Former Chairman & CEO of Yahoo! Group
- Jeffrey Silverman '67**  
Chair, Ply-Gem Industries, the second largest manufacturer of windows and doors in the country
- Raymond K. Tung '70**  
Senior Vice President, United Commercial Bank
- Larry Wachtel '52**  
Noted Investment and Stock Analyst

#### Retail

- Stephen Elkin '64**  
Former CEO of fashion500.com
- Leonard Marcus '76**  
President and COO of Federated Merchandising Group
- Gerald Sampson '65**  
Former President, Neiman-Marcus Group

#### Politics

- Marjorie Costa '59**  
First African American woman to head a major federal health program, the National Center for Family Planning
- Una Clarke '74**  
Former New York City Councilwoman
- Irene Natividad '71**  
One of the 500 most influential Asians in America, 1997 Top 25 working mothers and actively involved in the Women's Political Caucus

#### Education

- Argie Johnson '70**  
Former superintendent of Chicago Public School system
- Mary Lai '42**  
Former Vice President Finance, Long Island University
- Sarah Melendez '74**  
President, Independent Sector

#### Medicine/Nursing

- Dr. Morrell Avram '53**  
Chief of Nephrology at SUNY Downstate
- Melanie Dreher '67**  
Dean, College of Nursing, Univ. of Iowa

- Dr. Richard Izquierdo '51**  
Chairman and Founder, Urban Health Plan (Bronx, N.Y.)
- Anie Kalayjian '79**  
A noted authority and author on mass trauma and has traveled and worked most recently in Bosnia and Somalia
- Dr. Ruth Kirchstein '47**  
Former Acting Director, National Institutes of Health
- Louis Lemberger '60**  
Part of team that developed Prozac
- Velma Scantlebury '77**  
One of only two African American women in the world who performs transplant surgery

#### Journalism

- Ann Anderson '65, '69**  
Senior Editor of Forbes Magazine
- Jimmy Breslin '51**  
Newspaper columnist, author, Pulitzer Prize winner
- Evelyn Cunningham '43**  
Pioneering journalist who opened doors for both women and African Americans in the newspaper business, founder of Coalition of 100 Black Women
- Nancy Hicks Maynard '67**  
Journalist, and first African American to own a major newspaper, the Oakland Tribune
- Ike Pappas '54**  
Noted television journalist and producer
- Alfred Vecchione '60**  
President, MacNeil-Lehrer Productions

#### Entertainment

- Vinette Carroll '44**  
Playwright, works include "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," "Your Arm's Too Short to Box with God"
- Bud Greenspan '49**  
Olympic documentor and president of Cappy Productions
- Jackee Harry '75**  
Television Actress on "227" and "Sister, Sister"



**Bud Greenspan**



**Jackee Harry**





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**Dr. David Steinberg**  
President

Dr. David Steinberg, the ninth president of Long Island University, was appointed April 1, 1985. During his tenure, the University has experienced a renaissance becoming one of the largest and most comprehensive private universities in the United States. Under his leadership, the University's endowment has increased nearly tenfold from \$4.8 million to over \$80 million, and its enrollment has risen from 19,000 to over 28,500. He has spearheaded a capital improvement plan, which has led to \$400 million in investments in new construction and major renovations, resulting in vast improvements in the quality of study and life on each of the University's campuses, especially, the C.W. Post and Brooklyn Campuses. New doctoral programs have been added and operating reserves have been created and increased.

Born in New York City, Dr. Steinberg, is the son of the late Rabbi Milton Steinberg of Manhattan's Park Avenue Synagogue. He was educated at Phillips Academy at Andover, Malvern College in England, and Harvard College, from which he graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. After a Fulbright year at the University of the Philippines and a year at Columbia University on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, he returned to Harvard, where he received both a master's in East Asian Studies (1963) and a Ph.D. in History (1964). Dr. Steinberg also has received several honorary degrees. He began his teaching career in the Department of History at the University of Michigan, where he rose to the rank of full professor. In 1973, he joined the administration of Brandeis University as Executive Assistant to the President, becoming Vice President and University Secretary in 1977.

The author of numerous books and articles on Southeast Asia and, in particular, Philippine history, Steinberg has taught, lectured and written about this important area of the world for four decades. His first book, "Philippine Collaboration in World War II," won the University Press Award in 1969. "The Philippines: A Singular and a Plural Place," now in its fourth edition, was described by U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Nicholas Platt, as "the best single-volume guide to understanding the Philippines, past and present." "Dr. Steinberg also edited and co-authored both editions of "In Search of Southeast Asia," one of the major textbooks on the area. He recently collaborated with top scholars from around the world to co-author "The Emergence of Modern Southeast Asia," a new and multifaceted history of this complex region. He is a co-author of "Religion and Religiosity in the Philippines and Indonesia: Essays on State, Society and Public Creeds," 2005.



**Gale Stevens Haynes**  
Provost

"I am a big dreamer," says Gale Stevens Haynes, Provost of Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus and an exemplary educator, lawyer and role model. "If you don't dream, nothing ever changes."

As head of a doctoral-granting institution, Provost Haynes has achieved many of her dreams both as an educator and a parent. Today, she oversees one of the most diverse campuses in the country, with more than 11,000 students, managing an annual budget of over \$150 million. Provost Haynes has led her institution through a remarkable renaissance: doubling student enrollment, creating new facilities, diversifying faculty, forging links with the community and transforming the Campus into a vibrant urban academic center. One of the Provost's visions – a modern performing arts center for the students and the community – became a reality in 2005. The centerpiece of the new complex is the wood-paneled, 320-seat Kumble Theater for the Performing Arts, where cutting-edge and traditional dance, music and theater performances regularly draw standing-room-only crowds from the Campus and the surrounding region.

In 2006, under the Provost's leadership, the Campus completed the biggest building project in its history: the \$45 million Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center. With state-of-the-art fitness and aquatic facilities for students and other members of the Campus, the WRAC also features an outstanding, 2,500-seat venue, open to the public for athletic and civic events. Its Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn '32 Academic Nursing Center offers an extensive array of free preventive health services as well as a home for Brooklyn's first Lupus outreach and education office, all in service to the entire community. A wider array of wellness services, including special cluster of intervention programs addressing asthma and lead poisoning in children, are planned to begin in 2007. In recent months, the Provost also has overseen a dramatic re-landscaping that has nearly tripled the green space for the central campus, with native plants and amenities that create a serene environment and enhance the "college experience" on this urban campus.

Involved in higher education for three decades, Provost Haynes began her association with the Brooklyn Campus as a student, earning a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in counseling. She started her career as director of the Higher Education Opportunity Program. Upon completing her law degree at St. John's University in 1983, she became Long Island University's legal counsel before assuming the position of Provost in 1989.

A Queens, N.Y., native, Provost Haynes grew up with a love of books and the spoken word, which she attributes to her West Indian heritage. She has passed on that love of learning to her three daughters – a doctor, a lawyer and an educator – whom she raised as a divorced single parent. "Parenting is a training ground for being a good CEO," she maintains. Acting on her belief that a sound education is the key to realizing one's dreams, Provost Haynes is dedicated to creating an urban campus whose varied pathways help students to realize theirs.





**John Suarez**  
Director of Athletics

John Suarez enters his 11th year as director of athletics at Long Island University, where he has overseen a dramatic growth of the school's athletic department. During his tenure, Suarez has witnessed a sensational rise in the Blackbirds' on-field success with 23 Northeast Conference championships and 20 NEC Coach of the Year awards. Under his guidance, Long Island captured its first-ever NEC Women's Commissioner's Cup in 2006.

Academic success has also been a priority in Suarez's tenure, as witnessed by the department's cumulative 3.02 grade-point average following the 2006-07 season. It was the sixth consecutive year that the department's cumulative GPA was above 3.0. In addition, LIU was cited with two National Graduation Awards, sponsored by USA Today, in the last six years.

Suarez has also spearheaded the department as it has made major improvements to its facilities. The 2006 opening of the Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center culminated a decade of facility improvement at the Brooklyn Campus. The \$45 million facility houses a 2,500-seat arena, an NCAA regulation-size swimming pool and a state-of-the-art fitness center. The WRAC also features a wellness center that is geared toward a growing Brooklyn community. The Wellness Center came on the heels of other improvements that included the addition of lights to LIU Field in 1999, Field Turf in 2001 and bleachers for softball and baseball in 2003. Suarez has also overseen upgrades to the weight room, locker rooms and scoreboards.

Suarez's work is not done, as there are plans to further upgrade to the Blackbirds' facilities, including an extensive redesign of LIU Field and the addition of a bubble atop the Wellness Center, covering the track and tennis courts. With a keen eye toward the future, Suarez has been mindful of LIU's past. He helped spearhead the creation of the LIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000 with 11 inaugural members, as well as the reestablishment of the Blackbird Club in 2002.

Suarez has also continued to make his presence felt outside the downtown Brooklyn campus. He served on the NCAA Management Council from 2003-06 and was a member of the Division I Budget Committee from 2004-06. Prior to that, Suarez was on the NCAA Championship Cabinet from 2000-03 and served as chair of the NEC Athletic Directors Committee from 2000-02.

Suarez arrived following a three-year stint as athletics director at Mercer County College in Trenton, N.J., which won two national championships and produced 11 regional titles in that span. Eighty percent of the athletes in his time attended four-year schools and every team produced a winning record during his last two years.

Suarez earned his bachelor's degree in marketing at Fairleigh Dickinson University, where he competed on the baseball team. He completed his master's in sports management at East Stroudsburg University.



**Matthew Scally**  
Associate Director of Athletics  
Director of Compliance

After serving three years as assistant director of athletics, Matthew Scally enters his first year as associate director of athletics at Long Island University. He is responsible for working closely with both the director of athletics and the senior woman administrator to ensure compliance in the Northeast Conference and abide by the rules and regulations of the NCAA. The duties include interpretation of rules and compliance matters as well as addressing issues of eligibility, recruitment and admissions.

Scally arrived at Long Island in 1992 as the assistant director of admissions. The Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, native moved to the College of Pharmacy as the director of advisement before joining the athletic department in January 1999 as academic coordinator. He has served as a member of the NCAA Peer Review Team, which evaluates colleges and universities in the NCAA Certification process. In 2007, he was recognized as a distinguished educator by *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Scally earned a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic administration from St. John's in 1991. He completed his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Long Island in 1997. Scally and his wife, Mary, have two children, Daniel and Grace.



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**Margaret Alaimo**  
Senior Associate Director of Athletics  
Senior Woman Administrator

Margaret Alaimo is in the fourth year of her second tour of duty at Long Island University as senior associate director of athletics. She works with director of athletics John Suarez in handling the day-to-day operations of the athletic department and providing oversight for the NCAA Compliance program. In addition, Alaimo, who also serves as the department's senior woman administrator, focuses on staff development and student-athlete welfare.

Alaimo, a Brooklyn native, returned to Long Island after serving as an interim associate athletic director at Fairleigh Dickinson University for two years. Her responsibilities included coordinating NCAA compliance and eligibility matters as well as providing the staff with guidance and leadership. She has served on various Northeast Conference and ECAC committees over the past 12 years, including a stint as the chair NEC senior woman administrator committee. Alaimo is currently the chair of the NEC volleyball sport committee and serves on the conference's financial aid standards committee.

Prior to her stint at Fairleigh Dickinson, Alaimo was with Long Island from 1987-2001. Alaimo served the last four years of that time as senior associate director of athletics. She also was the department's NCAA compliance coordinator during those four years, overseeing the administration and certification of the department's teams. She administered NCAA legislative policies and procedures as they applied to the department and produced the student-athlete and staff policy manuals. It was Alaimo's leadership before Suarez's arrival that guided the department through the NCAA certification process in 1996. For five years prior to her promotion, she served as associate director of athletics, heading the department through two athletic director changes in as many years.

Alaimo also served on the league women's basketball and the senior woman administrator committees during that span. She played a huge role in helping revitalize the Blackbirds' women's basketball program as head coach from 1987-90. Alaimo came on board after serving one season as an assistant at her alma mater, St. Francis (N.Y.). In addition to basketball, Alaimo also coached softball and tennis from 1987-93. A former standout on the basketball court, Alaimo scored over 1,400 points combined between St. Francis (N.Y.) and the College of New Rochelle. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in business management in 1987. Alaimo is a member of the Catholic High School Athletic Association and St. Francis College Athletics halls of fame. The former Margaret Flannery was married to Steve Alaimo in 1991. They have three children: Elizabeth, Clare and Danny.



**Greg Fox**  
Associate Director of Athletics  
External Operations

Greg Fox enters his fourth year as associate director of athletics at Long Island University. He is responsible for the department's external relations, including overseeing its marketing, development, corporate sponsorship, ticketing and community relations efforts.

For the previous eight years, Fox served as director of athletic media relations, where he was responsible for the promotion of the department's 17 teams. During his tenure, he upgraded all athletic publications along with the department's web site. Fox also acted as the primary contact for the men's basketball team and worked with director of athletics John Suarez to spearhead the LIU Athletics Hall of Fame. In his current role, he works closely with Suarez on several projects, including the re-establishment of the Blackbird Club, merchandising, promotions and a continuing effort to upgrade facilities. Fox also acts as event manager for home athletic contests, chairs the LIU Athletics Hall of Fame committee and organizes several annual alumni reunions.

Fox worked at Fairleigh Dickinson University from 1993-94 and was involved in the day-to-day operation of its athletics program. During that year, he was in charge of the campus' annual golf outing, supervised the department's work study program and was involved in several aspects of the physical education department.

From 1988-90, Fox had his first stint at Fairleigh Dickinson as the assistant sports information director. Fox, who teaches undergraduate courses in journalism and sports marketing at Long Island, received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Fairleigh Dickinson in 1988. He earned his master's degree in human resource management from Long Island in 2003. Fox and his wife, Mary Anne, reside in Haworth, N.J.





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**Athletic Training/Strength and Conditioning**



**Danny O'Connor**  
Head Athletic Trainer



**Erica Marciano**  
Assistant Athletic Trainer



**Junko Yazawa**  
Assistant Athletic Trainer

The campus' athletic training staff is dedicated to the prevention, rehabilitation and recovery needs of over 200 student-athletes for the school's 17 athletic teams. Headed by three full-time athletic trainers, the staff consists of several graduate and undergraduate trainers who are enrolled in LIU's renowned athletic training program.

Because of the extreme availability of the training program's resources, great attention and detail is placed on each athlete in order to provide the best care and best specific plan to ensure the athlete's long-range health goals are met.

In the winter of 2005, a state-of-the-art athletic training room opened in the lower level of the Wellness, Recreation and Athletic and Center. It is fully equipped with the latest modalities and rehabilitation equipment in taking care of the needs of Blackbird athletes.

The Wellness Center also houses resources and programs to promote the health of community residents. Cardiac rehabilitation, orthopedic therapy and asthma education services are available. In addition, the facility features specialized equipment, such as a separate therapy pool equipped with a hydraulic floor. In addition to providing treatment and rehabilitation, the athletic training staff provides education to student-athletes regarding health matters and concerns in order to aid students in achieving optimum health and conditioning.

The sports medicine program is under the direction of Danny O'Connor, who was promoted to head trainer in 2000. O'Connor, who started with LIU as a graduate student in 1994, is responsible for maintaining the operation of the athletic training room. His duties also include the coordination of medical coverage and the administering of the athletic department's drug education and testing program. He also is in charge of scheduling appointments with the program's physician, coordinating preseason physical exams and designing treatment and rehabilitation programs.

O'Connor consults regularly with athletic department orthopedic surgeon Dr. Howard Levy, a doctor of orthopedic surgery and sports medicine at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. Levy and a network of medical staff, mostly from Lenox Hill, work closely with LIU athletes for their surgical and rehabilitative needs.



**Richard James**  
Strength and Conditioning Coach

The strength and conditioning program at Long Island University is designed to help student-athletes maximize their athletic potential and performance while reducing the risk of injury.

Coordinated by Richard James, a former Blackbird and All-American in the 400-meter dash, specialized workout programs are tailored to enhance athletes' physical abilities in their specific sports, as each sport places different demands on the body. Included in his regimen are weight training, power and speed training, flexibility training, plyometrics and conditioning.

The weight training room is located in the new state-of-the art Wellness, Recreation and Athletic Center. The facility houses not only a fitness center equipped with the latest equipment - from stationary bikes with built in televisions to a full weight station - but also a separate weight room especially geared for student-athletes.

There is a full range of equipment to meet the diverse needs of each student-athlete from preseason conditioning to the offseason variety. Treadmills and stationary bikes, free weights and press machines are just some of the pieces of equipment which make it one of the most complete facilities in the Northeast Conference.





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Academics



**Nora Mavashev**  
Academic Enhancement Coordinator

The balancing of academic achievement and athletic success is the primary concern of LIU's Department of Athletics. The University's student-athlete academic services are designed to help the department fulfill its commitment to all student-athletes in their pursuit of academic excellence.

At LIU, there is a high priority placed on academic integrity, along with an opportunity to take advantage of extraordinary academic programs. The goal of the LIU Athletic Department is to give student-athletes an avenue to seek help, whether it be for tutorial assistance, scheduling of classes, personal or career development or to improve on their test-taking and time-management skills.

In her fourth year, Nora Mavashev is responsible for monitoring academic progress of the student-athletes, ensuring they meet and exceed the University's academic goals in compliance with NCAA and institutional standards. In conjunction with the director and senior associate director of athletics, Mavashev has formed close relationships with the academic advisement office and counseling center to assist the student-athlete in negotiating the demands of daily practices and games.

The athletic department had an overall grade point average this past year of 3.02. In the spring of 2007, eight of the 17 teams posted semester and cumulative averages above 3.00. For the year, there were 100 student-athletes (51 percent) who had a cumulative GPA above 3.00 and 23 student-athletes (12 percent) with GPAs above 3.50.

The University has twice been recognized by the NCAA and *USA Today* for having the highest graduation rate in the nation as compared to the remainder of the student body.

## Program Offerings

### Undergraduate

#### Richard L. Connolly College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Art Education
- Bilingual Teaching for the Handicapped
- Biology
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Cytotechnology
- Dance
- Economics
- English
- French
- German
- Humanities
- History
- Jazz Studies
- Journalism
- Mathematics
- Media Arts
- Medical Technology
- Music - Applied Music
- Music Theory
- Nuclear Medicine Technology
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Science
- Social Studies

- Social Work
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Speech
- Studio Art
- Visual Arts

#### School of Business, Public Admin. & Information Sciences

- Accounting
- Business Finance
- Business Management
- Computer Science
- Information Systems
- Marketing

#### School of Education

- Elementary
- Physical Education Teacher
- Bilingual Teacher of Special Education

#### School of Health Professions

- Health Sciences
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician's Assistant
- Respiratory Care
- Sports Sciences

#### School of Nursing

- Nursing
- Nursing/Adult Nurse Practitioner

### Graduate

#### Richard L. Connolly College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Anthropology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Economics
- English
- Language Pathology
- Mathematics
- Media Arts
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Science
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

#### School of Business, Public Admin. & Information Sciences

- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Health Administration
- Human Resources Management
- Public Administration
- Taxation

#### School of Education

- Bilingual Education
- Computers in Education
- Counseling

- Elementary
- English/Second Language
- Reading Teacher
- School Counselor
- School Psychologist
- Special Education

#### School of Health Professions

- Athletic Training/Sports Sciences
- Coaching & Conditioning
- Community Health
- Community Health Management
- Health Sciences
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

#### School of Nursing

- Adult Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Management

#### Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

- Drug Regulatory Affairs
- Drug Information & Communication
- Pharmaceutics
- Pharmacy Administration





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## Athletics Staff



Johanna **Anderson**  
Administrative Assistant



Tracey **Bartholomew**  
Head Coach  
Women's Soccer



Trey **Bell**  
Athletic Department  
Graduate Assistant



Andrea **Bortzfield**  
Administrative Assistant



Courtney **Civitano**  
Graduate Assistant  
Athletic Trainer



Ralph **Englemann**  
NCAA  
Faculty Representative



Jim **Ferry**  
Head Coach  
Men's Basketball



Stephanie V. **Gaitley**  
Head Coach  
Women's Basketball



Bill **Gehrke**  
Equipment Manager



Simon **Hodnett**  
Head Coach  
Track and Field



Richard **James**  
Strength and  
Conditioning Coach



Roy **Kortmann**  
Head Coach  
Softball



TJ **Kostecky**  
Head Coach  
Men's Soccer



Kerri **Krasnow**  
Graduate Assistant  
Athletic Trainer



Dr. Howard **Levy**  
Team Orthopedist



Dan **Lobacz**  
Media Relations  
Graduate Assistant



Don **Maines**  
Head Coach  
Baseball



Erica **Marcano**  
Assistant Athletic Trainer



Everold **Hanson**  
Facilities Manager



Nora **Mavashev**  
Academic Enhancement  
Coordinator



Kyle **McMinn**  
Graduate Assistant  
Athletic Trainer



Jeff **Mead**  
Assistant Athletic  
Director/Media Relations



Michael **Michaelides**  
Head Coach  
Golf



Danny **O'Connor**  
Head Athletic Trainer



Asi **Phillips**  
Head Coach  
Tennis





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Athletics Staff



**Toby Rens**  
Head Coach  
Volleyball



**Julia Sandiford**  
Head Coach  
Cross Country



**Shawn Sweeney**  
Assistant Director of  
Media Relations



**Regan Teti**  
Head Coach  
Lacrosse



**Junko Yazawa**  
Assistant Athletic Trainer

| Athletic Department <b>Directory</b> |                |                                |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Department.....                      | Number         | Department.....                | Number         |
| Athletic Department Phone.....       | (718) 488-1030 | Golf.....                      | (718) 488-1074 |
| Athletic Department Fax.....         | (718) 488-1669 | Lacrosse.....                  | (718) 780-6156 |
| Athletic Director.....               | (718) 488-1030 | Media Relations.....           | (718) 488-1420 |
| Baseball.....                        | (718) 488-1538 | Men's Soccer.....              | (718) 488-1530 |
| Men's Basketball.....                | (718) 488-3499 | Women's Soccer.....            | (718) 488-3496 |
| Women's Basketball.....              | (718) 488-1531 | Softball.....                  | (718) 488-1523 |
| Business Office.....                 | (718) 488-1523 | Strength and Conditioning..... | (718) 488-3340 |
| Compliance.....                      | (718) 780-4088 | Training Room.....             | (718) 488-1521 |
| Cross Country.....                   | (718) 780-4094 | Tennis.....                    | (718) 488-3497 |
| Equipment Room.....                  | (718) 246-6435 | Track and Field.....           | (718) 488-3478 |
| External Relations.....              | (718) 488-1018 | Volleyball.....                | (718) 488-1532 |



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Associate Director of  
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**Jay Ahmed**  
Fitness Center Director



**Nana Asare**  
Associate Director of  
Building Operations



**Nantesha Chen**  
Assistant Fitness  
Center Director



**Bryna Gutner**  
Director of Aquatics



**Keston Lindsay**  
Assistant Director of  
Building Operations

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Office.....                | Number               |
| Aquatics.....              | (718) 488-1000 x4052 |
| Building Operations.....   | (718) 488-1000 x4072 |
| Fitness Center.....        | (718) 488-1000 x4052 |
| Office of the Provost..... | (718) 488-1001       |





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Radio/TV Chart

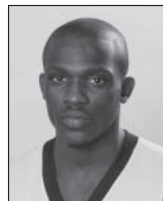
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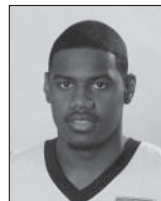
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F • 6-5 • 210 • Sr.  
Richmond Hill, Ontario



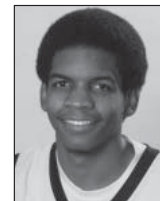
**2 • Ronald Manigault**  
F • 6-4 • 210 • Jr.  
New York, N.Y.



**4 • Ren Azinge**  
G • 6-0 • 180 • So.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.



**5 • Kyle Johnson**  
G • 6-3 • 200 • Fr.  
Ajax, Ontario



**10 • Alan Mozee**  
G • 6-0 • 175 • Fr.  
Oklahoma City, Okla.



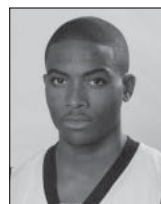
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G • 6-0 • 195 • Jr.  
Toronto, Canada



**15 • Paska Morkeliunas**  
F/C • 6-7 • 245 • Sr.  
Kaunas, Lithuania



**22 • Jaytornah Wisseh**  
G • 6-1 • 170 • So.  
Brooklyn, N.Y.



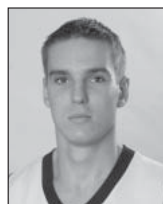
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Detroit, Mich.



**24 • David Hicks**  
G • 6-1 • 195 • Fr.  
Mendota Heights, Minn.



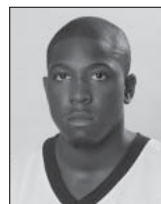
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F/C • 6-7 • 215 • Sr.  
Mansfield, Texas



**33 • Aurimas Adomaitis**  
F/C • 6-8 • 235 • So.  
Kaunas, Lithuania



**34 • Albert Forbes**  
F/C • 6-5 • 240 • Jr.  
Bronx, N.Y.



**55 • John Scott**  
G/F • 6-3 • 220 • So.  
Albany, N.Y.

## Coaching Staff



**Jim Ferry**  
Head Coach  
Sixth Season



**Jack Perri**  
Associate Head Coach  
Third Season



**Lenny Pitt**  
Assistant Coach  
Fourth Season



**Rich Glesmann**  
Assistant Coach  
Third Season



**Chuck Bridge**  
Dir. of Basketball Operations  
Second Season

