Men’s Swimming & Diving Quick Facts

First Year of Men’s Program: 1967-68
Head Coach (alma mater, year):
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Assistant Coach: Shawn Bryan (NJIT BS Architecture ’13)
Diving Coach: Anthony Cacella (Montclair State University ’13)
Captains: Joseph Pedo, Scott Quirie, and Jack Matusiak
2015-16 record (CCSA finish): 5-6 (6th place out of 8 teams)

NJIT Quick Facts

Location: University Heights, Newark, NJ
Founded: 1881
Enrollment: 11,375 (total); 7,111 (undergraduate)
NJIT website: www.njit.edu
Nickname/Colors: Highlanders/Red and White (Blue accent)
Home Field: Fleisher Athletic Center Pool (200 capacity)
Affiliations: NCAA Division I
Conference: Coastal Collegiate Sports Association
University President: Dr. Joel Bloom, EdD
Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics: Lenny Kaplan
Senior Associate Director of Athletics: Andrew Schwartz
Athletics Department Phone: 973-596-3636

Media Information

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

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Why Highlanders?

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

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

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About NJIT

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

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

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

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

Instructional Programs

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

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

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

Albert Dorman Honors College enrolls more than 500 students who take advantage of honors courses, research opportunities, advising and mentoring. Honors College students have SAT scores ranking in the top 10 percent nationally.
With nearly 50,000 alumni, NJIT is an acclaimed institution.

- BuzzFeed.com ranked NJIT as the #1 higher education value nationally when considering annual tuition cost and average starting salary of graduates.
- Top one percent for return on investment and eighth in alumni earning potential among public universities nationwide – PayScale.com
- Top 10 percent nationally for return on investment and one of four best buys in New Jersey higher education – Bloomberg Businessweek
- Third in nation among America’s Most Underrated Colleges – BusinessInsider.com
- Top National University – U.S. News and World Report
- 149th among national universities overall for its range of undergraduate majors and master’s and doctoral degree programs and commitment to groundbreaking research - U.S. News and World Report
- An “America’s Top College” – Forbes.com
- A Princeton Review Best College
- Top 200 American research universities – The Center for Measuring University Performance at Arizona State
- Top 50 among colleges without a medical school for research expenditures and top 10 among universities whose main research is in engineering – National Science Foundation
- Top 10 among technological universities in faculty scholarly productivity – Academic Analytics
- Top 100 producers of minority degrees, including fifth in the nation for bachelor’s degrees in engineering technologies to all minority students – Diverse: Issues in Higher Education
Research
NJIT’s research expenditures totaled more than $110 million in FY2014 and faculty members welcome student collaboration on research projects.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Academic Edge
- NJIT named a Most Wired College by Princeton Review.
- NJIT was the first recipient of the Excellence in Technology Education Award presented by New Jersey Technology Council (NJTC), which annually recognizes outstanding technology companies and individuals who contribute to “growth, achievement, and excellence in diverse technology sectors of New Jersey.”
- Forbes.com and a Princeton Review survey designated NJIT as one of the nation’s most technologically sophisticated universities based on factors such as the ratio of computers to students, campus-wide and wireless networks, and technology-enhanced learning.
NJIT has received major National Science Foundation (NSF) funding to define the next generation of computing applications. Most notable is the creation of SmartCampus, a wireless peer-to-peer, location-aware community system that immerses students in a world of wearable computers.

NJIT has been designated a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance (Homeland Security) Education by the National Security Agency.

NJIT partners with Iowa State University in the Center for Information Protection (Homeland Security), an NSF-supported cooperative research center in information assurance.

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 Regional 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.

The Research Edge
A HISTORY OF NJIT

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

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

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

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

A broadened mission called for the creation of a residential campus and the opening of NJIT’s first dormitory in 1980 began a period of steady growth that continues. Two new schools were established during the 1980s--the College of Science and Liberal Arts (1982) and the School of Industrial Management (1988). The Albert Dorman Honors College was established in 1994, and the College of Computing Sciences, was created in 2001. Beginning in 2009 the College of Architecture and Design was created to house the New Jersey School of Architecture and the new school of Art and Design.
Beginning on September 1, 2009, the entire NJIT athletics program officially gained across-the-board active membership in NCAA Division I, completing a process that began officially in 2003.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Further, the Board of Trustees embraced the transition to Division I as part of the University’s strategic plan to enhance the quality of campus life for all students.

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

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

The Highlanders have also competed against teams from every Division I conference with teams either in the Northeast or Mid-Atlantic States, including the America East, American Athletic, Atlantic 10, Big East, Colonial Athletic Association, Metro Atlantic Athletic, Mid-Eastern Athletic, and Northeast.

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

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

Moving on from the Great West, NJIT women’s tennis joined the America East Conference in 2013-14 and finished as conference runner-up in 2014, the Highlanders’ first try at the AEC title. NJIT men’s soccer began play as a member of the Sun Belt Conference in 2014. Also in 2013-14, NJIT men’s swimming became one of three new members in the Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA).

In June 2015, NJIT and the Atlantic Sun Conference announced that the Highlanders would become the newest full member of the A-Sun. Founded in 1978 as the Trans America Athletic Conference, the conference took on its present name following the 2001 season.

The Atlantic Sun Conference will be the home of 13 of NJIT’s varsity teams in 2015-16, with men’s soccer moving over from the Sun Belt in 2016-17, bringing the total of A-Sun teams from NJIT to 14.
Appointment of New Jersey Institute of Technology on January 12, 2012 by unanimous vote of NJIT’s Board of Trustees, Joel S. Bloom started his career in industry working as an economist.

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

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

Immediately prior to his appointment as President, he served as Interim President from September 2011 until January 2012. Prior to that, he was NJIT’s Vice President for Academic and Student Services, as well as founding dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College.

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

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

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

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

Dr. Bloom holds a master’s degree and a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University. He also earned master’s and bachelor’s degrees from Hunter College of the City University, New York City.
Dr. Fey joined NJIT in September 2012 with 39 years of leadership experience in student services as Vice President of Academic Support and Student Affairs. At NJIT, he continues his commitment to creating a campus climate that promotes student achievement and student success. His personal philosophy of student engagement extends to the development of innovative programs that inspire challenging and engaging student experiences and encourage each student to reach for his/her dream and work until it is achieved.

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

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

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

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

Married to Melba Ann Fey since 1985, Charlie and Melba have two daughters, Kelly Prestel, living in Boston, and Chelsea Fey, living in Arlington, VA and two sons, Lloyd Lopez and Matt Lopez, who live in San Antonio.
Since taking over as head of New Jersey Institute of Technology's division of physical education and athletics in August 2000, Lenny Kaplan has been instrumental in guiding the program's growth, first at the NCAA Division II level and, since late 2002, the successful reclassification to NCAA Division I.

The 2014-15 academic year saw momentous accomplishments and change for Highlander athletics.

In competition, two NJIT teams, men's soccer and men's basketball, scored victories over nationally-ranked opponents. Men's soccer defeated #22 Navy in late September 2014 and men's basketball became a national story when it upset #17/#16 Michigan in Ann Arbor on December 6. Later, the men's basketball team won its first three games in the national CollegeInsider.com postseason tournament, advancing to the semifinals.

Off the court, NJIT announced plans to build a new Wellness and Events Center, a $100 million on-campus facility with an opening targeted for 2017. And finally, the Highlanders, who had been the only Division I Independent in the nation, accepted an opportunity to become the eighth full member of the multisport Atlantic Sun Conference, effective July 1, 2015.

Along the way, Kaplan was promoted in 2014-15 to his new title of Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics.

He has been a member of the Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association (DI-AAA ADA) Executive Committee since 2012-13. The Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association's mission is to enhance initiatives common to its Division I-AAA membership (the Division I institutions that do not sponsor football).

In September 2015, Lenny Kaplan was lauded at the annual Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Honors Luncheon. In a program that recognized student-athletes, administrators, institutions and officials, he was one of two named Division I Male Administrator of the Year.

Going back more than a decade to his arrival at NJIT, Kaplan helped stabilize and expand a program that was entering its fourth year in Division II. In late 2002, after discussions with then-university President Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch and Vice President (now President) Dr. Joel Bloom, Kaplan took on the task of steering NJIT's programs into Division I, an arduous process that reached fruition with the NCAA's granting active Division I status, with full championship eligibility effective September 1, 2009.

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

The sports offerings have expanded to the current 19 varsity programs. And since 2004, NJIT has renovated its two main on-campus venues—Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium at Lubetkin Field and the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center. Further, the Naimoli Family Recreation Center, a 25,600-square foot facility opened early in 2011 enhanced the recreational and intercollegiate opportunities on campus. The Naimoli Center is the home of both NJIT tennis teams.

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 select basketball home games in the Prudential Center, downtown Newark home of the NHL's New Jersey Devils. The NJIT club hockey team also plays all of its home contests in the AmeriHealth Pavilion, part of the Prudential Center that serves as the Devils practice rink.

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 their existence under his administration.

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

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

Christian Baumbach made history in 2009 as NJIT’s first individual DI conference champion, when he won the Great West Conference men’s cross country race. He also won the prestigious IC4A University Division race in the 101st annual running of that contest.

In 2010-11, the Highlanders earned their first-ever Division I conference team championship when women’s tennis captured the Great West title, a feat they repeated the following year. In 2012-13, both basketball teams won Great West Conference crowns. Individually, men’s basketball players Isaiah Wilkerson (2011-12), Chris Flores (2012-13), and Damon Lynn (2014-15) have all been Associated Press All-America honorable mention recipients.

Marko Drljic became the first NJIT men’s soccer player to be selected to the All-Region season honors from the NSCAA at the highest level, earning the honor in both 2013 and 2014. Cristian Marcel won similar honors in 2014. The duo were Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year (Marcel) and Defensive Player of Year (Drljic) in 2014, as well.

Men’s tennis player Markus Schultz has achieved regional ranking in both 2013-14 and 2014-15.

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

Julia Garcia, a freshman, was second in the epee at the 2015 NCAA Championships, becoming the school’s first women’s fencing All-America.

NJIT’s growing success in Division I competition has been gone along with a continued commitment to excellence in the university’s rigorous academic environment. The combined grade point average of Highlander student-athletes has been above 3.0 for 12 straight semesters through Spring 2015.

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. They are the parents of two sons, Michael, a student at Lafayette College, and Joshua, who is in high school.
Athletics

Senior Administration

Lenny Kaplan
Andrew Schwartz
Stephanie Pillari
Jayson Smikle
Brian Callahan
Michael Siegel, PhD
Kerry Feder

Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics
Senior Associate Athletic Director
Acting Senior Woman Administrator
Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance
Assistant Director of Physical Education
Faculty Athletic Representative
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Eligibility Certification Officer/
Academic Advisor Athletics

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Matt Koscs
Paul Grayner
Melissa Mackey
Kyle Tuohy
Catie Rose
Dr. Louis Rizio

Head Athletic Trainer
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Assistant Athletic Trainer
Team Physician

Compliance

Jayson Smikle

Assistant Athletic Director for
Compliance

Development

Sean Morrison

Assistant Director of Development for
Athletics

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Warren Street Fitness Center

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Ticket Manager
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Assistant Sports Information Director

Strength and Conditioning

Bobby Fisk
Drew Culp

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach
Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach

Coaching Staff Directory

Baseball

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Robbie McClellan
Grant Neary

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Brian Kennedy
Jeff Rafferty
Kevin Driscoll
Kim Waiters
Andrew McGlynn

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Director of Basketball Operations

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Steve Lanpher
Bob Dubina
Liz Floooks

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach

MEN’S & WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY

Al Alonso
John Crawford

Head Coach
Assistant Coach

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S FENCING

Yefim Litvan
Jason Henderson
Danielle Henderson
Ben Igoe

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach

MEN’S LACROSSE

Travis Johnson
Brad Conlon
Brian Tironi

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Volunteer Assistant Coach

MEN’S SOCCER

Fernando Barboto
Matthew Uly
Augi Freitas

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Ally Nick
Mary Hearin
Chris Duggan

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach

MEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING

Michael Lawson
Shawn Bryan
Anthony Cacella

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Diving Coach

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Ira Miller
Abdelrahman Zaki
Teona Tsertsvadze

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Graduate Assistant Coach

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD (INDOOR & OUTDOOR)

Al Alonso
John Crawford
James Luginsland

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach (Throws)

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Danny Goncalves
Brennon Dyer

Head Coach
Assistant Coach

WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL

Pete Volkert
Simone Asque
Anthony Valbrun

Head Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
SPORTS MEDICINE

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

Matt Koscs, ATC, Head Athletic Trainer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Paul Grayner, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer

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

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

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

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

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

He resides in Dumont, NJ.
Melissa Maskey, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer

Melissa Maskey, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant athletic trainer in the summer of 2013, earned her bachelor’s degree, majoring in athletic training and minoring in strength and conditioning, from the University of Delaware in 2011. She earned her master’s in athletic training at Temple University in May 2013.

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

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

She is married to Mark Mackey

Kyle Tuohy, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer

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

Tuohy, who will attend graduate school while working at NJIT, won multiple awards from his alma mater, including the David Carylon Athletic Training Outstanding Student Award in May 2014.

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

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

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

Catie Rose, ATC, Assistant Athletic Trainer

Catie Rose, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant athletic trainer in the summer of 2016, earned her bachelor’s degree, majoring in Athletic Training and Exercise Science from Sacred Heart.

She earned her master’s of science in Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science at University of Hawaii in August 2013.

Prior to her arrival at NJIT, she worked as the athletic trainer at Kalaheo High School in Kailua, Hawaii, providing treatment, rehabilitation and reconditioning of athletes injuries, in addition to offseason strength and conditioning workouts.

She has worked for the United State Tennis Association in Hawaii Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Pac5 Athletics in Honolulu, Hawaii and for the WNBA Connecticut Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut.

As a student assistant at Sacred Heart University, she provided treatment for NCAA Division I football, men’s basketball and men’s lacrosse teams.

She holds several profession-related certifications, including from the National Athletic Trainers Association.
Bobby Fisk, who was a basketball player in his own college days and coached the sport after college, comes to NJIT from Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he was assistant coach of strength and conditioning for the entire Musketeers’ program, which competes in the Big East Conference.

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

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

He is a graduate of the State University of New York College at Oneonta (BS, Business Economics, 2008), Averett

Louis Rizio, MD, Team Physician

Dr. Rizio is a board certified orthopedic surgeon and is fellowship trained in the field of sports medicine. He is a graduate of Rutgers and after earning his medical degree from the UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School (recently reorganized and renamed Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences), Dr. Rizio completed his orthopaedic residency at Tufts University in Boston.

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

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

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

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

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

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

In the summer and fall of 2014, NJIT’s Strength and Conditioning took new direction with the appointment of Bobby Fisk as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach and Drew Culp as Fisk’s Assistant Coach.
University of Danville, VA (MBA, 2010), and California University of Pennsylvania (MS in Exercise Science, Performance Enhancement & Injury Prevention, 2013).

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

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

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

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

Fisk holds multiple certifications and professional memberships.

Drew Culp, Assistant Strength & Conditioning

Drew Culp was named assistant strength and conditioning coach in September 2014.

Culp, who earned his bachelor's degree from Penn State University in 2010 and his master's degree from Penn State in 2012, most recently served as a volunteer assistant strength and conditioning coach at nearby Seton Hall prior to accepting his position with NJIT.

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

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

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

He holds multiple certifications, including both strength and conditioning and first aid and CPR.
Sandra Taylor was appointed as Director of The Learning Center in late September 2014 after serving as Interim Director for the previous 16 months.

She joined NJIT in January 2010 as Academic Advisor for Student-Athletes working in NJIT’s Center for Academic and Personal Enrichment (CAPE), which has since been renamed as The Learning Center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sandra and her husband, Ken, who is Associate Athletics Director/Development and Marketing at Monmouth University after many years as Associate Commissioner at the MAAC, reside in Monroe Township, NJ, with their daughters, Katherine, who was born in May 2004, and Samantha, who was born in July 2009.
Mike Spisto, Eligibility Certification Officer/Academic Advisor for Athletics

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

For the previous five years, he was the top assistant coach on the men’s basketball staff, working with head coach Jim Engles in an association that culminated with the Highlanders capturing the 2013 regular season championship of the Great West Conference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mike and his wife, Katie-Lynn, reside in Staten Island, NY, with their young children: sons Michael (10) and Christopher (7), and daughter Alyssa (3).

Brittany Vorndran, Academic Advisor for Student-Athletes

Brittany Vorndran, moved to administration as NJIT’s Academic Advisor for Student-Athletes in Fall 2015, working in The Learning Center.

For the previous three years, she was an assistant on the NJIT Athletic Training staff, working with women’s soccer and men’s volleyball teams.

She earned her bachelor’s degree, majoring in athletic training, from Bridgewater (MA) State University in 2010 and was the school’s 2008-09 Athletic Training Student of the Year.

She earned her master’s in Kinesiology at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, in May 2012. At James Madison, she worked with the cross country, track and field, tennis and cheerleading teams.

Brittany resides with her fiancé Joe in Morristown, NJ.
COMING IN FALL 2017—
THE NJIT WELLNESS AND EVENTS CENTER

NJIT hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, November 12 for the Wellness and Events Center (WEC), a sleek new building that has the promise to become the social centerpiece of a revamped campus.

The Wellness and Events Center (WEC) is a $102 million building that will be constructed on the site of the current Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium athletic field. WEC will extend across the length of the field, which will later be rebuilt on the north side of the building. The construction of WEC, which began after the groundbreaking, will be finished in the fall of 2017.

The WEC will accommodate the rapid growth of the school’s athletic department, student body, and campus community. In addition to a number of conference, academic, and community facilities, the building will house a first-class basketball arena, natatorium, locker rooms, indoor track, concessions, suites, offices, and a fitness center.

The 3,500 seat basketball arena will compare favorably with many Division I mid-major facilities throughout the country, allowing NJIT to continue to grow their men's and women's basketball programs.
WEC will have many amenities, just some of which include:

- A 25-meter swimming pool with diving area
- A fitness center with cardio equipment and weights
- Lounges, study areas and multipurpose rooms
- An indoor 10,000 square feet turf space
- Two practice courts for intramural and intercollegiate sports
- A running track that will encircle the concourse of the first-floor arena
- The arena will seat 3,500 people, but the bleachers are designed to retract, allowing the floor space in the arena to triple in size.
- The expanded floor space will host campus events and professional conferences

- An inside path on the first floor will allow students to walk from the subway and other areas on Lock Street to the main campus quad
- A 30-foot-wide promenade between Tiernan Hall
- The outside steps and the open space on WEC’s northside are designed for students to sit comfortably
- WEC will be three stories high and its north side will be all windows, through which natural light will flood into the building. The tall windows will overlook the new athletic field.
With construction underway on-campus for the new Wellness and Events Center, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2017, the New Jersey Institute of Technology soccer and men’s lacrosse teams play home games and practice in a combination of facilities off campus.

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

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

KEAN UNIVERSITY—EAST CAMPUS FACILITY

The new Wellness and Events Center is just another example of NJIT’s commitment to building and expanding their athletic facilities in order to compete at the highest level. Until its completion in Fall 2017, the NJIT men’s and women’s soccer home field for the 2016 season will be in Union, NJ, on the campus of Kean University – East Campus Facility.

The East Campus Facility on the campus of Kean University has been the long-time home for the Kean’s men’s and women’s soccer programs.

The facility, a grass stadium, has two practice fields and a 1,200 seat capacity at the East Campus.

Lubetkin Field at Mal Simon Stadium, the home of the NJIT Highlanders through Fall 2015 served as the host site for the first Great West Conference women’s soccer tournament in November 2009 and previously, NJIT hosted the three-day ECAC Division II women’s soccer championship tournament.
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C E N T E R

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BRANCH BROOK PARK AND VAN CORTLANDT PARK

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

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

TRACK FACILITIES

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

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

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

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

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

BEARS AND EAGLES RIVERFRONT STADIUM

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

In December 2005, NJIT and the Bears held a joint press conference to herald a new partnership that includes a 10-year deal that extends Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium as the home of NJIT Highlanders baseball.
As head coach of the Highlanders since 2010, Michael Lawson has continued to raise the status of the Highlander program and help his student athletes achieve milestones within their swimming and diving careers.

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

With Lawson at the helm, NJIT men's swimming & diving has built upon the programs past successes.

In 2013-14 the Highlanders were invited to join the exclusively Division I Coastal Collegiate Swimming Association (CCSA). The CCSA brings together five East Coast Division I conferences that do not sponsor swimming and diving, making it one of the fastest conferences in the nation.

In their inaugural CCSA championship, the Highlanders finished fifth overall, beating Howard University and Virginia Military Institute. At the championship, then sophomore freestyle sprinter Brian Capozzola finished third in the 50 Freestyle with a time of 20.52, only three tenths off a NCAA 'B' standard.

The 2015-16 Highlanders captured the first-ever ECAC Championships in program history at 2015 ECAC Winter Championships. Sophomore Scott Quirie was recognized as Swimmer of Meet and Head Coach Michael Lawson Coach of the Meet. NJIT finished the season with 5-6 overall mark, 2-0 in the CCSA while placing sixth at the conference championships. The Highlanders named 12 student-athletes to the CCSA All-Academic team.

NJIT earned 2014 College Swimming Coaches Association of American Scholar All-American team honors (one of 65 teams honored nationally) and placed fourth at the CCSA championships, breaking 16 school-records. The season was capped by Brian Capozzola’s second-place finish in the 50-free and fourth in the 100-free at the CCSA Championships, the highest placement by any Highlander in school history at a Division I conference meet.

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

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

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

In 2010, Coach Lawson graduated Magna cum Laude from New Jersey Institute of Technology Albert Dorman Honors College with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture and in 2011 with a Master of Science in Management, specializing in Organization Management. He graduated in 2013 with his Master of City & Regional Planning, specializing in Urban Design and Transportation from the Rutgers University’s Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Lawson is an accredited AICP professional urban planner, licensed professional planner in the State of New Jersey and an Associate at Marchetto Higgins Stieve Architects in Jersey City, NJ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Shawn Bryan, who joined the NJIT coaching staff for the 2014-15 season, comes from a diverse swimming background having been a college stand-out on the Highlander team from 2010-2013.

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

Bryan graduated from NJIT with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Albert Dorman Honors College in 2013 and currently works as an Expeditor at Milrose Consultants, Inc. in Jersey City, NJ.

ANTHONY CACELLA
Assistant Coach, Diving

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

During his first season as diving coach, Cacella led NJIT diver David Schmidt to a 7th place finish in the 3 Meter and 10th place finish in the 1 Meter at the CCSA Conference Championship. Cacella has a background in diving, mainly coaching elementary and high school athletes at the Lakeland Hills YMCA and a local summer league. Cacella was a four year varsity diver at Division III Montclair State University, graduating in 2013 with a BFA in Graphic Design.
Class Photos

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Team Standouts

SCOTT QUIRIE
So | Back/Distance | Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/John McCrae Secondary
Chemical Engineering major

2015-16: Named to the 2016 CCSA All-Academic List. Placed first in all events during the Saint Peter’s/VMI Tri-Meet – 100 back (54.47), 200 back (1:59.97), 400 medley relay (3:37.25), and broke his own NJIT school record in the 100 IM (54.57). Helped the Highlanders win their first-ever ECAC Winter Championship, recording four first-place performances, including a record breaking swim in the 200 back (1:51.48), 100 back (51.57), 400 IM (4:03.61) and 200 IM (1:53.70). Member of the second-place 200 medley relay team that broke the NJIT school record (1:34.75).

Set two records at the CCSA Championships – 200 IM in 1:53.48 and 400 medley relay in 3:26.92.

2014-15: In his first season as a Highlander, Scott broke eight school records.

Competing at the CCSA Championships, he broke the record for the 50 backstroke (24.26), 200 backstroke (1:52.23, 9th place), 400 IM (4:03.16, 7th place), 200 medley relay (1:35.90), 400 free relay (3:08.31) and 800 free relay (6:53.35).

Quirie broke the 200 IM school record in 1:55.75 at the ECAC Winter Championships and earned a third-place finish in the 400 IM and 7th in the 100 backstroke.

He was selected NJIT Male Athlete of the Week (10/20/14) and CCSA Men’s Swimmer of the Week (11/4/14). Quirie was named to the 2014-15 CCSA All-Academic Team.

Prior to NJIT: Scott Quirie, of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada has already had an enormously successful swimming career. ...Scott graduated from John McCrae Secondary School and swam for the Nepean Kanata Barracudas (Coach Scott Faithfull). ...placed second in the 400 IM at the 2014 Ontario Provincial Championships. ...third place finish in the 200 backstroke at the 2014 Ontario Provincial Championships. ...eighth place finish in the 200 butterfly at the 2014 Ontario Provincial Championships. ...finalist (Top 24) in the 100 backstroke, 400 IM, 400 freestyle at the 2014 Eastern Canadian Championships. ...Silver Medal finish in the 100 backstroke at the 2012 Ontario Summer Games, representing Eastern Ontario. ...Silver Medal finish in the 800 freestyle relay at the 2012 Ontario Summer Games, representing Eastern Ontario and Bronze Medal finish in the 200 backstroke at the 2012 Ontario Summer Games, representing Eastern Ontario. ...1MX Challenge Award Winner.

Personal: Scott Arthur Quirie. ... son of Mark and Margaret Quirie. ... graduated with a 4.0 GPA from high school and has been accepted to the Albert Dorman Honors College, majoring in chemical engineering.

Getting to know Scott Quirie ...

Why did you choose NJIT as your university? NJIT’s renowned engineering program, the great opportunities offered by the Honors College as well as being able to help improve a growing D1 program were the key factors that influenced my decision.

When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men’s Swimming & Diving program? Unlike other schools, the team really seemed to embody the important balance between academics and athletics.

Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program? NJIT was able to financially recognize my academic and athletic abilities and I felt I fit in well with the other swimmers on my recruiting trip.
Team Standouts

MICHAEL SUNGUROV
Jr | Free/Back | Wayne, NJ/Wayne Hills
Business major

2015-16: Named to the 2016 CCSA All-Academic List. Competed in all nine meets for the Highlanders. Helped the Highlanders win the ECAC Winter Championships for the first time in program history. Placed first in the 200 free relay and recorded personal-best times in the 100 free (48.17, 7th place) and the 200 free (1:45.32, 5th place). Recorded two first-place finishes at the Manhattan/St. Francis Brooklyn Tri-Meet in the 200 free (1:47.46) and the 200 free relay (1:29.10) and third place in the 500 free (5:00.21). A member of the 400 relay team that set a new NJIT record with a time of 3:06.40 at the CCSA Championships.

2014-15: Was a part of the 200 free relay team that broke the school record with a time of 1:24.47 and 4th place finish at the CCSA Championships. ... also at the championships, swam a personal-best in the 200 freestyle (1:46.31) and the 100 freestyle (48.53). ... at NJIT’s meet against Montclair, swam a season-best 500 freestyle in 4:59.09 placing 1st, and finished 1st in the 200 freestyle. ... 2014-15 CCSA All-Academic Team.

2013-14: As a freshman set four school records (1 individual and 3 relay), in the 200 backstroke (2:02.64), the 200 free relay (1:25.27), the 400 free relay (3:10.84), and the 800 free relay (6:55.14). ... placed 2nd in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 58.55, a season-best, against Montclair State. ... against Fairfield placed 2nd in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 49.99, a season-best. ... swam a season-best 1:48.07 in the 200 yard freestyle placing 2nd against Loyola. ... at the CCSA Finals swam a season-best 4:52.72 in the 500 freestyle.

Prior to NJIT: Had an enormously successful swimming career at Wayne Hills High School (Coach Brian Pickler) and Cougar Aquatics. ...top 20 Finisher in the 500 Freestyle at the 2013 NJSIAA Meet of Champions, 2013 Passaic County Champion in 50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle, three-time All-County 1st Team 200 Freestyle, three-time All-County 2nd Team 500 Freestyle and three-time All-County 1st Team 200 Freestyle Relay/ 400 Freestyle Relay.

Personal: Michael Sungurov. ... majoring in business.

Getting to know Michael Sungurov ...

Why did you choose NJIT as your university? I chose NJIT because of the swimming team and the financial aid package I received.

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

Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men's Swimming & Diving program? I chose to be part of the NJIT Swimming & Diving program because I felt I could improve my times here and become a better individual.
EDDIE PARKS
So | Free/Fly | Vineland, NJ/Vineland
Civil Engineering major

2015-16: Competed in all nine meets for the Highlanders in his freshman season. Recorded two first-place finishes at the Bryant meet in the 200 fly (1:56.33) and 200 free relay (1:27.90) while also grabbing a second-place finish in the 100 free (48.81) and the 100 fly (53.27).

Helped the Highlanders win the ECAC Winter Championships for the first time in program history. Recorded eight top 7 finishes, including first place finishes in the 800 free relay, 200 free relay, and 400 free relay while placing second in the 200 fly with a season-best time of 1:52.46.

At the CCSA Championships, Parks was part of the record breaking 400 free relay team that finished in 3:06.40 and swam season-best times in the 50 free (21.49) and the 100 fly (51.60).

Prior to NJIT: Attended Vineland HS. ...set 100 Butterfly, 100 Backstroke and anchored in the Vineland HS record breaking 400 Freestyle Relay. ...place first in 100 Butterfly at 2014 Eastern States/ Long Island Invitational Swimming Championships. ...finished third in 100 Backstroke at 2014 Eastern States/ Long Island Invitational Swimming Championships. ...2014 NJ State (NJSIAA) Champions in the 200 & 400 Freestyle Relays. ...earned fifth place in the 100 Butterfly at the 2015 NJ State (NJSIAA) Championships. ...seventh place in the 50 Freestyle at the 2015 NJ State (NJSIAA) Championships. ...2014 & 2015 Cape- Atlantic League Championship High Point Earner. ...2014 First Team “All South Jersey” for the 50 Freestyle. ...2015 Second Team “All South Jersey” for the 100 Butterfly. ...2015 South Jersey Times Swimmer of the Year.

Personal: Edward “Eddie” John Parks. ... son of Mary and Daniel Parks. ... civil engineering major. ... born 12/3/96.

Getting to know Edward Parks ...

Why did you choose NJIT?  NJIT gave me the best opportunity to study civil engineering and compete on the Division I level.

When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men’s Swimming & Diving program?  NJIT has a unique family environment and everyone watches out for one another.

Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men’s Swimming & Diving program?  NJIT was the most affordable for me.
Team Standouts

ALEX DANIELSON
So | IM/Fly | Ballston Spa, NY/Saratoga Springs
Civil Engineering major

2015-16: Helped the Highlanders win their first-ever ECAC Winter Championship, placing second in the 100 breast (59.99), 400 medley relay, and 200 medley relay breaking the NJIT record in the 200 with a time of 1:34.75. Placed fifth in the 100 fly with a season-best 55.95 at the Army/Bringhamton Tri-Meet.

At the Drexel/Howard Tri-Meet, finished third in the 100 IM with a personal-best time of 56.98 and placed fourth in both the 50 breast and the 100 breast.

At the CCSA Championships, was part of the NJIT recording breaking 400 medley relay team that finished with a 3:26.92 time, and was the top Highlander finisher in the 100 breast with a personal-best time of 59.49.

Prior to NJIT: Attended Saratoga High School. ... third-place in the 100 butterfly at the 2014-15 New York Section II Division 1 Championships and in the 200 individual medley at the 2014-15 New York Section II Division 1 Championships. ... 2014-15 New York Boys Public School Championships Qualifier for the 100 Freestyle and 200 Individual Medley. ...2015 Adirondack Gold Championships Qualifier for the 100 Breaststroke and 200 Freestyle. ... Saratoga swimming Most Valuable Player Award recipient in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.

Personal: Alex Michael Danielson. ... son of Michael and Sabrina Danielson. ... civil engineering major. ... born 11/13/96 in Rochester, NY.

Getting to know Alex Danielson ...

Why did you choose NJIT? NJIT has a great engineering program and I have the chance to swim at the Division I level.

When you were choosing between college swimming programs, what was unique about the NJIT Men’s Swimming & Diving program? The team seemed like a very tight group of guys and everyone seemed to be friends with one another. It’s a very diverse group of talented swimmers with a lot of potential.

Why did you choose to be part of the NJIT Men’s Swimming & Diving program? The team atmosphere, the competitive attitude and the team’s potential to be something great.
Coastal Collegiate Sports Association

The Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA), which added NJIT men’s swimming to its membership in 2013-14, announced that Florida Atlantic University and Old Dominion University have joined the CCSA for men’s swimming in July 2015.

With the addition of Florida Atlantic and Old Dominion from the Conference USA, the roster of CCSA men’s programs now includes: FAU, Gardner Webb, Howard, Incarnate Word, NJIT, Old Dominion, UMBC, and VMI.

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

The CCSA umbrella covers 13 schools and 14 teams, with some programs competing in both genders and others in one gender. Institutions from seven states and the District of Columbia are members, with schools up and down the East Coast, NJIT being the northernmost. Incarnate Word, from Texas, is the only program from the western United States. Conference Championships are held in alternating years at the University of Tennessee and the University of Georgia.

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

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

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

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

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

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

NJIT Director of Athletics Lenny Kaplan commented: “We are very excited to have our swimming and diving program join the CCSA and its member institutions. It will provide new competitive horizons for our student-athletes and, in turn, the opportunity to earn recognition for their accomplishments.”
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10/28 at Baruch W, 103-90 11/11/9 at Pace
11/15 at Montclair L, 80-97 11/30 vs. William Paterson L, 45-51
11/30 vs. SUNY Maritime L, 91-110 12/3 at Arcadia
12/7 STEVENS W, 117-86 12/10 MOUNT ST. MARY W, 119-70
1/21 ADELPHI L, 84-105 1/25 FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON W, 78-49
2/3 at Vassar W, 118-90 2/10 at Queens (NY) W, 90-64
2/2-24 Metropolitan Conference Championships

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

2006-07 (4-8)

10/21 MONTCLAIR L, 45-47 10/22 McCarthy Invitational vs. St. Peter's @ NYAC vs. Lehman @ NYAC
12/2 at St. Peter's L, 62-148 vs. St. Francis (NY) W, 70-133
12/9 at Canisius L, 77-103 1/20 at Fairfield L, 81-116
1/26 QUEENS (NY) W, 88-65 1/27 at William Paterson L, 75-122
2/3 at NYU L, 29-61

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

2007-08 (2-5)

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

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

2008-09 (3-11)

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

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

2009-10 (0-14)

10/17 BRYANT L, 77-116 10/30 vs. VMI (at St. Peter's) L, 9-91
10/31 vs. Manhattan (at St. Peter's) L, 26-69 11/8 at Lehigh L, 43-56
11/10 at William Paterson L, 68-109 11/22 at Fairfield L, 81-104

Head Coach: Eric Rasmussen

2010-11 (0-12)

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

Interim Head Coach: Michael Lawson

2011-12 (0-12)

10/28-29 Mt. St. Mary's Maryland Invitational vs. VMI L, 20-172 vs. Manhattan L, 24-163 vs. McDaniel L, 40-140
11/9 WILLIAM PATERSON L, 78-98 11/13 at St. Francis (NY) L, 65-121
11/19 at Ramapo L, 77-150 vs. Post (at Ramapo) cancelled
Year-by-Year Results

2012-13 (5-6)

11/7    William Paterson  W 132.5-97.5
11/17   vs. Pace (at Ramapo)  W 70-51
11/18   MANHATTAN  L 41-54
12/1    LEHIGH  L 63-142
11/13   at Montclair  W 139-121
12/2    at Fairfield  L 111-149
2/15-17 Metropolitan Championships All Day
3/1-2   ECAC Championships All Day

Head Coach: Michael Lawson

2013-14 (3-8)

10/26   Red vs. White Alumni Meet
11/2    at Lehigh  L 53-222
11/9    at Ramapo  L 117-145
11/15   SAINT PETER’S  L 89-116
11/16   at Manhattan  L 76-127
12/6-8  ECAC Warm-Up (at Lehman) All Day
1/4     Florida International Invitation
1/18    Stag Diving Invitational
1/19    at Bryant  L 118-144

Head Coach: Michael Lawson

2014-15 (8-4, 2-2 CCSA)

10/18-19 VMI (at UMBC)*  W 151-129
10/18-19 Gardner-Webb (at UMBC)*  L 123-150
10/18-19 UMBC*  L 142-166
11/1    MANHATTAN  W 140-112
11/1    ST. FRANCIS BROOKLYN  W 193-65
11/7    at Saint Peter’s  L 96-131
11/16   at Bryant  W 137-125
12/5-7  ECAC Winter Championships 3rd Place
12/13   at Montclair State  W 142.5-89.5
1/7-13  Founders’ Invitational Relays -
1/18    vs. Lehigh (at Montclair State)  L 100-51
1/25    at Fairfield  W 132-110
1/31    HOWARD*  W 176-27
1/31    MANHATTAN  W 130.5-74.5
2/18-21 CCSA Championships (at Georgia) 4th Pl.

Head Coach: Michael Lawson

Steven Akdemir

Eddie Filipovic

2015-16 (5-6, 2-0 CCSA)

10/10   at Binghamton  L 75-218
10/10   vs. Army  L 93-108
10/17   BRYANT  L 125.5-170.5
10/31   at Lehigh  L 80-138
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11/7    ST. PETER’S  W 173-86
11/7    VM*  W 163-80
12/4-6  ECAC Winter Championships 1st Place
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Head Coach: Michael Lawson

Erik Kral
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Directions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Newark, NJ, 973/622-5000

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2016-17 Highlanders Men's Swimming

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4th row: (Left to Right) Justin Sherrill, Jack Matusiak, Alex Danielson, Scott Quirie

3rd row: (Left to Right) Frank Morrone, Edward Parks, Maxim Tillman, Edward Mann, Tyler Pollock

2nd row: (Left to Right) Brendan Kavanagh, Timothy Sullivan, Kevin Roberton, Matheus Monteiro Montarroyos, Michael Sungurov, Eddie Filipovic

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