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Dear NEC Fans,

Now in its 38th year, the NEC strives to be the most fan-friendly athletic conference in the country. With that in mind, this brochure aims to serve as a handy reference guide to the league's 10 member institutions, nearly 200 coaches and over 4,500 NCAA Division I student-athletes.

So what is it that makes the NEC so special?

First and foremost, our core mission remains unchanged: to provide opportunities for student-athletes to achieve their fullest potential in the classroom, in athletic competition and in the community.



We couldn't be any prouder of our student-athletes, who averaged a league record 3.28 GPA for the 2017-18 academic year as 82 percent of NEC teams finished with a 3.0 GPA or better. A record 2,476 student-athletes were named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll in 2017-18, and the 720 tabbed to the Commissioner's Honor Roll with GPAs of 3.75 or higher also set a new conference standard.

On the field, eight NEC student-athletes earned All-American status and seven teams were ranked nationally in their respective sports last season. Just as importantly as wins and losses, the NEC continues to take great pride in its student-athletes' commitment to good sportsmanship and giving back to their local communities. Conference members recorded 31,400 hours of community service over the course of the 2017-18 academic year.

We encourage fans to follow us through the NEC's popular online digital network (NECFrontRow.com), as well as on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat and YouTube (@NECSports). Likewise, please visit our official website (NortheastConference.org), as well as the NEC Overtime! blog (NECOvertime.com) for in-depth coverage of the Conference.

We hope the information at your fingertips in this Fan Guide will give you a better understanding of the NEC and its member institutions. Thank you for your #NECPride and continued support!

Sincerely,
Noreen Morris
Commissioner

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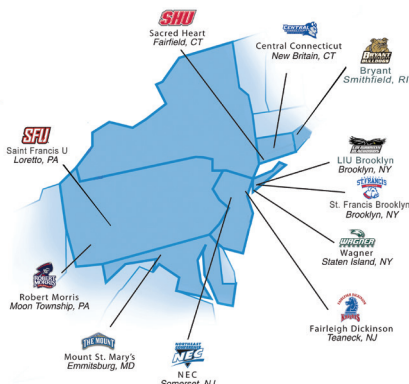


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NEC PROFILE

- The 10 institutions of higher learning that comprise the NEC give the league a six-state geographic footprint, including access to markets including New York (#1), Pittsburgh (#24), Baltimore (#26), Hartford/New Haven (#33), Providence (#53) and Altoona/Johnstown/State College (#106).
- More than 55,000 students attend NEC institutions, while approximately 4,500 participate in intercollegiate athletics.
- NEC associate members include Duquesne in football and women's bowling, and Hobart and Saint Joseph's in men's lacrosse.
- NEC schools have a combined alumni base of over 500,000 graduates.



ABOUT THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE



RESPECT.
It's the name of the game.



SPORTSMANSHIP & RESPECT

Northeast Conference member institutions value the principles of sportsmanship and the ideal of pursuing victory with honor. As such, the NEC Team Sportsmanship Award program recognizes those teams and student-athletes who best exemplify these traits in the spirit of competition. The NEC honored 22 teams for their commitment to sportsmanship during the 2017-18 academic year with CCSU being honored a conference-best six times. Since the NEC Team Sportsmanship program was implemented in 2008-09, Saint Francis U has won a conference-best 37 awards.

The NEC also continued its long-running participation in the NCAA's Respect Campaign, an effort to promote an environment of respect and integrity at Conference events.



IN THE CLASSROOM

NEC student-athletes averaged a record 3.28 GPA for the 2017-18 academic year. All ten NEC institutions finished the year with over a 3.0 GPA and 82 percent of NEC teams posted a 3.0 or better GPA. A record 2,476 student-athletes were named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll in 2017-18, and the 720 tabbed to the Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll with GPAs of 3.75 or higher also set a new conference standard. The NCAA honored 30 NEC teams with public recognition awards for exceptional academic performance with respect to their latest Academic Progress Rate scores. This landed the NEC 12th nationally among all DI conferences. NEC institutions also ranked among the nation's elite in Graduation Success Rate (GSR) figures released by the NCAA with 55 teams achieving a perfect 100 percent GSR in their respective sports and 59 percent earning a GSR of over 90 percent. Men's and women's basketball student-athletes finished sixth and seventh nationally in DI.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

Through its longstanding partnership with ESPN, the NEC Men's Basketball Tournament Championship game has been a staple of the network's "Championship Week" programming since the 1980's. In addition, the NEC women's basketball championship game and multiple regular season men's basketball games are annually televised on ESPNU. The NEC also broadcasts numerous events on ESPN3, which serves as the league's exclusive home for its football broadcast package, and CBS Sports Network.



IN THE COMMUNITY

The NEC, its member institutions and student-athletes have made community involvement an important piece of its mission.

In 2017-18, the NEC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) took an even bigger bite out of hunger this time around. The third annual NEC SAAC Canned Food Drive competition resulted in the collection of 10,886 non-perishable food items, a 46.3 percent increase from the prior year's total. Mount St. Mary's placed first for the second year in a row after donating a conference-high 2,548 items to the Emmitsburg (MD) Food Bank.

The SAAC "Money Wars" fund-raising initiative to support the Children's Cancer Recovery Foundation raised an all-time high \$21,721 in 2017-18. Saint Francis U led the charge and received the Money Wars trophy by raising \$5,820. The NEC's annual donation to the CCRF has increased during every one of the past six years.

For the first time, Saint Francis U was the recipient of the NEC Building Communities award, presented by Bayer. The award recognizes the institution that demonstrates the highest dedication to making an impact in the community through the efforts of its student-athletes, coaches and administrators. SFU logged 5,817 hours and conference members recorded 31,400 hours of community service over the course of the 2017-18 academic year.

NEC FRONT ROW

One of the landmark moments in Northeast Conference history came back in August, 2012 with the launch of NEC Front Row.

Now celebrating its six-year anniversary, the NEC's popular digital platform continued to be a unifying thread among conference members and a one-stop portal for the league's fans.

The NEC's state-of-the-art digital network debuted to rave reviews and has since attracted a loyal following for its rich set of content, which includes live regular season and NEC Championship events, on-demand video, highlight packages, coaches shows, features, original programming and access to the league's extensive digital library, all free of charge to users. The network gives fans inside access to the NEC and its student-athletes on the field, in the classroom, across campus, and in the community.

By the end of year six, over 4,400 live events had been broadcast on Front Row with nearly 1.9 million viewers tuning in to the network.

All events are streamed in HD, feature a DVR-style rewind feature and are instantly archived.

A companion NEC on the Run iOS mobile app provides free, one-click access to live events and on-demand content from NEC Front Row. Fans can also join the conversation through the app's social media integration. The NEC on the Run app can be downloaded on the iPhone, iPad or iPod Touch.



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ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Saint Francis U made history in 2017-18 by winning the program's first-ever Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup. The Red Flash also won the Joan Martin Women's Cup for the fourth time while Bryant captured the Men's Cup for the fifth straight year.

Fairleigh Dickinson bowler Karsyn Lukosius finished her storied career as a two-time NTCA All-American. Lukosius, who was named to the second team, also earned recognition as the NEC Bowler of the Year and the NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in her sport.

It was yet another strong year for NEC women's bowling. Remarkably, five of the NEC's seven bowling members ranked among America's best in the final NTCA Top-20 poll. Perennial national power Fairleigh Dickinson finished the year ranked ninth. The Knights were joined by Sacred Heart (11th), NEC champion Saint Francis U (12th), LIU Brooklyn (15th) and Duquesne (19th).

The legend of Jessica Kovatch continued to grow in 2017-18. The sharpshooting Saint Francis U junior guard was named the NEC and ECAC Player of the Year, but that's just the start. She ranked second in the NCAA in scoring (24.4 ppg), set an NCAA single-season record with 141 made three-pointers, established a new NEC career record for triples (349), broke the NEC single-season record for points (831), set an NEC single-game record with 11 three-pointers and raised her career scoring total to 2,158 points.

In the battle for both NEC and Western Pennsylvania supremacy, Saint Francis U hoisted the NEC women's basketball trophy for the 12th time in its history this past March, holding off Robert Morris for a 66-56 victory before a raucous home crowd at the Stokes Center. Both teams went onto play in the postseason with the Red Flash representing the NEC in the NCAA Tournament and the Colonials taking part in the WNIT.

In front of a sold-out crowd at the Spiro Center and a nationwide audience on ESPN2, fourth-seeded LIU Brooklyn pulled off the upset, posting a 71-61 win over top-seeded Wagner to win the program's sixth NEC title behind a 32-point effort from senior Joel Hernandez. LIU (NCAA), Wagner (NIT) and Saint Francis U (CIT) all qualified for the postseason.

Wagner offensive lineman Greg Senat became the first player in NEC history to compete in the East-West Shrine Game. He was taken by the Baltimore Ravens in the sixth round of the NFL Draft.

NEC football produced four All-Americans. Duquesne offensive lineman Ben Huss was named an AP and STATS FCS All-American, while Saint Francis U cornerback Malik Duncan was named an All-American by STATS FCS and Hero Sports. Bryant linebacker Thomas Costigan earned AP honors and Bulldog kick returner Jean Constant was recognized by STATS FCS.

The Central Connecticut men's cross country dynasty is one of the most amazing stories in the history of the NEC. Under seven-time NEC Coach of the Year Eric Blake, the Blue Devils made history in the fall of 2017, winning their ninth straight league championship. In doing so, CCSU became the first NEC program in any sport to win nine consecutive conference titles.

Saint Francis U softball once again made a name for itself nationally this past season. The Red Flash went undefeated in NEC play for a second straight year and have now won 38 straight games against NEC opponents, the longest active streak and the fourth-longest in NCAA Division I history. SFU has captured back-to-back conference titles, while winning a combined 88 games over the last two years. The slugging Red Flash also finished the season with 83 home runs, a program and NEC record. SFU ranked second in the nation in homers and homers per game.



Robert Morris men's lacrosse earned king of the hill status in a landmark year for the rising program. The Colonials cracked the top-20 in the national polls for the first time and finished 2018 ranked 15th in the Inside Lacrosse media poll and 17th in the USILA poll. RMU won its first NEC title, then went on to beat Canisius in the NCAA Tournament before giving top-seeded Maryland all it could handle in a three-goal setback. Saint Joseph's also cracked the media poll last April, occupying the 20th spot.

The latest in a long line of Terrier greats on the pitch, St. Francis Brooklyn sophomore defender Faouzi Taieb was named a third team All-American by College Soccer News. He anchored a defense that only allowed two goals in conference play and went on to win the program's second straight NEC title and fourth in the last five years.

Led by elite distance runner Kate Svensen, Sacred Heart women's outdoor track and field extended its NEC title run to four. The Pioneers have also won four of the last five indoor crowns. Svensen's banner year included an NEC cross country individual title, a 3K/5K double at NEC indoors and a meet record in the 10K at the outdoor meet. She was the Outstanding Distance Performer at both track events and also won NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors in cross country.

Saint Francis U guard Jessica Kovatch was voted ECAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year, while Bryant outfielder Ryan Ward and SFU guard Caitlyn Kroll were chosen as the ECAC Baseball and Women's Basketball Rookie of the Year, respectively. St. Francis Brooklyn's Tom Giovatto was tabbed the ECAC Men's Soccer Coach of the Year and CCSU's Linda Sagnelli the ECAC Women's Volleyball Coach of the Year. Duquesne QB Tommy Stuart was named ECAC Offensive Player of the Year. Bryant linebacker Thomas Costigan and CCSU women's soccer defender Jennifer Cafferky earned ECAC Defensive Player of the Year recognition in their respective sports.

Bryant redshirt senior Matt Kuhar, the two-time reigning NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Year, ended his year on a high note, earning the first-ever national ITA ranking for a Bulldog player. This year Kuhar registered a win over Cal's Billy Griffith, the 41st ranked player in the country, and was up a set on the #66 Ferran Calvo of Oklahoma when their match was halted. He ended the season with a 26-8 record, including a 20-4 mark at the #1 flight, and was named the Most Improved Player in the ITA Northeast region. Kuhar helped lead Bryant to a fifth straight conference title.

Saint Francis U's Bryce England dominated on the course, the track and in the classroom in 2017-18. The senior began his year with a landslide win at the NEC cross country championships, then was named the NEC Most Outstanding Performer in the distance events at both the indoor and outdoor track and field championships. England won the 3K & 5K at the indoor meet and pulled off the grueling 5K/10K double outdoors. He was named the NEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year in cross country and indoor track, was tabbed to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team and earned an NCAA Cross Country Individual Academic Award.

Bryant freshman outfielder Ryan Ward became the second player in program history to earn All-American honors from Perfect Game/Rawlings, collecting second team honors. He was also named the Collegiate Baseball Co-National Freshman Player of the Year and a Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American.



ABOUT THE NORTHEAST CONFERENCE



NEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NEC takes its championship events to a number of first class venues with the goal of enhancing the experience for its student-athletes and fans alike. For more information on the events listed below, visit northeastconference.org.

CHAMPIONSHIP	DATE	SITE
Cross Country	Oct. 27	Smithfield, RI
Women's Soccer	Nov. 2 & 4	High Seed
Men's Soccer	Nov. 9 & 11	High Seed
Volleyball	Nov. 16-17	High Seed
Swimming & Diving	Feb. 13-16	Nassau County Aquatic Center
Indoor Track & Field	Feb. 15-16	Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex
Men's Basketball	Mar. 6, 9 & 12	High Seeds
Women's Basketball	Mar. 11, 14 & 17	High Seeds
Bowling	Mar. 22-24	Howell Lanes
Women's Golf	Apr. 12-14	LPGA International
Tennis	Apr. 18-20	Mercer County Tennis Center
Men's Golf	Apr. 26-28	LPGA International
Men's Lacrosse	May 2 & 4	High Seed
Women's Lacrosse	May 2 & 4	High Seed
Outdoor Track & Field	May 4-5	New Britain, CT
Softball	May 9-11	High Seed
Baseball	May 23-26	Dodd Stadium

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OFFICIAL SUPPLIERS

BSN Sports/The Rock: Basketball
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QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Smithfield, RI
FOUNDED	1863
ENROLLMENT	3,700
NICKNAME	Bulldogs
STUDENT-ATHLETES	518
TICKET OFFICE	(401) 319-TIXX (8499)

SPORTS

MEN'S (11): baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (11): basketball, cross country, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE www.bryantbulldogs.com
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/BryantAthletics
TWITTER @BryantAthletics



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Baseball redshirt-freshman Ryan Ward earned multiple All-America selections and NEC Player and Rookie of the Year honors in a 2018 campaign in which he ranked in the top five nationally in batting average (.409) and hits (101).
- The Bryant men's tennis team won its fifth consecutive Northeast Conference title in April with 4-0 wins in the semifinal and final. Redshirt senior Matt Kuhar became the first Bulldog in Division I program history to be nationally ranked by the ITA.
- Bryant's women's swimming & diving team won its first Northeast Conference title in February. The Bulldogs won all five relays in the meet, becoming just the third team in NEC history to do so and the first since Central Connecticut in 2008. Bryant broke three NEC meet records over the course of the weekend on Long Island.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Bryant University has made tremendous advances in its mission to educate and inspire students to discover their passion and become innovative leaders with character around the world. More than 99% of the Class of 2017 received full-time jobs or were enrolled in graduate school within six months of graduation.
- Bryant University's innovative academic programs are recognized nationally for integrating business and the arts and sciences and regularly receive top rankings by U.S. News & World Report, USA Today/College Factual, Forbes, Princeton Review, and others.
- Bryant University recently completed Bryant Builds, the largest and most transformative facilities initiative since Bryant's move to Smithfield in 1971. The project added more than 250,000 square feet at the Smithfield campus and the campus in Zhuhai, China, and features the award-winning Academic Innovation Center as well as athletics facilities including the Conaty Indoor Athletic Center, Beirne Stadium, and the Bulldog Strength & Conditioning Center.

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Recommended Area Choice Hotels:

Comfort Suites
 10 Keyes Way
 West Warwick, RI



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

PAWTUCKET RED SOX

www.pawsox.com
 Ben Mondor Way, Pawtucket, RI

TENNIS HALL OF FAME

www.tennisfame.com
 194 Bellevue Ave., Newport, RI

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT BLUE DEVILS



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Blue Devils won the Northeast Conference football championship, going 6-0 in league play, and earned the program's first bid to the FCS Playoffs. Central had 11 players earn All-NEC recognition, including Connor Mignone who was named the league's Offensive Rookie of the Year and earned Freshman All-America honors from Phil Steele. Head coach Pete Rossomando was named a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award as national coach of the year.
- The men's cross country program won its 9th straight Northeast Conference championship in 2017-18, setting a conference record for consecutive championships in any sport. Head coach Eric Blake was named the league's Coach of the Year for the fourth straight season and seventh time overall.
- CCSU collected a conference-high six Team Sportsmanship Awards in 2017-18. The women's cross country, women's soccer, men's soccer, volleyball, women's track & field and women's golf teams were all recognized with the award that is given to teams that most closely demonstrate good sportsmanship based on the NEC Principles of Sportsmanship and Standards of Conduct.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- CCSU broke ground on a new 61,000-square foot student recreation center in the fall of 2017. The Huang Recreation Center will feature sport and multipurpose activity courts, an elevated wellness track, studio space, exercise and fitness areas and office and meeting rooms.
- The Office of Institutional Advancement surpassed \$4 million in fundraising for the third straight year. With matching funds from the state, the total income approached nearly \$6 million. The CCSU Foundation awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to CCSU students.
- Following Hurricane Maria's impact on Puerto Rico, Central Connecticut welcomed college students from the island. The CCSU AirBridge program was spearheaded by CCSU President Zulma Toro to give students whose lives were upended by the storm a place to recover and keep their education on track.

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64 Knott Dr.
Southington, CT



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56 Lexington St., New Britain, CT

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME
www.hoopshall.com
1000 W Columbus Ave., Springfield, MA



QUICK FACTS

LOCATION New Britain, CT
FOUNDED 1849
ENROLLMENT 12,000
NICKNAME Blue Devils
STUDENT-ATHLETES 400
TICKET OFFICE (860) 832-BLUE (2583)

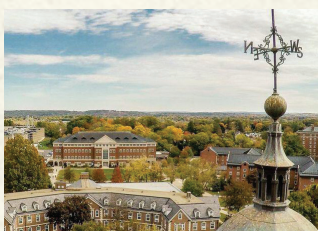
SPORTS

MEN'S (7): baseball, basketball, cross country, football, soccer, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (9): basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE www.ccsbluedevils.com
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/CCSBlueDevils
TWITTER @CCSBlueDevils





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Teaneck, NJ
FOUNDED	1942
ENROLLMENT	6,464
NICKNAME	Knights
STUDENT-ATHLETES	255
TICKET OFFICE	(201) 692-9552

SPORTS

MEN'S (8): baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (11): basketball, bowling, cross country, fencing, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.fduknight.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/FDUathletics
TWITTER	@FDUKnight

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- In 2018, the Fairleigh Dickinson women's golf team punched its ticket to the NCAA Tournament by winning its third Northeast Conference Championship in the last four seasons.
- Men's basketball junior guard Darnell Edge led the NCAA in free throw percentage by converting 94.4 percent (84-for-89) of his shots at the line. Edge became the first FDU men's basketball player to lead the country in a category in the program's 68-year history. For his career, the All-NEC Third Team honoree is a 93.2 percent (150-for-161) free throw shooter.
- Men's soccer's Ahu Obhakhian earned All-NEC First Team honors and was equally impressive in the classroom as he earned the NEC Men's Soccer Scholar-Athlete award and the program's first-ever 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-American title.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Devoted to preparing world citizens, FDU is New Jersey's largest private university with two campuses in northern New Jersey and international campuses in Vancouver, Canada, and Oxfordshire, England.
- FDU offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including doctoral programs and an AACSB-accredited business college.
- Named a Best Value school by U.S. News & World Report, the University is ranked among the nation's best in improving the social/economic mobility of students and has been repeatedly recognized as a leader in educating military veterans.

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Paramus, NJ



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GARDEN STATE PLAZA MALL

www.westfield.com/gardenstateplaza
Rte. 17 South & Rte. 4 East, Paramus, NJ

NEW YORK CITY

www.nycgo.com



LIU BROOKLYN BLACKBIRDS



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- LIU had two men's teams win Northeast Conference championships and make postseason appearances on a national stage. The LIU Brooklyn men's basketball team, under first year head coach Derek Kellogg, won the 2017-18 NEC men's basketball tournament. The LIU Brooklyn baseball team made history across the board in the postseason, winning its' program-record 31st game en-route to capturing its first-ever NEC Tournament title.
- On the women's side, three teams won their respective NEC championships, including two in historic fashion. Volleyball continued its nearly two decades of dominance, winning the program's second straight title. Just a few months later, women's indoor track & field won its seventh indoor team title, also an NEC record. In the spring, women's tennis won its second straight NEC title.
- Academically, the Blackbirds had their best year ever. The department finished with a record-breaking 3.401 GPA, and had a league-best six teams earn NEC Team GPA awards.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- LIU Brooklyn is located in the heart of New York City's most vibrant neighborhood, Brooklyn's Tech Triangle, and offers nearly 200 academic programs.
- Executives from BSE Global and LIU were joined by Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams in a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the LIU Brooklyn Paramount Theatre, located at the intersection of Flatbush and Dekalb Avenues in Downtown Brooklyn. The renovation and operation of LIU Brooklyn Paramount Theatre will be overseen by BSE Global, the same team behind Barclays Center and NYCB LIVE, home of the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum.
- LIU Brooklyn is ranked first in the nation for health professional majors by PayScale, offering more professional programs in health care than any other campus in New York City, including the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy (the oldest College of Pharmacy in New York), and the Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing. LIU also presents the annual George Polk Awards in journalism, having established the internationally acclaimed honor in 1949.

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New York, NY



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BROOKLYN MUSEUM

www.brooklynmuseum.org
200 Eastern Pkwy., Brooklyn, NY

BARCLAYS CENTER

www.barclayscenter.com
620 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, NY



QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Brooklyn, NY
FOUNDED	1926
ENROLLMENT	8,170
NICKNAME	Blackbirds
STUDENT-ATHLETES	286
TICKET OFFICE	(718) 488-1018

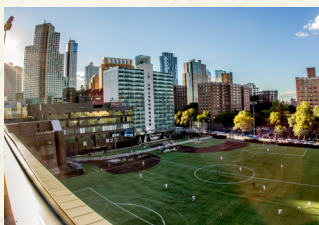
SPORTS

MEN'S (6): baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (13): basketball, bowling, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.liuathletics.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/LIUathletics
TWITTER	@LIUathletics
INSTAGRAM	@LIUathletics





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Emmitsburg, MD
FOUNDED	1808
ENROLLMENT	2,365
NICKNAME	The Mount, Mountaineers
STUDENT-ATHLETES	453
TICKET OFFICE	(301) 447-5700

SPORTS

MEN'S (10): baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

WOMEN'S (12): basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, softball, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.mountathletics.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/mountathletics
TWITTER	@MountAthletics

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Mount Men's outdoor track & field team won the NEC Championships for the first time in 21 years, and D.J. Workcuff was named the Most Valuable Performer.
- Junior Robinson became just the second player in program history to win NEC Men's Basketball Player of the Year honors.
- The Mount St. Mary's baseball team advanced to the NEC Tournament for the first time in 10 years.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Mount St. Mary's ranked as the No. 1 college for employment in Maryland and No. 21 in the nation, according to the career-guidance site Zippia.
- The Mount made Money Magazine's "Best Colleges for Your Money" list. The magazine evaluated 2,400 colleges and universities on four factors, including financial stability and graduation rates.
- Mount St. Mary's piloted a new program for a service semester, where the University sends students along with a mentor/advisor to do service work in a Daughters of Charity Organization in Philadelphia.

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ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Construction continues on the UPMC Events Center, a 140,000-square foot complex for the men's and women's basketball and volleyball programs. The UPMC Events Center is the main part of a \$50 million project that also includes a student recreation and fitness center on RMU's Moon Township campus, which opened in October of 2017.
- The Robert Morris men's lacrosse team earned its first Northeast Conference Tournament championship and subsequent bid to the NCAA Tournament in program history with a 9-8 overtime victory at No. 20 Saint Joseph's in the title game. Tyson Gibson provided the golden goal with 10 seconds left in overtime to propel the Colonials to the win.
- Junior Lilly Harnish was named the NEC Most Outstanding Performer in the jumps for both the 2018 indoor and outdoor seasons at the league's annual championships. She is just the second student-athlete in school history to make it a clean sweep in both indoor and outdoor track & field, joining Nicole Downing, who claimed both awards for field events in 2004.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- RMU jumped 12 spots to No. 176 on the U.S. News and World Report list of Best National Universities, one of the biggest climbs in the nation.
- RMU became the first university in Pennsylvania to join the Amazon Web Services AWS Academy.
- Robert Morris received \$5 million from the Richard King Mellon Foundation to renovate the John Jah Center for the School of Engineering, Mathematics and Science.

WHERE TO STAY

CHOICE HOTELS

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Recommended Area Choice Hotels:

Comfort Suites
750 Aten Rd.
Coraopolis, PA



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH
www.visitpittsburgh.com

THE MALL AT ROBINSON
www.shoprobinsonmall.com

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Moon Township, PA
FOUNDED	1921
ENROLLMENT	5,076
NICKNAME	Colonials
STUDENT-ATHLETES	420
TICKET OFFICE	(412) 397-4949

SPORTS

MEN'S (6): basketball, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer

WOMEN'S (10): basketball, cross country, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, soccer, softball, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.rmucolonials.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/RMUathletics
TWITTER	@RMUathletics





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Fairfield, CT
FOUNDED	1963
ENROLLMENT	8,352
NICKNAME	Pioneers
STUDENT-ATHLETES	999
TICKET OFFICE	(203) 396-11XX (8499)

SPORTS

MEN'S (14): baseball, basketball, cross country, fencing, football, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, wrestling

WOMEN'S (19): basketball, bowling, cheerleading, cross country, equestrian, fencing, field hockey, golf, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing, rugby, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.shubigred.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/sacredheartuniversitypioneers
TWITTER	@SHUBigRed



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- SHU student-athletes created Heart-to-Heart to SHUTDownTheStigma of Mental Health. The Pioneers now host Heart-to-Heart games across all sports, to help spread mental health awareness.
- Elite distance runner Kate Svensen had a banner senior year for the Pioneers. Among her accolades included the NEC cross country individual title and Outstanding Distance Performer accolades at both the NEC Indoor & Outdoor Championships.
- Sacred Heart had four honorees selected as NEC Scholar-Athletes of the Year including Kate Svensen (W. Cross Country), Amanda Nardiello (W. Bowling), Abigail Hood (W. Golf) and Emily Orasco (Softball).

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Sacred Heart has long been recognized as one of the nation's leading universities. SHU is ranked among The Princeton Review's "Best 382 Colleges: 2018" and "Best 294 Business Schools: 2017" with a top-tier ranking in U.S. News & World Report for the past ten years.
- SHU is constructing the Bobby Valentine Recreation Center, a state-of-the-art fitness facility for the whole student population. The 57,400-square foot, three-story center will be one of the most advanced athletic facilities in the nation, complete with an indoor track, a bowling center, an 18-bike spin center, a 45-foot climbing wall and exercise and weight-training rooms.
- Opened last year, Sacred Heart University's newest dining hall, JP's Diner, is a '50s-style diner and the first on-campus diner in all of New England. Named for SHU President John J. Petillo, JP's is located on SHU's newly-constructed Upper Quad, between the William H. Pitt Center and Pioneer Park.

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Quality Suites
1500 South Ave.
Stratford, CT



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

NORWALK AQUARIUM
www.maritimeaquarium.org

CONNECTICUT'S BEARDSLEY ZOO
www.beardsleyzoo.org



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- St. Francis Brooklyn announced the addition of men's volleyball and women's soccer in June. With the addition of the two new athletic programs, St. Francis Brooklyn increased its sports sponsorship to 21. The women's soccer program will be a member of the Northeast Conference (NEC) and is set to begin competition in the fall of 2019. The men's volleyball team embarks on its inaugural season during the winter of the 2019-20 academic year.
- The St. Francis Brooklyn men's soccer team defeated LIU Brooklyn, 5-0, to capture its fourth NEC Championship in the last five years. The victory marked the Terriers second-straight NEC Championship and seventh overall. The five-goal margin of victory tied for the largest in NEC Championship game history. The Terriers advanced to the NCAA Soccer Championship for the second year in a row and went head-to-head with Fordham in the first round.
- The women's basketball and women's track & field programs earned NEC Sportsmanship Awards for demonstrating good sportsmanship based on the NEC Principles of Sportsmanship and Standards of Conduct. The women's basketball program was recognized for its commitment to sportsmanship for the fifth time in six years, while the women's indoor track and field team earned the distinction for the second-straight year.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- With more than 17 years of academic and leadership experience, St. Francis College celebrated the inauguration of Dr. Miguel Martinez-Saenz as the College's 19th President in the institution's 160 year history.
- U.S. News & World Report ranked St. Francis on five Best lists for the 2018 year including Best Regional Colleges in the North, Least Debt, and Best in Ethnic Diversity.
- Putting together rankings from various publishers and student reviews from a variety of sources, the organization, College Consensus, named St. Francis College as the sixth Best Regional College in the North.

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Cambria Hotel & Suites - Times Square
30 W. 46th Street
New York, NY



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

BROOKLYN PROMENADE
www.nyharborsparks.org

NEW YORK CITY
www.nycgo.com

QUICK FACTS

LOCATIONBrooklyn Heights, NY
FOUNDED1859
ENROLLMENT2,700
NICKNAMETerriers
STUDENT-ATHLETES250
TICKET OFFICE(718) 489-5411

SPORTS

MEN'S (10): basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming & diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, water polo

WOMEN'S (11): basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, soccer, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, water polo

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE www.sfathletics.com
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/sfcterriers
TWITTER @SFBKterriers





QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Loretto, PA
FOUNDED	1847
ENROLLMENT	2,250
NICKNAME	Red Flash
STUDENT-ATHLETES	605
TICKET OFFICE	(814) 472-3286

SPORTS

MEN'S (8): basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball

WOMEN'S (14): basketball, bowling, cross country, field hockey, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, volleyball, water polo

MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE	www.sfuathletics.com
FACEBOOK	www.facebook.com/SFUathletics
TWITTER	@SFUathletics



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- It was a memorable year for the Red Flash as a department-record four programs took home NEC titles - women's basketball, women's soccer, bowling, and softball.
- Backed by its four championships, the Saint Francis Athletics Department captured its first ever Brenda Weare Commissioner's Cup for the 2017-18 academic school year. SFU's 20-NEC affiliated sports totaled 202.70 points for the highest total in school history. The Red Flash edged its nearest pursuer, Sacred Heart, by 9.56 total points. Additionally, Saint Francis took home the Joan Martin Commissioner's Cup, awarded to the University with the highest achieving women's sports programs.
- Jess Kovatch's amazing year highlights the individual achievements within the department. Kovatch led all of NCAA Division I in three-point field goals made with 141 and ranked second in the country in scoring at 24.4 ppg. Kovatch eclipsed the 2,000 career point mark and enters her senior season as the NCAA's active career leader in 3PT FG's (349) and career points (2,158).

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- SFU athletes recorded a combined 3.409 cumulative gpa in the spring semester, a department record. Additionally, the athletic department took home its fourth-ever Institutional Academic Award, netting a conference-record 3.423 overall gpa over the two semesters. SFU student-athletes have recorded a cumulative grade-point average above 3.0 for 39 consecutive semesters.
- The University unveiled a new three "School" academic structure including a new School of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) designed to expand collaboration among STEM and Humanities disciplines to prepare for careers that don't even exist today.
- The University began construction of a new Health Sciences Experiential Learning Commons, a new interdisciplinary space where OTs, PAs, Nurses and Physical Therapists can practice real-world healthcare scenarios with five simulation areas and other specialized training spaces.

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130 Patchway Road
Duncansville, PA



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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www.railroadcity.com

ALTOONA CURVE BASEBALL
www.altoonacurve.com

WAGNER SEAHAWKS



ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Wagner women's lacrosse program claimed its second NEC Championship in the last three years after finishing the year with a 14-6 overall record and a 7-1 conference mark. Additionally, the Seahawks earned the program's first NCAA Tournament win, defeating Mercer in the NCAA preliminary round, 13-9, at Hameline Field.
- Wagner offensive tackle Greg Senat was selected by the Baltimore Ravens in the sixth round of the 2018 NFL Draft.
- Wagner baseball amassed a program-best 38 wins (38-18), collected a program-high 21 conference wins (21-7) and was crowned NEC co-regular season champion.

INSTITUTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wagner College was named one of America's best colleges in the Princeton Review's new "Best 384 Colleges" guide.
- On June 20, 2018, Wagner College welcomed its fifth Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) initiative for a summer-long Mandela Washington Fellowship program, which featured six weeks of study, service, fun and fellowship. The group of 25 young people (ages 25 to 35) from sub-Saharan Africa, each of whom are up-and-coming community leaders in their home countries.
- In April, both Playbill and Broadway World reported that Wagner College Theatre alumnus Alex Boniello '13, who made his Broadway debut as the Voice of Moritz in Deaf West's 2015 revival of "Spring Awakening," was selected to succeed Tony nominee Mike Faist in Broadway's "Dear Evan Hansen." In the play, which opened in May, Boniello plays the character Connor Murphy. "Dear Evan Hansen," now on stage at the Music Box Theatre, won the 2017 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Book, Best Score and Best Orchestration, among others.

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Comfort Suites
1275 Route 1+9 South
Avenel, NJ



LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER
www.snug-harbor.org
1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY

STATEN ISLAND MALL
www.statenisland-mall.com
2655 Richmond Ave., Staten Island, NY

QUICK FACTS

LOCATION	Staten Island, NY
FOUNDED	1883
ENROLLMENT	2,000
NICKNAME	Seahawks
STUDENT-ATHLETES	483
TICKET OFFICE	(718) 420-4039

SPORTS

MEN'S (10): baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, lacrosse, tennis, indoor and outdoor track & field, water polo

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MEDIA

ATHLETIC WEBSITE www.wagnerathletics.com
FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/WagnerAthletics
TWITTER @WagnerAthletics





On September 10, 2018, Merrimack College officially accepted an invitation from the NEC's Council of Presidents to become the league's 11th member.

Located in Andover and North Andover, Massachusetts, Merrimack will become a full member of the NEC in 2023-24 upon completion of its' four-year NCAA reclassification period from Division II.

Nicknamed the Warriors, Merrimack will offer 24 sports at the Division I level, including 10 men's and 14 women's teams. Among its most notable athletic accomplishments, Merrimack's men's lacrosse team won the NCAA Division II national championship last season.

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