A total of 38 student-athletes (19 men) named to ECAC Hockey All-Academic Team
Senior golfer Jamie Jackson (Belfast, ME / Belfast Area) named Liberty League Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
BreLynn Nasypany named head women’s soccer coach
Incoming student-athlete Todd Burgess (Phoenix, AZ / Fairbanks Ice Dogs) chosen in fourth round of NHL Entry Draft (103rd overall) by Ottawa Senators
Sophomore Matt Vitali (Clear Brook, VA / James Wood) named to CoSIDA National Academic All-America Men’s Cross Country/Track & Field Third Team
Junior Maddie Dery (Mahopac, NY / Mahopac) named to CoSIDA National Academic All-America Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field Second Team; Sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland) and senior Andrea Ukleja (Wayne, NJ / Wayne Hills) chosen to Third Team
Men’s tennis recruiting class ranked school record sixth in TennisRecruiting.net Top 25 NCAA Division III Men’s Recruiting Classes for 2016; RPI had not been listed in any of first six annual recruiting rankings
Senior Alexa Gruschow (Mechanicsburg, PA / Washington Pride) signed professional free agent contract with New York Riveters of National Women’s Hockey League (NWHL)
Senior golfer Jamie Jackson (Belfast, ME / Belfast Area) named to CoSIDA National Academic All-America Men’s At-Large First Team; Jackson was Third Team choice in 2014-15
Sophomore swimmer Shanny Lin (El Paso, TX / El Paso) named to CoSIDA National Academic All-America Women’s At-Large Third Team
Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) named Men’s Outdoor Field Performer of the Year by the Liberty League
Men’s Outdoor Track & Field Coaching Staff chosen as Coaching Staff of the Year by Liberty League
Freshman Aurora Freedman (Danville, PA / Danville) named Women’s Outdoor Rookie of the Year by the Liberty League
Women’s Outdoor Track & Field Coaching Staff chosen as Coaching Staff of the Year by Liberty League
Senior Emily Laurilliard (Niskayuna, NY / Niskayuna) named Northeast Region ITA/Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award winner
Junior Matt Hall (Sudbury, MA / Lincoln-Sudbury), junior Breanainn McNeally (Severna Park, MD / Archbishop Spaulding) and senior John Phillips (Oswego, NY / Oswego) selected USILA Men’s Lacrosse All-America Honorable Mention
A total of 17 (of 21) teams had term GPAs of 3.0 or better, with the women led by swimming & diving (3.47) and the men led by track & field (3.39).
Senior Amanda Lynch (Middletown, NY / John S. Burke), a two-sport athlete (basketball, lacrosse), presented Livingston W. Houston Citizenship Award as the “first citizen of the college”
Senior golfer Jamie Jackson (Belfast, ME / Belfast Area) awarded the Leopold L. Balleisen Prize, presented to senior student-athlete who stands highest academically in senior class
Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) earns National All-America in the hammer throw with sixth place finish
Junior Michael Pesanello (Mahwah, NJ / Mahwah) earns National All-America in the hammer throw with eighth place finish
Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) repeats as National All-America in discus with sixth place finish
Sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland) and senior Shannon Trant (Niskayuna, NY / Niskayuna) compete in 1500 meters and 10000 meters, respectively, at NCAA Championship Meet in Waverly, Iowa; Lord advanced to the finals and finished 10th, while Trant was 16th.
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• Sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland) and juniors Maddie Dery (Mahopac, NY / Mahopac) and Ben Fazio (East Greenwich, RI / East Greenwich) compete in 5000 meters at NCAA Championship Meet in Waverly, Iowa; Lord did not finish, while Dery and Fazio were 20th and 18th in their respective events

• Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) selected as USTFCCCA Atlantic Region Men’s Field Athlete of the Year

• John Lynch chosen as USTFCCCA Atlantic Region Women’s Assistant Coach of the Year

• Junior Stephanie Caudle (Gainesville, FL / Gainesville) named to NFCA All-America Second Team in utility position

• Senior John Phillips (Oswego, NY / Oswego), a defenseman, selected to play in USILA Senior Game

• Sophomore Devan Puhl (Frederick, MD / Linganore) named to CoSIDA National Academic All-America Softball First Team

• Baseball (16-27) advanced to championship game of Liberty League Tournament

• A total of 93 student-athletes named to Liberty League Spring All-Academic Team

• Freshman Meaghan Podlaski (Colonie, NY / Colonie) competed for Team USA at IAAF World Race Walking Cup in Rome, Italy

• Men’s lacrosse (12-5) hosts Amherst in NCAA First Round game, losing 16-11

• Junior Breannainn McNeally (Severna Park, MD / Archbishop Spaulding) sets school men’s lacrosse record for goals in season with 54

• Junior Stephanie Caudle (Gainesville, FL / Gainesville) named Liberty League Player of the Year in softball

• Men’s lacrosse (12-5) advanced to championship game of Liberty League Tournament

• Men’s Outdoor Track & Field wins New York State Championship Meet

• Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) named New York State Meet Field Performer of the Meet

• Coaching staff named New York State Meet Staff of the Meet

• Men’s tennis (9-8) advanced to championship match of Liberty League Tournament

• Women’s Outdoor Track & Field wins Liberty League Championship Meet

• Freshman Aurora Freedman (Danville, PA / Danville) named Liberty League Rookie of the Meet

• Men’s Outdoor Track & Field wins Liberty League Championship Meet, its eighth consecutive title

• Junior Ben Fazio (East Greenwich, RI / East Greenwich) named Liberty League Championship Meet co-Track Performer of the Meet

• Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) named Liberty League Championship Meet Field Performer of the Meet

• Freshman Grant O’Connor (West Hartford, CT / Hall) named Liberty League Championship Meet Rookie of the Meet

• Senior Jason Kasdorf (Winnipeg, MB / Des Moines Buccaneers) makes NHL debut with Buffalo Sabres, stopping 26 shots in 4-1 loss to Columbus

• Jordan Smelker ’14 helps the Boston Pride, one of the four charter franchises of the National Women’s Hockey League (NWHL), win the inaugural Isobel Cup, defeating the Buffalo Beauts

• Freshman Josefine Hansen (Copenhagen, Denmark / Shattuck St. Mary’s) helped Danish National Team to fourth place finish at 2016 International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Women’s World Championships, earning the tournament’s "Top Defenseman" award

• Freshman Meaghan Podlaski (Colonie, NY / Colonie) finished second in women’s junior 10k race walk at the USA Track & Field trials and qualified to represent the United States at International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) World Race Walking Cup in Rome, Italy

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- Senior Maddie Miller (Yardley, PA / Princeton Day School) finished eighth in the nation in 3-meter diving at the NCAA Championship Meet to earn National All-America (420.40 points); Miller also competed in 1-meter competition
- Sophomore Danielle Sauve (Walpole, MA / Walpole) swam in NCAA Championship Meet, competing in three events
- Sophomore Shanny Lin (El Paso, TX / El Paso) finished fourth in nation in 200 butterfly at NCAA Championship Meet to earn National All-America recognition (school record 2:01.55); She also competed in two other events
- Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) named Men’s Indoor Field Performer of the Year by Liberty League
- Freshman Grant O’Connor (West Hartford, CT / Hall) named Men’s Rookie of the Year by Liberty League
- Sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland) named Women’s Indoor Track Performer of the Year by Liberty League
- Senior Jason Kasdorf (Winnipeg, MB / Des Moines Buccaneers) signs NHL contract with Buffalo Sabres
- Sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland) finished third in the nation in the 3000 meters (school record 9:40.01) and junior Maddie Dery (Mahopac, NY / Mahopac) was sixth (9:40.65) in the same event to earn National All-America
- The women’s distance medley relay team of sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland), junior Maddie Dery (Mahopac, NY / Mahopac), sophomore Caroline Howes (Annandale, VA / W.T. Woodson) and junior Jodi Wrzosek (Downington, PA / Downington West) finished one place out of All-America position with a ninth-place finish at 2016 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships in Grinnell, Iowa; They crossed in a time of 11:55.17, breaking their own school record by more than four seconds
- Junior Ben Fazio (East Greenwich, RI / East Greenwich) competed in the men’s mile preliminaries at the 2016 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships in Grinnell, Iowa, finishing 15th (4:17.85)
- Senior Tyler Yeastedt (Merrimac, MA / Central Catholic) competed in the weight throw, finishing 13th (16.98 meters) at the 2016 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track and Field Championships in Grinnell, Iowa
- Freshman Lovisa Selander (Sollentuna, Sweden / SDE Riksserien) named All-ECAC Hockey Third Team and ECAC Hockey All-Rookie Team; She was also a finalist for ECAC Hockey Goaltender of the Year and ECAC Hockey Rookie of the Year
- Freshman Sam Krumbhaar (Glen Burnie, MD / North County) named to Liberty League All-Rookie Team in women’s basketball
- Freshman Tom Horvat (Cranston, RI / Marianapolis Prep) named to Liberty League All-Rookie Team in basketball
- Men’s hockey defeats Brown in first round of ECAC Hockey Playoffs, 2 games to 0
- A total of 25 student-athletes named to Liberty League Winter All-Academic Team
- Head baseball coach Karl Steffen earns 800th career win with team’s 6-4 win over Alvernia in Ashland, Va
- Both the men’s and women’s swimming & diving teams finished second in New York State Meets
- Both the men’s and women’s indoor track & field teams finished second in Liberty League Meets
- Joe Juneau ’91 presented NCAA Silver Anniversary Award
- A total of 16 (of 21) teams had term GPAs of 3.0 or better, with the women led by softball (3.45) and the men led by track & field (3.27).
Senior Phillip Lanieri III (Port Jefferson, NY / Earl L. Vandermeulen), a cornerback, named National All-America by AP Little (3rd Team) and AFCA and later invited to NFL Regional Combine in Baltimore

Seniors Phillip Lanieri III (Port Jefferson, NY / Earl L. Vandermeulen), a cornerback, Jeff Avery (White Plains, NY / White Plains), a quarterback, Logan Gaddar (South Portland, ME / South Portland), a wide receiver, and Anthony Pilla (Lake Hauto, PA / Marian Catholic) compete in National Bowl in Miami

Senior Nick Schlatz (Bridgewater, MA / Bridgewater-Raynham Regional) competes in Aztec Bowl in Mexico City

Men’s swimming & diving wins Liberty League Championship Meet; Women place second; Men’s Swimming & Diving Coaching Staff chosen as Coaching Staff of the Year by Liberty League; Amanda Wang (Ardsley, NY / Ardsley) named Liberty League Rookie of the Meet in women’s swimming

Senior Teague Florio (Southampton, NY / Southampton) named to CoSIDA National Academic All-America Football Second Team

John Lynch named Liberty League Coach of the Year in women’s cross country

Football (9-2) defeats Buffalo State, 20-13, in ECAC Asa S. Bushnell Bowl Championship in New Britain, Conn.

Junior Ben Fazio (East Greenwich, RI / East Greenwich) repeats as National All-America in men’s cross country after finishing 20th at the NCAA Championship in Winneconne, Wis.

Sophomore Jaime Lord (Stony Point, NY / North Rockland) finished 15th overall to earn National All-America and the Engineers finished a school-record ninth place in the NCAA Division III Women’s Cross Country Championships at the Lake Breeze Golf Club in Winneconne, Wis. Senior Shannon Trant (Niskayuna, NY / Niskayuna) was second on the team and 36th overall, one spot from All-America status (21:47.5).

Senior Jeff Avery (White Plains, NY / White Plains), a quarterback, named Liberty League co-Offensive Player of the Year

Men’s soccer falls at Brandeis, 2-1 in double overtime in NCAA Tournament Second Round contest; The Engineers, an at-large selection, defeated Stevens, 2-1, in the first round in Waltham, Mass.

Football wins Dutchman Shoes Trophy for third straight year, defeating Union, 23-10

A total of 67 student-athletes named to Liberty League Winter All-Academic Team

Senior Celia D’Agostino (Saratoga Springs, NY / Saratoga Springs), a midfielder, selected to play in NFHCA Senior Game

Women’s cross country wins Liberty League Championship; Men finish second

Men’s hockey hosts No. 1 Boston College, defeating the Eagles, 2-1

The Rensselaer Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2015 including Dwaine Alleyne ’04 (track & field), Jon Branche ’07 (football), Greg Derevianko ’07 (diving), Adam LoGiudice ’07 (football, lacrosse) and Anthony Ortolano (head athletic trainer) was inducted

The year-end athletic department awards for the 2014-15 season were presented to Meg Colitz ’14 (track & field), Jon Branche ’07 (football), Greg Derevianko ’07 (diving), Adam LoGiudice ’07 (football, lacrosse) and Anthony Ortolano (head athletic trainer) was inducted

Andrew Franks (Carmel, CA / Carmel), a kicker, plays for Miami Dolphins in regular season NFL game, marking first RPI alumni to play in National Football League

Junior McKinley Grimes (Bedford, NH / Bedford) and senior Sherman Uyeno (Brea, CA / Brea Olinda) advance to finals of USTA/ITA Regional Tournament

Men’s soccer, which reached a high of No. 7 in national poll, wins eight straight games to start season, setting the school record
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- Football retains Transit Trophy with 28-21 win at WPI
- Junior McKinley Grimes (Bedford, NH / Bedford) and senior Sherman Uyeno (Brea, CA / Brea Olinda) win A Flight Doubles Tournament in Middlebury Invitational
- Lee McElroy presented with Edward H. Pattison Award, which honors good citizenship and a philanthropic spirit, from the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Andrew Franks (Carmel, CA / Carmel) named starting kicker for Miami Dolphins
- Sean Conroy (Clifton Park, NY / Shenendehowa) made history on June 25 by starting in his first professional baseball game as the first openly gay pro baseball player; The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown has preserved that history forever with a display at the museum

SUMMARY:

- 4 All-ECAC Hockey
  - 1 All-ECAC Hockey Second Team
  - 1 All-ECAC Hockey Third Team
  - 2 ECAC Hockey All-Rookie Team
- 153 All-Liberty League
  - 80 All-Liberty League First Team
  - 56 All-Liberty League Second Team
  - 17 All-Liberty League Honorable Mention
- 5 Liberty League Year-End Performers
  - Avery, Caudle, Lord, Yeastedt (2)
- 3 Liberty League Rookies of the Year
  - Freedman, O’Connor, Wang
- 4 Liberty League Coaches of the Year
  - Lynch, O’Brien, Tory (2)
- 5 Liberty League Team Champions
  - Women’s Cross Country, Football (co), Men’s Swimming & Diving, Men’s Outdoor Track & Field, Women’s Outdoor Track & Field
- 8 Liberty League Team Runner-Ups
  - Baseball, Men’s Cross Country, Men’s Lacrosse, Men’s Swimming & Diving, Women’s Swimming & Diving, Men’s Tennis, Men’s Indoor Track & Field, Women’s Indoor Track & Field
- 4 Liberty League Tournament Participants
  - Baseball, Softball, Men’s Lacrosse, Men’s Tennis
- 3 NCAA Tournament Teams
  - Women’s Cross Country, Men’s Lacrosse, Men’s Soccer
- 16 NCAA Individual Participants
  - Dery (2), Fazio (3), Howes, Lin, Lord (2), Miller, Pesanello, D. Sauve, Trant, Wrozek, Yeastedt (2)
- 15 National All-America
  - Caudle, Dery, Fazio, Hall, McNeally, Miller, Lanieri (2), Lin, Lord (2), Pesanello, Phillips, Yeastedt (2)
- 7 All-Star Game Participants
  - Avery, D’Agostino, Gaddar, Lanieri, Phillips, Pilla, Schlatz
- 223 All-Academic
  - 67 Liberty League Fall
  - 25 Liberty League Winter

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- 93 Liberty League Spring
- 38 ECAC Hockey
- 8 CoSIDA National Academic All-America
  - Dery, Florio, Jackson, Lin, Lord, Puhl, Ukleja, Vitagliano
- Spring Academics
  - 557 Student-Athletes with 3.18 average and 3.14 cum GPA
    - 206 Women with 3.27 average GPA and 3.22 cum GPA
    - 351 Men with 3.13 average GPA and 3.09 cum GPA
  - 17 of 21 teams with 3.0+ term GPA
    - Swimming & diving (3.47) and Track & field (3.41) led women
    - Track & field (3.39) and Hockey (3.36) led men
  - 18 of 21 teams with 3.0+ cum GPA
    - Swimming & diving (3.41) and Track & field (3.38) led women
    - Track & field (3.33) and Soccer (3.27) led men
- Fall Academics
  - 589 Student-Athletes with 3.09 average and 3.10 cum GPA
    - 212 Women with 3.18 average GPA and 3.18 cum GPA
    - 377 Men with 3.03 average GPA and 3.05 cum GPA
  - 16 of 21 teams with 3.0+ term GPA
    - Softball (3.45) and Swimming & diving / Cross country (3.34) led women
    - Track & field (3.27) and Soccer (3.20) led men
  - 16 of 21 teams with 3.0+ cum GPA
    - Swimming & diving (3.41) and Cross country (3.37) led women
    - Track & field (3.33) and Soccer (3.26) led men