RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE
BUILDING A B1G FUTURE

$15 MILLION

Rutgers secured the largest gift in its Athletics history - $15 million - to support the academic achievements of its student-athletes via the construction of the Gary and Barbara Rodkin Center for Academic Success. The building to be constructed on the Busch Campus will consolidate all academic support services for Athletics in a single building. The Center will also house training facilities for the men’s and women’s soccer and lacrosse programs and offices for athletics administration.

RWJBARNABAS HEALTH ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE CENTER

Rutgers held a topping off ceremony to symbolize the placement of the final piece of structural steel in the construction of the RWJBarnabas Health Athletic Performance Center, slated for completion in summer 2019. The 307,000-square-foot, four-story facility and parking deck will serve as home to a comprehensive sports medicine program and will provide state-of-the-art practice facilities, training areas, weight room, locker room and office space for men’s and women’s basketball, wrestling and gymnastics. The facility will also house a nutrition café, as well as a Hall of Fame lobby and spirit store open to the public.
“Recognize the journey to success because it will not be an easy one. When you’re out there working and it feels like you’re at your breaking point, understanding you’re only halfway there. I challenge you to bear down and grind it out because the top is beautiful.”

- Marco Battaglia • Former All-American Tight End

LET’S BUILD THIS!
Rutgers held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the Marco Battaglia Football Practice Complex, a state-of-the-art facility among the best in the nation, on August 6, 2017. The Complex was the latest privately-funded facility to open under Director of Athletics Pat Hobbs, following the Fred Hill Training Complex, the Garutti Strength and Conditioning Center, the Druskin Strength and Conditioning Center and the Suydam basketball locker room.

RFund secured $30 million in new gifts and pledges in 2018 to surpass its previous record of $28.9 million achieved in fiscal year 2017.
THE BIG TEN CONFERENCE

THE BIG TEN
Rutgers is a member of the Big Ten Conference, which leads the nation in total students competing in intercollegiate athletics and participation opportunities.

85 NATIONAL TITLES
claimed in 23 different sports
over the last 12 full academic years
Each year more than 11 million patrons attend Big Ten home contests, as the conference leads the nation in attendance for men’s basketball, volleyball and wrestling.

BUILDING CHAMPIONS
Rutgers produced 40 All Big-Ten selections/place winners, three Big Ten Position Players of the Year and one Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 2017-18, in addition to 14 All-Americans. Wrestling’s Nick Suriano was a national finalist at 125 pounds, Addison Walkowiak became an All-American diver and track & field’s Rudy Winkler was a national finalist in the hammer throw.
BRIGHT LIGHTS, B1G CITY

7,348,620

Rutgers is the only Power Five conference program located in the nation’s largest media market, New York City, with 7,348,620 television households comprising 6.407% of the United States.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

86 Rutgers Athletics competitions were televised live on national linear networks in 2017-18. 72 competitions were televised on BTN, available in almost 60 million homes across the United States and Canada. In total, 348 Rutgers Athletics competitions were televised on linear networks or streamed online over 280 days, an average of 1.24 live competitions per calendar day of exposure.
THE FACTS
RVision produced 72 competitions for BTN Plus, streamed 26 games for BTN2Go, produced 17 additional events for stream and streamed 22 press conferences for a total of 137 events available for live consumption in 2017-18. In addition, RVision produced 238 video features, 99 highlight packages and 55 video recaps, a total of 392 segments of video content.

RIOT SQUAD
The Riot Squad is the official student fan group of Rutgers University. Comprised of the most energetic and passionate students, it ensures a spirited atmosphere at sporting events.
THE UNIVERSITY

REVOLUTIONARY
Established in 1766, Rutgers University is the State University of New Jersey and the eighth oldest higher education institution in the United States.

RESEARCH
Rutgers is a member, along with Harvard, Yale, and Berkeley, of the prestigious Association of American Universities, the 61 leading research universities in North America.

WITH HONORS
Rutgers has harnessed the vast resources of our renowned research university to create a new state-of-the-art Honors College. A living-learning community focused on tackling complex problems and global challenges, it is where 500 students begin their experience each fall.
#40 Nationally
Forbes Best Value Colleges-300 Schools
Worth the Investment: #40 in the nation, public colleges

#25 Nationally
U.S. News & World Report-America’s Best Colleges:
#25 in the nation, public national universities

#24 Nationally
USA Today-Best Colleges: #24 in the nation,
public colleges nationwide

#15 Nationally
Money -The 25 Best Public Colleges for
Big Paychecks: #15 in the nation

Recognized
Princeton Review-Best Colleges,
Region by Region: Best in the Northeastern
THE BIRTHPLACE
Rutgers is the Birthplace of College Football. Rutgers hosted Princeton on Nov. 6, 1869, with RU earning a 6-4 victory. The Scarlet Knights are collaborating with the NCAA and Princeton on a 150th anniversary celebration to take place during the 2019 season.

The Fight Song
R-U, Rah, Rah, R-U, Rah, Rah, Whoo-Raa, Whoo-Raa; Rutgers Rah Up-Stream Red Team; Red Team Up-Stream Rah, Rah, Rutgers Rah!!
ALMA MATER
From far and near we came to Rutgers, And resolved to learn all that we can; And so we settled down, In that noisy college town, On the banks of the old Raritan.

Chorus... On the banks of the old Raritan (my friends) Where old Rutgers evermore shall stand, For has she not stood Since the time of the flood, On the banks of the old Raritan.

Her ardent spirit stirred and cheered me From the day me college years began; Gracious Alma Mater mine; Learning’s fair and honored shrine; On the banks of the old Raritan. (Chorus)

I love her flaming far-flung banner I love her triumphs proud to scan, And I glory in her fame That’s immortalized her name. On the banks of the old Raritan. (Chorus)

My heart clings closer than the ivy As life runs out its fleeting span, To the stately, ancient walls Of her hallowed, classic halls On the banks of the old Raritan. (Chorus)

Then sing aloud to Alma Mater; And keep the Scarlet in the van; For with her motto high Rutgers’ name shall never die, On the banks of the old Raritan. (Chorus)

WHY SCARLET?
The color scarlet was first proposed in the campus newspaper, The Targum, in May 1869. It was adopted shortly thereafter. This color was chosen because of its striking appearance and a good scarlet ribbon could be easily obtained.

WHY KNIGHTS?
Since its days when the school was Queen’s College, the athletic teams were referred to as the Queensmen. Officially serving as the mascot beginning in 1925 was the “Chanticleer,” a fighting rooster. In the early 1950’s, a campus-wide selection process changed the mascot to that of a Knight. By 1955, the Scarlet Knight had become the new Rutgers mascot.
THE DEGREE

OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITY
Rutgers is a premier comprehensive public research university with 30 schools and colleges serving students.

MORE THAN 500,000 ALUMNI

137 student-athletes earned degrees in 2018. These graduates join the more than 500,000 Rutgers and more than 5.7 million Big Ten Conference alumni.
3.7 GPA
A school-record 80 student-athletes across 19 programs earned Big Ten Conference Distinguished Scholar recognition for maintaining a grade-point average of 3.7 or higher during the 2017-18 academic year.

SETTING RECORDS
A school-record 249 (78 Fall, 33 Winter, 138 Spring) student-athletes earned Big Ten All-Academic accolades.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS
A school record-tying eight programs - baseball, gymnastics, tennis, volleyball, men’s cross country, women’s cross country, women’s golf and women’s lacrosse – earned public recognition from the NCAA for their multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR).
MISSION
The Office of Leadership Development and Strategic Partnerships (LDSP) provides a programmatic and curricular vehicle that supports the holistic development of Rutgers Athletics varsity student-athletes, coaches and staff.

VISION
LDSP is committed to the personal enhancement, community engagement, career and leadership development of all Scarlet Knights student-athletes during college and in life after sport via continual alumni engagement.

“At Rutgers we work with each individual student-athlete to intentionally prepare them for the transition to college athletics and academics. We are committed to their success both during college and in life after sport. The location of Rutgers in the greater Metropolitan areas of New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia provides phenomenal opportunities for post-graduate opportunities.”

- Kristina Navarro • Senior Associate AD for Leadership Development and Strategic Partnerships
In between their athletic and academic achievements, student-athletes made 160 unique site visits in 2017-18 and performed 5,187 hours of community service. The Rutgers Leadership Academy, SAAC and other programs internal to LDSP aim to collectively support a personal growth culture for all members of the Rutgers Athletics Department and Scarlet Knight family.

RAWARDS
Rutgers celebrates the achievements of its student-athletes every year at the annual R Awards Dinner on the floor of the RAC. Modeled after the ESPY’s, the red carpet event recognizes, via both awards and videos, the many accomplishments of the Scarlet Knights on the field, in the classroom and in the community.
2018 DRAFTED KNIGHTS

KEMOKO TURAY - Indianapolis Colts

SEBASTIAN JOSEPH - Los Angeles Rams

CASEY MURPHY - Montpellier HSC

NICK MATERA - Philadelphia Phillies

JAWUAN HARRIS - San Diego Padres
PRO KNIGHTS
Ten student-athletes were selected in major professional league drafts in 2017-18. Kemoko Turay and Sebastian Joseph were selected in the NFL Draft to ensure RU two or more draft choices in three of the last six years, including 12 in that span. Jawuan Harris and Nick Matera were selected in the MLB Draft, providing the program multiple selections for the first time since 2010. Casey Murphy was selected in the NWSL Draft, marking the third straight year at least one women’s soccer player has been drafted.

LEADING ALUMNI
Rutgers is listed with Harvard, Stanford, Pennsylvania and Columbia per Forbes with graduates leading Fortune 500 companies. Among the alums leading the world’s most successful companies are Sherilyn McCoy (CEO, Avon Products), Ralph Izzo (CEO, PSEG), John Finnegan (CEO, Chubb), Kevin Kennedy (CEO, Avaya), Gregory Brown (CEO, Motorola Solutions), Gary Rodkin (CEO, ConAgra Foods) and Stephen Chazen (CEO, Occidental Petroleum).