

PURDUE
— **FORT WAYNE** —



2023-2024
YEAR IN
REVIEW

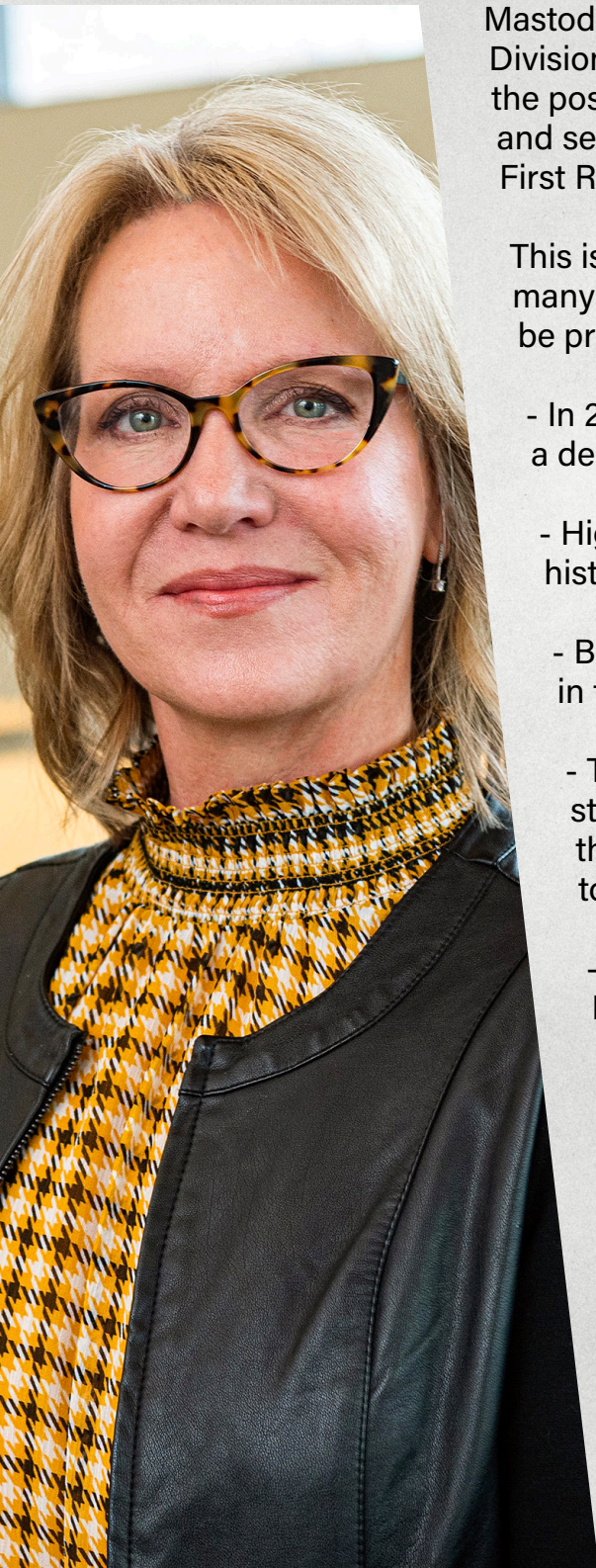
LETTER FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

DEAR MASTODON FAMILY,

The Horizon League has proven to be the perfect fit we thought it would be. Thirteen Mastodons have won major league awards in our four seasons in the league. In 2023-24, the Mastodons earned the best win percentage as a department since 2013-14. Over the last two seasons, ten Mastodon programs have put together their best season in the Division I era. Both basketball teams won 20 plus games and played in the postseason last season. Track and field won eight individual titles and sent a pair of student-athletes to the NCAA Men's Track & Field First Round for the first time ever.

This is my favorite letter to write each year. Why? Because there are so many accomplishments from the previous season to look back on and be proud about.

- In 2023-24, our Mastodon teams earned the best win percentage as a department since 2013-14.
- Highest Horizon League McCafferty Trophy point total in program history.
- Both basketball teams won 20 +games and won multiple games in the postseason.
- Track and field won eight individual titles and sent a pair of student-athletes to the NCAA Men's Track & Field First Round for the first time ever. As a team, both set program records for point totals at the Horizon League championships.
- Women's cross country and men's golf both finished as Horizon League runners-up.
- Multiple freshmen made impacts for the 'Dons, including women's volleyball's Panna Ratkai earning both Offensive Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year. Aglaia Rudd was named the Softball Freshman of the Year while baseball's Justin Osterhouse knocked a freshman-program record nine home runs.



- Baseball won at No. 20 Indiana, for their third win over a Big Ten team in as many seasons. Kevin Fee earned the Horizon League Freshman of the Year honor.
- Women's golf won a pair of tournaments and earned multiple all-league spots.
- Men's soccer put together won a Horizon League Tournament game for the first time ever and advanced to the semifinals.

All of these moments PLUS a 21st consecutive year of a 3.00 GPA or better for our student-athletes.

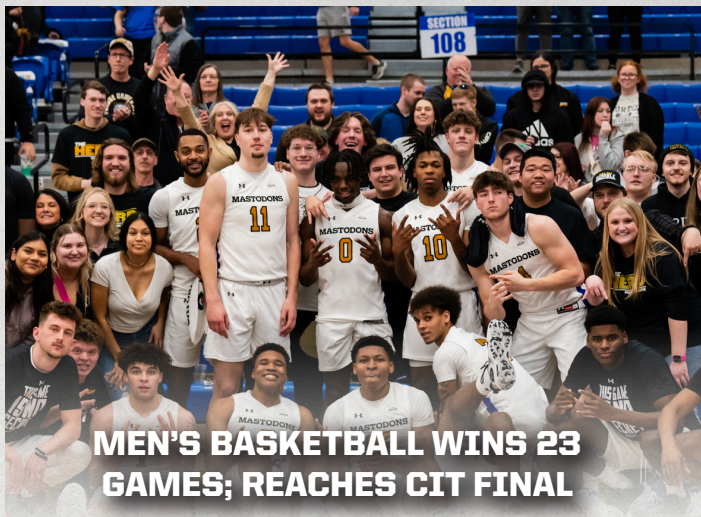
But these are just the competition highlights from 2023-24. All of our student-athletes are here to prepare themselves for what is next. Seeing updates from our alumni are some of my favorite parts of the job. Notes about weddings, babies, academic achievements, career accomplishments, etc. fill me with joy. Mastodons accomplish amazing things and I am proud to come to work each day to support them.

Kelley Hattay Nutter

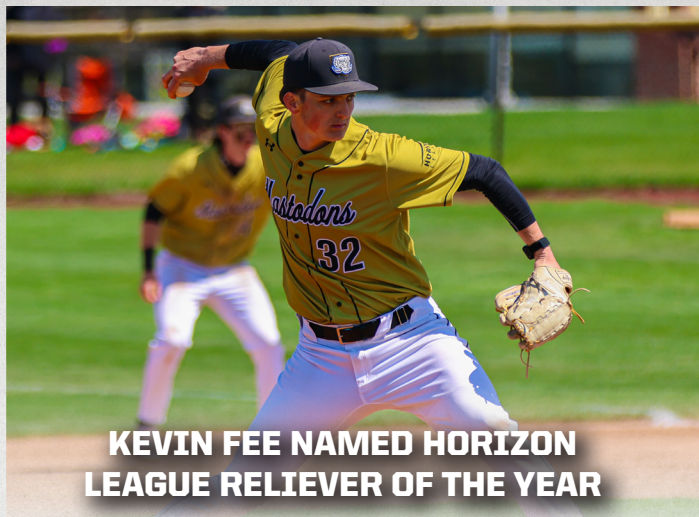
Director of Athletics



HIGHLIGHTS



MEN'S BASKETBALL WINS 23 GAMES; REACHES CIT FINAL



KEVIN FEE NAMED HORIZON LEAGUE RELIEVER OF THE YEAR



MEN'S SOCCER ADVANCES TO HORIZON LEAGUE SEMIFINALS



PANNA RATKAI WINS HORIZON LEAGUE FRESHMAN AND OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR



WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TAKES SECOND AT HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



MEN'S GOLF EARNS RUNNER UP AT HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

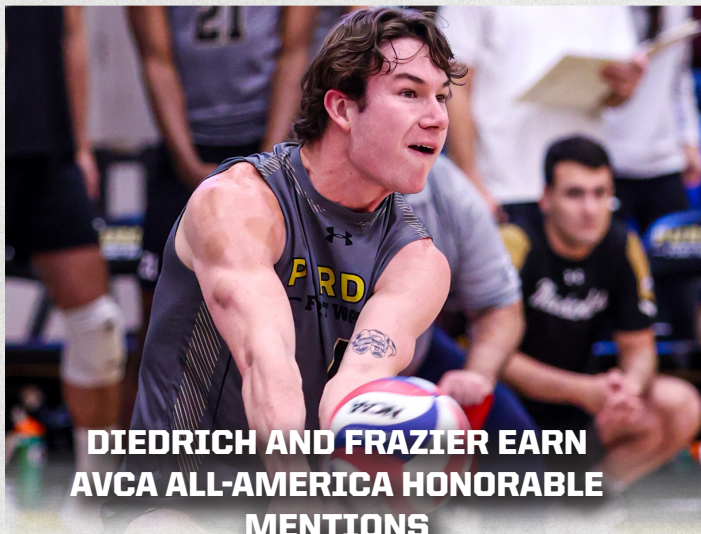
HIGHLIGHTS



VIKTOR ERTELT AND AARON MARTIN REACH NCAA TRACK AND FIELD FIRST ROUND



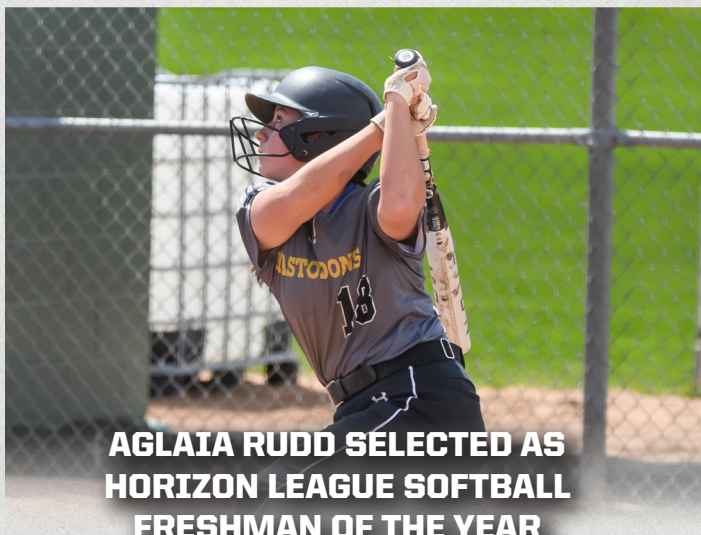
NISWANDER, KING, SPARKS AND MARTIN EARN MAJOR HORIZON LEAGUE TRACK AWARDS



DIEDRICH AND FRAZIER EARN AVCA ALL-AMERICA HONORABLE MENTIONS



WOMEN'S GOLF WINS TWO TOURNAMENTS IN 2024



AGLAI RUDD SELECTED AS HORIZON LEAGUE SOFTBALL FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR



WOMEN'S HOOPS WINS RECORD 23 GAMES; ADVANCES TO WNIT SUPER 16

ACADEMICS

ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

HORIZON LEAGUE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Kevin Fee, *baseball*
Madison King, *women's cross country*
Kasey Lilly, *men's golf*
Hunter Mefford, *men's golf*
Burke Pitz, *men's golf*
Anna Olafsdottir, *women's golf*
Kai Auernheimer, *men's track and field*
Aaron Martin, *men's track and field*
Ali Sparks, *women's track and field*
Riley Tate, *women's track and field*
Audra Emmerson, *women's basketball*
Lizzie Haub, *women's soccer*
Brooke Wintlend, *softball*
Maggie Castleman, *women's volleyball*

ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM HONORABLE MENTION

Ben Higgins, *baseball*
Riley Tate, *women's cross country*
Seth Mahlmeister, *men's soccer*
Brent Donaldson, *men's track and field*
Colin Gasson, *men's track and field*
Colten Gasson, *men's track and field*
Nathan Mills, *men's track and field*
Harrison Niswander, *men's track and field*
Asher Walden, *men's track and field*
Rylee Vrugink, *women's soccer*
Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

ACADEMIC ALL-MIVA

Jon Diedrich, *men's volleyball*
Wilmer Hernandez, *men's volleyball*
Emmanuel Jurineack, *men's volleyball*
Casey Lyons, *men's volleyball*
Andrew Mayer, *men's volleyball*
Logan Muir, *men's volleyball*
Raul Papaleo Jr., *men's volleyball*
Davey Singer, *men's volleyball*
Peter Soczewka, *men's volleyball*
Bryce Walker, *men's volleyball*

CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Jacob Walker, *baseball*
Kevin Fee, *baseball*
Mac Ayres, *baseball*
Owen Willard, *baseball*
Jalen Jackson, *men's basketball*
Sophia Buck, *women's track and field*
Riley Tate, *women's track and field*
Marissa Van De Weg, *women's track and field*
Ramey Wilder, *women's track and field*
Ava Genovese, *women's track and field*
Kai Auernheimer, *men's track and field*
Colten Gasson, *men's track and field*
Harrison Niswander, *men's track and field*
Jarred Neff, *men's track and field*
Asher Walden, *men's track and field*
Anna Olafsdottir, *women's golf*
Wilmer Hernandez, *men's volleyball*
Bryce Walker, *men's volleyball*
Nick Holder, *men's golf*
Hunter Mefford, *men's golf*
Burke Pitz, *men's golf*
Luke Morrell, *men's soccer*
Marco Navarro, *men's soccer*
Juan Romero, *men's soccer*
Amellia Bromenschenkel, *women's basketball*
Audra Emmerson, *women's basketball*
Sydney Graber, *women's basketball*
Shayla Sellers, *women's basketball*
Allison Adams, *women's soccer*
Madde Elliott, *women's soccer*
Mackenzie Evans, *women's soccer*
Lizzie Haub, *women's soccer*
Rylee Vrugink, *women's soccer*
Isabell Wissel, *women's soccer*
Bailey Manos, *softball*
Brooke Lickey, *softball*
Taya Haffner, *women's volleyball*

ACADEMICS

BY THE NUMBERS

FALL 2023

3.32

GPA OF ALL
STUDENT ATHLETES

14

TEAMS ACHIEVING A
3.0+ GPA

165

STUDENT ATHLETES
EARNING A 3.5+ GPA

116

QUALIFIED FOR THE HL
ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

3.74

HIGHEST WOMEN'S TEAM GPA
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

3.75

HIGHEST MEN'S TEAM GPA
MEN'S GOLF

SPRING 2024

3.31

GPA OF ALL
STUDENT ATHLETES

13

TEAMS ACHIEVING A
3.0+ GPA

142

STUDENT ATHLETES
EARNING A 3.5+ GPA

110

QUALIFIED FOR THE HL
ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

3.71

HIGHEST WOMEN'S TEAM GPA
SOFTBALL

3.80

HIGHEST MEN'S TEAM GPA
MEN'S GOLF

2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

3.33

GPA OF ALL
STUDENT ATHLETES

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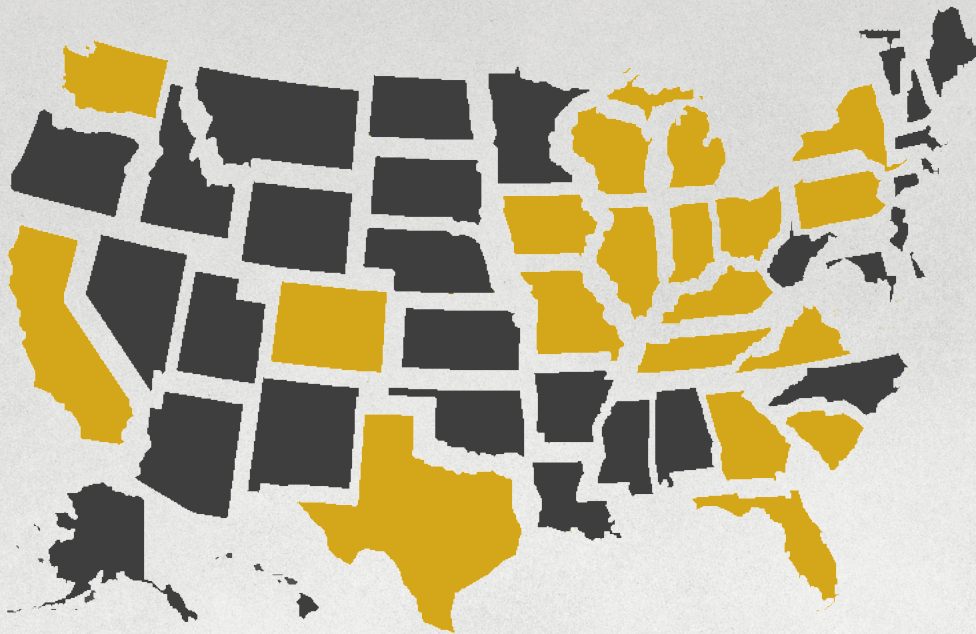
TEAMS ACHIEVING A
3.0+ GPA

162

STUDENT ATHLETES
EARNING A 3.5+ GPA

'DONS AROUND THE WORLD

STATE AND TERRITORIES REPRESENTED



California • Colorado • Florida • Georgia • Illinois • Indiana • Iowa • Kentucky • Michigan • Missouri • New York • Ohio • Pennsylvania
South Carolina • Tennessee • Texas • Virginia • Washington • Wisconsin • Puerto Rico

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

ALBANIA

Klea Kaci, *women's basketball*

BAHAMAS

Deangelo Elisee, *men's basketball*

CANADA

Daniel Tareke, *men's soccer*

Alexis Purdy, *women's soccer*

Taryn Jenkins, *softball*

Joel Opoku, *men's soccer*

ENGLAND

Peter Soczewka, *men's volleyball*

GERMANY

Kai Auernheimer, *men's track and field*

Viktor Ertelt, *men's track and field*

GREECE

Konstantina Mantziouri, *women's basketball*

HUNGARY

Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

ICELAND

Anna Olafsdottir, *women's golf*

Arny Dagsdottir, *women's golf*

INDIA

Hunar Mittal, *women's golf*

JAPAN

Soshi Fujioka, *men's soccer*

NETHERLANDS

Louiza Kruiswijk, *women's track and field*

NEW ZEALAND

Max Collingwood, *men's soccer*

Alex Frank, *men's soccer*

SERBIA

Andrej Polomac, *men's volleyball*

SPAIN

Marc Rodriguez, *men's soccer*

ACCOLADES

ALL-HORIZON LEAGUE

FIRST TEAM

Madison King, *women's cross country / indoor track and field*
Brooke Neal, *women's cross country*
Kasey Lilly, *men's golf*
Seth Mahlmeister, *men's soccer*
Soshi Fujioka, *men's soccer*
Amellia Bromenschenkel, *women's basketball*
Grace Hollopeter, *softball*
Aglaiia Rudd, *softball*
Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*
Jarred Neff, *men's indoor track and field*
Kobe Milledge, *men's indoor track and field*
Kehinde Oladapo, *men's indoor track and field*
Harrison Niswander, *men's indoor track and field*
Ezra Lewellen, *men's indoor track and field*
Viktor Ertelt, *men's outdoor track and field*
Ali Sparks, *women's outdoor track and field*
Kassie Jordan, *women's indoor track and field*
Korynne Moga, *women's indoor track and field*
Marissa Van De Weg, *women's indoor track and field*
Jessica Hudson-Turpin, *women's indoor track and field*

SECOND TEAM

Riley Tate, *women's cross country / indoor track and field*
Justin Osterhouse, *baseball*
Jacob Walker, *baseball*
Carter Sabol, *baseball*
Luke Morrell, *men's soccer*
Juan Romero, *men's soccer*
Anna Olafsdottir, *women's golf*
Olivia Jang, *women's golf*
Morgan Reitano, *women's soccer*
Alanah Jones, *softball*
Ali Sparks, *women's indoor/outdoor track and field*
Ava Genovese, *women's indoor track and field*
Aaron Martin, *men's indoor track and field*
Harrison Niswander, *men's outdoor track and field*
Asher Walden, *men's outdoor track and field*
Louiza Kruiswijk, *women's outdoor track and field*

THIRD TEAM

Jalen Jackson, *men's basketball*
Rasheed Bello, *men's basketball*
Shayla Seller, *women's basketball*
Dylan Kirkwood, *women's indoor track and field*
Jordan Yanders, *women's indoor track and field*
Jai Reed, *women's indoor/outdoor track and field*
Ezra Lewellen, *men's indoor track and field*
Brent Donaldson, *men's indoor/outdoor track and field*
Kobe Millegde, *men's indoor/outdoor track and field*
Jonas Morris, *men's indoor/outdoor track and field*
Kai Auernheimer, *men's indoor track and field*
Jessica Hudson-Turpin, *women's outdoor track and field*
Isaiah Smith, *men's outdoor track and field*
Kassie Jordan, *women's outdoor track and field*
Korynne Moga, *women's outdoor track and field*
Marissa Van De Weg, *women's outdoor track and field*

ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Rasheed Bello, *men's basketball*
Anthony Roberts, *men's basketball*

ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Justin Osterhouse, *baseball*
Corey Hadnot II, *men's basketball*
Aidan Antcliff, *men's soccer*
Renna Schwieterman, *women's basketball*
Erin Woodson, *women's basketball*
Aglaiia Rudd, *softball*
Ashby Willis, *women's volleyball*
Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

RELIEVER OF THE YEAR

Kevin Fee, *baseball*

FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*
Aglaiia Rudd, *softball*

ALL-MIVA

Jon Diedrich, *men's volleyball*
Mark Frazier, *men's volleyball*

AVCA ALL-AMERICA HONORABLE MENTION

Jon Diedrich, *men's volleyball*
Mark Frazier, *men's volleyball*

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Sergio Carillo, *men's volleyball*
Samantha Castaneda, *women's soccer (x3)*
Tori Countryman, *softball*
Rachael Crucis, *women's volleyball*
Arny Dagsdottir, *women's golf*
Jon Diedrich, *men's volleyball*
Mark Frazier, *men's volleyball*
Colten Gasson, *men's cross country*
Makaila Groves, *women's track and field*
Ben Higgins, *baseball*
Cain Hohne, *men's track and field*
Grace Hollopeter, *softball (x2)*
Zyler Johnson, *men's track and field (x2)*
Emmanuel Jurineack, *men's volleyball*
Seth Mahlmeister, *men's soccer*
Hunter Mefford, *men's golf*
Noah Melendez, *men's volleyball*
Brevin Miller, *men's track and field*
Brooke Neal, *women's track and field*
Anna Olafsdottir, *women's golf*
Liz Rivers, *women's track and field*
Ali Sparks, *women's track and field (x2)*

Braxton Trittippo, *men's track and field*

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP OUTSTANDING PERFORMER

Madison King, *women's indoor track and field*
Ali Sparks, *women's indoor track and field*

HORIZON LEAGUE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Madison King, *women's cross country*
Harrison Niswander, *men's indoor track and field*
Aaron Martin, *men's outdoor track and field*

USCA ALL REGION SECOND TEAM

Seth Mahlmeister, *men's soccer*
Soshi Fujioka, *men's soccer*

MASTY AWARDS

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

Amellia Bromenschenkel, *women's basketball*

MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Harrison Niswander *men's track and field*

SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Samantha Castaneda, *women's soccer*

Shayla Sellers, *women's basketball*

SENIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Kasey Lilly, *men's golf*

Jon Diedrich, *men's volleyball*

FRESHMAN FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

FRESHMAN MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Justin Osterhouse, *baseball*

DAVID R. SKELTON AWARD

Kevin Fee, *baseball*

HEART OF A DON AWARD

Davey Singer and Bryce Walker, *men's volleyball*

SALT SERVICE TO STUDENTS AWARD

Carissa Combs

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

Jacob Deakyne, *men's golf*

Anna Olafsdottir, *women's golf*

MASTODON CUP

Women's Soccer



MASTODONS
