

JUNIATA ATHLETICS NEWSLETTER

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DEAR JUNIATA COMMUNITY:

Words cannot explain how proud I am to be the next Director of Athletics at Juniata College. My first day on-campus was July 15th and the excitement has been an amazing experience to witness. As summers do, this one absolutely flew by. We welcomed our fall athletes mid-August for preseason and I am impressed by the effort and dedication that they are putting in every day. I am truly excited to see their hard work pay off this fall.

We've seen some early successes with Women's Volleyball and Men's Soccer during the opening weeks of the fall semester. Women's Volleyball went on the road to Christopher Newport and hosted the Asics Invitational last weekend battling their way to a 6-0 start on the year with impressive wins over Christopher Newport, Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Ithaca.

Men's Soccer was tested early this fall and has come away with some good results as they boast a 3-2 record at the start of the season. Most notable wins have come against Wilkes, Westminster (PA) and Thiel. The future looks bright for this squad and I am excited to see the program build upon their current success.

While the fall sports are in the thick of the 2022- 2023 athletic seasons, I want to take some time to recognize some of the accomplishments of our sport programs over the summer months.

The 2021-2022 academic year proved to be another tremendous year in the classroom for our student-athletes. The men's cross-country team earned the highest team GPA in the 21-22 academic year with a 3.73. The entire athletic department achieved a 3.32 on the year, for another impressive finish to the academic year. Over the summer months several teams earned academic honors from their respective coaching bodies, including:

- [Baseball](#)
- [Men's Basketball](#)
- [Men's Tennis](#)
- [Men's Volleyball](#)
- [Women's Lacrosse](#)
- [Women's Soccer](#)
- [Women's Tennis](#)
- [Women's Volleyball](#)



Tyler Goldsborough, Aly Reardon, Olivia Foley, and Will Phelan in front of Christ the Redeemer

I hope to you see this fall supporting our teams either in person, at Homecoming on September 23rd, or at some of our other events. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Director of Athletics at Juniata and to help build what is to be an exciting future for our Juniata Athletes and campus community.

Sincerely,

Nikki Ayers '06

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT --EAGLES INTERNATIONAL



Chase Husted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The Juniata Athletics department saw several student-athletes participate in opportunities that

allowed them to compete in their sports outside of the United States. Chase Husted (men's basketball), Olivia Foley and Aly Reardon (women's volleyball), along with Will Phelan and Tyler Goldsborough (men's volleyball) all traveled to Brazil to play their respective sports while also visiting some of

Rio de Janeiro's iconic landmarks.

Vincent Bechler of the men's lacrosse team made the Hong Kong U21 National Team this summer and is playing for them in the World Lacrosse Men's U21 Championship in Limerick, Ireland. Hong Kong currently sits atop their group with a perfect 4-0 record.



Vincent Bechler Playing in Limerick, Ireland on the Hong Kong National Team

[Catch Juniata teams in action this year. Click here for full schedules for the 2022-2023 year.](#)