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a newsletter for supporters of **GENESEO ATHLETICS**



IT'S A NEW GAME: Introducing the Roundtable Athletic Association

A MESSAGE FROM DAN LOUGHRAN '86

TALK TO ANY ATHLETE and one thing becomes clear: the pursuit of excellence never ends. The same holds true for Geneseo. Evidenced by a new name and logo, the Blue Knights Roundtable Booster Club is now officially the **Roundtable Athletic Association (RAA)** – and it's a whole new game.

The same spirit that drives athletic competition is guiding this transformation. The RAA reflects Geneseo's commitment to take its intercollegiate athletic program to a higher level. As a former student-athlete, it is an honor and a privilege to chair the RAA and work with others associated with our organization.

When I look back on my years at Geneseo, my best memories revolve around athletics. To this day, I consider it my good fortune to have played for four years on the men's ice hockey team, especially in 1986 when we won the SUNYAC Championship.

In fact, my time on the ice was just as important as my time in the classroom in preparing me for life. The values instilled from my playing days have helped make me who I am – and likewise for other Blue

Knights alums. Importantly, the RAA recognizes that the opportunity to be a Geneseo athlete is more than a once-in-a-lifetime event. It often is a life-changing experience that shapes our young men and women into future leaders.

In short, the RAA will provide needed resources to strengthen Geneseo Athletics that are otherwise unavailable. On an ongoing basis, your annual gifts to the RAA will support coaching and training, fund special team initiatives, enhance athletic facilities and provide leadership development programs

for student-athletes. The RAA will, in many cases, supplement budgetary resources while in other cases, fully fund projects adding vibrancy to the overall program. In the end, our athletes will benefit.

The formation of the RAA represents a new era in Geneseo Athletics. Yet, it remains firmly grounded in a bedrock value that all athletes strive to embrace: teamwork. Let's remember and cherish those times competing for the Knights – cheering them on – and consider supporting Geneseo athletics in gratitude.

The Roundtable Report will be mailed on a quarterly schedule, and each issue also will be posted on the Web at <http://knights.geneseo.edu>. If you have questions or comments, please contact me through George Gagnier '88, sports information director, at (585) 245-5346 or gagnier@geneseo.edu.

I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future. Go Knights!



Co-captains Dan Loughran (l) and Dan Roeder (r) celebrate their 1986 SUNYAC Championship with former coach Paul Duffy.



"We have a proud tradition of forging lasting friendships through athletic participation. The Roundtable Athletic Association will strengthen those ties to our program and afford the opportunity to further enrich the Geneseo Athletics experience. Fond memories stay with our student-athletes for the rest of their lives – and we want to create similar experiences for the next generation. We can do that with the RAA."

MARILYN MOORE
Director of Athletics



Statement of PURPOSE

The Roundtable Athletic Association (RAA) is an organization of Geneseo alumni, parents, friends and business supporters committed to advancing the Geneseo Intercollegiate Athletic Program as an integral component of a Geneseo education.

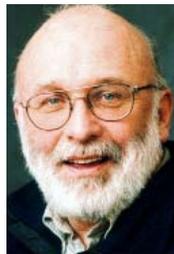
Through advocacy, counsel and financial support, the RAA works in concert with staff to enrich the Geneseo Athletics experience and thereby strengthen the personal, social and leadership development of all Geneseo student-athletes.

Locker TALK



"We're extremely excited about the new Roundtable Athletic Association. Moving forward in this direction shows how committed we are to improving Geneseo athletics. The RAA offers huge potential to keep our programs - and more importantly, our student-athletes - in a most competitive environment. Cheering on the Ice Knights in the Ira S. Wilson Ice Arena has become a strong campus and community tradition - and so has our record of winning. We're ready to bring home another SUNYAC trophy and this is a great way to start."

CHRIS SCHULTZ '97
Coach, Men's Ice Hockey



"I'm excited about the prospects, especially for our NCAA-caliber student-athletes. With one national championship and 16 SUNYAC titles under our belts, we've proven we can run with the best. I'm hoping that the Roundtable Athletic Association will give us one extra BIG meet per season where we can go and chase the Division I competition to get our student-athletes into the NCAA Championships. The Division III institutions that are close to the big track cities - New York, Philadelphia, Chicago - are at a tremendous advantage when it comes to attending big meets. With the RAA, we're one step closer to getting there."

MIKE WOODS '69
Coach, Women's and Men's Cross Country



"Coming off the most successful season ever in men's and women's swimming and diving, we're very excited about the Roundtable Athletic Association and its commitment to increasing participation at the national level. This past year, we sent nine student-athletes to the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships. We intend to send more each year, but to do so, we'll need to expand our recruiting base and also participate in more competitive meets across the country. The RAA can provide the resources needed to do exactly that."

PAUL DOTTERWEICH
Coach, Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

"I believe fewer things in life shape the character of our young people as effectively as athletics. Qualities such as discipline, sacrifice and teamwork are highly sought yet quite elusive, but not with our Blue Knights. The coaches and faculty do a terrific job educating the whole person, and the RAA is a great vehicle to further develop the leadership potential of our student-athletes."

JIM LEARY '75
Executive Director,
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld
Commissioner, Washington Catholic
Athletic Conference





Blue Knights Finish **STRONG**

THE GENESEO BLUE KNIGHTS WERE CROWNED SUNYAC CHAMPIONS FOUR TIMES THIS YEAR, bringing home trophies in women's cross country, men's swimming and diving, women's swimming and diving, and women's outdoor track and field.

That performance helped Geneseo take 2nd place in the SUNYAC Commissioner's Cup standings, which

uses a point system determined by the 20 different conference sports in the fall, winter and spring. An 11-point system is used in each sport for both the regular and post-seasons. The total number of points that a school accumulates is divided by the number of conference sports it has. This year, Cortland topped Geneseo, 9.64 - 8.43 for the coveted trophy.

Look for Roundtable Athletic Association membership information coming soon in the mail. This is your invitation to join the RAA and be a part of the winning Geneseo Blue Knights team.



Senior Blue Knights



The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation honored seven of Geneseo's finest student-athletes at the 8th Annual Geneseo Athletics Awards Banquet on May 4 in the MacVittie College Union Ballroom. As members of the Class of 2008, these Blue Knights can thank donors like you for helping them gain lifelong skills in leadership and character development honed in the spirit of competition.



LOUISE KUHL AWARD: OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A FEMALE STUDENT-ATHLETE

(tie) **Amanda Haney** (Sidney, N.Y.) – women's basketball and track and field (indoor/outdoor). On the court, she finished as 17th all-time leader in points (941) and 14th in rebounds (506). On the field, she set the bar for excellence as a five-

Honored at Awards Banquet

time All-American in the high jump, earning four outdoor certificates and one indoor award. Major: elementary and special education.



(tie) **Shauna Leonard** (West Henrietta, N.Y.) – women's lacrosse. A four-time All-SUNYAC selection, Leonard became just the third Geneseo player to earn All-Conference in each of her four years.

This season, she led the team with 68 points on 52 goals – second most for a single season – and 16 assists. Leonard is just one of two players to surpass 200 points in her career, finishing with a school-record 156 goals and 55 assists for 211 points. Major: communication.

IRA S. WILSON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC CAREER (MEN)



Charlie Hake (Akron, N.Y.) – swimming and diving. As part of the famed Blue Wave, Hake helped Geneseo earn four straight SUNYAC championships, extending the team’s win streak to 10 consecutive conference titles. As captain, he led the team to an amazing 39-1 dual meet record in his four seasons at

Geneseo. A 14-time SUNYAC individual champion, he is the fastest man ever to compete in SUNYAC swimming, owning four school records and three SUNYAC conference records. Major: accounting.

DR. MYRTLE MERRITT SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND TEAM CONTRIBUTION (WOMEN)



Meghan Nolan (Liverpool, N.Y.) – women’s cross country and indoor track and field. A five-time All-American, Nolan earned three indoor All-America awards, one outdoor All-America certificate, and a cross country All-America Award during her career. She is a member of the SUNYAC Cross

Country Hall of Fame and owns two school records as part of the relay team. Off the track, she has been honored multiple times for academic excellence. Major: biology.

DANIEL MULLIN SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE (MEN)



Derek Jokic (Petersburg, Ontario, Canada) – men’s ice hockey. A four-year goalie for the Ice Knights, Jokic led the team to the 2006 SUNYAC championship when he was named to the All-Tournament Team. He compiled an impressive record in four different categories: wins (38); saves (2,140); save percentage (.894); and

goals against average (3.34). Jokic excelled off the ice as well, achieving academic distinction as a Presidential Scholar. This year, he earned the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence – the system’s highest honor. Major: accounting.

“Geneseo taught me structure and values that shaped who I am today. Teamwork, respect, hard work and personal drive in the presence of adversity were instilled in me during my time as a Blue Knight. I work hard to pass on values like these to the young men who play on the Junior Penguins. So many alums who competed at Geneseo had a great experience there. We carry an obligation to make it better by giving back to the RAA.”

LARRY GAUS '84

*President and CEO, Reedsdale Sales Corporation
Coach, Pittsburgh Junior Penguins (AAA Hockey)*

CONTRIBUTION, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD (WOMEN)



Kristen Greiner (Manlius, N.Y.) – women’s tennis. Team captain for three of her four years, Greiner was a three-time SUNYAC champion at second singles and first doubles (twice). She earned the MVP award on three occasions and was named the inaugural Peter Cahill Most Valuable Player at the SUNYAC Tennis Championships in 2007, when she also earned the Rochester Area College Athletics Women’s Tennis Player of the Year Award. Major: communication.

CONTRIBUTION, SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP AWARD (MEN)



Tarik Kitson (Greensboro, N.C.) – men’s basketball. SUNYAC Rookie of the Year in 2005, Kitson competed in 98 games over four years, scoring 934 points and grabbing 563 rebounds. Off the court, he was a strong ambassador for Geneseo, serving as team captain, intramural referee, intramural supervisor and Merritt Athletic Center building manager. He co-founded the campus social activist group, Fighting Against Racial Injustice, and represented the College at the Finding Leaders Among Minorities Everywhere Conference in Colorado Springs and the NCAA Leadership Conference in Orlando. Major: anthropology.

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JENNIFER GUYER DIVICO MEMORIAL AWARD (WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING)

Maren MacDonald (Lockport, N.Y.) was a four-year participant in the SUNYAC Swimming and Diving Championships, earning respect for her expertise as a freestyle swimmer. She scored points in five events at the 2008 SUNYAC Championships, helping the Knights return with the team title. In 2008, she became a two-time SUNYAC champion in the 400- and 800-yard freestyle relays. Major: communication.

JAMES E. DIVICO MEMORIAL AWARD (MEN'S BASKETBALL)

Joe Kling (Getzville, N.Y.) displayed dedication and courage despite injury and physical limitations during his playing career. He spent much of his junior year on the bench in street clothes, but the versatile guard recovered and returned to the starting line-up his senior year, helping the team post a stellar 19-8 record. He was first in steals (2.8); second in assists (3.1); third in points (10.4); and fourth in rebounds (5.2). Major: biology.

ROBYN WHITNEY LEWIS MEMORIAL AWARD (WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL)

Kate Barth (Babylon, N.Y.) was a four-year member of the team and an All-SUNYAC performer. Playing outside hitter, Barth rewrote the Geneseo record book for kills in a career (1,558) and season (677). Named New York State Rookie of the Year in 2004, Barth was a four-time All-SUNYAC selection and the only Geneseo volleyball player to earn All-American honors. Major: speech and hearing.

NICK HAYES MEMORIAL AWARD (CONTRIBUTIONS BY A NON-PLAYER)

Matt Brady (Saratoga, N.Y.) provided valuable contributions to the athletic department as an intern in the Sports Information Office. For two years, he prepared game programs, maintained computer statistics, and publicized events, contests and successes of Geneseo's student-athletes. In addition, he provided event management support serving as a clock operator, line-runner and statistician. Major: communication.

RAA to Advance Blue Knights Program

Q&A WITH MARILYN MOORE
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



THE ROUNDTABLE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED TO TAKE GENESEO'S INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM TO A NEW LEVEL OF SUCCESS AND CONTINUE THE BLUE KNIGHTS WINNING TRADITION. DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS MARILYN MOORE OFFERS INSIGHT INTO HOW THE RAA WILL FUNCTION.

Why create the RAA?

We created the RAA to take advantage of the strong momentum Geneseo currently enjoys both as an institution and as an NCAA Division III member. Much-needed funding for incremental coaching, equipment and programming will only come from private giving. The RAA provides the structure as an organization to take the lead in securing more and larger gifts to raise Geneseo athletics to the next level of distinction.

Can my RAA gift be designated to a specific sport?

Absolutely. Most gifts will be given to the RAA with the intention of supporting the program as a whole, but any gift can be designated to a specific sport and will be allocated to that sport.

Will private support through RAA to a specific sport result in a corresponding reduction in funds provided by the College?

No. The intent of the RAA is to generate more funds for athletics, not simply move around existing resources. Budget changes will not occur as a result of private giving.

How will funds be allocated?

Funds will be allocated to specific purposes within Geneseo Athletics by the RAA board in conjunction with the athletic director, who will provide recommendations from the coaching staff.

What's the make-up of the RAA Leadership Board?

The RAA Leadership Board will consist of no more than 12 members, including the chairperson, all of whom will be unaffiliated with the College's faculty and staff. The board will determine its own membership and may receive nominations for new members from any individual, but rely on College officials to provide recommendations. Each board member will serve for a term of three years, attend at least two annual meetings, fulfill an annual giving pledge and become a relentless advocate for Geneseo athletics. The sports information director will assist the RAA and its board with support from the athletic director and the Office of College Advancement.

Who will be asked to support the RAA?

We will contact former student athletes; parents of current and former athletes; and friends, business supporters and others with a special interest in Geneseo athletics. Annual solicitations will be carefully coordinated with other College fundraising initiatives.

Congratulations

to the following Geneseo spring student-athletes for earning post-season recognition for outstanding athletic accomplishment:

There's only one way to succeed in anything, and that is to give it everything.

— VINCE LOMBARDI

ALL-AMERICAN

- *Amanda Haney, WT&F
- *Meghan Nolan, WT&F
- **Mike Pizzuto, MLAX
- *Joel Sovie, MLAX

ALL-REGION

- *Shauna Leonard, WLAX

ALL-SUNYAC

- Jesse Berube, MT&F
- Tom Costanza, MLAX
- Lauren Ferrimani, WT&F
- Christy Finke, WT&F
- Laura Iafrati, WT&F
- Ryan Joyce, MT&F
- Craig Lange, MLAX, Rookie of The Year
- Joe Malach, MLAX
- Kristen Newton, WSB
- Caryn Quinn, WLAX
- Ray Ryan, MLAX
- Andrew Sorrento, MT&F
- Julie Thering, WT&F
- Eddie Watts, MLAX

*also named All-SUNYAC | **Also named All-Region & All-SUNYAC

THREE BLUE KNIGHTS COACHES NAMED SUNYAC COACH OF THE YEAR:

Mike Woods '69 – women's cross country

Paul Dotterweich – men's AND women's swimming

Dave Prevosti – women's outdoor track and field



ONLY 35 DAYS UNTIL
SOCCER SEASON!



Anthony Gallo '02 and **Melissa White '03** competed at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials on June 28 at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon. Each garnered a 19th-place finish among a field of 23 competitors. Gallo, seeded 22nd, ran a time of 14:12.54 in the 5,000 meters. White, seeded 24th, ran a time of 33:54.35 in the 10,000 meters.



Save the Date:

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 26 - 27

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR TWO GREAT EVENTS DURING HOMECOMING WEEKEND:

- **2nd Annual Friday Knight 5K Race/Walk**
Friday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m.
- **Annual Blue Knights Hall of Fame Dinner**
Saturday, September 27 at 6 p.m.

This year's 5K race will begin on Geneseo's newly-refurbished track, now under construction and slated for dedication on race day. All funds raised support Geneseo's cross country and track and field teams, allowing the Blue Knights to travel to out-of-state meets to compete against the best athletes.

To register for the race, visit <http://geneseo5k.com>.



IN JUST TWO MONTHS, Geneseo's cross country and track and field athletes will have a new, million-dollar refurbished track to call their own. The project gives the Blue Knights a dedicated training facility that features improved space design that affords separate practice and competition areas for the athletes.

