



New Paltz Athletics

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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REMINICK SELECTED TO ATTEND NCAA NATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



Sean Reminick

Junior Sean Reminick (East Meadow) has been selected to represent SUNY New Paltz at the 2009 NCAA National Student-Athlete Development Conference. Reminick is a member of the men's soccer program. A total of 700 student-athletes have been selected to participate. Participants must be returning to campus for the 2009-10 academic year, participated in a NCAA-sponsored sport during the 2008-09 year, and be in good academic standing.

The conference provides NCAA student-athletes with a forum to openly discuss issues that may affect them on their campuses and in their communities, while also providing them with the opportunity to enhance their leadership, communication, decision-making and problem-solving skills. The 2009 event will take place May 24-27 in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Coronado Spring Resort.

NEW PALTZ ENTERED "PINK ZONE"

On February 20th, 2009 the SUNY New Paltz Athletic Department and the women's basketball team hosted the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's (WBCA) annual "Pink Zone," an initiative movement to raise awareness for breast cancer.

Formerly known as "Think Pink," "Pink Zone" was created in response to late Kay Yow, a past president and founder of WBCA, who established the fund in her name. She was the head women's coach of North Carolina State and had battled



three bouts with breast cancer. Yow passed away in late January. This year over 1,250 schools and organizations participated in the event and it marks SUNY New Paltz's second year of being involved.

Local businesses were asked to become sponsors for this event by making donations to the Kay Yow Breast Cancer Fund. Fans were asked to wear pink to show their support and also given a



chance to make donations throughout the night. Spectators were given pink colored basketball programs, pink ribbon pins, and pink ribbon key chains. In order to show support for the victims and survivors of this disease, the Women's Basketball Team laced their shoes with pink shoelaces, and wore Pink Zone T-shirts during their warm-up. The excitement continued throughout the night as Pink T-shirts were thrown into the crowd and door prizes were raffled off during time outs. At halftime of the game, local high school basketball official Michael Brajczewski spoke about how his life has been affected by the disease. Brajczewski's wife lost her battle in August of 2007 and he has since by raising awareness, growing his hair out to donate to cancer patients, and encouraging others to get involved.

This year's event was perceived to be a success by all in attendance, and we were able to raise over \$400 for the Kay Yow Breast Cancer fund. Thank you to everyone for their support during the event and for helping to raise awareness about breast cancer.





SEVEN SWIMMERS EARN ALL-CONFERENCE

The men's and women's swim teams competed in the SUNY-AC Championships Feb 11-14th and finished in third place, as seven individuals earned All-Conference honors for their performances.

Junior Stephen Cozzolongo (Burlington, CT/Lewis Mills) won two events for the Hawks as he earned first team All-Conference honors. Cozzolongo captured the 100 backstroke (52.67) in a new varsity, conference and meet record time and scoring an NCAA provisional cut. He also won the 100 fly (51.74) in varsity record time.

Sophomore Dave Gardner (Chittenango) earned second-team All-Conference honors as he finished third in three individual events for the Hawks. He broke the 23-year old 50 freestyle varsity record in a time of 21.13 in the preliminary session, before finishing third in the finals (21.36). Gardner took third in the 200 freestyle (1:42.82) in an NCAA provisional time and touched third in the 100 freestyle (46.65).

First year Jesse Sweeney (East Lyme, CT/East Lyme) earned second team All-Conference after he posted a second place finish in the 200 backstroke in 1:55.62, breaking a 13-year old varsity record.

A trio of women's swimmers earned first team All-Conference honors as they took home individual titles. Senior Erica Ellis (Barnevald/Holland Patent) claimed her first individual SUNY-AC and first team All-Conference honors by winning the 100 breaststroke (1:05.95) setting a new varsity and conference record, in an NCAA provisional qualifying time.

Sophomore Jessica Lester (Long Beach) won the 1650 freestyle in a time of 17:36.70, an NCAA provisional cut. Her win broke a 25-year old varsity record and a 14-year old conference record. Sophomore Christine Rieth (Penfield/Webster) won the 50 free in an NCAA provisional cut time of 24.06. It was the fifth consecutive year that New Paltz has won the 50 freestyle on the women's side. Sophomore Marissa Morris (Toms River, NJ/Toms River East) earned second-team All-Conference honors as she took second in the 500 freestyle in an NCAA provisional time of 5:05.47, crushing the old varsity record of 5:13.65 set in 1984.

MORRIS AND RIETH COMPETE AT NCAA DIVISION III SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS



Marissa Morris



Christine Rieth

Sophomores Marissa Morris (Toms River, NJ/Toms River East) and Christine Rieth (Penfield, NY/Webster) competed at the 2009 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships. The championship took place March 18-21 at the University Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota, hosted by Macalester College.

Morris and Rieth are the third and fourth swimmers to qualify individually for the NCAA championships this decade. They follow in the footsteps of Joanna Masterson (05, 06) and Michelle Coombs (07, 08). This is the fifth consecutive year New Paltz has been represented at the meet.

On Wednesday, March 18, Morris competed in the 500 freestyle and posted a time of 5:12.62 in the preliminaries. Rieth posted a 24.29 in the 50 freestyle prelim sessions. Both women have two events left to swim in, with Morris competing in the 200 free and 200 back and Rieth swimming in the 100 free and 200 free.

On Thursday, Morris and Rieth each competed in the 200 freestyle. Morris finished 23rd out of the 64 competitors in the field with a time of 1:53.47. Rieth placed 50th in 1:55.70. The two women competed in their final event on Saturday, March 21. Rieth finished 28th out of 61 competitors in the 100 freestyle in a time of 52.41 and Morris placed 32nd in the 200 backstroke in 2:08.74.





AGYEMANG BECOMES LEADER IN ASSISTS

Junior Oppong Agyemang (Windsor, CT/Windsor) broke a 14-year old school record as he became the all-time leader for assists in a season with 160. He passes Eric Bell who had 152 in the 94-95 season. Agyemang broke the record on February 21,

2009 when he finished with a career high 11 points and dished out a game-high 10 assists against Plattsburgh. For the season he ranked first in the conference and 16th nationally in assists per game (6.40).

ALUMNI GAMES

Men's Soccer – Saturday April 25th at 4:30 (Turf Field)
Contact coach Watson at 845-257-2342 or watsone@newpaltz.edu

Women's Soccer – Saturday April 25th at 3:30 (Turf Field)
Contact coach Bruley at 845-257-3918 or at bruleyc@newpaltz.edu

SWIMMING, FIELD HOCKEY AND CROSS COUNTRY HONOR FOR ACADEMICS

The men's and women's swim teams were named as an All-Academic team by the College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA).

The women's field hockey team was named as an All-Academic team by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFCHA).

To be eligible, teams must have a minimum 3.00 team cumulative grade point average.

The SUNY New Paltz men's and women's cross country teams have been named a Division III USTFCCCA Scholar Team. The New Paltz women were one of five SUNYAC schools to earn the honor with a 3.36 cumulative team grade point average. The men's squad was one of two conference schools to garner the honor with a 3.17 grade point average.

Forty-percent of all Division III institutions (394) who sponsor women's cross country received the honor and 103 men's cross country programs earned recognition.

For a team to be considered for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Team award, they must have competed and compiled a team score at an NCAA Regional Meet. The team must also have a minimum 3.10 team cumulative grade point average.

SUNYAC ANNOUNCES ACADEMIC AND COMMISSIONERS LIST FOR FALL 2008

The State University of New York Athletic Conference Commissioner's List and All-Academic Team for the Fall 2008 semester have been announced.

Fifty-six New Paltz student-athletes earned SUNYAC All-Academic team recognition for having a fall semester grade point average of 3.3 or higher. The number represents 47% of all fall student-athletes at New Paltz.

The Hawks posted 35 members (30%) on the SUNYAC Commissioner's List for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher for three consecutive semesters.

HAWKS GOLF CLASSIC



Join the SUNY New Paltz Athletic Department in the second annual Hawks golf classic!
Friday August 14th, 2009
Apple Greens Golf Course in New Paltz
\$100 per golfer
8:30 am Check-in
10:00 am Shotgun start

Registration can be made online at <http://athletics.newpaltz.edu/golf.cfm>
If you have any questions, please contact: Erick Hart at 845-257-2344 or harte@newpaltz.edu

NEW PALTZ MOVES INTO FIFTH IN THE COMMISSIONER'S CUP

The State University of New York Athletic Conference released the updated standings of the Commissioner's Cup following the winter sports season. New Paltz moves into fifth place, after standing in sixth during the fall, with 62.75 points and an average of 5.70 points per sport. The Hawks earned eight points each for men's and women's swimming finishing in third place and 6.75 in women's basketball.

Complete Standings
Geneseo - 8.20
Cortland - 7.84
Brockport - 7.00
Oneonta - 5.87
New Paltz - 5.70
Plattsburgh - 5.48
Oswego - 5.21
Fredonia - 5.08
Buffalo - St. 4.31
Potsdam - 3.25

