

# VARSITY

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## Soccer Hall of Fame inducts two; program marks 70th year

Grove City inducted two former standouts into its Men's Soccer Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend. Phil Donatelli '77 and Greg Kreutzberg '97 became the 22nd and 23rd persons to enter the Hall since its 2001 inception. The soccer program also celebrated its 70th season.

Donatelli captained Grove City's 1976 squad that advanced to the NCAA Championship Tournament quarterfinals. That year, the Wolverines set a program record with 10 victories.

A versatile player during his career at Grove City, he lettered three years as a midfielder, back and forward from 1973 to 1976. The Western Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Soccer Conference (WPISC) honored Donatelli as First Team All-Conference following both his junior and senior seasons.

Kreutzberg earned four letters as a center forward during his career (1993 to 1996). As a senior co-captain in 1996, Kreutzberg racked up a school-record 25 goals and



Players peruse 70 years of Grove City College men's soccer history at the Hall of Fame ceremony.

helped the Wolverines to a share of their first-ever Presidents' Athletic Conference title.

Grove City capped the season by winning the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Championship title. The Wolverines finished 16-2 overall and set a new program record for single-season wins.

Kreutzberg finished the season with a school-record 55 points. He earned NSCAA All-Region honors along with the PAC's Most Valuable Player award in 1996.

Kreutzberg also earned All-PAC honors three times in his career. His 46 career goals rank third in program history.

## 688: Roberts sets win mark

Grove City volleyball coach Susan Roberts became the College's all-time leader in coaching wins Oct. 28 as the Wolverines downed visiting Bethany, 3-0.

Roberts earned her 688th career win at Grove City that night, surpassing the previous record of 687 wins held by Jim Longnecker. Roberts finished the season with 689 total wins, including 522 as Grove City's head volleyball coach.

She also recorded 101 wins as head basketball coach from 1985 to 1993 and 66 wins as softball coach from 1994 through the 1998 season.

Roberts is the only active coach in the Presidents' Athletic Conference to win a PAC title in three different sports.

Longnecker amassed a 687-177-1 overall record as swimming, track and field, and cross country coach from 1957 to 1997.



Head volleyball coach Susan Roberts, center, earned her 688th career win Oct. 28, topping the record set by Jim Longnecker. She is now the winningest coach in Grove City College history.

## Carter lauded for sportsmanship

Grove City senior cross country runner Kristen Carter received the NCAA's 2007-08 Sportsmanship Award for Division III after her compassionate actions following the 2007 Presidents' Athletic Conference Cross Country Championships in Latrobe, Pa.

Carter owned a sizeable lead and appeared to be on her way to setting a new course record. With about a half-mile remaining in the race, a meet worker inadvertently pointed Carter in the

wrong direction on the course.

The meet director realized the error and re-directed Carter onto the proper course. Carter's lead had diminished significantly and any shot at a course record evaporated by the time she got back on track.

Carter recovered to win the race and after learning that the meet worker had been admonished for her error, Carter sought out the employee.

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## Nations sensation

Tamara Nations '09 was named the 2008 Presidents' Athletic Conference Player of the Year after capturing the conference title in first singles. She joins a long line of Grove City College players of the year. The women's tennis team continued its 22-year dominance in the PAC by winning the overall title.

## College in All-Sports race

Both Grove City's men's and women's sports teams are in the upper echelon in the Presidents' Athletic Conference All-Sports Trophy races.

On the men's side, Grove City picked up 15.5 points in the fall and trails first-place Westminster by just one point. Grove City earned seven points for winning the cross country title, while football and soccer netted 4.5 and four points, respectively.

Grove City is second on the women's side with 24.5 points after earning eight points each for winning conference titles in cross country and tennis. The Wolverines also picked up five points in women's soccer and 3.5 in volleyball.

Westminster compiled 27 points on the women's side and leads the All-Sports Trophy competition.

Be sure to check in the upcoming winter and spring season issues of *Varsity G* newsletter for updates on Grove City's position in the All-Sports trophy race.

## Welcome to 'Varsity G'

Dear alumni, parents, friends and athletes, It is hard to believe that we have concluded the first semester of the academic year. It seems just like yesterday that our fall sports teams arrived for camp. We had had a very successful fall and the winter sports teams are off to great starts.

Our night football game on Sept. 20 proved to be an even greater success than our night game in 2007. Approximately 6,500 fans packed Thorn Field for a night of fun. The evening featured a Staff and Faculty Appreciation Night. Over 300 athletes (not counting the football team) came out to thank staff and faculty for their support throughout the year. In an exciting game, the football team defeated Bethany 41-35. The evening was capped off with a spectacular fireworks display. It was a perfect night for Grove City College in every sense of the word.

Homecoming was very exciting. The men's soccer team held its annual Hall of Fame game as approximately 55 alumni participants defeated the varsity team 4-2. The 1938 soccer team (first varsity team) celebrated its 70th anniversary that weekend. The women's soccer, volleyball, basketball and women's water polo teams also had alumni games or gatherings throughout the day.

We are preparing for the induction of our third class into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is scheduled for Feb. 7, 2009. If you are interested in attending, the cost is \$25/person. The price includes the reception, dinner and induction ceremony that night. To place a reservation, please contact me at dllyle@gcc.edu or call (724) 458-2900. Reservations must be made by Jan. 7, 2009.

The inaugural Grove City College Athletic Heritage Award will be presented in conjunction with the Hall of Fame ceremony. The recipients are Ben Jones '23, Harvey Miller '40 and Dr. James Loveless.

Jones played football at Grove City before becoming one of the early standouts in the National Football League. Miller competed in soccer, tennis and swimming and later became a Trustee of the College. He is currently Trustee Emeritus. Loveless was a coach and assistant athletic director from 1937 to 1954. He coached football, basketball, track and started the men's swimming team.

Additionally, we are looking for any trophies, pins, pictures, awards or memorabilia that you would like to loan or donate to the department for display. Piecing our history together will be a fun process and anything you could share verbally or tangibly would be very much appreciated. We have received varsity jackets from John Powless '50 and Larry Armstrong '63 and a varsity blanket from Larry Haller '59. If you have any items to donate, please contact me at dllyle@gcc.edu or (724) 458-2122.

Please stop in when you are on campus. You are always welcome.



Donald L. Lyle

Best regards,  
Donald L. Lyle, Ed.D.  
Director of Athletics



## Fight under the lights

The annual night game at Thorn Field has already become a fan favorite as, for the second year, the matchup saw a record-setting crowd. Grove City defeated Bethany 41-35 in a shootout.

## ALL-PAC from page 3

Colley earned First Team All-PAC for the second consecutive season after starting all 21 matches at center back. She helped lead a defense that recorded a 1.07 goals-against average this season.



Kristin Colley '09

Meanwhile, Wild made the First Team for the third straight season after sharing the team lead in both goals (9) and assists (4) this year.

Pragel started all 21 matches in goal and earned 11 wins this year. She posted a 1.15 goals-against average and an .828 save percentage this year.

Like her classmate Pragel, Shipley started all 21 matches this year. She scored two goals and assisted on two other scores this year.

Ostlund scored seven goals in 2008, including a team-high three game-winning goals. As a freshman, Ostlund received First Team All-PAC honors.

Griffin appeared in 17 matches at outside back, including 13 starts. She set up one goal and scored another in a 3-1 victory at Westminster Oct. 29. Peck started 20 matches and posted six goals and three assists this year. She tied with Ostlund for third on the team with 15 points.

The football team placed two players

on the First Team and five more on the Second Team. Eleven other players earned Honorable Mention.

Senior guard Dave Salera and senior cornerback Mike Baker both earned First Team honors.

Senior tailback Brian Mercer, junior defensive tackle Tony Clark, senior middle linebacker Adam Eichler, senior safety Zach Fulmer and freshman punter Ed Reith all received Second Team recognition.

Salera started all 10 games on the offensive line for Grove City this year. He made eight starts at guard and two at center while helping the Wolverines lead the conference in time of possession with an average of 32 minutes, 51 seconds per game. Salera earned Second Team All-PAC in 2007.

Baker is a PAC First Team selection for the second straight season. This year, Baker broke up a team-high six passes while recording 47 total tackles. Baker co-captained the 2008 squad and started all 10 games in the secondary.

Mercer led Grove City with 700 yards rushing and 14 total touchdowns this year. He also caught 21 passes for 209 yards. Mercer finished second in the conference in touchdowns and total points, with 84.



Mike Baker '09

Clark, Eichler and Fulmer solidified the middle of a Grove City defense that ranked first in the PAC against the pass and third overall in the league. Clark recorded 48 total tackles, including 7.5 for loss.

Eichler led the team and the conference with 104 total tackles. It is the second straight year that Eichler led the Wolverines in tackles. The senior co-captain collected three tackles for loss, one sack, one interception and two forced fumbles.

Fulmer started at both safety positions this year and led the conference with five interceptions. He also broke up three passes and finished the season with 40 total tackles.

Reith started three games at wingback before taking over the full-time punting duties. He averaged 36.6 yards per punt on 34 kicks. Reith placed five punts inside the 20 and had just two touchbacks this year.

The following earned All-PAC Honorable Mention: sophomore kicker Craig Bicehouse, junior quarterback Andrew DiDonato, freshman linebacker Jason Ferguson, junior guard David Gernhard, senior wide receiver Stephen Mercer, senior linebacker Ian Minster, sophomore offensive tackle Pete Polesnak, junior tight end Chris Rich, senior defensive end Ryan Rylands, junior cornerback Randy Santina and sophomore defensive end Kevin Twarek.

# Eichler, Salera earn Academic All-America

Two Grove City College football players earned Academic All-America College Division honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and "ESPN The Magazine."

Senior guard Dave Salera and senior middle linebacker Adam Eichler each earned Second Team Academic All-America honors from the CoSIDA Academic All-America Committee.

This is the first time in 20 years that Grove City has produced multiple CoSIDA Academic All-Americans in the same sport in the same season. In 1988, softball players Deb Poland and Tammy Leonard both earned Academic All-America recognition.

Salera earned First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference after anchoring a youthful offensive line this fall. Salera started all 10 games for the Wolverines, making eight starts at guard and two at center. His performance up front helped Grove City average 335



For the first time in 20 years, Grove City boasts multiple Academic All-Americans in the same sport in the same season: guard Dave Salera, left, and middle linebacker Adam Eichler, both of Class of 2009.

yards of total offense and a conference-best 32 minutes and 52 seconds of possession time per game.

Salera is a two-year starter and a three-year letterman for Grove City (6-4 in 2008). In 2007, Salera earned First Team Academic All-District and Second Team All-PAC. Prior to the 2008 season, Salera's teammates voted him a co-captain.

An accounting major, he is a six-time Dean's List selection. Salera has been named to the PAC Academic Honor Roll and earned induction into the Operation Top Management and Delta Mu Delta

business honoraries.

Eichler led the PAC with 104 total tackles this year and earned Second Team All-PAC. He added one sack, an interception and two forced fumbles, helping the Wolverines lead the conference in pass defense. This is the second straight season that Eichler led Grove City in total tackles. He recorded a team-high 92 stops in 2007.

Eichler started each of the last 20 games and is

a four-year letterman. A co-captain, Eichler's teammates voted him as the team's Defensive Player of the Year for this season.

Majoring in molecular biology/pre-dental, Eichler is a Dean's List student and has been named to the PAC Academic Honor Roll. Eichler has been inducted into the American Chemical Society and has achieved "Scholar-Athlete" distinction at the College.

Twelve Grove City student-athletes have earned a total of 15 Academic All-America citations since 2002.

# Student-athletes earn Academic All-District honors

Ten Grove City College student-athletes earned "ESPN The Magazine"/CoSIDA Academic All-District honors this fall.

Senior football players Adam Eichler, Stephen Mercer and Dave Salera all earned First Team honors. Eichler and Salera advanced to earn Academic All-America honors (see related story).

In volleyball, senior Natalie Liberati earned Third Team All-District honors.

Six soccer players also achieved Academic All-District. On the men's side, sophomore forward Chuck Witt earned Third Team Academic All-District honors.

Meanwhile, five members of the women's squad earned Academic All-District.

Sophomore midfielder Emily Ostlund, junior midfielder Michelle Peck and junior Lauren Woodring all earned Second Team All-District.

Senior goalkeeper Diana Prangel and senior forward Stephanie Wild both earned Third Team All-District.

District II includes all non-NCAA Division I colleges and universities

in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

To be nominated for the CoSIDA Academic All-America program, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a 3.3 or higher cumulative grade-point average and be a starter or significant reserve.

# Harriers sprint to honors

Four Grove City cross country runners earned All-Mideast Region honors at the NCAA Mid-east Regional Championships in Waynesburg, Pa., on Nov. 15.

Seniors Kristen Carter and Julia Seward placed second and third, respectively, in the women's race. In the men's race, sophomore Garrett Cichowitz finished 17th while senior Dan Spaulding took 22nd overall.

Carter, Cichowitz and Seward all advanced to the NCAA Division III Championships the following weekend. Seward finished 38th overall in her second national meet.

Carter, in her third appearance at the NCAA Championships, placed 131st. Cichowitz made his debut on the national stage and finished 133rd at the NCAA Championships.



Garrett Cichowitz '11



Julia Seward '09

## CARTER from page 1

Carter consoled the distraught meet worker and assured her that she was not upset by the error.

PAC Executive Director Joseph M. Onderko nominated Carter for the Sportsmanship Award after witnessing her actions.

In his nomination, Onderko wrote, "It was one of the most refreshing and heartwarming acts of individual sportsmanship I have personally witnessed in over 15 years as a full-time athletic administrator."

Carter will be presented with the award during the second semester of this academic year.



Kristen Carter '09 earned the 2007-08 NCAA Sportsmanship Award for Division III.

# College lands many on All-PAC teams

Grove City College recently placed two volleyball players, four men's soccer players, seven women's soccer players and 17 football players on those sports' respective All-Presidents' Athletic Conference teams.

In volleyball, senior Natalie Liberati earned First Team All-PAC while sophomore Inge Rasmussen received Honorable Mention.

Senior Jack Adams and sophomore forward Jake Kern both earned First Team All-PAC in men's soccer while senior Bob Terhune landed on the Second Team. Senior Matt Sol earned Honorable Mention.

In women's soccer, senior defender Kristin Colley and senior forward Stephanie Wild both earned First Team

recognition. Senior goalkeeper Diana Prangel, senior midfielder Laura Shipley and sophomore midfielder Emily Ostlund all received Second Team honors.

Senior defender Sara Griffin and junior forward Michelle Peck each received Honorable Mention.

Liberati finished her volleyball career as Grove City's all-time leader in kills with 1,420. This year, she averaged 3.45 kills per game. That figure ranked fourth in the PAC this year. She also recorded 1.95 digs and 0.54 blocks per game this year.

It is Liberati's second straight First Team All-PAC citation. She earned Second Team All-Conference as a sophomore in 2006.

Rasmussen made an immediate impact

in her first season at Grove City. She led the Wolverines (13-21, 6-8 PAC) with 72 blocks and 31 aces this fall.

Adams started all 20 matches at center back this year for Grove City's men's soccer team. His efforts helped Grove City surrender just two goals in six conference matches this year.

A three-year starter, Adams received Second Team All-PAC in both 2006 and 2007.

Kern led Grove City with four assists and 12 total points this year. He also shared the team lead in scoring with four goals.

Terhune moved from outside back to midfielder at midseason, helping spark Grove City's midseason surge. Terhune scored three goals in 2008, including a pair of game-winners in conference play.

Sol, meanwhile, received Honorable Mention after starting all 20 matches at midfielder. He is a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter for Grove City.

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Jack Adams '09



Natalie Liberati '09