

# VARSITY

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Director of Athletics Dr. Don Lyle, far left, and President Richard Jewell, far right, inducted nine alumni into the Athletic Hall of Fame and presented three Athletic Heritage Awards in a ceremony in Mary Anderson Pew dining hall Feb. 12.

## College inducts fifth Hall of Fame class

Grove City College inducted the fifth class into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 12, 2011, in conjunction with Grove City's Presidents' Athletic Conference basketball doubleheader against Geneva.

The College inducted Christine (Carlson '91) Jenkins, John Cochran '70, Carolyn (Cochrane '89) Carr, Rick Durstein '77, Bart Niemeyer '62, Tom Robinson '62, Wayne Sedlak '75, Doug

Steiner '98 and Dan Young '83 into the Hall of Fame that evening.

The College also presented the Athletic Heritage Award to Frank "Boom" Cantoni '31, Fred Fetterolf '52, Scott Johnston '55 and Robert Smith '59. Those four men comprised the third group of Athletic Heritage Award honorees.

Grove City College President Richard Jewell served as master of ceremonies for the event.

## Women's soccer earns NSCAA ethics award

The Grove City College women's soccer program recently earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Ethics/Sportsmanship Award in recognition of the Wolverines' play during the 2010 season.

Grove City did not receive a yellow card in any of its 21 matches this year, which merited the NSCAA's Gold Ethics Award. Only six teams in the nation, regardless of gender or division of play, received the Gold Award this year. The Gold Award is presented to teams that complete the season without earning any yellow or red cards.

It is the third straight season that Grove City has won the Gold Award. The Wolverines are the only program in the country to have a current streak of two or more Gold honors.

Silver distinction is given to teams that have five or fewer yellow cards and no ejections during a season. Bronze status goes to teams with 10 or fewer yellow cards and no red cards during the season.

The Wolverines finished the season 12-8-1 overall and advanced to the semifinals of the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southern Championship Tournament last fall.

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# Welcome to 'Varsity G'

Dear Varsity Athletes, Parents, Alumni and Friends:

It is hard to believe that the winter season is over, and the spring sports season is almost over. We finished the winter season on a very high note. Our swimming and diving teams each won the Presidents' Athletic Conference title, and the women's basketball team had its first winning season since 2005.

The women's swimming and diving team finished 11th at the NCAA Championships and five of our student-athletes earned NCAA All-America honors.

Presently, we lead the race for the Presidents' Athletic Conference's All-Sports Trophy on the women's side and we are third in the men's competition.

We inducted our fifth class into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame Feb. 12. We also presented the Heritage Award to the third group of recipients during the Hall of Fame ceremonies. It was a fantastic day.

We have included some pictures of how the Hall of Fame looks on induction day. This will give you a general idea of what kind of changes we make in the Physical Learning Center to help make the day special for the inductees and award winners.

We are in the process of selecting our next class of Hall of Fame inductees and Heritage Award recipients. If you have anyone you would like to nominate for the Hall of Fame or Heritage Award, please contact either Sports Information Director Ryan Briggs or myself. We welcome your nominations.

We have made some significant changes to the building. We have added electronic scoreboards to each of the eight courts

in the Intramural Rooms, which are used for all activities from intramurals, club sports, fund raisers and varsity practices.

This summer, we will be renovating the visiting team stands at Thorn Field and installing a new scoreboard. In the summer of 2012, the Grove City College Arena is targeted for a new floor and facility renovations.

These additions will benefit all aspects of the College campus and better help us meet the needs of the College community. As our student needs grow, we have been very fortunate to be able to grow with them in a very timely fashion.

I would like to once again ask if you would be willing to donate any memorabilia you may have concerning your days as a Grove City College athlete. Over the past two years, we have received numerous items, including letter jackets, varsity blankets, game balls, etc. All of these items have been properly displayed in prominent areas of the building with the respective donor's name placed on them.

I am currently looking for a varsity letter sweater and a varsity "G" sweater worn by the cheerleaders in the '50s and '60s.

Thanks to all of you, our athletic program is very much alive, doing well and changing to meet the growing needs of our athletes. We hope that many of you will be able to visit sometime this spring to enjoy the weather and one or more of your favorite sporting events.

Please stop in and say hello when you return to campus. You are always welcome.



Donald Lyle

Sincerely,  
Donald L. Lyle Ed.D.  
Director of Athletics  
Grove City College



Brett Matson '12 greets teammates during the Wolverines' Dec. 4 home game.

## Defense defines men's basketball in 2010-11

Injuries and inexperience plagued the Wolverines throughout the 2010-11 season. Grove City still led the conference in scoring defense, allowing just 63.3 points per game. The Wolverines also ranked 25th nationally in Division III in field goal percentage defense, holding opponents to just 39.6 percent shooting from the field.

Senior Luke Tomaselli and junior Brett Matson both earned All-PAC Honorable Mention following the season.



Luke Tomaselli '11 passes the ball in a game against Washington & Jefferson.



Sarah Page '11



Jenna Richert '12



Angela Palumbo '13



Kait Riesmeyer '13



Jenny Ryan '13

## Five swimmers capture All-America honors

Five Grove City College women's swimmers earned All-America honors at the 2011 NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships March 23-26 in Knoxville, Tenn., as the Wolverines finished 11th nationally in the team standings.

Senior Sarah Page, sophomore Angela Palumbo, junior Jenna Richert, sophomore Kait Riesmeyer and sophomore Jenny Ryan all achieved All-America status during the meet as Grove City accumulated 89 team points.

Palumbo became the program's

most decorated performer by earning All-America honors in four events at this year's national championships. She now has nine All-America citations to her credit after achieving All-America in the 200 medley relay and all three free relays.

Ryan joined Palumbo on all four relays squads and is now an eight-time NCAA Division III All-American.

Riesmeyer earned individual All-America honors in both the 100 and 200 butterfly while also contributing to the 800 free relay and 200 medley relay.

A seven-time All-American, Riesmeyer took fifth in the 100 butterfly and 14th in the 200 fly.

Page closed her career as a six-time All-American after competing on the 200 and 400 free relays and the 200 medley relay team. Richert helped all three free relay teams to All-America distinction and now owns five All-America honors for her career.

Grove City placed fifth in both the 400 and 800 free relays. The 200 free relay finished 12th and the 200 medley relay squad placed 14th.

## Men's and women's swimming both win PAC titles

Grove City College captured the Presidents' Athletic Conference title in both men's and women's swimming and diving February 17-19 at the College's James E. Longnecker Invitational.

The men's team won its fourth straight conference title by amassing 948 points during the three-day event. Grove City owned a 294-point margin of victory over distant runner-up Westminster.

Junior Ben Bowser earned the Invitational's High Point Award and received the conference's Most Valuable Performer award.

Meanwhile, the women's team rolled up 888 points in earning its third consecutive league championship. The Wolverines owned a 236-point margin of victory over Washington & Jefferson.

Sophomore Kait Riesmeyer captured the PAC's Most Valuable Performer honor and shared the Invitational's High Point Award with classmate Angela Palumbo.

Head coach Dave Fritz '94 earned the conference's Coach of the Year award in both men's and women's swimming.

The men's team captured its 60th straight winning season by posting a 12-4

mark in dual meets during the 2010-11 campaign. The Wolverines highlighted the non-conference schedule with wins over Allegheny, Case Western, Kenyon and Wooster. Grove City then swept conference opposition in dual meets.

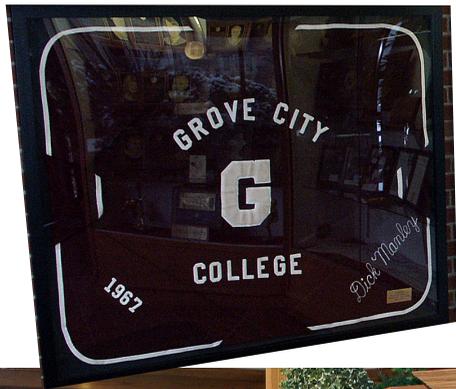
The women's squad went 9-7 overall and 4-1 in the conference despite facing a brutal dual-meet schedule throughout the winter. Four of the setbacks came at the University of Pittsburgh Quad as Grove City faced Pitt, Carnegie Mellon and nationally-ranked Division II schools California (Pa.) and Clarion.



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# Inside the **Athletic Hall of Fame**



The Grove City College Hall of Fame and Heritage Award areas feature a wide variety of personal memorabilia, including the letter blanket of 2010 Hall of Fame inductee Richard Manley '67 (left). More memorabilia and other items, such as photos, programs and newspaper pages, are displayed on the day of induction (center). (Below), the Hall of Fame plaques and Heritage Awards are displayed at the induction ceremony.





Christine Slater '11 drives to the basket in a game Jan. 22 against Thomas More. Slater led the conference in scoring.

## Slater caps senior year with All-Region, All-ECAC honors

Grove City College senior women's basketball player Christine Slater earned Second Team All-South recognition from the Eastern College Athletic Conference and D3Hoops.com All-Great Lakes Region Third Team honors in recognition of her play during the 2010-11 season.

A 5-foot-9 forward, Slater led the Presidents' Athletic Conference in scoring this season, averaging 18.8 points per game. She also ranked second in the conference in rebounds

with an average of 8.4 per game. Slater led the conference in foul shooting at 82.9 percent (63 of 76).

Slater fired in 507 points this year, the fourth-highest single-season total in program history. Her 18.8 scoring average is the sixth-highest in one year. She concluded her career second all-time at Grove City with 1,634 points. That mark is the ninth-highest all-time in PAC women's basketball history.

Slater is also second at Grove City with 901 career rebounds.

## Women's basketball overcomes tough schedule, makes conference semis

Under the guidance of first-year head coach Michelle Bruns, the Grove City women's basketball team posted its best season since 2005 by going 14-13 overall and advancing to the conference tournament semifinals.

Grove City faced one of the nation's toughest schedules with seven games against nationally-ranked foes, including three with top-ranked Thomas More. The Wolverines also swept

archrivals Geneva and Westminster once again.

Senior forward Christine Slater concluded her career as the second-leading scorer in program history with 1,634 points. She led the conference in scoring at 18.8 points per game.

Grove City finished the season ranked ninth nationally in NCAA Division III in foul shooting at 76.7 percent.

## Grove City women lead conference in all-sports race

Grove City College continues to set the pace in the race for the Presidents' Athletic Conference's Women's All-Sports Trophy, following the conclusion of the winter sports season. Grove City's women's teams have now accumulated a conference-best 41.5 team points. The College owns a 3.5-point margin over second-place Saint Vincent.

On the men's side, Grove City is in third place with 25 points, a half-point behind Bethany for second place. Washington & Jefferson leads the Men's All-Sports Trophy competition with 35 points.

Grove City's women's teams earned 14.5 total points in the winter. The women's swimming and diving team won the conference title, earning nine points. The women's basketball team tied for fourth, which merited 5.5 points.

The men's swimming and diving team won the conference title, netting eight points. Grove City also received 1.5 points for a seventh-place tie in men's basketball.

Conference champions in women's sports receive nine points and the point scale descends incrementally until the

ninth-place team receives one point. The men's point scale is based on eight teams, thus, men's conference champions receive eight points.

Grove City also leads the conference in total combined points between men's and women's teams with 66.5. W&J has 65.5 combined points and Saint Vincent is third with 62.5.

Grove City won the Men's All-Sports Trophy in 2009-10 and has won that trophy 11 times since 1989. Grove City has won the women's All-Sports Trophy 13 times since 1989.

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