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GROVE CITY COLLEGE LEADS ALL-SPORTS TROPHY RACES



Following the conclusion of the fall sports season, Grove City College leads the respective races for the Presidents' Athletic Conference's All-Sports Trophies. On the women's side, Grove City accumulated 32 total points and leads second-place Geneva by 3.5 points. Grove City's men's teams earned a conference-best 20.5 points during fall 2012 to take the top spot. Washington & Jefferson accumulated 20.5 men's points.

Grove City holds a commanding lead in total All-Sports points with 52.5 combined points. Thomas More is second with 45.5 combined points.

In the women's competition, Grove City earned 10 points for winning the cross country championship. The women's soccer team earned nine points for placing second

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COLLEGE DEDICATES TENNIS COURTS

Grove City College dedicated its tennis facility in honor of retired head tennis coaches Patti Zbell and Joe Walters November 9, on campus. The facility is now known as the "Walters-Zbell Tennis Courts."

Zbell coached the women's tennis team at Grove City College from the program's inception in 1974, until her retirement following the 1990-91 academic year.

She helped the program attain varsity status in 1974, and during her 17 seasons as coach, Zbell directed Grove City to a 134-29-1 overall record. Her .820 career winning percentage is the highest for any Grove City head coach in any varsity sport.

Zbell's teams won six Women's Keystone Conference titles between 1980 and 1985. During that span, Grove City compiled an 80-1

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WELCOME TO 'VARSITY G'

Dear Varsity Athletes, Parents, Alumni and Friends,

The fall semester has drawn to a close and as you will read in Varsity G, we had a very successful and busy fall season.

We had a great Homecoming weekend in late September. The men's soccer program inducted Christos Takoudes '60 and Paul Fletcher '66 into the Men's Soccer Hall of Fame. We had an impressive 50 alumni competing against our current varsity team in the annual Hall of Fame Game.

Our women's soccer, volleyball, water polo and basketball teams also held alumni games or gatherings during the weekend.

Our football team defeated Bethany 44-40 after trailing by 16 points entering the fourth quarter, helping to cap a very exciting weekend for us.

On November 9, the College dedicated its tennis facility to retired coaches Joe Walters and Patti Zbell. We had a large turnout of guests for the reception and dedication ceremony, which was held in the Physical Learning Center.

During the summer, the College renovated the Arena by installing a new floor and new lighting system, along with repainting the facility. We are extremely pleased with the updated look.

We are also completing a display that recognizes the history of women's athletics at the College. The display covers the participation of women in sports at Grove City from our formative years in the 1880s up to the 21st century.

The College inducted its seventh class of honorees into the Athletic Hall of Fame February 9. We also presented the fifth annual Athletic Heritage Awards that evening. It was an outstanding day for the athletic department and Grove City College. You can read about this year's honorees on page 4.

We are currently now accepting nominations for both the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2014 and the 2014 Heritage Awards. Nominations are due by April 1.

We are always looking for any trophies, pins, pictures, awards or memorabilia that you would be willing to loan or donate to the department for display. Piecing our history together has been a fun process and anything you could share verbally or tangibly would be very much appreciated. If you have memorabilia to donate, please contact me.

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



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overall record, including a 36-0 record against conference opponents.

Grove City then won six Presidents' Athletic Conference championships from 1985 to 1990. Zbell earned seven Coach



PATTI ZBELL

of the Year honors from the WKC and PAC.

The College inducted Zbell into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

Walters spent 40 seasons as the head men's tennis coach at the College and accumulated a 358-137 overall record from 1973 to 2012.

Grove City earned 23 Presidents' Athletic Conference titles under Walters' direction, including 22 straight titles from 1991 to 2012. The conference honored Walters as its Coach of the Year in each of

his last seven seasons and 22 times overall.

In 2011, he led the men's tennis team to its first NCAA Division III Championship Tournament appearance. Grove City advanced to the regional semifinals after opening with a 5-3 win over Elizabethtown.

The Wolverines again reached the regional semifinals of the NCAA



JOE WALTERS

Tournament in 2012. Grove City defeated Penn State Harrisburg in the opening round before falling to No. 12 Middlebury in the regional semifinals.

Walters served as interim head coach for the women's tennis team in 2004 and led the team to an 11-1 record and a conference title. He became the women's

tennis coach permanently in 2008 and coached the team to a 53-20 record.

The Wolverines won PAC titles in each of those four seasons and qualified for four consecutive NCAA Tournaments. Walters earned the conference's Coach of the Year award in 2010 and 2011 for women's tennis.

Overall, he accumulated 422 overall coaching victories in 46 combined seasons. Walters-coached teams posted winning records in 42 of those 46 years.

The tennis facility will be the fourth athletic venue at the College to be named for a retired coach/administrator. In 1975, Grove City named its football and track facility in honor of retired athletic director Robert E. Thorn.

In 2009, the College dedicated its baseball facility to retired athletic director/baseball coach R. Jack Behringer. Later that year, Grove City named its competition pool in honor of retired head men's swimming and diving coach James E. Longnecker.

GIBBS EARNS COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

Grove City College junior cornerback Chris Gibbs earned Capital One/College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Division III Academic All-America honors. Gibbs, a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection, earned Second Team Academic All-America honors.

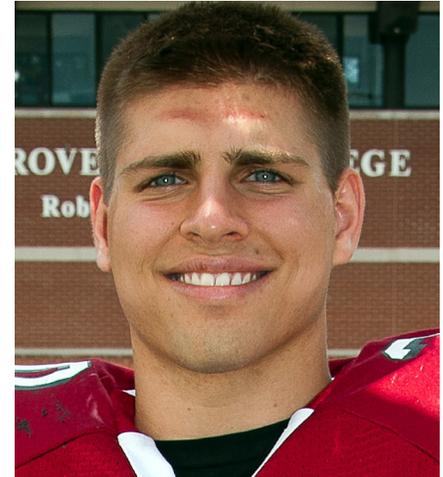
Gibbs started all 10 games at cornerback this year for Grove City and finished second on the team with 79 tackles. He had six pass breakups and helped Grove City lead the Presidents' Athletic Conference in total defense. The Wolverines yielded just 283.3 yards and a

conference-low 15.8 first downs per game.

A three-year letterman, Gibbs has also started at free safety during his career.

Gibbs is the first Grove City football player to earn CoSIDA Academic All-America distinction since linebacker Adam Eichler and guard Dave Salera both earned that honor in 2008. All-time, Grove City has produced 39 Academic All-Americans, including 22 since 2002. Those 22 Academic All-Americans have accounted for 28 total Academic All-America honors.

Grove City has at least one Academic All-American in each of the last 11 academic years.



CHRIS GIBBS

CESSAR, WEBER EARN ALL-REGION

Grove City College junior women's soccer players Sarah Cessar and Sam Weber both earned All-Great Lakes Region honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) through voting by the region's head women's soccer coaches.

Cessar earned First Team honors as a midfielder and Weber landed on the Second Team at forward. Both players had major roles in Grove City (16-4-2 overall) advancing to the second round of the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament this season. Cessar recorded four goals and four assists in 21 matches this fall. Along with earning a First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference selection this year, Cessar earned the team's Most Valuable Player award this year. She tied for third on the team with 12 points.



SARAH CESSAR

Weber led Grove City with 13 goals this year. She also had four assists, giving her a team-leading 30 points. She scored the game-winning goal in Grove City's 1-0 overtime victory over



SAM WEBER

Western Connecticut State November 10 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

Weber also led the team in scoring as a sophomore with seven goals.

Nine Grove City players have earned NSCAA All-Region honors since 2003. Current senior Grace Rieman earned All-Great Lakes in 2011. Hannah Yang (2010), Kristin Colley (2007), Emily Ostlund (2007), Stephanie Wild (2007), Danielle Balliet (2003) and Meg Tilley (2003) are Grove City's other All-Region honorees.

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while women's tennis merited eight points for taking third. The volleyball team took sixth in the conference tournament, earning five All-Sports points.

Each of Grove City's men's teams posted top four finishes in the fall. The cross country team garnered eight points by taking second while

the men's soccer team tied for third, good for 6.5 points. The football team earned six points by placing fourth with a 5-3 league mark.

Conference champions in women's sports receive 10 points and the point scale descends incrementally until the 10th-place team receives one point. The men's

point scale is based on nine teams, thus, men's conference champions receive nine points.

Grove City has dominated the All-Sports competition, winning the women's trophy 14 times in the last 23 years. Grove City has won the men's trophy 11 times since 1989.

COLLEGE ADDS BUXTON, GREIPSMA TO DEPARTMENT

Grove City College has hired Jeff Buxton and Rachel Griepsma as its newest members of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

Buxton serves as assistant professor of physical education and head men's and women's tennis coach. He also teaches courses in both the exercise science minor and the fitness and wellness program.

Griepsma holds the rank of assistant professor of physical education as well as the duties of head women's water polo coach and assistant men's and women's swimming and diving coach.



JEFF BUXTON

Buxton comes to Grove City after spending nine years as the general manager of One on One Fitness Consultants in State College, Pa. He is certified as a National Academy of Sports Medicine Enhancement Specialist and as an ACE Certified Personal Trainer.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology/movement science from Penn State in 2003. He completed his master of science in exercise science and health promotion at California University of Pennsylvania in December 2010.

Buxton replaces Joe Walters who retired at the end of the 2011-12 academic year after 40 years of service.

Griepsma joins the College after spending the 2012 season as a graduate assistant coach at her alma mater, Mercyhurst University.

She started from 2008 to 2011 for Mercyhurst's women's water polo team and compiled one of the finest careers in program history. She graduated as Mercyhurst's all-time leading scorer with 246 goals.



RACHEL GRIEPSMA

Griepsma earned Collegiate Water Polo Association Western Division First Team honors in all four of her seasons and twice earned Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches First Team All-America status.

A native of Lindsay, Ontario, Griepsma also spent three seasons as the starting goalkeeper for Mercyhurst's women's soccer team.

Griepsma earned a bachelor of science degree in sports medicine (exercise science concentration) in 2011 at Mercyhurst. This summer, she completed her master's degree in exercise science at Mercyhurst.

Griepsma replaces Jon Miller, who accepted a coaching position at his alma mater, California Baptist University.

The 2013 season will be the 14th season of intercollegiate play for the Grove City women's water polo program.

HALL OF FAME CEREMONIES FEBRUARY 9

Grove City College held its Athletic Hall of Fame induction and Heritage Award recognition ceremonies Feb. 9, 2013, in conjunction with the College's basketball doubleheader.

This year's Hall of Fame honorees are:

Joe Buckley '90 (men's basketball) – Scored 1,413 points during career, helped lead 1988-89 team to 20 wins, conference title and NCAA Division III Tournament invitation.

Bill Fox '79 (men's basketball) – Recorded 1,192 points and 748 rebounds during career, helping team earn two NCAA Tournament berths. Led team in rebounding four times and led team in scoring three times.

Clark Johnson '84 (diving) – Won NCAA Division III title in 3-meter diving as a senior. Also earned All-America honors in 1-meter diving at 1984 NCAA Championships.

Brenda Kanar '87 (women's basketball) – Scored 1,183 points from 1983-87, graduating as school's second-leading scorer. Helped lead team to 1987 Presidents' Athletic Conference title.

Lisa (Lippincott '93) Champion (volleyball) – Earned Second Team AVCA All-America and Presidents' Athletic Conference MVP honors in 1992. Graduated as Grove City's career kill leader with 1,036.

Matthew Lux '70 (men's soccer) – Earned Second Team All-America and All-Pennsylvania-New Jersey-Delaware recognition at fullback after senior season. Co-captained 1969 team that tied program record with nine victories.

John Pontier '68 (men's soccer/track and field) – Four-year starter for soccer team at wing, helping team to 30-5-2 record from 1964-67. Earned four letters as high jumper for track team and held school record in high jump (6-5 7/8) for 19 years. Won three conference titles in high jump and helped team to 28-0 dual meet record.

Steve Shilling '93 (baseball) – Three-time All-Conference selection at shortstop from 1991-93. Led PAC in home runs and runs batted in in 1992. Named CoSIDA Academic All-America in 1993.

David Tomashewski '78 (men's swimming) – Nine-time NCAA All-American in backstroke and medley relay. Graduated as most-decorated athlete in school history. Helped team finish in top 15 at NCAA Championships in all four seasons.

This year's Heritage Award recipients are:

Dr. Morgan Barnes (football) – Coached first football team at Grove City, leading team to 3-2 record in 1892. Chose crimson as official school color. Returned to College in 1950 as a professor of English at age 80.

Paul Cuffari '54 (football/track and field) – Held Grove City record in shot put (49-6) for 29 years. Three-year starter on defensive line for football team and earned All-District following 1952 season.

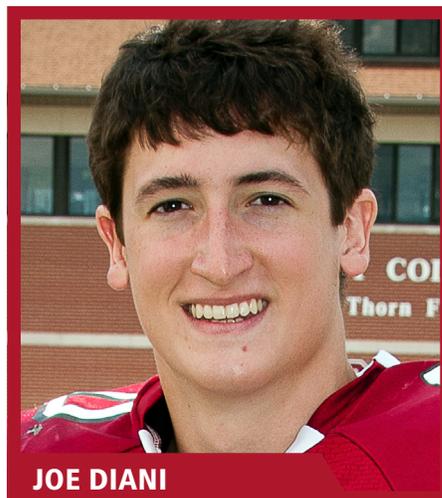
Harold "Hal" Kelly '50 (football) – First person to earn Grove City Sportsman of the Year award (1948). Started four years at center and linebacker for football team, earning All-State and All-Class B recognition.



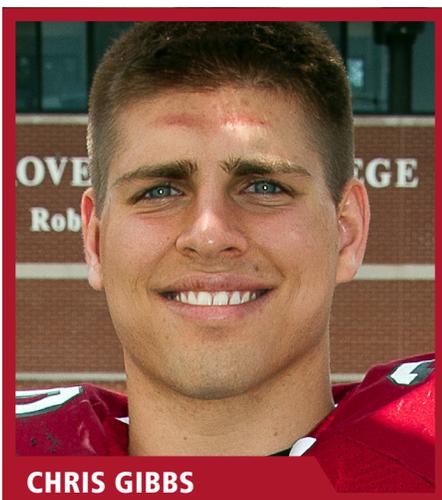
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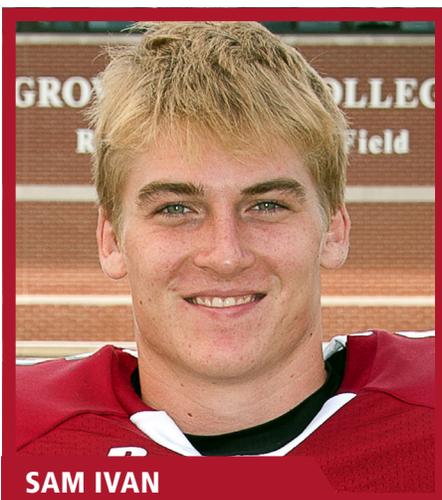
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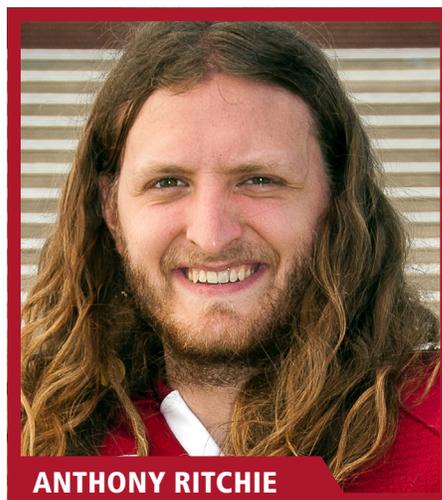
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ANTHONY RITCHIE

SIX EARN ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Two Grove City College women's soccer players and four Wolverine football players earned Capital One/College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Division III Academic All-District honors from the region's sports information directors this fall.

Junior defenders Lydia Caissy and Jessica Heck both earned First Team All-District recognition in women's soccer. In football, junior safety Joe Diani, junior cornerback Chris Gibbs, sophomore running back Sam Ivan and junior wide receiver Anthony Ritchie all earned First Team recognition.

Caissy is majoring in both accounting and finance. She is a Dean's List student who has also been named to the conference's Academic Honor Roll.

A three-year letterwinner, Heck is majoring in psychology and business. She has been named to the Dean's List and the conference's Academic Honor Roll. Heck is also a Presidential Scholarship recipient.

Diani is majoring in mathematics. He is a Dean's List student who has been named to the Presidents' Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll. He is a Presidential Scholarship recipient and has been inducted into the Kappa Mu Epsilon math honorary.

Gibbs is majoring in molecular biology. He has been named to the Dean's List with Distinction and the conference's Academic Honor Roll. He is also a Presidential Scholarship recipient.

Molecular biology major Ivan is a Dean's List honoree and has also earned a spot on the PAC Academic Honor Roll. Ivan

is a Presidential Scholarship and Trustee Scholarship recipient.

In the classroom, Ritchie is a mechanical engineering major. He is a Dean's List student who has also been named to the conference Academic Honor Roll.

The 2012-13 academic year marks the second year that CoSIDA has based its Academic All-America program on individual divisions within college athletics. Currently, CoSIDA honors student-athletes in NCAA Divisions I, II and III, along with a "College" division that includes NAIA institutions and junior colleges.

Grove City is now part of District IV for the CoSIDA Academic All-America program. District IV includes all of the NCAA Division III programs in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



2013 HALL OF FAME CLASS INDUCTED

Grove City College inducted the 2013 class of honorees into the Athletic Hall of Fame February 9. Front row, l to r: Clark Johnson '84, Brenda Kanar '87, Lisa (Lippincott) '93) Campion and David Tomashewski '78. Back row, l to r: President Richard Jewell '67, Bill Fox '79, John Pontier '68, Matt Lux '70, Joe Buckley '90, Steve Shilling '93 and athletic director Dr. Don Lyle.



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