



# POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2017 HONOREES

## ELISE LANKIEWICZ, DAVIDSON

Women's Swimming & Diving | Wilmington, Del.  
Biology



Lankiewicz, a three-time A-10 Women's Swimming & Diving Performer of the Year, participated in the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships in 2017. She was named Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference and CSCAA Scholar All-American Honorable Mention for three consecutive years. Lankiewicz was twice named to the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll. A member of Beta Beta Beta, she also was a team captain at Davidson's Relay for Life event the past three years helping organize teammates and assisting in fundraising for the

event. Lankiewicz has also worked as a travel grant advisor for the Dean Rusk International Studies Program and served as a four-year member of Turner Eating House raising funds on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

**Postgraduate School: Undecided**

## HUNTER JOHNSTON, DAYTON

Men's Cross Country | Saegertown, Pa.  
Mechanical Engineering



Johnston, a 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-American and Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference honoree, was a 2017 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Recipient. A member of the 2016 A-10 champion men's cross country team, Johnston earned All-Conference honors in both the 2015 and 2016 seasons. He has been a National Merit Scholar, a member of the Dean's List at the University of Dayton each semester and has received the Hollenkamp Award of Excellence in Engineering along with the Charles P. Kendall '29 Memorial Award of Excellence. A two-year member of Dayton's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

(SAAC), Johnston has served as a University of Dayton flight simulator technician, secretary of the IT Flies Club, an active member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the American Astronautical Society. He also served as a volunteer for the Dayton Corridor 5K and Marathon.

**Postgraduate School: Texas A&M University**

## SAMMY KLINE, DUQUESNE

Volleyball | Painesville, Ohio  
Biology/Health Science



Kline, a two-time member of the A-10 All-Academic team, served as team captain for two seasons and was a member of the 2013 A-10 Volleyball Championship team. Kline was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and an active participant in the It's On Us Campaign. She was a three-time Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient and earned Dean's List honors over four semesters at Duquesne. A member of Duquesne University Physical Therapy Association (DUPTA), she also volunteered at the Cleveland Clinic Sports Rehabilitation Center and the St. Barnabas

Nursing Home. Kline also participated with several additional community service organizations.

**Postgraduate School: Duquesne University**

## TURNER BLOCK, FORDHAM

Women's Soccer | Fairfield, Conn.  
Psychology



Block, a four-year member of the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll, is a Fulbright Scholarship recipient, and a four-year member of the Fordham Dean's List. She worked with Sigma Xi, Fordham's Scientific Research Honors Society as a senior. Block served as team captain her senior season and was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She was the recipient of the Ram Spirit Award and the Leader of Merit Award through the Fordham Leadership Academy. Block was a member of the Fordham's Women's Soccer Community Service

Board, working with several volunteer organizations including Susan's Place for homeless women and Right to Play, designed to help children.

**Postgraduate School: Undecided**

## MICHELLE WALLERSTEDT, GEORGE MASON

Women's Track & Field | Omaha, Neb.  
Integrative Studies – Pre Physical Therapy



Wallerstedt, a two-time NCAA Academic All-American and three-time A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree, is the George Mason school record holder in the discus and ranks in the top 10 in school history in the shot put and hammer throw. Wallerstedt previously qualified for the NCAA Preliminary Rounds in both 2014 and 2015. She was the A-10 Champion in the Discus at the 2015 Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships and is a two-time All-Conference selection. She received Dean's List honors five semesters and was named to the CHSS President's List in the fall of 2015.

**Postgraduate School: Clemson University**

## BROOKE BEAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON

Women's Soccer | Annadale, Va.  
Journalism & Mass Communication



Bean, a member of the 2016 A-10 Women's Soccer All-Academic team, received 2nd Team All-Conference honors in 2016. She was a three-time team Co-Captain and was named the Best Female Athlete in a Support Role in 2015. Bean was named to the A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll five semesters and was named to the George Washington University Dean's List three times. She was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Executive Board and a graduate of the GW Athletic Department Leadership Academy. Bean volunteered as a Make-A-Wish Team Leader during the spring of 2016

and tutored elementary and middle school children while working at the after-school program, Project North Star. She additionally volunteered her time with the Grassroot Project in D.C. Public Schools.

**Postgraduate School: University of Virginia School of Law**



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## CHRISTINA BASCARA, LA SALLE

Softball | Yardley, Pa.  
Biology



Bascara, the 2017 La Salle University Female Scholar Athlete of the Year, was named Second Team All-Conference in 2015 and named to the All-Rookie team in 2014. She also received the Explorer Excellence Award for demonstrated leadership, character, sportsmanship and best exemplified values of their team. Bascara was a member of the Dean's List all four years and a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars along with being a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, the pre-medical honor society. She has served as a lead researcher in the

Flagship Leader of Neurobiology Research Group, a tutor in Biology, Chemistry and Anatomy, along with volunteering as a softball coach for the Newtown Rock Softball Organization. Bascara has additionally volunteered at the St. Mary Center along with several other local community groups and organizations.

**Postgraduate School: School of Osteopathic Medicine**

## KELSEY CRAWFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Women's Track & Field | Houston, Texas  
Kinesiology



Crawford holds the school record for indoor shot put and the javelin, and ranks third all-time in the weight throw, outdoor shot put and heptathlon. An NCAA Championships qualifier in the javelin, she won the 2013 conference title in the heptathlon, is a four-time Atlantic 10 silver medalist (indoor shot put, outdoor shot put, javelin twice) and took home the 2017 A-10 bronze in the indoor shot put. A five-time New England Champion in the indoor and outdoor shot put and heptathlon, Crawford is a six time Dean's list and A-10 Commissioner's Honor Roll selection. She served as a team captain for

three seasons and as a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). In 2016, she partook in a spring break trip called Camp for All 2U at MD Anderson Cancer Center, serving cancer patients who were unable to leave the hospital. She also was a part of Special Olympics events on campus and spent time with the Amherst Homeless Shelter. **Post Graduate School: Sam Houston State University**

## ALEXANDER McGRAINER, RHODE ISLAND

Men's Cross Country/Track & Field | Medford Lakes, N.J.  
Business Administration (Marketing)



McGrainer was a Dean's List recipient throughout his time at George Mason, and was a seven time Commissioners Honor Roll honoree. He is a member Beta Game Sigma, Lambda Pi Eta and Beta Alpha Psi as for his academic achievements. He was an Academic All-Conference recipient for Men's Track & Field in 2016 and 2017. Within the URI student-athlete body, he has been one of the top ten male academic performers all four years. He also was honored by the Rhode Island House of Representatives for being a scholar athlete. He served at a captain for the track team from the 2015 season through 2017. He is a

four-time All-IC4A indoor athlete, a one-time All-IC4A outdoor athlete, a six-time All-New England indoor athlete and a two-time All-New England outdoor athlete. McGrainer was a NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Conference attendee on behalf of the Atlantic 10 in 2016. He also spent his time as a mentor to incoming freshman at URI and was a member of the American Marketing Association. McGrainer also is a member of the on campus Habitat for Humanity club.

**Post Graduate School: Undecided**

## HANNAH MATHESON, RICHMOND

Women's Swimming and Diving | Skillman, N.J.  
Journalism



Matheson was a member of the 2015-16 Atlantic 10 Commissioners Honor Roll and she maintained above a 3.5 GPA for the last three semesters as a Spider. She made the Universities Dean's list in the Fall of 2016 and was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholar by the Pennsylvania State University Chapter in 2015. She also was a member of the Anthropology National Honor Society. She was elected team captain to the Swim team for the 2016-17 season and scored the most points by anyone on the team in the 2016 A-10 Championship. She posted the fastest times in school history in the 200 I.M.,

and the 100 and 200 butterfly. She was a three-time individual medalist at the A-10 Championships and a two-time relay medalist in 2017, helping the Spiders to two A-10 Championship titles. Outside of her time as a student-athlete, she was an editor for The Odyssey Online, volunteered with Youth Life of Richmond and Express Swim America as a swim instructor.

**Post Graduate School: University of Richmond**

## ALLISON FIELD, ST. BONAVENTURE

Women's Cross Country/Track & Field | LaFayette, N.Y.  
Chemistry



Field, was a three-year Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient. She was a member of the 2014 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society and was awarded the Chemistry Student of Promise Award in 2016 by the St. Bonaventure Chemistry Department/Pen-York Chemical Society. She graduated in 2016 with an Honors Degree in Chemistry with a minor in Biology. Fields was a walk-on student-athlete to the Bonnies cross country/track team and has served as the teams Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative for the past two years. She also was a regular volunteer for University Ministries, serving

as a regular lector at masses once or twice a month. Field also volunteered with Warming House and Olean Food Pantry, giving those less fortunate a source of healthy food.

**Postgraduate School: Auburn University (Harrison School of Pharmacy)**

## JACK MAGEE, SAINT JOSEPH'S

Men's Cross Country/Track & Field | North Wales, Pa.  
Finance and Financial Planning



Magee is a three year Dean's list recipient as well as a member the Commissioner's Honor Roll and the Athletic Director's Honor Roll. He also was an Academic All-Conference honoree in the 2016 indoor season. He served as a captain on the track and field team at Saint Joseph's and was voted as the most improved performer in 2015, which was selected by his teammates. He was a silver medalist in the 1000-meter run at the 2016 A-10 Championships and the 4x800 meter relay team in 2015. He took home bronze in 2016 and 2017 in the 4x800 meter relay at the A-10 Championship. He was a part of

the first-place 4x800 meter relay team in 2015 at the IC4A's and a silver medalist in the same event in 2016. Magee also took part in the Martin Luther King Day of Service, and helped collect money and purchase food for the Saint Joseph's Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets for the less fortunate members of the community.

**Post Graduate School: Saint Joseph's University**



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## **KACEY BRIGHT, SAINT LOUIS**

Women's Soccer | Fenton, Mo.  
Exercise Science



Bright is a five-time Dean's list recipient as well as a three-year Commissioner's Honor Roll recipient. She was a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Division I Scholar All-American Second Team in 2016 as and CoSIDA Academic All-District. Named the Atlantic 10 Defensive Player of the Year, Bright was also selected as First Team All-Conference in 2016. She was a Top Drawer Soccer National Team of the Week member and a first team NSCAA Mid-Atlantic All-Region recipient. She was a nominee for the Senior CLASS Award in 2016 by the NCAA, and was the team representative for the Student-

Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), serving on the board as secretary in 2016-17. Bright also was a captain for Relay for Life, coordinating all team information and promoted fundraising for cancer research. She also spent much of her free time with Special Needs Soccer Association (SPENSA) which is a soccer program for young people with disabilities.

**Post Graduate School: Saint Louis University**

## **BROOKS VIAL, VCU**

Baseball | Luling, Louisiana  
Interdisciplinary Science



Vial is a three time Dean's List and Athletic Director's recipient and was awarded with the Michael Brown Memorial Award which is given to the best all-around student-athlete in the senior class at VCU. He was an Atlantic 10 Player of the Week twice in 2016, as well as Louisville Slugger National Player of the Week once last season. Vial served as a mentor for high school students who were looking to enter into the allied health field. He was a part of the Health Science Academy on campus and he also volunteered with Richmond's R.B.I. program and the Miracle League.

**Post Graduate School: Undecided**