One former athlete, and one current assistant coach have recently been spotlighted for strides in the coaching world in their respective sports. Current assistant women’s volleyball coach, Andrew Woolward, was inducted into his collegiate alma mater’s Athletic Hall of Fame while former men’s basketball player, Danny Sokolovsky, has been making a name for himself overseas.

Woolward was one of three who were recently inducted into the Brooklyn College Athletic Hall of Fame for his contributions to the men’s volleyball program as both a player and coach. A four-year starter, Woolward helped the men’s volleyball team to one conference title and earned All-Conference honors in three of his four years. Immediately after graduation, he joined the coaching staff as an assistant for two years before being elevated to head coach; a position he held for six seasons.

Sokolovsky wasted no time trailblazing a path into the coaching world and immediately began his pursuit after graduating from Hunter in 2015. A four-year member of the men’s basketball team, the former Hawk secured a position with the Commonwealth Academy, a New England Prep School, before earning a graduate assistant position at Columbia. He then took his talents into China and began working with former collegians, professional and semi-pro athletes. With a resume that was quickly building, he added to it by attending the NBA Summer league and Pro Scout School.

While there, he made connections and secured a position with the VTB United League; a basketball league in Russia. He is currently in Latvia with the Parma Basketball Perm team as they begin the start of their season.

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SAAC Vice President Haley Trunkett spearheaded this community service opportunity for the second-straight year. As a type 1 diabetic, Trunkett deals with the disease on a daily basis, while being a full-time student and the Hawk’s starting libero on the women’s volleyball team.

“This foundation is very important to me so it meant a lot having so many student-athletes garner support and walk for the cause,” said Trunkett. “With their help, we were able to raise above our fundraising target.”

By reaching out to friends and family, Hunter’s SAAC raised $750, going above their initial goal. 26 student-athletes participated, representing seven of Hunter’s varsity teams.
Two Assistant Coaches Elevated to Head Coach

Earlier this year, two assistant coaches were elevated to the title of Head Coach as announced by the Director of Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals, Terry Wansart. Mike Kokoszka (pictured below right) was an assistant coach for the Hawks' swimming and diving team for the past six years and has helped them remain undefeated among conference competition over the last three seasons. Additionally, they have won the last three CUNYAC Championships. He takes over the program from long-time head coaches, Andrew Netti and Scott Bintner.

After joining the Hawks as an assistant coach for the wrestling team, MarcAntoni Macias (pictured below left) is now at the head of the program, taking over from former coach, Carlos Dolmo. As an assistant, he was involved with practices, meets, weight training and meet management and helped three Hawks compete at the NCAA Regional meet. In addition to his coaching duties, Macias’ administrative duties have been moved to include involvement in academic welfare efforts for the student-athletes as well as being the alumni coordinator.

Hawk Alumni and Community,

It’s one of the most exciting times of the year! The fall marks the end of pre-season and the start of college athletics.

Our teams are in full swing and are already showing great promise as we approach championships. As per usual, we are looking forward to being a contender for the prestigious Commissioner’s Cup. After winning it the last two years in a row, we are the ones to beat and therefore, we must be at the top of our game!

I encourage all alumni and friends to attend one of the Hawk’s home games; whether it be at the Sportsplex for women’s volleyball, the USTA National Tennis Center for women’s tennis, Van Cortlandt Park for cross country, or Randall’s Island for men’s soccer. Our student-athletes greatly appreciate the support you give them.

We’re right around the corner from one of my favorite events of the year; Homecoming! Mark your calendar for December 1st and come out and show your Hawk Pride. I look forward to re-connecting with many of you there!

Once a Hawk, always a Hawk!

Sincerely,

Terry Wansart
Director of Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals

Homecoming Save the Date

On Friday, December 1st, the Hunter Athletic Program will host their annual Homecoming. All alumni, family, friends, supporters, students, athletes, professors, administrators, staff and the entire Hunter community are invited to take part in the day. The full schedule is below:

3:30pm Wrestling vs. Keystone
5:30pm Women’s Basketball vs. Brooklyn
6pm Swimming and Diving vs. Kean
7pm Men’s and Women’s Fencing vs. Army
8:30 pm Men’s Basketball vs. Brooklyn
4-6:30pm Pep Rally
       (West Building Lobby)
6:30-8pm Alumni Reception
       (Fencing Room)

The annual faculty/staff vs. alumni basketball game will take place at the conclusion of the women’s basketball game in the Sportsplex.