The Athletic Program would like to recognize the following alumni who have remained active in the Hawk community through coaching:

Megan McKenna ’12 – Softball Asst. Coach
Jesse Bader ’15 – Wrestling Asst. Coach
Randy Brasil ’04 – M & W Fencing Head Coach
Bridget Min ’07 – M & W Fencing Asst. Coach
Natalia Dittren ’12 – M & W Fencing Asst. Coach
Nicole Lenard ’14 – W Basketball Asst. Coach
Kristen Markoe ’15 – W Basketball Asst. Coach
Andrew Netti ’01 – Swimming Co-Head Coach
Sasha Martel ’09 – Swimming Asst. Coach
Chryzl Goco ’15 – Swimming Asst. Coach

We thank you for all that you do and for your help in passing along the tradition of success.

Hunter Wins 2015-16 Commissioner’s Cup

Hunter College Athletics took home the 2015-16 CUNY Athletic Conference Commissioner’s Cup this past week, as announced at the CUNYAC scholar-athlete banquet.

In 1996 the CUNYAC Board of Directors approved the formation of the Commissioner’s Cup, the ultimate trophy to be awarded on an annual basis, starting with the 1997-98 academic year. It is presented at the CUNYAC Scholar-Athlete Ceremony in May to the top overall athletic program in both the Four-Year College Division and the Community College Division, based upon championship standings for all CUNYAC sports (determined by a point system).

This year’s race was one of the closest in history. Hunter fell behind during the fall but took a small lead after the conclusion of the winter season and closed the spring in impressive fashion. Backed by three tournament champions, the Purple and Gold soared and held the lead to secure the cup.

The Hawks lead the CUNYAC with ten total Commissioner’s Cups, but this is the first they have received since 2009, breaking a six-year win streak by Baruch College.

“It is a proud moment in Hunter’s history to win the ‘cup’ back,” described Director of Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals, Terry Wansart.

“Our student-athletes, coaches and administrators have worked very hard, collectively, to move the athletic program back to the championship level which matches our College’s expectations and tradition of excellence.”

The Hawks tallied 121 points on the year which was just five ahead of second place CSI and 29 ahead of third place Baruch.

Hunter - 121 Points
CSI - 116 Points
Baruch - 92 Points

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Hawks Celebrate At Athletics Banquet

On the evening of Friday, May 20, members of Hunter’s 18 athletic teams along with the coaching staffs, administration and VIP’s joined in the cafeteria for the annual Athletics Banquet to celebrate the successes the Athletic Program enjoyed this year. Athletes were recognized in the form of Most Valuable Performers, Most Improved, Senior Awards, GPA and Most Improved GPA Awards, Purple and Gold Academic Awards, Purple and Gold Award, Coaches Awards, and the highly anticipated Golden Hawk Award winners.

For the fourth year in a row, the softball team made an appearance in the finals at the CUNYAC Championship where they were pitted against the College of Staten Island. The runner-up Hawks finished the season with 16 wins and an 11-1 conference record which solidified their #2 seed in the post-season tournament after a tie-breaker with CSI went to the Dolphins. They defeated Baruch 8-0 in the first game of the post-season but then fell to CSI 2-0. They beat Baruch once again, 6-5 but were ousted by CSI in the championship final, 8-0. Emily Ruiz was named the Rookie of the Year while they had two named to the CUNYAC All-Star First-Team and six take home Second-Team honors.

The men’s outdoor track and field teams wrapped up another successful 2016 campaign with a third place showing at the CUNYAC Championships; a one spot improvement from a year ago. Highlighting the meet was distance standout Walter Rodriguez who secured 30 of the Hawk’s 81.5 points on the strength of two gold medals, one silver and a fifth place showing. His performances earned him the title of Meet MVP for the second straight year. Atta Boateng, Diego Buen, Alexander Perez and Stephen O’Shea combined for five top-three performances. All-Stars were awarded to three members of the team.

Winning the 2016 outdoor track and field championship solidified the Triple Crown for the women’s team. They won the cross country and indoor track championships and won outdoors with 174 points. This feat has been done just three times in school history and has not been accomplished in 10 years. At the championships, they posted an impressive 27 top-five performances. Kristy Carlin was the Most Valuable Performer of the meet after claiming two silver and one gold medal as well as being on the third-place 4x400m relay. The Purple and Gold had seven named as All-Stars with Cheryl Chan earning Rookie of the Year and Daniel Selsky winning Coach of the Year.

On Tuesday evening, May 17, senior wrestling standout Dennis “Denni” Melendez was honored as the 2015-16 CUNYAC Male Scholar Athlete Award winner. He becomes the second consecutive wrestler from Hunter to win the award as former teammate and current assistant coach, Jesse Bader accomplished the same feat a year ago.

The award is given to the male athlete that has the best combination of both athletics as well as academics. Melendez was the East Regional Champion at 194 pounds and an NCAA Champion participant. He was also named an NWCA Scholar All-American. To read the full story, check out www.huntercollegeathletics.com

Dennis Melendez Named CUNYAC Scholar Athlete of the Year

Softball Celebrates Alumni

On Saturday, April 16 the Hunter softball team held a softball alumni event, where players from many different years came to play in a Purple vs. Gold game.

Alumni were there to celebrate Hunter’s tradition of excellence, both on and off the field, with souvenirs being given out, lunch provided and watching and cheering on Hunter take on the College of Staten Island later on in the afternoon.

Stay tuned for more alumni events in the future!

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