Two Former Runners Featured in Spotlight Stories

Two former cross country and track and field runners were recently featured in separate articles. Walter Rodriguez, a fifth year senior, rose to the top of the CUNYAC in his final race of the year, capturing the individual cross country title, while Deborah Ramirez took a different route and transferred her talents from the trails to the pool for her last year at Hunter as a result of injury.

Rodriguez, a standout distance runner, has exhausted his athletic eligibility in the fall with the completion of the cross country season. A four-year member, he also donned a Hawk jersey in both indoor and outdoor track and field. One of his biggest accomplishments on the trails came in October at the CUNYAC Cross Country Championship. After finishing second individually in 2015 by five seconds, he capped his collegiate running career with an individual championship by a mere two seconds and helped his team finish second overall.

Ramirez, a decorated runner in cross country, indoor and outdoor track with accolades that include multiple All-Star honors and CUNYAC MVP titles to her name, was faced with an injury that would sideline her for her senior season. Herniated discs and a pinched sciatic nerve in Ramirez’s leg hampered her 2015-16 indoor and outdoor season and gave a grim outlook for her fourth and final cross country season. The injury wound up keeping her off the trails but not out of a Hunter jersey. Determined to continue to be the competitive athlete that she is, the Woodhaven, NY native took her talents to the pool and became a member of Hunter’s swimming and diving team.

Head to www.huntercollegeathletics.com to read the full stories on both Rodriguez and Ramirez.
New Faces Among Coaches and Administration

Since the start of the 2016-17 athletic year, there have been several new additions to the Hunter Athletic Program. Hunter is committed to providing the student-athletes with exceptional coaching and a full support staff so that their experience in a Hunter uniform is positive and rewarding.

Pictured (top row starting at the left)
- Thomas Rayfield - Event/Equipment Manager
- Alyssa Broccoli - Assistant Athletic Director and Women’s Volleyball Head Coach
- Austin Voges - Men’s Volleyball Head Coach/Asst. to Recreation Manager
- Kelsey Campbell - Sports Information Director

Pictured (bottom row starting at the left)
- Ed Metzendorf - Men’s and Women’s Tennis Head Coach
- MarcAntoni Macias - Student-Athlete Academic/Welfare Advisor/Asst. Wrestling Coach
- Philena Latcha - Athletic Trainer
- Mae Tiu - Athletic Trainer

NCAA INFRACTIONS REPORT

Hunter Alumni,

On May 26, 2016 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Committee on Infractions (COI) released its report finding that an admissions office employee violated NCAA ethical conduct rules when he falsified entrance exam records permitting five student athletes to be admitted to the school. There were no claims or findings against Hunter College or its athletic staff in its monitoring of our student athletes’ eligibility. As a result of the employee’s conduct, COI placed Hunter College on a one-year probation. Hunter was also instructed to vacate certain records of ineligible students and provide a copy of the infractions decision to the regional accrediting agency.

If you wish to learn more please go to huntercollegeathletics.com.

Hawk Talk

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From the AD’s Desk

Hawk Alumni and Community,

The end of the athletic year is quickly approaching as we close out the winter season and enter the spring. It feels like yesterday when it was the start of soccer season, but May will be here before we know it.

I’m proud to announce that we are atop the standings in the Commissioner’s Cup after the fall season with 45 points; 13 more than Lehman and Baruch! Additionally, our student-athletes are excelling in the classroom. 57 percent obtained a 3.0 GPA or higher and 18 recorded a perfect 4.0; a truly impressive feat. This is a testament that they embody the “complete student-athlete”.

I’d like to give a quick thank you to all the former Hawks who came out for wrestling’s Alumni day. It was great to see all the familiar faces. You are always welcome back.

Our student-athletes recently attended our semi-annual Operation Enrichment which focused on mental wellness. Afterwards, there was a Title IX Panel in honor of National Girls and Women in Sports Day; both proved to be wonderful and informative events.

Our Sportsplex will be the site of the 2017 CUNYAC Men’s Volleyball semifinals and finals. We expect our new coach, Austin Voges, to lead the team back to the finals once again and defend their title. So mark your calendars for April 13th.

Sincerely,

Terry Wansart
Director of Athletics, Recreation and Intramurals

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