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AD NEWSLETTER

with Charles Gomes



November 2016

Dear Dolphin Fans,

First and foremost, please join me in congratulating our extraordinary women's soccer student-athletes and coaching staff on back-to-back CUNYAC championships and NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament berths. This marks the eighth CUNYAC title and second NCAA Tournament appearance in program history. Despite a first round loss to Messiah College, I am very proud of our student-athletes for garnering national attention under the leadership of head coach Giuseppe Pennetti. Freshman Krystina Rodriguez was named CUNYAC Rookie of the Year and was joined by senior Jennifer Cosenza, sophomore Catherine Mulligan, and freshman Stephanie LaPointe as CUNYAC First Team All-Star selections.

Our men's soccer team advanced to the CUNYAC semifinals and defeated Brooklyn 3-1 in the CUNYAC quarterfinals at the CSI Soccer Complex. The postseason concluded with an appearance in the ECAC Regional Championship Game. Freshman Jake Foeldes was named CUNYAC Rookie of the Year and was joined by seniors Ruben Diaz, Marcin Klim, and Jacob Szumanski as well as junior Vasy Fedortsi as CUNYAC First Team All-Star selections. Freshman Ryan Layman earned All-Sportsmanship Team honors.

The college basketball season is one of my favorite times of the year. Over the next four months, our men's and women's basketball teams will compete at a high-level in hopes of making it to postseason play in March. Our men's home opener is November 22 vs. Yeshiva University. Our men's team opens conference play at home vs. John Jay College on November 29 and will battle our cross-town NCAA Division I counterpart, Wagner College, on December 22 at the Spiro Center. The 16th Annual Tournament of Heroes will be held on December 29-30. The tournament honors the memory of three former players who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center – Terrance Aiken, Scott Davidson, and Tom Hannafin – and is an important event for our community. For the complete schedule, please click [here](#).

Our women's team opened their season last week vs. Division I Wagner in an exciting 62-60 loss at the Spiro Center. When our team looks back on their season, this game will have proven to be an early test for our reigning CUNYAC Regular Season Champions. Our team won their home opener 68-49 vs. Western New England University and will open conference play at home vs. John Jay on November 29 as part of a basketball double header at the CSI Sports & Recreation Center. For the complete schedule, please click [here](#).

Our baseball program continued their annual tradition and delivered hundreds of meals to needy organizations and families as part of the Doctor Theodore A. Atlas Foundation's Turkey Give-Away. The annual initiative provides Thanksgiving dinners to nearly 1,000 Staten Island families in need. The foundation is a Staten Island-based community service organization that provides financial, legal, and emotional support to individuals and organizations in need and focuses particularly on the needs of children.

On December 4, our men's and women's swimming and diving teams will participate in the Staten Island Polar Plunge in an effort to raise funds for the Special Olympics. The "Freezin' For A Reason" event is sponsored every year by Special Olympics New York which has over 67,000 athletes training in 22 Olympic-style events.

On behalf of all of our student-athletes, coaches, and administrators here at the College of Staten Island, we would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving! As always, thank you for your continued support of CSI Athletics and Go Dolphins!

Charles Gomes

Director of Athletics, College of Staten Island

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Timothy Sweeney

Sport: *Men's Swimming*

Class: *2017*

Major: *Mathematics*

Minors: *Finance,
Geography*

Hometown: *Staten Island,
New York*

Last year, the CSI men's swimming and diving team successfully defended their CUNYAC Championship and repeated as champions for the third year in a row. Timothy Sweeney led the way and was named the championship meet's Most Valuable Player and CUNYAC Swimmer of the Year. Sweeney was also named CSI's Male Athlete of the Year. However, his most memorable moment was as a freshman.

"Our first CUNYAC Championship was the most memorable," said Sweeney. "Our team was not picked as the preseason favorite, but we worked tremendously hard during the season and it ultimately paid off in a big way."

Sweeney notes that the College of Staten Island offered him unparalleled opportunities immediately out of high school and professors that were willing to offer guidance and mentorship beyond the classroom environment.

"After speaking to Coach Ackalitis and learning of my acceptance to the Macaulay Honors College, my decision was a no brainer," Sweeney said. "I recognized that I would receive an unbelievable education through CSI and knew that I would have success in the pool with Coach Ackalitis."

Sweeney gives credit for the program's success to not only his teammates, coaching staff, and athletic administration, but to the loyal members of the Dolphin Fund as well.

"Because of the generosity of our alumni, parents, and supporters, our team is able to go on training trips every January which are critical to our season-long performances," said Sweeney. "We hope that you take pride in being CUNYAC champions with us."

CSI men's swimming and diving will seek their fourth consecutive CUNYAC title on February 3-5, 2017, at Lehman.



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