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AD NEWSLETTER

with Charles Gomes



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Dear Dolphin Fans,

Welcome back! We are excited to start the 2017-2018 academic year, as it is off to a great start and our fall sports are in full effect. My goal is to keep all our devoted alumni, family and friends informed on the growth and improvements within our athletic department, as we are entering our third year of releasing monthly newsletters. Thanks to all your support and generosity we are able to continuously improve the Dolphin student-athlete experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you about some exciting and new developments within our athletic department. Our team spent the entire summer redesigning our athletics website and the improvements and updated features look amazing. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I invite you to go to our website at www.csidolphins.com and take a look for yourself. Our main gymnasium also underwent a complete resurfacing and the new look and feel in the CSI Sports & Recreation Center is incredible as the Auxiliary gymnasium is also currently being resurfaced.

Our Fall sports season is already underway and our men's and women's soccer teams are both off to amazing starts. The Dolphins' men's soccer team started off their season with the annual Black vs. Blue alumni game. Thirty-one men's soccer alumni came out and participated in the festivities and stayed to show their support to the current players during their scrimmage which took place after the game. Coach Tardy and the men's soccer program with a heralded recruiting class are sitting atop the standings with a 6-1 record and are currently on a six-game winning streak, which is the longest streak since 2003, when they won 8 games in a row. Our women's soccer program is also off to a great start and have etched themselves in CSI Athletics history with a record of 5-0-1, the best start in program history to open a season. Women's tennis is off to a 2-1 start and currently sit atop the conference standings with a 2-0 record. I am looking forward to these teams continuing their winning ways and for them to make some serious noise in the playoffs.

Looking ahead, our men's & women's swimming program will be hosting their annual alumni meet on Saturday, October 21st, 2017. We hope to see many Dolphin Alumni return to their roots for a fun day of action with their fellow alumni. Our 2017-2018 men's and women's basketball schedules were also recently released and there are some important dates on the calendar including our men's basketball team hosting the 16th Annual Tournament of Heroes on December 29th and 30, 2017. Women's basketball will host Wagner College on November 20, 2017. There will be pre-game and post-game festivities on that night as we will be hosting our first annual CSI Alumni Night. We will be sending out more information on these events in the near future so be on the lookout.

As always, thank you for your continued support of CSI Athletics! Your investment provides the opportunity for student-athletes to achieve success in the classroom, on the field of play, and in the community. Without your financial support, the CSI Athletics program would not be where it is today! I hope to see you at an alumni event or Dolphin home game this season!

Go Dolphins!

Charles Gomes

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STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Ryan Layman

Sport: *Men's Soccer*

Position: *Mid-Field*

Class: *2019*

Major: *Biology*

Hometown: *Staten Island,
New York*

Sophomore Ryan Layman, has been playing soccer since he was seven years old, so when he got the opportunity to continue his soccer career at the College of Staten Island he was beyond grateful. "I chose CSI because I knew it was the best value for me," says Layman, "but I also knew that I would receive an excellent education, while playing soccer so close to home."

Being a biology major can be difficult at times for Layman, "The biggest challenge that I have faced being a student-athlere is definitely time management," says Layman, "but I am proud that I am able to maintain a 3.7 GPA, while also being a starter in the Dolphins' lineup this season."

Since becoming a Dolphin, Layman's most memorable experience was last year's game against Hunter College. The Dolphins won the game in the last 43 seconds, which moved them to 1st place in the conference.

"The game against Hunter was a big win for the team, but I am hoping this year we can win the CUNY Championship title," says Layman, "CSI hasn't won since 1998 and that was the year I was born, so it would be awesome to win the title this year."

Layman may only be a sophomore this year, but he has already noticed such great improvements in the CSI Athletic program. "I am proud to be part of the Dolphin Athletic program, and I want to thank all the alumni that donate to our program, because of them I am having the best student athlete experience." Layman is looking forward to the rest of the season and continuing to play a major role on the men's soccer team. "I know that over the next two years, I will continue to see improvements and I am excited for what is still to come."



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