Learning. Personal growth. Preparation for a lifetime of leadership. These are the educational outcomes to which we aspire and the benchmarks for the work of our coaches, our support team, and our programs. Each outcome is a challenge unto itself. Achieving all of them, while also realizing the ambitions we hold relative to competitive results is, and always will be, a particularly complex challenge. The aspiration of achieving consistency, year after year, in realizing the annual ambitions of learning, personal growth, preparation for leadership, and competitive success, is both daunting and motivating.

Consistency is in many ways the product of habits. Habits must be learned, embraced, and then practiced. And habits that endure have to withstand the inevitable temptations of complacency, rationalization, self-focus, and of achieving “good” results. As best-selling author Jim Collins proclaimed, “Good is the enemy of Great.”

Almost uniformly across the scope of our programs, our coaches, staff and athletes know how to achieve good results. Many of our programs also have experienced great results—in terms of student learning, personal growth; preparation for leadership and competitive achievements. In the pages that follow, there is plenty of evidence of this extraordinary and effective work by our coaches and staff, in the form of student-athlete achievements. Yet anything we are able to share through this publication is just a superficial and momentary snapshot of the impact our staff has on our students. The real test of our effectiveness is realized over time. Can achievement of desired results, including competitive success by our teams, be sustained year upon year? And will the experiences and habits formed as student-athletes at Lehigh translate into professional and personal lives well-lived by alumni of our sports teams . . . lives that are full of impact and influence, and that reflect well-grounded perspectives about the importance of life-long learning, relationships, and service to others?

One of the few metrics we can use to assess the scope of our long-term effectiveness is the level of consistency in our annual support for Lehigh Athletics. Ideally, our former team members choose to support the teams and athletes of the present because of personal convictions about the importance of their athletics experience to achieving and sustaining an appreciation for learning, personal growth, leadership and competitiveness. However, just as with our sports teams, we are not yet as consistent with our fundraising as we aim to be. We do achieve “good” results (2015-16 was a record year for us), for which we are always humbled and appreciative. Still, although we do well, there are other schools in our league who raise more for their athletics programs, and do so with greater consistency. This is not unlike our having many good Lehigh teams, and realizing there are others in our league that might be a little better.

So many of us remain intrigued, motivated, and compelled by the possibilities inherent in achieving even greater consistency . . . in our educational and personal growth process, in the development of leaders, in the competitive consistency of our teams, and in annual giving results. Achieving success in any of these challenging objectives may very well be inspired by achieving success in the others. Our aim is to make habits of our effectiveness in fulfilling our educational mission while also achieving consistency in competitive success. We invite all of you to join in our efforts by making your annual gift a consistent habit, and we honor particularly those who have already done so (note those labeled ++ in the Honor Roll on pages 28-48).

With gratitude for our partnership,

Joe Sterrett ’76
Murray H. Goodman Dean of Athletics
The men’s soccer team’s solid season turned spectacular when the fourth-seeded squad won the postseason tournament, earning its fourth-ever NCAA Tournament berth. Other Mountain Hawks used their feet to find glory as well. Elizabeth Weiler won the 3,000 meter title at the Patriot League Indoor Championships, while the distance medley relay team of Hannah Leskow, Rachel Okun, Tyler Scanlin, and Marissa Karl set a new meet record during their victory. Other track and field athletes taking home league titles included Courtney Avery (indoor and outdoor high jump), Trevor Knowles (indoor heptathlon, outdoor decathlon), Gabrielle Wardle (outdoor heptathlon, long jump, and javelin), and Lucas Warning (outdoor shot put).

A pair of wrestlers also claimed conference crowns, with Darian Cruz and Max Wessell winning Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association titles at 125 pounds and 285 pounds, respectively. This was the 17th straight season that at least one Lehigh wrestler won an individual EIWA championship.

Mountain Hawks thrived in both team and individual sports, with the men’s soccer team winning its first Patriot League Tournament since 2000, and 11 wrestlers and track and field athletes taking home individual titles.
There’s a first time for everything, as Jamie Luchini ’16 proved after his stellar senior season on the pitch. The finance major was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-America second team, becoming the first Academic All-American in the history of the men’s soccer program. Luchini earned Academic All-Patriot League honors in each of the last three seasons, making him the first Lehigh men’s soccer player to ever do so.

Morgan Decker ’16, a third baseman on the softball team, also was a CoSIDA Academic All-American, earning a spot on the third team. A four-time All-Patriot League selection, Decker graduated with a 3.73 GPA and a degree in behavioral neuroscience.

The Athletics Department’s highest honor—the Graduating Scholar-Athlete of the Year—went to baseball star Mike Garzillo ’16, the 2015 MVP of the Patriot League Tournament and a management major with a 3.39 GPA.

Lexi Martins ’16 was named the Corvias Patriot League Women’s Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year, the league’s highest academic distinction. A political science major, she graduated in May 2016 and will pursue a master’s degree this year at George Washington University.

With 282 total academic honorees in the 2015-16 school year, Lehigh student-athletes continued to prove that they’re as adept in the classroom as they are on the field of play.
Wrestling
Nathaniel Brown ’16 became a two-time All-American with a 2-1 win over Virginia Tech’s Zach Zavatsky at the NCAA Championships at New York’s Madison Square Garden in March. The 39th Lehigh wrestler to earn multiple All-America honors (he also did so in 2014-15), Brown won 26 bouts last season, scoring bonus points in 13 of those victories. He was also named to the NWCA All-Academic Team.

With an eighth-place finish at 141 pounds at the NCAAs, Randy Cruz ’17 also earned All-America honors. Last season he was one of just four Mountain Hawks with at least 10 dual meet victories. Overall he went 26-10 with 11 bonus point wins, and finished third at the EIWA Tournament.

Men’s Basketball
Men’s basketball star Tim Kempton ’17 received Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America honors for the second straight year. Kempton, who also won his second consecutive Patriot League Player of the Year award, averaged 17.7 points and 9.5 rebounds per game in 2015-16. He’s just the third player in Lehigh men’s basketball history to receive the award and second to earn it multiple times, joining Austen Rowland in 2004 and C.J. McCollum in 2010 and 2012.

Wrestling
Max Wessell ’16 capped his career with his first All-America medal, converting a late third period takedown to beat Billy Smith of Rutgers 3-2. It was the first win in three tries for Wessell versus Smith.

Women’s Track & Field
Courtney Avery ’17 became the first-ever All-American in Lehigh track and field history when she finished tied for 11th in the high jump at the NCAA National Championships, earning second team honors. She cleared the bar on her first leap of the day at 1.73 meters, before needing two jumps to clear the next height of 1.78 meters. Avery is just the fifth female in school history to earn All-America accolades.
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ALLISON LABEAU
The 2016 Patriot League Attacker of the Year was also named to the Academic All-Patriot League Team. As a junior, LaBeau led the team with 46 goals, 34 assists and 80 points, earning Patriot League Attacker of the Year and first team All-League honors.

ALEXIS WATANABE
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ELIZABETH WEILER
A fast runner at many distances, Weiler was the 2016 Patriot League champion in the indoor 3,000 meters and the 2014 champion in the outdoor 10,000 meters. She also became Lehigh’s first-ever All-American in women’s cross country in 2014.

GABRIELLE WARDLE
Wardle became a three-time Patriot League champion, first team All-Patriot League selection, and Outstanding Field Performer of the Meet honoree after capturing league titles in the long jump, javelin, and heptathlon at the outdoor Patriot League Championships.

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Lehigh is an exciting adventure. Student-athletes are challenged intellectually, socially, athletically, mentally, and emotionally. Their experience is full of wins, losses, and lessons learned, and they have some stories to tell. The “From the Future” series was created by three softball players as a way for our seniors to reflect on and share their journeys.

**Letters to My First Year Self**

**Amy Matula ’16**
Volleyball

“Thank your parents for flying out to every game. Thank your coaches for watching that horrible game film time and time again so you can see what you can improve upon. Thank your teammates for bringing you dinner in the library. Thank your professors for holding special office hours when you have to miss class. Thank your trainers for making you an ice bath after a pre-season night session… All of these people truly care about you and their goal is to make you the best student, athlete, and person you can be. Never forget that.”

**Jess Calvin ’16**
Softball

“Fortunately, for these past 18 years the word ‘loss’ has only been associated with the scoreboard. While you are at college, family members who you were sure would live forever will pass away. And although you are miles away from home, you have friends and teammates here at Lehigh who will be there for you. Their love and support knows no bounds and you will be beyond thankful for all of them.”

**Chris Ruhl ’16**
Football

“You will be a late bloomer. Early on, you will be a quiet kid, sitting back and absorbing as much as possible. Absorb what this place has to offer, and don’t be timid to seek advice. You will start to become a very independent person, but always remember that being independent doesn’t mean going through it alone. There are so many resources and opportunities on campus that will make you a better person in every aspect of life. It may take a while to get involved, but you will be forever grateful that you did.”

**Carolyn Koch ’16**
Swimming

“Change is inevitable and there’s going to be change happening from here on out kiddo. I hate to break it to ya. Hurricane Sandy is going to do a lot of damage back at home during your first semester. You will learn from this the strength of community and the values of family. From here forward, home will always be any place where the entire family is together.”

**Mackey Price ’16**
Baseball

“What you will endure—your failures, your hardships, and your heartache—will create a man that you will respect. A man that, when all is said and done, will leave every ounce of blood, sweat, and tears on the diamond… The road will be bumpy and wrong turns will be made frequently. With the guidance of very close friends and an incredibly dedicated coach, you will find the light at the end of the tunnel.”
Numbers certainly don’t tell the entire story of Pat Santoro’s success as the head coach of Lehigh’s wrestling team, but they offer plenty of insight. Last season, the Bethlehem native was named the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association Coach of the Year for the third time in his tenure at Lehigh. Santoro has mentored one Mountain Hawk NCAA champion, led 12 individuals to a total of 14 EIWA titles, and guided 10 men to 18 total All-American medals.

Santoro was hired in April 2008 as just the eighth head coach in program history. The 2015-16 season was one of his best. He led the Mountain Hawks to a 13-3 dual record that included the school’s first win over rival Cornell since 2011. Lehigh went 7-0 against EIWA opponents and represented the conference in the NWCA National Duals Championship Series. The Mountain Hawks finished second at the EIWA Championships with lineup bookends Darian Cruz and Max Wessell winning their first career titles. All 10 Lehigh wrestlers placed at the EIWA Tournament while nine qualified for the NCAA Championships.

For the third straight year, Lehigh crowned three All-Americans at the NCAA Championships. Wessell and Randy Cruz earned their first career All-America medals, while Nathaniel Brown became a two-time All-American. Santoro’s dual meet record at Lehigh is 113-37-1.
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

The sweat shed in the weight room helps Mountain Hawk student-athletes find an extra gear in competition when they need it most.

“The primary goal of the strength and conditioning program is to develop the athlete as well as the person,” says head strength and conditioning coach Eric Markovcy. “Our goals are to minimize risk of injury, increase muscular strength and power, enhance movement mechanics and increase energy system function. The end result is the ability to overcome the physical and mental stress of competition to win championships.”

Lehigh student-athletes clocked 36,164 workouts in the fall and spring—an increase of more than 1100 from 2010.

“Not only are we training these young men and women to win games, but we are also arming them with tools that will make them successful in all aspects of life,” Markovcy says.

SPORTS MEDICINE

With eight full-time athletic trainers, Lehigh Athletics is dedicated to ensuring student-athletes receive the absolute best medical care.

“Student-athletes have an innate desire to perform at the highest level both on the field and in the classroom,” says Tim Doane, director of sports medicine. “We believe that quality healthcare services are essential to ensure physical, intellectual, social, and mental well-being throughout their ongoing journey toward high performance.”
Sometimes, numbers can tell quite a story. During what was a banner year for the business side of Lehigh Athletics, here are a few of the figures that stuck out.

The department posted gross revenue of more than $1 million.

An all-time record crowd of 5,909 watched the wrestling match against Penn State.

The men’s basketball tournament championship game drew a Patriot League record crowd of 4,587.

A sellout crowd of 15,921 watched the football team defeat Lafayette in The Rivalry.

An impressive 3,659 fans attended the women’s basketball team’s Education Day game versus St. Joe’s.

“Our vision is to use our passion for Lehigh to create an exciting and engaging environment whereby we are creating and sustaining fans for life. This environment should greatly enhance the student-athlete experience. Our sales and marketing team is proud of what we have been able to accomplish relative to our goals, and we are motivated by the ever-present challenges and opportunities that exist in improving the fan experience.”

— RICH HAAS,
Assistant Athletic Director for Sales and Marketing

“We believe our primary responsibility is to create win-win revenue-producing opportunities for local, regional, and national businesses while cultivating relationships with our university, fans, alumni, staff and student body through effective strategic partnerships. We believe we can make a strong impact, not only from a financial perspective, but by ensuring that every partner we bring in makes everyone around us better in some fashion.”

— ANDREW PAPAETHEMIOU,
General Manager, Mountain Hawks Sports Properties

In January 2016, Lehigh Athletics entered into a multi-year agreement with Learfield Sports that included access to national corporations and provided time savings and redistribution of staff toward other sales and marketing priorities. It also had Lehigh partnering with the industry leader in multimedia rights sales and provided improved financial returns.
The responsibilities of the sports communications department are twofold. We are the primary source for all information regarding Lehigh’s varsity athletic programs, including rosters, schedules, statistics, news, photography and video. We also serve as the primary storytellers for our varsity programs, using both written and visual media to tell the distinctive stories of our student-athletes, coaches and programs.”

— STEVE LOMANGINO, Director of Sports Communications

In 2015-16, the department produced 1,245 sport-specific releases and 360 videos. On social media, the main Lehigh Athletics channels (Lehigh Athletics on Facebook, @LehighSports on Twitter) became verified, and the number of Instagram followers more than doubled. In March, the department launched a Snapchat account to provide fans with live, behind-the-scenes and “in the moment” content.

Through the Patriot League Network, the department produced 122 broadcasts that garnered nearly 100,000 unique views. Its broadcast of the wrestling match against Penn State was the third most-watched event on PLN, with a total of 11,200 unique views.

“In addition to coaches and administrators, we work closely with student-athletes who are challenged by Lehigh’s rigorous academics, looking to grow and develop as leaders and serve the community while also competing in Division I athletics,” Lomangino says. “Telling the stories of Lehigh’s unique brand of student-athletes is incredibly fulfilling and rewarding.”

Lehigh student-athletes do some remarkable things, and it’s the job of the sports communications department to let the world know.

If it happens at Lehigh, there’s a good chance the athletics department staged it. From July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, Lehigh Athletics hosted 979 event days, an average of 2.7 events per day. Among them was the Lehigh Paul Short Run, the premier east coast cross country invitational, which annually features more than 5,000 participants.

More than 330,000 people visited the Goodman or Asa Packer campus for an athletics or external event, and the Goodman campus continues to be a year-round destination for sports, entertainment, special events, and educational programming.

Additionally, the external event business generated $484,000 of net revenue to support Lehigh Athletics in the 2016 fiscal year.

“We are blessed with our expansive physical plant, and our facilities are highly visible for the department and university,” Biddinger says. “We are responsible for maintaining each and every facility at the highest level possible for our student-athletes and patrons attending events.”

“Through the variety of events we stage in our facilities, we serve not only Lehigh Athletics, but also Lehigh University and the Lehigh Valley community. Our goal with each and every event we stage is for both participants and patrons to leave the venue with a positive impression of Lehigh Athletics and Lehigh University.”

— ALLEN BIDDINGER, Assistant Athletics Director for Facilities & Events
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The Turkey Trot is a long-standing tradition that brings our students, faculty, and staff members together to compete in an exhilarating campus-wide event. Intramurals have been a fixture at Lehigh for over 60 years, providing traditional team sport competition and other recreational activity per student interest.

Campus Athletics is committed to making participation in recreational activities an essential component of the educational experience and work environment. By providing outstanding programming, leadership, and facilities, it supports the recreational interests of the diverse campus population. Efforts are focused on activities that are fun, create positive social interaction, and include opportunities for education and leadership development, and promotion of healthy lifestyles. More than 900 students participate in club sports each year, which includes field hockey (pictured above).

« In its sixth year, the women’s ultimate frisbee team competed in sectionals. The Lehigh Gravity team was founded in 2010 and has experienced consistent growth since. In 2014-15, the team made it to nationals.

The Welch Fitness Center and Racquet Sports Complex, a 10,000-square-foot multilevel facility, has myriad options for exercise. Located in Taylor Gym, it contains a variety of strength and cardiovascular equipment while also offering squash and racquetball courts, and a climbing wall. Taylor Gym is also home to swimming, recreational basketball, and dance and fitness classes.

by the numbers

OVER 180 students are hired to support the recreational services on campus.

Over half the student population has participated in one IM sport during the 2015-16 term.

OVER 156,700 entries to Taylor Gym were logged in the 2015/2016 academic year.

OVER 900 Students participated in our club sports programs.
The mission of the Lehigh Athletics Partnership, at its core, is to provide a framework and support system that will enable our former student-athletes to remain connected to their Lehigh sports program, and everyone who ever participated in it...and to do so in a manner that’s fun and impactful for the sport they played. We welcome any and all interested parties to be a part of the camaraderie enjoyed and the support provided to our teams and programs.

The Lehigh Athletics Partnership is the community that experiences and supports Lehigh University Athletics in its broadest sense. Anyone who ever played a varsity sport at Lehigh and everyone who continues to support Lehigh Athletics by attending our contests, wearing Lehigh Athletics apparel, following Lehigh Athletics online and via social media, sending their kids to our camps and clinics, attending our awards banquets and other social events, and contributing financially to our operations is our “partner” in the mission of Lehigh University Athletics and the success that we achieve.

SPORT-SPECIFIC PARTNERSHIPS

We have 18 sport-specific alumni Partnership groups fully operational thanks to the efforts of the Athletics Partnership staff and our many volunteers. The goals of these Partnership organizations are to (1) communicate effectively between our sport programs and our alumni; (2) organize gatherings so that we can keep in touch and celebrate our common experience; (3) provide career mentoring and networking support for our current student-athletes; and (4) financially support our programs to give them a competitive edge and to make the experience that our student-athletes enjoy distinctive and forever impactful.

Last year, our sport-specific Partnerships conducted over 60 events in various cities across the country. These events included “Meet the Coach” nights, happy hours, alumni games, career networking sessions with our student-athletes, team reunions, tailgate parties, and much, much more. We have added several full-time professionals to our Partnership team and we look forward to expanding our level of engagement as well as the impact that, together, we will have on our programs. If you would like to be included on future invitation lists, please contact the Partnership Representatives for the sports that you are interested in.

Thank you for partnering with us in supporting our student-athletes! GO LEHIGH!!

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LEHIGH ATHLETICS 2015-16
OUR MISSION OF advancing learning, personal development, and leadership differentiates our athletics program and the experiences of our athletes from those in which conference visibility, revenues, and sports as commercial entertainment are the drivers of behavior.