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LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Greetings from Dominican University,

As we continue to realize the impact of achieving university status and the very prestigious recognition that it brings, we are stepping up to take full advantage of this very special moment in Dominican University's history. There has never been a more exciting time for alumni and friends to get involved, share in the excitement, and support our mission. As part of our efforts to more fully engage our alumni and friends, I'm pleased to share with you some recent updates and news from across our campus community.

Alumni Events

We are pleased with the turnout for our fall 2022 events which included the Athletic Hall of Fame inductions, an Alumni & Students Midnight Run, an Alumni Employee Breakfast, the Annual Alumni Golf Outing honoring Joe Clinton, Family Day at Dr. Davies Farm and more. This spring we hosted a full slate of alumni events that included the Annual Mulligan-Heller Memorial Basketball games and luncheon, the Annual Alumni Hall of Achievement inductions, a defensive driving course, and a 50th Anniversary Celebration for the classes of 1970-1973 to name a few.

Alumni Association Board of Directors

In March, we welcomed new Alumni Board members: Nicole Mastrianni, Guilherme Salim, Skylar Ross, Danaiya Simmonds, and Jose Jimenez. Congratulations—we look forward to growing our Alumni Board and expanding on the programs and events we host, thanks to you, your energy, and new ideas.

You can help!

More than anything, we'd love to see you! We'd love to hear about your journey and successes and have you share them with our current students. We'd love to connect with you and help you network with other alumni.

Additionally, we need your help to reach prospective students. Can you attend a college night at your local high school? Can you suggest a friend or neighbor that might want to take a tour? We have the tools to help you help us. Please contact us to chat more. Your good word is our strongest recruitment tool. Your attendance at an Open House or Accepted Students Day could help a future DUNY student succeed on your campus.

Thank you

Your support of the Annual Fund is essential. Your consistent giving through the years, no matter the amount, is critical to our future. Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, you can double the impact of your gift for this current year. A friend of the University will match your gift to Dominican University, up to \$250,000 cumulatively. I hope that you will consider using the enclosed envelope to continue your support by June 30th.

On behalf of our students and my colleagues here on campus, thank you for taking the time to read about and celebrate all things Dominican. Please reach out to me directly if you would like to discuss ways to engage with us.

Sincerely,

Joanne F. Sorace
Director of Annual Fund and Alumni & Parent Relations
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Dominican University Officially Opens the Gallucci Physical Therapy Research Laboratory



John Gallucci Jr. and Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien unveil plaque outside the new Gallucci Physical Therapy Research Laboratory.

Dominican University celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program with the official opening of a new, state-of-the-art research laboratory named after John Gallucci Jr., DPT '07, CEO of JAG-ONE Physical Therapy. Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., President, and Gallucci unveiled a plaque outside the lab on February 19, 2023, that states, "Dedicated in gratitude for the leadership and generous support of John Gallucci Jr., MS, ATC, PT, DPT, a loyal alumnus and friend."

Emil Euaparadorn, DSc, Director of the DPT Program, said over the past two decades the program has experienced remarkable growth and Dominican University will soon welcome its largest DPT class. Out of the 250 physical therapy



Emil Euaparadorn, John Gallucci Jr. and Ayse Edeer.

schools in the country, Dominican University is one of only a few that offer a weekend format. “By providing this option, Dominican University has opened its doors to countless individuals to achieve their dream of becoming a physical therapist, who may have otherwise been unable to pursue this career due to other obligations,” said Euaparadorn.

Students in the DPT program attend classes Friday through Sunday, every other weekend, for more than three years to earn their degree. The intensive weekend program allows students to continue working. Gallucci was one of those who benefited from the weekend format, and recounted how after having a successful career in Athletic Training he returned to school, “It was Dominican University that gave me the opportunity while working full-time, and raising a family, to come on the weekend and be able to go to school and achieve my dream of becoming a physical therapist.”

Gallucci is involved in many philanthropic endeavors, believes in giving back, and remembering your roots. During the naming ceremony, Joseph Valenti, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, said, “We’ve been blessed to have him take the lead by lending his vision and considerable generosity to Dominican University and our Physical Therapy Program.”

Later in the day, Gallucci made a surprise announcement that over the next three years he will be donating an additional \$75,000–\$20,000 each year for scholarships and \$5,000 each year for the research laboratory

Ayse Edeer, Ph.D., Research Coordinator, DPT Program, said the Gallucci Physical Therapy Research Laboratory now offers a dedicated space for students to do research, attend class, have practical exams, and hold a Pro-Bono Physical Therapy Clinic. There are three exam rooms in the laboratory that allow faculty to observe students in real-life scenarios. The research lab also has all the necessary equipment for cutting-edge research.

“Students will be able to use the lab’s advanced-level equipment such as Noraxon motion analysis systems, real-time ultrasound, Delsys EMG systems, and Becure virtual reality systems, as well as other devices or instruments for their research studies and classes,” said Edeer. “The technology in the lab will allow the students to contribute evidence-based therapy and advance the program’s initiative while giving the DPT program a national and local spotlight.”

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—John Gallucci, Jr.

As Euaparadorn explained, the equipment enables faculty and students to see true motion, with sensors that give a look inside muscles and joints, “As our field is changing, we are recognizing the importance of the mind/body connection. So we even have EEG’s so we can read brain waves to see what’s happening in your brain as you are trying to learn movement activity.”

GALLUCCI PHYSICAL THERAPY RESEARCH LABORATORY EQUIPMENT

- ◆ **Wearable Sensing DSI-7 EEG Unit** - Used to measure high-end wearable brain activity
- ◆ **Noraxon Motion Analysis System** - Used to measure anatomical joint angles, orientation angles, and linear acceleration, as well as measure muscle response or electrical activity by way of a nerve's stimulation of the muscle
- ◆ **Electrogoniometer** - Used to measure three-dimensional joint angles
- ◆ **Becure Virtual reality system** - Used to improve balance, lower and upper extremity, and for hand exercise programs which are developed by virtual reality gaming approach
- ◆ **H++ Blood Flow Restriction Cuffs** - Used to increase muscle strength, size, and endurance with low loads
- ◆ **Real-time Ultrasound** - Used to capture real time pictures of structures within the body, using high frequency sound waves
- ◆ **Biodex BioSway Balance machine** - Used to measure static and dynamic balance
- ◆ **Delsys Wireless EMG machine** - Used to measure muscle activation
- ◆ **GAITrite gait analysis system** - Used to measure temporal spatial gait parameters and to provide easy identification of gait anomalies
- ◆ **ProForm Treadmill** - Used to assess and improve mobility, strength, or fitness

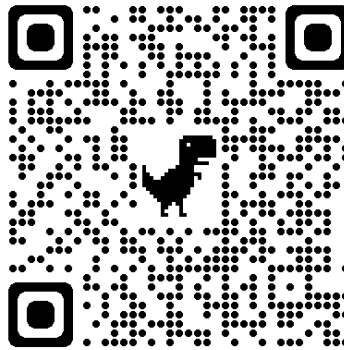
RESEARCH LABORATORY





DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY PHYSICAL THERAPY PRO BONO CLINIC

Dominican University's Pro Bono Clinic, which is held in the new PT lab, is now open to those who are uninsured or whose insurance coverage limits their access to physical therapy services. No insurance is needed to make an appointment and there is no payment for services. Highly-skilled and credentialed faculty supervise the clinic. To make an appointment, scan the QR code and sign up or contact Dr. Mark Amir at Mark.Amir@duny.edu.



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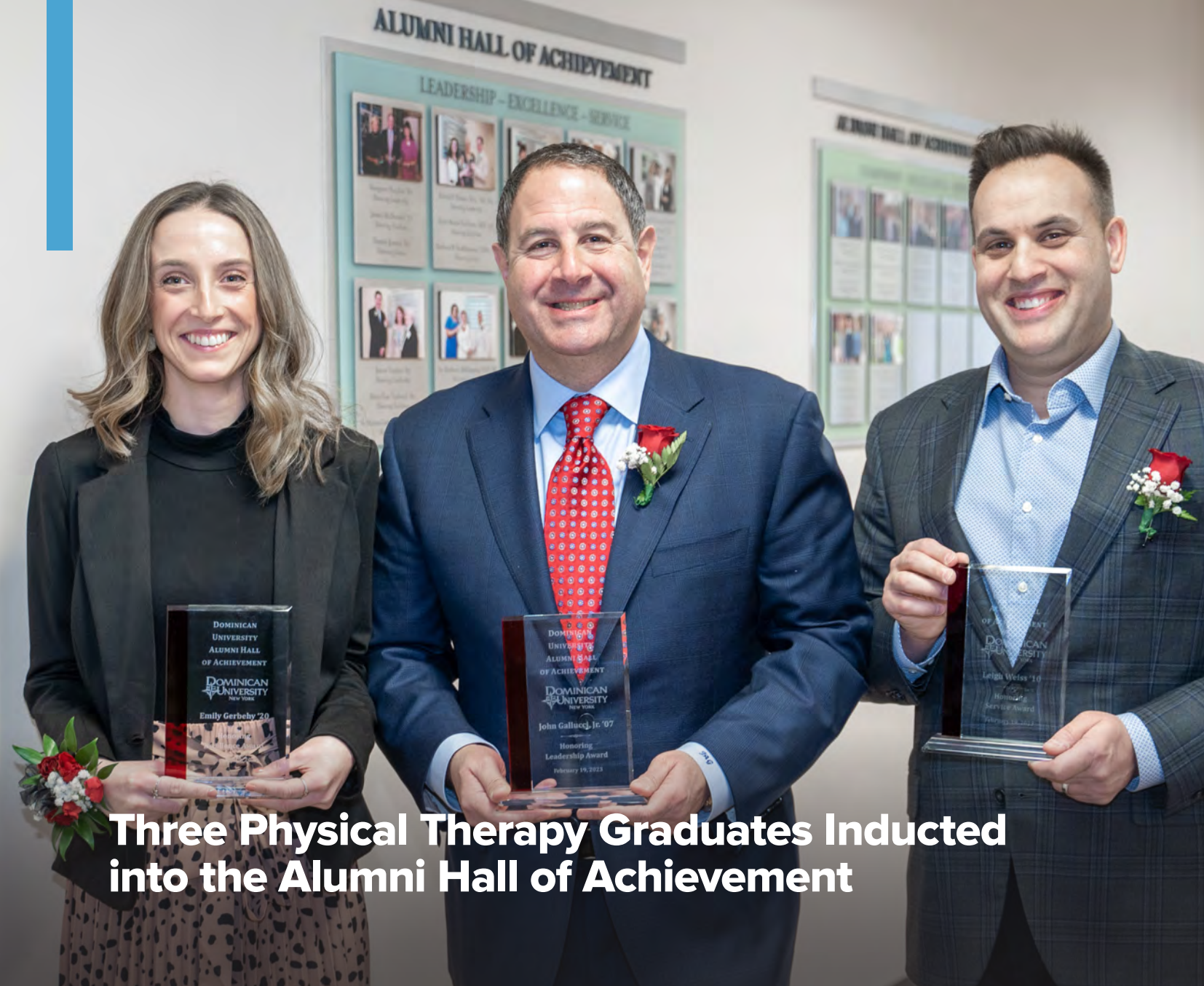
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Three Physical Therapy Graduates Inducted into the Alumni Hall of Achievement

Following the naming of the new Gallucci Physical Therapy Research Laboratory, on February 19, 2023, three physical therapy graduates were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Achievement: Emily Gerbeby '20 for Excellence, John Gallucci Jr. '07 for Leadership, and Leigh Weiss '10, for Service. Emil Euaparadorn, DSc, Director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program, said, "Their contributions to the field of physical therapy are nothing short of remarkable and they serve as inspiration to us all."



Emily Rose Gerbeby **PT, DPT, ATC**

Gerbeby holds the distinction of being the first student in the history of Dominican's DPT program to receive an 800 on the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE)—the highest score possible. When she graduated with a doctorate degree three years ago, Gerbeby received several awards for her academic achievements, including top honors for the highest GPA and the Sister Beryl Herdt Award.

Her high score on the NPTE led to her being recruited by the NPTE Final Frontier Boards Preparation Program where she helps others to pass the boards and records a podcast. She also teaches courses at Dominican University and continues to work as a physical therapist in a clinical setting caring for patients.

"She is certainly a rapidly shooting star in the making," said Euaparadorn.

Their contributions to the field of physical therapy are nothing short of remarkable

—Emil Euaparadorn, Director of the DPT Program

Gerbehy said from her first interview to become a student at Dominican University, she was passionate about the program, “I loved the interview process. I loved the faculty here. I loved what this program stood for.”

Although the doctorate program is very challenging, Gerbehy said all the hard work is worth it for students to become some of the best in their field and help others.



John Gallucci Jr.
MS, ATC, PT, DPT

Gallucci, the CEO of JAG-One Physical Therapy, received both his master's and his doctorate degree at Dominican University. “It was clear from the beginning,” said Euaparadorn, “that Dr. Gallucci was a leader in various achievements.”

Aside from his work at JAG-ONE Physical Therapy, John serves as the Medical Coordinator of Major League Soccer (MLS), consulting on the medical care of more than 800 professional soccer players. He is also a member of the President's Advisory Group for Seton Hall University. Prior to opening JAG Physical Therapy in 2005, John served as the Program Director of Barnabas Health's Sports Medicine Institute. He is the former Head Athletic Trainer of the New York Red Bulls MLS team and is a Sports Medicine consultant for professional athletes in the NHL, NFL, “NBA, and MLB.

“Leaders are people that drive change,” said Gallucci, as he stood in the Prusmack Center and reminisced that he took classes on the first floor of the Convent of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt. “We were taught here at Dominican University what it is to drive change. There was a vision here. This building was a thought—just a thought—when I was here.”

Gallucci has written two books, “Soccer Injury Prevention” and “Treatment and Play Ball: Don't Let Injuries Sideline You This Season”.



Leigh Weiss
MS, ATC, PT, DPT, SCS, OCS

Gallucci said it was a privilege to introduce his dear friend Leigh who has been the Director of Rehabilitation for the New York Giants since 2016, and part of the Giants' medical staff for the prior nine years. While working for the Giants, Weiss has experienced two Super Bowl victories.

“I have watched Leigh work so hard over the past several years,” said Gallucci, “not just as an athletic trainer, as a physical therapist, as a dad, as a husband—I've watched him make our profession better.”

Weiss said as a senior in high school, he dove into shallow water and broke his neck. During weeks of rehabilitation, he was impressed by the care that the physical therapists gave their patients.

Later, when he was interning with the Giants, he was told that they needed a physical therapist on staff and he should research programs. His friend Gallucci suggested Dominican University and Weiss said attending the DPT program is one of the best decisions he ever made. He said the weekend program may be unconventional and disrupt your life, “But there is nothing unconventional about the hard work and dedication that the students put in here and I know that they will continue to represent the University well and ultimately take the best care of the patients in the community.”

ALHQA 2023



University Inducts New Members into the Athletic Hall of Fame

Four standout Charger athletes and one longtime coach were inducted into the Dominican University New York Athletics Hall of Fame on September 23, 2023. The 27th class of inductees were honored at a ceremony in the Granito Center where they were surrounded by former coaches, family, and friends.



A.J. Lee '09
MEN'S GOLF

Athletics Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach Joseph Clinton introduced A.J. Lee by saying, "What a well-deserved honor—one of the best golfers that

ever played here." Clinton recounted Lee's long list of achievements during his four years on the Chargers Golf Team. He was a three-time All-CACC honoree and a Ping All-Region selection. Lee also served as a team captain and participated in the NCAA East/Atlantic Regional Tournament.

Lee is now the Head Golf Professional at Blue Hill Golf Course in Pearl River, NY. Although most people think of golf as an individual sport, Lee considers it a team sport. "Dominican University will always have a place in my heart, with the hope that one day my kids will follow in their dad's footsteps," he said. "When I speak to any young college golfer I always finish with, 'Cherish every minute you are on the road with your team and competing. There's nothing like it.'"



Adele Laskowski Torres '10
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Adele Laskowski Torres sits third all-time in the Sue Heller 1,000 Point Club with 1,523 career points. She served as a two-year team captain and was both an

All-CACC and All-Met selection. John Burke, Vice President for Student Development and her former coach, said that Torres played with a lot of talented athletes, but she brought something to the team that was missing. "What she brought was a next-level intensity, so when I think of Adele I don't think of points, I think of a winner," he said.

Torres recounted training with her Dad when she was young, and then spoke about her college years. "When I arrived here at Dominican, I was happy to be playing with a group of girls who were just as passionate about the game as I was—the hard work ethic, competitiveness, the drive that this group of ladies possessed was really remarkable." She then recognized all her former teammates in attendance and asked them to stand.



Cory Quimby '13 **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Recruiting Cory Quimby was a great decision, according to Coach Clinton. "One of the best signs I had in 30 years," he said. "His career at Dominican is unbelievable." Clinton pointed out that Quimby's statistics would

be even better if he hadn't broken his arm freshman year and had to miss 20 games.

Quimby sits third All-Time in program history in rebounds (810) and is 21st in the 1,000 Point Club with 1,187 career points. He was named the CACC Men's Basketball Player of the Year during the 2011-2012 season and was ranked nationally in his junior and senior years in rebounds, rebounds per game, and double-doubles. Quimby served as team captain and was a two-time All-Met First Team selection, two-time All-CACC honoree, and ECAC All-Star selection.

At the induction ceremony, Quimby talked about all the people he was blessed to have in his life—his parents, family, friends, teammates, and others he met through Dominican, "Lastly I would like to thank God for giving me all these people in my life and allowing me to play basketball at the level I was able to." Quimby said he truly believes that God intervened and pointed him toward Dominican when he was a senior in high school.



Jill Slesinski '05 **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Former Dominican University Soccer Coach Phil Fluhr described soccer goalie Jill Slesinski as a very bright student, a leader, and a "class act" with a positive attitude. "She was a phenomenal athlete, an

extraordinary catcher of the ball, and one of the best athletes of that college time period—basketball, baseball, anything. Jill had it all," he said.

Slesinski was a four-year member of the women's soccer team and a three-year member of the women's basketball team. She ranks first all-time in women's soccer history in saves and ranks in the top ten in the CACC for saves in a season. She was a team captain and was a two-time All-CACC Honorable Mention Selection. Slesinski was named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) All-Tournament Team and was selected as the Most Valuable Player of the 2004 ECAC Tournament.



Slesinski said she was fortunate to have the most amazing support system that anyone could ask for, "This is truly a full circle moment for me. I wouldn't be here without the support of my parents, my wife, my family, my players, my coaches, and I just want to thank you all for supporting me and it's been an honor to accept this award."



John Burke '96 **SERVICE**

John Burke is a Dominican University "success story" said Coach Clinton because he worked his way up the ladder from a volunteer, to assistant coach, to associate head coach, to head coach of the women's

basketball team, to assistant athletics director to associate athletics director, to assistant vice president, and finally to the job he currently holds, vice president for student development. All along the way, he helped out wherever he was needed. For instance, when Clinton needed a volleyball coach, Burke stepped up to help. "Not only does he step up, but he did a great job coaching volleyball," said Clinton. "That's just the type of guy he was—young, hardworking, wanted to learn, wanted to get ahead."

In all, Burke has been a fixture on the Lady Charger basketball sidelines for more than 22 years. He spent nine years (2001-2010) at the helm of the women's basketball program and just ended his 13th and final season as an assistant coach. He was named the All-Met Division II Coach of the Year (2007-08) and was the recipient of the Steve Baxter Service Award (2010).

Burke stressed that he's not giving up coaching because he's tired of it. "I love everything about coaching," he said. "Coaching is my passion. It's what I use in my current job. I love seeing a freshman come in, not knowing what they can do, and seeing them succeed. I love being on a bus after a big win."

Burke explained that he is stepping down for one reason—family. Burke said he wants to spend more time with his sons, Danny and Ryan, who he referred to as his "hall of famers." As Ryan heads into high school, Burke doesn't want to miss one minute of watching him play soccer, basketball, and baseball.

Alumni Week kicked off with the Athletics Hall of Fame, and continued with the 25th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing, honoring Athletics Director Joseph Clinton for 30 years of service. The following day, students and alumni participated in a Midnight Run to New York City to feed the homeless. Dominican University employees who are alumni were then treated, for the first time ever, to an Employee Alumni Breakfast. The events concluded with the annual Alumni Day at Dr. Davies Farm, which was rescheduled due to the weather. The day is always a great fall outing for alumni and their families to enjoy apple picking, hayrides to the pumpkin patch, and lunch.



GOLF OUTING

September
26, 2022



MIDNIGHT RUN

September
27, 2022





EMPLOYEE ALUMNI BREAKFAST

September
28, 2022



ALUMNI DAY AT DR. DAVIES FARM

October
16, 2022



ALUMNA PURSUES CAREER IN MEDICINE



Jasmine Pesante, '21

has just completed her first year at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. Pesante chose Rutgers after being accepted into eight medical schools—a very impressive achievement. Pesante credits her Dominican University professors with setting her up for success. “The unwavering support from my

professors at Dominican University, especially within the math and science departments, helped me reach my goal of medical school acceptance,” she said. “Small class sizes allowed me to foster meaningful relationships with these professors, not only for guidance in the classroom, but for guidance in life.”

In the year after graduation, Pesante worked in the Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital as a medical scribe and applied to medical schools, because she decided that she wanted a career in medicine. “For as long as I can remember, I have seen the world through a social justice lens, which allowed me to explore the correlation between the social issues of equity, justice, and health,” she said. “As a physician, I will be able to be a lifelong learner of the human body, its pathologies, and all the amazing things it is capable of, all while being an advocate for patients and equitable access to healthcare.”

At Dominican University, Pesante was a biology major, with minors in chemistry and math. She also played on the women’s soccer team and was a Resident Assistant for three years.

BOBBY MULLIGAN AND SUE HELLER MEMORIAL ALUMNI GAMES

Alumni and their families came to campus on January 28, 2023 to play basketball, see old friends, enjoy lunch, and watch our Charger athletes play in the Bobby Mulligan and Sue Heller Memorial Alumni Games. Be sure to join us next year!



Madison Newman '22



Darlenys Sanchez '22



Anna Acosta '22

Three 2022 Biology graduates have had the research they completed at Dominican University New York published in Microbiology Resource Announcements, a journal of the American Society for Microbiology. Bernadette Connors, Ph.D., Professor of Biology said students Madison Newman, Darlenys Sanchez, and Anna Acosta studied the impacts of pollution in our local waterways and the persistence of potentially harmful bacteria in the water. The students worked in summer 2021 and throughout the 2021-2022 academic year on the research. The work was supported by a National Science Foundation grant to Connors (award #1950018).

Connors said students who work on research projects at Dominican University have a unique opportunity to understand science from the perspective of research scientists. It is particularly impressive that the students had two articles published. “Publishing in a peer-reviewed journal means that other scientists in the field have recognized the quality and value of this work,” she said. “These publications not only promote science but are necessary to advance students in the STEM field, be it the workforce or graduate school.”

Two of the students, Newman and Acosta, will be starting their Ph.D. in Fall 2023. Newman presented the work at the Beta Beta Beta NE1 regional convention at Elmira College in 2022, earning second place in the poster category. She also presented the work at a joint lab meeting at UMass Amherst with the Ma Lab. The papers published were titled “Taxonomic Profiling of Microbes in Glyphosate-Treated Sediment Microcosms” and “Amplicons, Metagenomes, and Metatranscriptomes from Sediment and Water.”

STAY CONNECTED

Our alumni are important to the Dominican University family. They connect our past with our future, and mean so much to our present! Please stay connected with us and share your news! alumni@duny.edu

**2015*****Karina Estrella***

Karina graduated from Yeshiva University in May with a Master of Social Work. She currently works for Autism Care Partners as a Regional Operations Manager. She has received several awards including the Latino Social Work Coalition Scholarship, and a Certificate of Merit Issued by New York State.

**2021*****Stephen Falco***

Stephen is working as an Associate Digital IT&S Technician for Northwell Health in Westchester, NY. He also works part-time as an IT support specialist here at Dominican University. As a student, he was on the men's lacrosse team where he was named to the All-CACC first team in 2019.

promoted to Counselor for Supervised Visitation Services. He is now working closer with parents and families to provide them with social services and community resources.

**2022*****Shari Rosato***

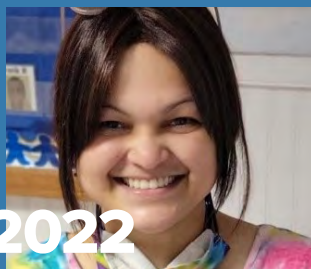
Shari completed her course work with the TVI program in July 2022 and received a \$1,000 award from the New York State Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind or Visually Impaired (NYAER). Shari works with Childhood Educational Associates in the New York Capital Region, teaching preschool students who have visual impairments. Shari said her award from NYAER will be used to purchase materials for her students.

**2022*****Victoria Mastrianni***

Victoria graduated with a Health Sciences degree and is currently pursuing a Master in Public Health Administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University. She works two jobs, one with an organization called United Activities Unlimited as a Prevention Specialist, and the other at Northwell Health as an Administrative Support Assistant.

**2019*****Christopher Pagán***

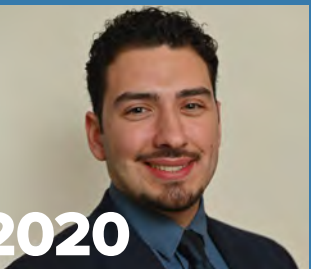
Christopher is currently working for Allied Universal as a Shift Supervisor at Hudson Yards in Manhattan, New York. While attending Dominican University, he achieved a position on the Dean's List for three semesters.

**2022*****Deon Hardeen***

Deon is currently working at Helen Hayes Hospital in West Haverstraw, NY. She is also serving with a local nonprofit called Adventure Together in Nanuet, NY. She works to provide support and services for people of all abilities, ages, and special needs.

**2022*****Angel Rosario***

Angel was recently hired as an IT Field Technician at Micrologic. Angel installs software and hardware across various states as well as provides customers with tech support. During his time at Dominican, Angel was a member of Dominican's men's lacrosse team.

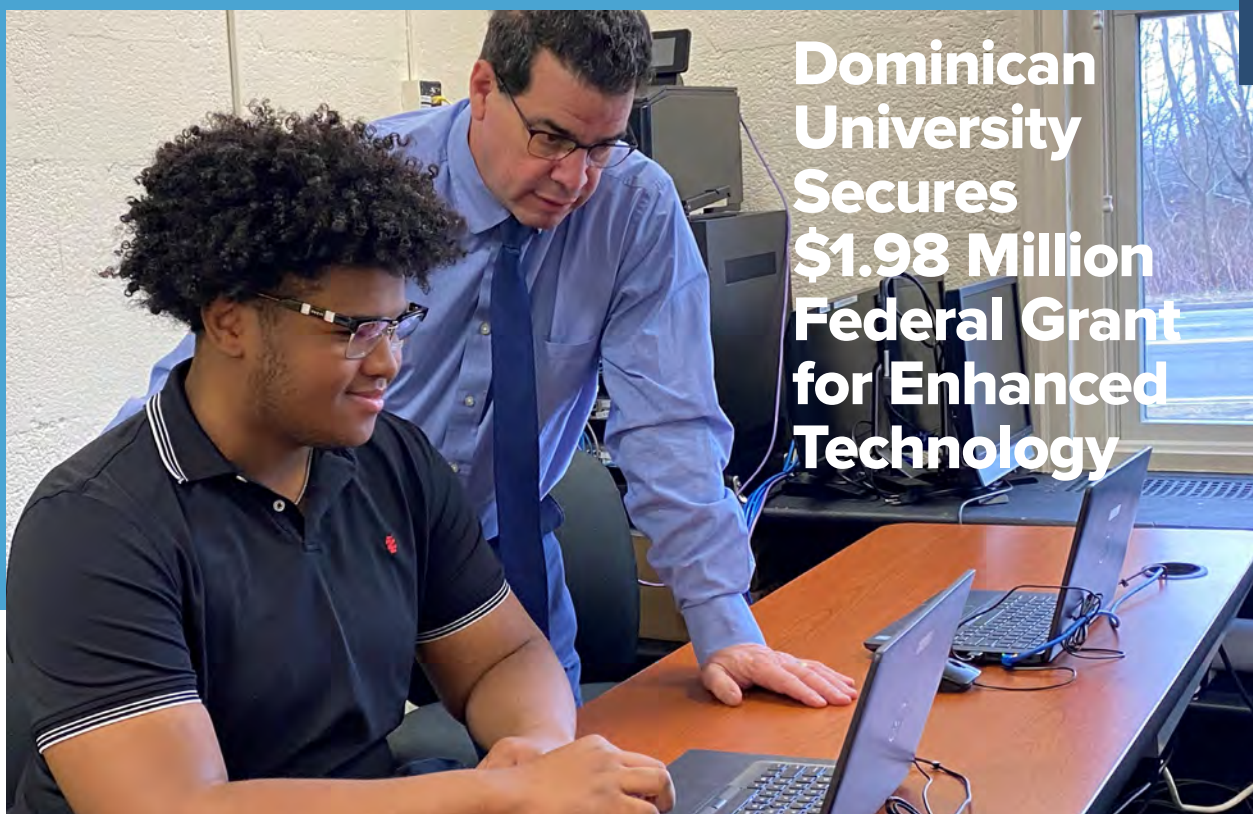
**2020*****Marco Mastrorilli Jr.***

Marco is approaching his two-year work anniversary as a Digital Video Editor for CNBC in Manhattan.

**2022*****Jose Jimenez***

Jose has been working for Care Plus NJ in Bloomfield, NJ and he was recently

ALUMNI**UPDATE**



Dominican University Secures \$1.98 Million Federal Grant for Enhanced Technology

Dominican University New York has been awarded a \$1.98 million federal grant to provide the campus community with enhanced technology, increased broadband access, and additional IT training and support. The grant is part of the Biden Administration's Internet for All initiative and comes from the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

On February 27, 2023, the NTIA announced that 61 minority-serving colleges and universities across the country received grants through the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program. Dominican University New York was the only institution of higher education in New York State to receive a grant.

"We are so grateful to have secured this grant which will enable us to fund technological improvements on campus and will greatly enhance the educational experience of our students," said President Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D.

The project entitled "DU Connections: Building Broadband and IT Capacity" has a number of components.

- ◆ Wireless access on the Dominican University campus will be improved with the addition of wireless access points.
- ◆ The University will purchase hotspot access equipment, Wi-Fi extenders, and headphones to be lent to students for long-term use.
- ◆ Additional IT staff members will be hired to offer technological training and support to students, faculty, and staff on internal systems such as Jenzabar, Blackboard, the DUNY app, and other software packages that support the educational mission.
- ◆ Video cameras and podcasting equipment will be purchased to facilitate experiential learning with technology on campus and enhance remote learning.
- ◆ Additional student interns will be hired in the IT office to offer additional assistance to the DU community and to strengthen their skills.

These activities will be developed and administered by a project leadership team that will be led by Russell Diaz, Chief Information Officer.

Dominican University Receives Nursing Education Award

Dominican University New York has been honored for its commitment to improving nursing education. The University received the Assessment and Impact Award for Nursing Education from Skyfactor Benchworks, a Macmillan Learning brand. The award celebrates the innovative ways that nursing schools create positive education experiences within their programs.

Dominican University was recognized for maintaining one-on-one connections with students during the pandemic and purchasing a simulation lab to provide instruction for students.

"Nurses provide hands-on care, support, and treatment for people when they're at their most vulnerable, and successful nursing education creates nurses who are ready for that incredible challenge. Our team is pleased to recognize Dominican University New York, King University and Thomas Jefferson University as being best-in-class in listening to the needs of nursing students and teaching them how to deliver safe, quality patient care," said Steven Ray, Vice President of Enterprise Solutions, Macmillan Learning.

The three winners were selected using a multi-step evaluation process that included an analysis of multi-year assessment data by the Benchworks Analytics and Research Team. The programs selected had the best results or best increases in performance as determined by survey scores. Skyfactor Benchworks assessments are the most widely used programs in nursing education and have been available for nearly 25 years.



DU OFFERS EARLY ADMISSION PATHWAY TO SAINT ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY PA PROGRAM

Dominican University New York and Saint Elizabeth University (SEU), in Morristown, N.J., announced an agreement in September to offer a new pathway to becoming a physician assistant. Under the agreement, up to three eligible Dominican University students will be interviewed during their junior year for early admission decision

into SEU's M.S. in Physician Assistant Program.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students who wish to become physician assistants to receive early admission into a well-respected master's program," said Sr. Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D., President, Dominican University New York. "Dominican University has built an impressive reputation in the health fields and this new program will provide additional professional opportunities for our students."

Students planning to apply for acceptance into the 28-month-long SEU physician assistant program will receive advisement throughout

their undergraduate study at Dominican University to ensure that they complete the prerequisite courses and meet the qualifications to enter the program. In order to be interviewed for the program in their junior year, students must meet a number of requirements. Visit SEU's M.S. in Physician Assistant page for more information on the program.



STUDENTS VOLUNTEER IN EL SALVADOR

Dominican University New York students returned to El Salvador to volunteer at summer camps in January after the trip was canceled for two years because of the pandemic and staff changes. Three students traveled to

La Union, El Salvador from January 2-11, 2023, to work with children at two camps. Dana McStowe, Director of Community Engagement & Leadership Development, went along with the students. "We are there to bring joy to these kids and help them to have a great week. This is something the children look forward to all year. For a lot of them, it is a highlight of the year," she said.

The Dominican University students and Malloy University students assisted the children with arts and crafts, music time, and sports. After camp each night, the students also have the opportunity to interact with community members by having meals or attending Mass with them.

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Veolia Funds New University STEM Program for High School Students



Thanks to Veolia, Dominican University New York is partnering with Spring Valley High School on a new STEM program. The company donated \$10,000 to fund the program in which students are researching the water quality at the Spring Valley Memorial Park pond and other sites.

Regina Alvarez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Biology, said the students are working at Dominican University, Spring Valley High School, and out in the field. "They are going to learn how to do environmental testing and sampling of water and it's going to involve several different things. We have chemistry kits. We are going to do DNA sequencing. We are going to do microscope work," she said. "We are going to do very frequent samples to get a good picture of the health of the water body."

The Veolia donation is being used to purchase equipment including bacterial analysis kits, microscopes, slides, filters, and DNA sequencing. Chris Graziano, Vice President/General Manager of Veolia Water Operations in New York said, "We are committed to contributing to our local communities with the same dedication with which we service and protect their environment and economy."

The program exposes students to STEM fields, lets students do authentic research, and examines the state of a much-used pond as a service to the community.



COMMUNITY PACKAGES 10,000 MEALS FOR HUNGRY

Students, faculty, and staff from Dominican University New York volunteered to package meals for the hungry during the Preaching in Action service project as part of Founders Week. About 100 volunteers worked with the Outreach Program to package tasty, nutritious meals of rice and

beans and apple-cinnamon oatmeal. The meals will be distributed locally to families in need.

Ted Swartwood, The Outreach Program Regional Manager in NY and NJ, said the nonprofit was unable to use large gatherings of volunteers during COVID. "We can't catch up with the demand," said Swartwood. "I told these kids they should all be proud of themselves for making the effort to come here. They are making a difference."

The volunteers packaged the meals on assembly lines set up in the Lawrence Room of Rosary Hall on September 23, 2022. The mission of the Outreach Program is to provide safe water, food, medical care, and education to those in need, at home and abroad.



FOUNDERS WEEK KEYNOTE FOCUSES ON FRIENDSHIPS AMONG SAINTS

The deep friendships among Dominican saints throughout history were the focus of the keynote address for Founders Week 2022. Sr. Jenn Shaaf, O.P., D.Min., spoke about "Holy Friendships and Academic Mentors" as Founders Week got underway on Monday, September 19, 2022, in the Lawrence Room of

Rosary Hall. Sr. Jenn paused throughout her presentation to give students in the audience time to discuss parallel relationships in their lives and to reflect on how the historical examples could lead them.

Sr. Jenn stressed that the Dominican pillars of study, prayer, and service were lived out by these saints. "Possibly, most importantly, we see that they are able to live out their calling through their community—the support of mentors, the leaning on each other and recognizing that gift of friendship, the humble calling for justice, the dreamers and the artists who are encouraged by their communities, and the leaders who are called forth," she said.

Sr. Jenn is the Assistant Chaplain of St. Thomas More Chapel & Center at Yale University in New Haven, CT, and a member of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt. Founders Week is the annual celebration of Dominican University New York's heritage and the Dominican Sisters who established it.



WINNERS OF THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDERS AWARD

The 2022 Spirit of the Founders Award was presented to students Guilherme Salim and Elena Vilanova during a ceremony in the Lawrence Room on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The Spirit of the Founders Award recognizes the contributions of student leaders who hold the promise of carrying the Dominican spirit into the future. Salim said he was honored to receive the award and admitted that it can be difficult to juggle school and activities when you are an involved student. "It's good to see that what we do matters. We want to do what is best for Dominican University," he said. Salim is from Brazil and has served as President of the International Students Association for two years. He is also a member of the men's tennis team, a Resident Assistant, and the Senior Class Representative for the Student Government Association.

Vilanova said being involved

in student activities has been an incredible experience. "I'm so proud to be able to be involved on campus and have the opportunity to take on such great leadership roles," she said. "I wouldn't change it for the world." Vilanova has served as President of the Student Government Association for two years and President of Alpha Lambda Delta, the Freshman Honor Society. She also was a Peer Mentor. Both honorees thanked President Sr. Mary Eileen, O.P., Ph.D., and Chancellor Sr. Kathleen Sullivan, O.P., for all they do for the University.



DU STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS RESEARCH STIPEND

A senior Information Technology (IT) student from Dominican University is one of just 100 students nationwide to receive a prestigious research stipend funded by the National Science Foundation. Marlon Valverde-Suazo was awarded a \$5,000 research stipend to participate in The National Data Mine Network. The goal is to ensure that students at Minority Serving Institutions have access to cutting edge courses, research opportunities, and industry partnerships. Purdue University established The Data Mine, to teach data science to undergraduates

from all majors.

Valverde-Suazo has access to data science training materials, and high-performance computing from Purdue University. In addition, there are corporate partners who enable the students to learn data science with hands-on work. Valverde-Suazo has been working with Bayer. He meets remotely with his partners and peers for several hours each week. "They have lessons and programs in which you learn all the coding language you need for the project," he said.

Valverde-Suazo hopes that this all leads to even bigger things in his future. "I plan on trying to work at NASA or an aerospace or astronomy facility and this is one of the biggest steps to head me toward my goal," he said. Jovan Zigic, Instructor of Mathematics and Physics, suggested Valverde-Suazo apply for the stipend because of his talent and passion for programming and software development.



FORMER NBA EXECUTIVE SPEAKS AT BASKETBALL TIP-OFF DINNER

A former NBA executive was the special guest speaker at the Basketball Tip-off Dinner on November 3, 2022. Kevin Carr, a former NBA Vice President and the Founder and CEO of PRO2CEO LLC, shared the lessons he has learned throughout his life with the men's and women's

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—Kevin Carr

basketball teams.

"What am I saying to you as young student-athletes? Ask for help if you are struggling," said Carr. "Talk to your parents, talk to the counselors, talk to the support office, wherever it is, if you have a problem while you are in school."

Carr encouraged the students not to go to school to play ball, but to go to school to graduate, and stressed that talent is not enough. By staying focused, and keeping out of trouble Carr eventually became a successful NBA executive. However, he later decided to create a new company PRO2CEO so that he could work out of his home and have more time for his family. PRO2CEO is a career transition and business development consulting firm. The message to the student-athletes was that there are many ways to be successful in life. "It's amazing to be an NBA player, but it's also amazing to be an awesome Dad and awesome son, to be an awesome best friend," said Carr.

The Tip-Off Dinner, which was held at the Pearl River Saloon, is an annual tradition started by Trustee Michael McLaughlin '90, a former Dominican basketball player who sponsors the event.

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Lady Chargers Win 2023 CACC Championship

The Dominican University New York women's basketball team won their second Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Women's Basketball Championship in the last three years after defeating the top seed from the north division, Post University, 63-54, on March 5, 2023. The final game in the Championship Tournament was played at the Gallagher Athletic, Recreation and Convocation Center on the campus of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

"It was extremely exciting because of the work the players and coaching staff put into it," said Head Women's Basketball Coach Bill Diener. He credits the players' "great effort and great attitude" with putting them on the path to victory.

When the team won back in 2021, there were no cheering fans in the stands because of COVID restrictions. This year's celebration was a lot more gratifying. "This time our players got to share the whole experience," said Diener. "To have our family, friends and administrators in the stands, and to be able to go through the whole award process—cutting down the nets, the picture taking, and everything else that we weren't able to do because of COVID back then, it was just a great experience and accomplishment for everybody."

The coaching staff stressed to the student-athletes throughout the season that they need to trust the process, he said, "When the days are going good, stay humble. Don't get too excited. And when things are not going right, find in a positive manner how we are going to make a situation we are challenged with right."

In the championship game, Cayla Howard (Naugatuck, Conn.) poured in 21 points and eight rebounds to lead



CACC Commissioner Dan Mara presents Alexis Suarez with the MVP award.

the Lady Chargers in the victory. Alexis Suarez (Poughquag, N.Y.) added 14 points, while handing out seven assists, grabbing five rebounds and swiping a pair of steals, as she was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Tanasha Mills (New City, N.Y.) followed with 13, as those three—along with Chidinma Ndukauba (Brooklyn, N.Y.)—were named to the CACC Women's Basketball Championship All-Tournament Team.

Dominican held a 33-26 lead at halftime and led throughout the second half. Post, though, didn't fold and pulled to within two at 54-52 with 2:30 remaining. However, the Lady Chargers countered by scoring the next nine points including seven from Howard on five throws and a layup with just :28 left. The closing surge sealed the win and Dominican's championship celebration.

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COLLEGE WRAP-UP



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team finished the year with an overall record of 21-11 and a CACC record of 13-5 under 13-year head coach Bill Diener. The Lady Chargers finished in second place in the CACC North Division and earned the second seed from the north division in the CACC Tournament. Dominican won their first-round game against #3S Chestnut Hill College, 79-69. The Lady Chargers then went on to upset the overall #1 seed, Thomas Jefferson University in the CACC Semi-Finals and top Post University, 63-54, to earn their second CACC Championship in the past three years. The victory also secured a trip to the NCAA East Regional Tournament where they fell to the top seed, Assumption University to conclude their season.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team finished the 21-22 season with an overall record of 21-9 and a CACC record of 12-6. The Chargers earned the third seed in the CACC North Division and traveled to the #2 Chestnut Hill College in a first-round game. Dominican fell to the Griffins, but the Chargers earned their fifth consecutive berth in the NCAA East

Regional Tournament. The Chargers were seeded seventh and had to face the #2 seed Bentley University in a first-round game. Bentley upended the Chargers, 77-67 to conclude their season.



MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

The Dominican University New York men's cross-country team competed in five meets during the Fall 2022 season under fourth-year head coach Kimberly Piard. They had the high finish of seventh place at the Mount Saint Mary College XC Series. At the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Cross Country Championships, the Chargers finished in 10th place. Freshman Aidan Nelson was the top runner for the Chargers this season and had the high finish of 16th place at the Mount Saint Mary College XC Series. For his efforts, he earned one CACC Rookie of the Week honors this season. Daniel Pinilla was named to the CACC Men's Cross Country All-Academic Team for the first time. The team is slated to return at least six of seven runners for the 2024 season.



WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

The Dominican University New York's women's cross-country team competed in five meets this season under fourth-year head coach,

Kimberly Piard. The team had the high finish of eighth place at the Jasper Fall XC Invite. At the CACC Championships, the Lady Chargers finished in 11th place. Sophomore Anna Murphy had the high finish of 15th place at the Jasper Fall XC Invite. Murphy was named to the 2022 CACC Women's Cross Country All-Academic Team for the first time and was one of this year's captain.



MEN'S SOCCER

The Dominican University men's soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 1-12-5 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 0-9-3. The Chargers finished in 12th place in the CACC under eleventh-year head coach Colin Hodge and did not qualify for the CACC Tournament. Ewan Gray led the team in goals and was second in assists. He was named the CACC Player of the Week once this season. Junior Lucas Regos Santos led the team in assists and points. Jonathon Rubin was named to the CACC Men's Soccer All-Academic Team and the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District® Team.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Chargers soccer team finished the season with an overall record of 7-8-2 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record

of 5-6-1. Dominican finished in eighth place in the CACC under fifth-year head coach Sean McCarthy. DUNY earned the eighth seed in the CACC Championship Tournament. In a CACC Championship Quarterfinal contest, the Lady Chargers fell to the top seed and eventual champion, University of Bridgeport, 4-1 to conclude their season. Isabella Wysocki, Jada Jiles and Sabine Sorensen were all named to the 2022 Academic All-District® Women's Soccer Team for the first time. Jiles made her third appearance on the CACC All-Academic Team, while Sorensen, Wysocki, Brianna Mikucki and Stella Koster were all named to the All-Academic Team for the first time. Wysocki claimed her first All-Conference First Team selection in 2022. She led the Lady Chargers in assists and shots, while tying for the CACC lead in assists.



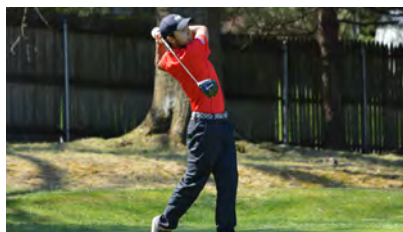
WOMEN'S TENNIS

In their fourth season of competition, the women's tennis squad finished the fall with an overall record of 2-13 and an 0-10 record in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). The team is scheduled to play two non-conference matches in the spring. The Lady Chargers finished in sixth place in the conference under second-year head coach, Da'Tekena Barango Tariah. Rupkatha Mukherjee went 5-10 in singles action, while All-CACC Second Team honoree Bipasha Mehn went 4-7 in singles.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team finished the 2022 season with an overall record of 11-17 and a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) record of 9-9. The Lady Chargers finished in third place in the CACC North Division under third-year interim head coach, Patrick Ernst. Earning the third seed in the north division, Dominican traveled to the second seed in the South Division, Holy Family University, in a CACC Volleyball Championship Quarterfinal match. The Tigers defeated Dominican, 3-1 to end their season. Emmalyn LaPier was named to the CACC Women's Volleyball All-Academic Team for the fourth time in her career. Lindley McCutcheon, Linda Armao Peng and Alexis Boettcher all were named to the team for the first time.



MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team competed in five tournaments during the fall, including the CACC Championships. The Chargers had the high finish of third place at the College of Saint Rose Fall Invitational and took fourth at the CACC Championships. Alejandro Gomez Cervantes received two CACC Golfer of the Week accolades after taking third place at the Vulcan Invitational and winning the FPU Fall Invitational. Alexander Lundvall

finished in third place overall at the CACC Championships to receive All-Tournament honors.



WOMEN'S GOLF

The women's golf team competed in four tournaments during the fall. The Lady Chargers tied for first place at the Le Moyne Fall Invitational. Leah Ayers had the high finish of third place at the Le Moyne Fall Invitational, while sister Taylor Ayers tied for sixth place at the Saint Rose Fall Invitational.



MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ROWING CLUB

DUNY's men's and women's rowing teams competed at several regattas this fall. Rowing races in the fall are typically "head races" that involve a 5k time trial where each boat starts one behind the other and are timed to see who covers the race course fastest. The team did well for a novice crew made up of freshmen and first year walk-ons-beating many more seasoned teams. The highlight was Tara Long, in her first year of rowing, winning the varsity single at the Fall Metropolitan Rowing Championships—a regional race hosted by IONA College.

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