



2009 MEDIA GUIDE

UAlbany Soccer



MEN'S TRACK & FIELD won both the IC4A indoor and outdoor championships for the first time in program history.



Track & Field's **JOE GREENE** was one of seven UAlbany athletes to earn All-America recognition in 2008-09 when he finished fourth in the 400-meter hurdles at the NCAA outdoor championships.

Soccer's **STEWART CEUS** became the first men's soccer All-American since 1991 when he was named to the NSCAA/adidas third team.



37 Conference Championships
15 NCAA Teams
2 IC4A Track & Field Championships



Football's **BOB FORD**, a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award, was one of six UAlbany coaches to be voted as a conference coach of the year.

FOOTBALL became the first Northeast Conference champion to win the Gridiron Classic by defeating Pioneer Football League winner Jacksonville.



Softball's **MEAGAN BUTSCH** and Golf's **JESSICA SIGNORELLI** were chosen America East Conference scholar-athletes of the year.

FIELD HOCKEY won its first-ever America East Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time.



VOLLEYBALL captured its fourth America East Conference championship in the last five years and advanced to the NCAA's first round.



GENERAL INFO

Location: Albany, N.Y. 12222
Founded: 1844
Enrollment: 13,246 (undergraduate) / 4,956 (graduate)
Nickname: Great Danes
Colors: Purple & Gold

MEN'S SOCCER INFORMATION

Affiliation: Division I
Conference: America East
Home Field (Capacity/Surface): Varsity Field (1,500/Grass)
2008 Record: 12-4-2 (AE 5-1-2, 2nd)
Head Coach: Johan Aarnio (San Diego State '78)
Record at UAlbany: 72-68-11 (9 years)
Overall Record: 113-84-26 (14 years)
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Assistant Coach: Erik DiLorenzo
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Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/13
Newcomers: 9

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Back Row (L-R): Assistant Coach Erik DiLorenzo, Milos Jankovic, Joe Hogan, Sean Traverso, David Pinto, David Hawksworth, Sander Anker, Ian Berger, Vojislav Petkovic, Athletic Trainer Anthony Benyarko.

Middle Row (L-R): Volunteer Assistant Coach Jason Ramundo, David Burke, Konner McNamara, Connor Walsh, Ian Peach, Adrian Foncette, Christian Mejia, Rikkert Pilaar, Dylan Clements, Bo Jelovac, Assistant Coach R.J. Bevers.

Front Row (L-R): Darko Knezevic, Claudio Dantas, Jordan Zaprowski, Anthony DeSalvo, Head Coach Johan Aarnio, Shaun Kane, Adi Radoncic, Andrew Fojanesi, Eric Chernyakhovsky.

2009 UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY MEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
0	Christian Mejia	So.	GK	5-10	161	Queens, N.Y./Saint Mary's/Dominican (N.Y.)
1	Adrian Foncette	So.	GK	6-1	171	Arima, Trinidad/Fatima
2	Dylan Clements	So.	B/M	6-1	160	Cherry Valley, N.Y./Cherry Valley-Springfield/SUNY Cobleskill
3	Vojislav Petkovic	Fr.	B	5-9	147	Belgrade, Serbia/Sportska Gimnazija
4	Konner McNamara	So.	B	6-2	180	Mississauga, Ontario/Iona Catholic Central
5	Darko Knezevic	So.	M	5-8	155	Delmar, N.Y./Bethlehem Central
7	Ian Peach	Jr.	M	6-3	195	South Hempstead, N.Y./South Side
8	Milos Jankovic	Jr.	M	6-0	172	Belgrade, Serbia/Secondary School of Sport
9	Claudio Dantas	Sr.	F	5-8	180	Orlando, Fla./Crystal Lake/Jefferson College
10	Shaun Kane	So.	F	5-10	170	Stirlingshire, Scotland/Saint Modans
11	Bo Jelovac	Jr.	F	6-3	190	Belgrade, Serbia/Sveti Sava School
12	Ian Berger	Fr.	B	6-0	185	Oceanside, N.Y./Oceanside
13	Rikkert Pilaar	So.	B	6-3	176	Zoetermeer, Netherlands/Alfrink College/Universiteit Leiden
14	Sander Anker	So.	M	5-11	170	Enschede, Netherlands/Roc van Twente
16	David Burke	Jr.	B	6-1	175	Clifton Park, N.Y./Shenendehowa
17	Jordan Zaprowski	R-Fr.	B	5-9	160	Williamsville, N.Y./Clarence
18	Adi Radoncic	Fr.	M	5-8	155	Astoria, N.Y./Monsignor McClancy
19	David Hawksworth	Fr.	F/M	5-10	170	Sheffield, England/All Saints Catholic
20	David Pinto	So.	B	5-10	160	Valley Stream, N.Y./Valley Stream South/Central Connecticut State
21	Joe Hogan	Sr.	F	5-10	180	Vestal, N.Y./Vestal
22	Connor Walsh	So.	B	6-3	182	Stony Point, N.Y./North Rockland/James Madison
23	Sean Traverso	So.	B	5-9	165	Baldwin, N.Y./Baldwin
24	Eric Chernyakhovsky	R-Fr.	M	5-9	150	Brooklyn, N.Y./Leon M. Goldstein/Iona
25	Anthony DeSalvo	So.	M	5-7	155	Cicero, N.Y./Cicero-North Syracuse
26	Andrew Fojanesi	So.	M	5-6	153	Cortlandt Manor, N.Y./Hendrick Hudson

Head Coach: Johan Aarnio (San Diego State '78) - Tenth season

Assistant Coach: R.J. Bevers (Leisure Management School '97) - Eighth season

Assistant Coach: Erik DiLorenzo (UAlbany '09) - First season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Jason Ramundo - First season

Captains: Milos Jankovic '11 and Ian Peach '11





JOHAN AARNIO

Head Coach
10th Season
San Diego State '78



Johan Aarnio begins his 10th season as the head coach of the University at Albany men's soccer program. He has led the Great Danes to the America East Conference tournament four times in the past five seasons. Under his tutelage, the Great Danes have posted 72 victories and their first-ever America East regular-season crown in 2004. In addition to producing the school's first Division I All-American this past fall, twenty-one of his players have combined to earn 18 all-conference and eight all-rookie honors by America East, including a program-record six honorees in 2008.

Aarnio, who also has over 20 years of professional coaching experience in all pro leagues in the United States and Canada, guided the Great Danes to a 12-4-2 record in 2004 and the program's first-ever America East regular-season title. He matched that mark in 2008, as the Great Danes' nine-win improvement was tied for third in the nation. Furthermore, UAlbany's seven-game unbeaten streak, before suffering a 1-0 double overtime loss to Binghamton in the semifinal round of the conference tournament, was a program standard in the club's Division I history.

Aarnio has coached two players who have been drafted or signed by Major League Soccer clubs. Steward Ceus, the program's first All-America recipient at any level since 1991, became the first Great Dane to be drafted by an MLS franchise when he was selected 37th overall by the Colorado Rapids. In 2006, Bouna Coundoul became UAlbany's first soccer player to play professionally, and was a regular starter for the Colorado Rapids for three seasons. In the winter of 2007, he was selected to play as a member of the Senegal national team in the African Cup of Nations hosted by Ghana. Ceus and Coundoul combined to win the conference's goalkeeper of the year honor three times.

In the professional ranks, Aarnio was the head coach and director of team operations for the Milwaukee Wave of the National Professional Soccer League (NPSL) from 1990-92. Aarnio also served as head coach of the NPSL's Montreal Impact in 1997. In addition, he was a part of six professional championships as an assistant coach with the San Diego Sockers of the NASL and MISL during the 1980s.

Aarnio also served as the head coach of the men's and women's soccer teams at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute from 1992-97. He led the men's program to a pair of NCAA Division III Tournament appearances. His 1996 team posted a 14-3 record and won the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association championship. As women's head coach, the Red Hawks were a combined 32-12-3 over a three-year period and captured the 1996 ECAC Mid-Atlantic title with a 16-1 record. He also coached the Olympic Development Program (ODP) in Region 1.

Aarnio earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from San Diego State University in 1978, where he was a two-year varsity midfielder for the Aztecs. A native of Rancagua, Chile, Aarnio is conversational in Spanish, Italian, French and English.

AARNIO'S YEAR-BY-YEAR DIVISION I COACHING EXPERIENCE

School	Year	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	Conf.	Home	Away
Albany	2000	8-7-3	6-2-1	1-4-1	1-1-1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Albany	2001	8-9-0	5-5-0	3-4-0	0-0-0	5-6-0	3-3-0	2-3-0
Albany	2002	9-6-2	5-3-0	4-2-2	0-1-0	4-2-2	3-1-0	1-1-2
Albany	2003	7-9-2	2-3-1	5-5-1	0-1-0	3-5-1	1-3-0	2-2-1
Albany	2004	12-4-2	7-3-1	5-1-0	0-0-1	6-2-1	3-1-1	3-1-0
Albany	2005	6-9-4	5-1-1	1-7-3	0-1-0	3-4-1	3-1-0	0-3-1
Albany	2006	7-10-2	4-3-2	3-7-0	0-0-0	5-3-0	2-2-0	3-1-0
Albany	2007	3-10-4	1-1-4	1-7-0	1-2-0	2-3-3	1-0-3	1-3-0
Albany	2008	12-4-2	3-2-2	8-2-0	1-0-0	5-1-2	1-1-2	4-0-0
Totals	9 Years	72-68-21	38-23-12	31-39-7	3-6-2	33-26-10	17-12-6	16-14-4

AARNIO'S YEAR-BY-YEAR PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

1981-1988	Assistant Coach	San Diego Sockers (NASL, MISL, MSL)
1989-1990	Assistant Coach	San Diego Nomads (WSL)
1990-1992	Head Coach	Milwaukee Wave (NPSL)
1997-1998	Head Coach	Montreal Impact (NPSL, A League)

THE AARNIO FILE

- Has guided the Great Danes to their first America East regular-season crown and four appearances in the conference tournament.
- Has coached 18 players who earned all-conference honors
- Three of his student-athletes have combined to win four major America East awards, including goalkeeper and striker of the year laurels in 2008.
- Two of his former players currently compete professionally
- Has over 20 years of professional coaching experience, and was part of six championship teams.
- Coached the men's and women's soccer teams at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1992-97), and led the men's program to a pair of NCAA Division III Tournament appearances.





R.J. Bevers Assistant Coach

R.J. Bevers enters his eighth season as UAlbany's top assistant men's soccer coach. Since he joined head coach Johan Aarnio's staff, the Great Danes have amassed 56 victories, their three winningest seasons at the Division I level and an America East regular-season championship. As an assistant, he has also helped coach 16 players

who garnered all-conference recognition.

Bevers previously served as the director of soccer training for Euro Futbol United, a premier youth club team in Vestal, N.Y. He was involved in the training and coaching of eight youth teams and handled organizational tasks such as scheduling, travel, budgeting and fundraising. Euro Futbol United won consecutive under-18 boys' regional indoor championships in 2000 and 2001, including winning the first State Cup for the Binghamton District in 12 years.

Bevers also held ownership of Soccer Xtra, an academy that specialized in small-group training and clinics for youth, ages 12-17. In addition, he coached the girls' varsity soccer team at Norwich High School in 2001 and led the Purple Tornadoes to their first winning season in school history with an 11-6 record. Bevers, who previously assisted with the Binghamton High School boys' soccer program, also coached for the State NY-E Olympic Development Program (ODP).

A native of Warnsveld, Netherlands, Bevers has 20 years of playing experience at the top amateur level in Holland. He holds two coaching diplomas from the Royal Dutch Soccer Association and has seven years of coaching experience at the Dutch Premier Youth Level. In 1997, he received a bachelor's degree in leisure management from the Leisure Management School in Leeuwarden, Netherlands. Bevers completed his master's degree in sport management from SUNY Cortland through its online program in 2009, graduating with the highest grade point average in his class.



THE BEVERS FILE

- Helped guide the Great Danes to their first America East regular-season crown and four appearances in the conference tournament.
- Has coached 16 players who earned all-conference honors.
- Served as director of soccer training for the Euro Futbol United.
- Former head coach of the NY-E Olympic Development Program.
- Has over 20 years of playing experience at the top amateur level in Holland.



Erik DiLorenzo Assistant Coach

Erik DiLorenzo, a four-year starter and two-time captain of the UAlbany program from 2005-08, returns to his alma mater to begin his first season as an assistant coach.

DiLorenzo anchored the Great Dane defense throughout his career and helped the program make three appearances in the America East Conference championship while blanking 24 opponents. Offensively, he registered four goals and 10 assists for 18 points.

In addition to being a catalyst for UAlbany's nine-win improvement last fall, a mark which tied for third nationally, DiLorenzo was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Northeast Region Third Team. Furthermore, he was the first defender since George Friedman in 2004 to garner a spot on America East's all-conference second team. The captain was a two-time member of the league's all-championship squad and was an all-rookie team selection as a freshman in 2005.

DiLorenzo, a native of Bolton, Ontario, has actively been working as a coach at youth soccer camps run by the Bolton Wanderers, Ottawa Fury and Toronto Lynx over the past six summers for kids ranging between the ages of five and 15 years old. Last year, he ran training sessions for the Bolton Wanderers' under-17 boys' team.

A four-year member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee who was also a member of the America East Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll, DiLorenzo graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 2009.



Jason Ramundo Volunteer Assistant Coach

Jason Ramundo begins his first season at UAlbany where he oversees the training and development of the Great Dane goalkeepers.

A three-year varsity starter from nearby Colonie High School, Ramundo played collegiate soccer at SUNY Cobleskill. He later advanced to the professional ranks for five years with the Albany Alleycats and New York Capital District Shockers

of the USISL and PDL, respectively.

Ramundo is currently ranked as one of the top indoor goalkeepers in the Premier Arena Soccer League (PASL), where he has led the New York Shockers to nationals five times. In addition, Ramundo has earned gold and silver medals playing for Adirondack at the New York Empire State Games.

The volunteer assistant also served as a player/assistant coach for the Albany Admirals of the Premier Development League (PDL) where he was responsible for conducting team practices, developing game day lineups and scouting opponents. Furthermore, he played six matches for the squad in goal.

Ramundo has been on staff with the Eastern New York Olympic Development Program (ODP) since 2005 where he serves as the goalkeeping coach. Additionally, he currently coaches with the Albany Alleycats Premier club and is the director at Game Saving Academy where he oversees goalkeepers of all ages and levels.

Ramundo holds an Advanced National Diploma and his National Goalkeeping Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.





2009 SEASON OUTLOOK

The University at Albany men's soccer program finished second in the America East Conference standings last year before its season ended abruptly with a heartbreaking 1-0 double overtime loss to Binghamton in the semifinal round of the league tournament. Head coach Johan Aarnio, who enters his 10th season, hopes the Great Danes can take another leap forward in 2009.

"Our goals have always been to be competitive, finish in the top third of the conference, make the playoffs and instrumentally always reach for the next step," Aarnio explained. "That would mean making the NCAA Tournament by winning the conference or earning an at-large bid."

UAlbany posted a 12-4-2 overall record last year, which matched a Division I program record set in 2004, despite being picked to finish eighth among nine teams in the preseason coaches poll. The team's nine-win improvement tied for third in the nation with Fairleigh Dickinson, only trailing Maryland (13) and St. John's (10). In addition, the Great Danes' seven-game unbeaten streak before falling to Binghamton at home in the conference tournament was a program standard in the club's Division I history.

"We showed last year that we can play with anybody," Aarnio added. "We were able to score goals, which was a major difficulty for us in 2007."

UAlbany almost quadrupled its scoring output last season and finished fifth nationally in goals per game. The squad was able to do this in a league which featured the sixth-best RPI in the country among the 23 conferences. Only the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big 10, Big West and Ivy League were better. However, Aarnio realizes there will be holes to fill with the graduation of four all-conference selections, two all-region picks and an All-American.

"Our biggest challenge will be to rebuild our defense with the graduation (and departure) of several veterans," Aarnio explained. "We have recruited to do so in our incoming class of nine student-athletes of which five can play in the back. We hope to add punch to our front as well and have others step up to contribute along with the lethal force we already have in Claudio Dantas, Shaun Kane and Bozidar Jelovac."

To prepare for America East play, Aarnio and the other seven America East coaches have assembled demanding schedules about with opponents that reached last year's NCAA Tournament or finished with a winning season. UAlbany's schedule features four NCAA Tournament teams and not a single non-conference match against a club that ended the fall with a losing record.

"It is a conference standard to schedule strong so we have the opportunity to send multiple teams to the NCAAs," stated Aarnio, recalling the mutual goal was attained in 2007 when Boston University punched an at-large ticket. "I have seen this conference go from as low as 17th or 18th to sixth in the country among 23 leagues in the RPI rankings. To be up there as the sixth conference in the country is a combination of proper scheduling and getting results. We have a strong schedule, and hopefully we will get the outcomes we need to help us make the national tournament for the first time."



Claudio Dantas was the America East striker of the year in 2008.

FORWARDS

"Your goalkeeper is arguably 50 percent of your team, but you always need to have scoring if you want to be successful. You've got to have depth with quality up front, and I think we do with Claudio Dantas, Shaun Kane and Bozidar Jelovac. Claudio and Shaun have proven themselves, and Bozidar is going to be tremendous," Aarnio said.

UAlbany, which had the best one-two scoring punch in America East and averaged a league-best 2.17 goals per game in 2008, more than tripled its scoring and ranked fifth nationally in the category. The squad will have even more firepower on its front line this fall.

Dantas, a two-time junior college All-American, was the first player in program history to be named the America East striker of the year in 2008. He paced the offense with nine goals and 10 assists. His 28 points led America East and were a Division I single-season program record. The nine goals matched the Division I single-season standard, and his 10 assists equaled the single-season standard for all divisions.

Kane, who has three years of eligibility remaining, finished with eight goals and three assists for 19 points in 15 appearances. He was second in the conference in goals per game and third in points per game. Kane also netted a team-best three game-winning goals, and added a hat trick in the 3-0 win over Siena. The sophomore should be a strong candidate for the all-conference first team.

Jelovac, who has two years of eligibility, will look to make an immediate impact as another scoring threat. Standing 6-foot-3, the member of Serbia & Montenegro's under-17 and under-19 national teams practiced with the Great Danes over the past two seasons. He is extremely strong, fast and mobile according to Aarnio.

Veteran Joe Hogan, along with newcomer David Hawsworth, will also be relied on to contribute this fall.

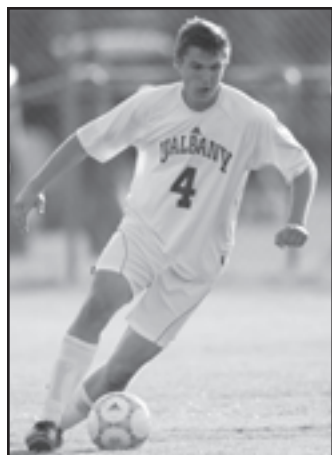
MIDFIELDERS

"Although we have a number of guys who we know can get the job done up front, it is going to be about our chemistry through the midfield and how we play in this area that will be a major part of our success. We will have good depth in our midfield," Aarnio said.

The midfield has been depleted with the losses of Gaby Seguin-Gauthier and Don Johnson, both second-team all-conference selections, to graduation. However, Aarnio is still optimistic about the depth he has to work with in an area which has always been solid.

Returning players Ian Peach and Milos Jankovic are expected to lead the way at this position. Peach, an all-rookie selection in 2007, registered two goals and four assists for eight points last season after netting just one goal and two points as a freshman. Jankovic, who is more defensive-minded, has been a two-year starter. Prior to joining the Great Danes, Jankovic played on the Serbian U-17 and U-19 national squads with Jelovac.

Aarnio is also expecting to get strong efforts from Sander Anker, voted the team's most improved player in 2008, as well as Anthony DeSalvo, an athlete who has rapidly developed particularly this past spring. Returners Darko Knezevic and Andrew Fojanesi along with newcomers Eric Chernyakhovsky and Adi Radoncic will also see time.



Konner McNamara, an all-rookie selection last year, will be relied upon to lead a young defense.





DEFENDERS

"We have recruited good defenders, and we have recruited speed. The incoming players have the quality and the speed we need, but it remains to be seen how they fit in and how it will all work out. Dylan Clements and Vojislav Petkovic can all play there, but there are also players returning that are up for the task and we expect big things out of due to their development," Aarnio said.

Erik DiLorenzo, currently an assistant coach, anchored UAlbany's defense for four years. Mikael McNamara, who made 53 starts, graduated, and another starter will not return. With all-rookie squad selection Konner McNamara the only returning starter on this year's roster, Aarnio's staff recruited heavily to fill the voids.

Aarnio is keeping a close eye on junior David Burke, one of the Capital Region's premier defenders when he played at Shenendehowa, who has significantly improved over his two years with the squad. Dylan Clements, a transfer from SUNY Cobleskill, and Voji Petkovic will all contend for starting spots among the newcomers. Ian Berger, Rikkert Pilaar, Jordan Zaprowski, David Pinto, Sean Traverso and Connor Walsh will also fight for time.

GOALKEEPERS

"Adrian Foncette is an excellent goalkeeper with a very good understanding of all the little details of the game. He has proven and shown that he will be our starter this year. Christian Mejia will be a good backup for Adrian and understands his role. If something were to happen to Adrian, Christian will be very capable to step in," Aarnio said.

Adrian Foncette will have some big shoes to fill this fall with the departure of Steward Ceus, an All-American and four-year starter who was chosen with the 37th pick in the 2009 Major League Soccer Draft by the Colorado Rapids. Even though he made just a few starts as a freshman, Aarnio believes the sophomore is up to the challenge.

Last season, Foncette started four matches and earned three shutouts. He never surrendered a goal when the Great Danes were at even strength. San Diego State was the only team to get anything by Foncette in his freshman campaign, and all of the goals came when the Great Danes were playing a man down since a red card was issued to a defender in the opening minute of play. He ended the year with a .769 save percentage and a 1.50 goals against average. Christian Mejia, a transfer from Dominican (N.Y.) with three years of eligibility, will be ready to take over when needed.

SCHEDULE

"Every conference match is a battle and very competitive. It is a rivalry with everyone. The key for us will be to prepare well and stay healthy so we can use the depth we have," Aarnio said.

UAlbany will arguably play its most grueling schedule since upgrading to Division I in 1999. The 16-match slate includes four teams that advanced to last year's NCAA Tournament. The Great Danes' nine non-conference matches to begin the 2009 campaign features six teams that advanced to their conference championship match and three that won a league title to clinch an NCAA automatic berth last year. In addition, each of the nine squads posted a winning percentage of .500 or better in 2008.

The Great Danes open the fall at home against Northeastern on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 4 p.m. The Huskies posted a record of 7-5-9 last year, falling to George Mason, 1-0, in the Colonial Athletic Association championship match.

The following weekend, UAlbany will compete in a tournament hosted by Coastal Carolina along with Virginia Commonwealth. The Great Danes will face VCU on Sept. 4 and Coastal Carolina, the runner-up team in the Big South Conference after suffering a double-overtime defeat in the league title match, on Sept. 6.

The Great Danes will return home for a pair of games against two squads that competed in the 2008 NCAA Tournament. UAlbany will host Colgate of the Patriot League on Friday, Sept. 11 and Fairfield of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference on Sunday, Sept. 13. Both matches are slated to kick off at 4 p.m.

One week later, the squad will head to Philadelphia for a tournament co-hosted by Pennsylvania and Temple. The Quakers, who won the Ivy League crown last season, will host the Great Danes on Friday, Sept. 18. UAlbany will close out the tournament at Temple on Sunday, Sept. 20.

The non-conference slate concludes with away matches at crosstown-rival Siena on Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Holy Cross on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The Crusaders fell to Colgate in the Patriot League championship final last year.

UAlbany opens up America East Conference play at home against Hartford on Saturday, Oct. 3. Conference opponents New Hampshire and Boston University, which advanced to the second round of the 2008 NCAA Tournament, will also visit Varsity Field. The Great Danes will match up against Binghamton, Vermont, Stony Brook and UMBC on the road.

The top six teams at the end of the regular season will qualify for the league tournament. The winner will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament, while the other contending teams will be eligible for an at-large selection.



Milos Jankovic has been a regular starter for the Great Danes throughout his career.



Shaun Kane will be one of the biggest scoring threats in the America East Conference.



Ian Peach will look to bolster a midfield which lost two all-conference selections to graduation.





#9 Claudio Dantas
Senior • Forward • 5-8 • 180
Orlando, Fla. • Crystal Lake
Jefferson College

Transferred to UAlbany from Jefferson College (Mo.) ... **2008:** Appeared in all 18 matches, making 17 starts ... Became the first Great Dane to garner America East Conference Striker of the Year after spearheading the nation's fifth-ranked offense which averaged 2.17 goals per game ... Earned a spot on the all-conference first team ... Also landed on the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Northeast Region Second Team ... America East co-player of the week on Sept. 2 ... Finished the season with nine goals and 10 assists for 28 points ... Set a Division I single-season record for points, and matched the all-time program standard for assists in a season ... Finished eighth nationally in assists per game (0.56) and 20th in points per game (1.56) ... Led the league in points, points per game, assists and assists per game ... Also finished second in the conference in goals and third in goals per game (0.50) ... MVP of the Robert Morris Invitational, netting all three Great Dane goals in wins over Pittsburgh and Robert Morris ... Added a goal and two assists in a victory at San Diego ... Scored twice against UMBC to spark the biggest comeback in the program's Division I era ... Set the single-season school record for points with an assist in the squad's one-goal victory over Hartford ... Scored a goal and matched the all-time record for assists in a season with a helper in the road win over Maine ... **Jefferson College (2006-07):** Lettered in soccer at Jefferson College for two years ... Two-time NSCAA/adidas Junior College Division I All-American ... Also earned All-South and all-region laurels ... Ranked eighth nationally in scoring with 27 goals and eight assists his sophomore year, and helped lead the team to a fifth-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament ... Finished fourth nationally in points with 28 goals and eight helpers as a freshman, and the squad won the Division I national championship ... Did not compete in high school ... **Personal:** Majoring in Spanish with a minor in linguistics ... Born March 11, 1983 ... Son of Solange Dantas ... Has one brother, Marcelo.

DANTAS' CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2008	18/17	49	9	10	28	2
Career	18/17	49	9	10	28	2



#21 Joe Hogan
Senior • Forward • 5-10 • 180
Vestal, N.Y. • Vestal

2008: Made six appearances ... Named to the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... **2007:** Appeared in all 17 matches and made five starts ... Named to the America East Academic Honor Roll ... Registered one goal and two points ... Recorded eight shots ... Found the back of the net versus Colgate ... **2006:** Appeared in nine matches ... Finished with one goal and two points ... Attempted three shots ... Netted first career goal in a 1-0 overtime victory at Boston University on Oct. 13 ... **High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Vestal High School ... Scored 63 career goals in his career and served as a captain for two years ... Named all-state three times and team MVP twice ... Led the squad to three league titles and one sectional championship ... Played club soccer for the BC United Fusion ... Two-year member of Vestal's track and field team ... **Personal:** Majoring in political science and criminal justice ... Born Aug. 23, 1987 ... Son of Richard and Susan Hogan ... Has three sisters, Andrea, Katie and Emily.

HOGAN'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2006	9/0	3	1	0	2	1
2007	17/5	8	1	0	2	0
2008	6/0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	32/5	11	2	4	4	1



#14 Sander Anker
Junior • Midfielder • 5-11 • 170
Enschede, Netherlands • Roc van Twente

2008: Made 11 appearances and one start ... Named to the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... Finished the season with one goal and two points ... Scored first career goal in the road victory over New Hampshire ... **2007:** Appeared in seven matches ... Named to the America East Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... Recorded three shots ... **High School:** Played at the club level with Rksv Vogido ... Helped the team win the league championship in 2005-06 ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration ... Born March 27, 1988 ... Son of Cees and Arlene Anker ... Has one brother, Joost, and one sister, Marieke.

ANKER'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2007	7/0	3	0	0	0	0
2008	11/1	3	1	0	2	0
Career	18/1	6	1	0	2	0

PAW PRINTS: Steward Ceus, who was selected by the Colorado Rapids in the third round (37th overall) of the 2009 MLS SuperDraft, became the first Great Dane to garner All-America honors at any level since Marty Hearney was voted to the Division III All-American squad in 1991. He set Division I program standards for saves (329) and shutouts (19).



#16 David Burke
Junior • Defender • 6-1 • 175
Clifton Park, N.Y. • Shenendehowa

2008: Appeared in eight matches ... Named to the America East Conference Academic Honor Roll ... Recorded one shot ... **2007:** Appeared in nine matches and made two starts ... **High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Shenendehowa High School ... Finished career with 10 goals and 13 assists ... Served as a team captain and was named third-team all-state, first-team all-district and first-team all-conference as a senior ... Team was undefeated, won the state championship and ranked 12th in the nation in 2005 ... Helped the squad win the regional championship and place fourth in the state as a senior ... Also played basketball for two years at Shenendehowa ... **Personal:** Majoring in criminal justice with a minor in political science ... Born March 7, 1989 ... Son of Edmund and Heidi Burke ... Has one brother, Jason ... Both of his parents graduated from UAlbany in 1981.

BURKE'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2007	9/2	0	0	0	0	0
2008	8/0	1	0	0	0	0
Career	17/2	1	0	0	0	0



DAVID BURKE





#8 Milos Jankovic
Junior • Midfielder • 6-0 • 172
Belgrade, Serbia • Secondary School of Sport

2008: Made 17 appearances and starts ... Named to the America East Conference Academic Honor Roll ... Saw action on a back line which posted nine shutouts, including five in league action, when he started ... Recorded an assist in the season-opening win over Pittsburgh ... **2007:** Appeared in 12 matches and made 11 starts ... Recorded two shots ... Helped the UAlbany defense post all three of its shutouts in matches he started ... Club yielded one goal or less in seven of his 11 starts ... **High School:** Member of the Serbia & Montenegro U-17 and U-19 national teams ... **Personal:** Majoring in communication with a minor in business administration ... Born June 17, 1987 ... Son of Miodrag and Dragica Jankovic.

JANKOVIC'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2007	12/11	2	0	0	0	0
2008	17/17	11	0	1	1	0
Career	29/28	13	0	1	1	0



#11 Bo Jelovac
Junior • Forward • 6-3 • 190
Belgrade, Serbia • Sveti Sava School

2008: Concentrated on academic studies ... Made the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... **2007:** Concentrated on academic studies ... Named to the America East Academic Honor Roll ... **High School:** Member of the Serbia & Montenegro U-17 and U-19 national teams ... Also played at the club level for FC Radnicki ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration (finance) ... Born Oct. 3, 1987 ... Son of Milos and Davorka Jelovac.



#7 Ian Peach
Junior • Midfielder • 6-3 • 195
South Hempstead, N.Y. • South Side

2008: Made 13 appearances and starts ... Named to the America East Conference Academic Honor Roll ... Finished the season with two goals and four assists for eight points ... Ranked sixth in the conference in assists per game (0.31) ... Recorded a goal and an assist for a career-best three points in the win over Cornell ... Set up two goals in the team's 3-0 shutout victory over crosstown-rival Siena ... Netted an insurance goal to help the Great Danes become the only America East team to knock off Boston University ... **2007:** Appeared in 16 games and made 14 starts ... Named to the America East Conference All-Rookie Team as well as the America East Academic Honor Roll ... Finished with one goal and two points ... Recorded 30 shots ... Scored first career goal versus Syracuse ... **High School:** Three-year letterwinner at South Side High School ... Finished with 10 goals and nine assists in his career, and led the Cyclones with nine goals and five assists as a senior ... Named third team all-state by New York Sportswriters Association and NSCAA/adidas ... Earned all-county laurels twice ... Garnered team MVP honors as a senior, defensive player of the year accolades as a junior and rookie of the year honors as a sophomore ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration ... Born Aug. 17, 1989 ... Son of John and Jane Peach ... Has one sister, Fiona.

PEACH'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2007	16/14	30	1	0	2	0
2008	13/13	22	2	4	8	0
Career	29/27	52	3	4	10	0



ADRIAN FONCETTE



#15 Anthony DeSalvo
Sophomore • Midfielder • 5-7 • 155
Cicero, N.Y. • Cicero-North Syracuse

2008: Appeared in three matches ... Made the America East Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... **2007:** Redshirt season ... Named to the America East Academic Honor Roll ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Cicero-North Syracuse High School ... Finished career with 13 goals and 16 assists ... Earned all-state, all-region, all-county and all-league honors ... Also named the league's player of the year ... Led the Northstars to the Section III championship as a senior captain ... Member of the National Honor Society ... **Personal:** Majoring in computer science with a minor in statistics ... Born Sept. 2, 1989 ... Son of Mark and Teresina DeSalvo ... Has one brother, Stephen, and one sister, Marisa.

DeSALVO'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2008	3/0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	3/0	0	0	0	0	0



#26 Andrew Fojanesi
Sophomore • Midfielder • 5-6 • 153
Cortlandt Manor, N.Y. • Hendrick Hudson

2008: Redshirt season ... Made the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... **2007:** Appeared in three matches ... Named to the America East Academic Honor Roll ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner in soccer at Hendrick Hudson High School ... Scored 12 goals and recorded 15 assists ... Served as a captain and was named team MVP as a senior ... Garnered first-team all-section, all-county and all-league honors ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration with a minor in financial market regulation ... Born Oct. 17, 1988 ... Son of Roberto and Jessica Fojanesi ... Has one brother, Claudio, and one sister, Laura.

FOJANESI'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2008	3/0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	3/0	0	0	0	0	0

PAW PRINTS: The Great Danes will play 13 of their 16 matches against opponents that finished with a winning percentage of .500 or better last season. Four contests, including three at Varsity Field, will be against squads which advanced to the 2008 NCAA Tournament.





#1 Adrian Foncette
 Sophomore • Goalkeeper • 6-1 • 171
 Arima, Trinidad • Fatima

2008: Made four appearances and starts ... Member of the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... Posted a 3-1 record in net, recording a .769 save percentage, a 1.50 goals against average and three shutouts ... Did not surrender a goal when the team was playing at even strength ... Ranked eighth in the conference in shutouts and third in shutouts per game (0.75) ... Recorded a 1-0 victory in his first career start against Robert Morris, turning away a penalty kick in the final minutes to secure the shutout ... Made a career-high nine saves versus San Diego State ... Also blanked Cornell and Bryant ... **High School:** Lettered in soccer all four years at Fatima High School ... Served as a captain his senior year ... Named team MVP twice ... Member of Trinidad & Tobago's under-23 and under-20 national teams ... Also played for St. Ann's Rangers FC ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration ... Born Oct. 10, 1988 ... Son of Glennon and Sharon Foncette ... Has one sister, Arielle.

Year	GP/GS	MIN	GA	GAA	SV	SHO
2008	4/4	360:00	6	1.50	20	3
Career	4/4	360:00	6	1.50	20	



#10 Shaun Kane
 Sophomore • Forward • 5-10 • 170
 Stirlingshire, Scotland • Saint Modans

2008: Made 15 appearances and starts ... Landed on the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... Named America East co-player of the week on Oct. 20 ... Finished with eight goals and three assists for 19 points ... Led the squad with three game-winning goals, which was also fourth in America East ... Finished fifth in the conference in points and goals, and was also second in goals per game (0.53) and third in points per game (1.27) ... Netted the eventual game winner versus San Diego ... Recorded a goal and an assist at Rhode Island ... Had first career hat trick against Siena ... Scored two goals, including the game winner, to cap the greatest comeback in the program's Division I era against UMBC ... **2007:** Appeared in and started three matches before receiving a medical hardship waiver due to a season-ending injury ... Finished with two goals and four points ... Recorded four shots ... Scored a goal in first collegiate game versus Adelphi ... Added another goal against Cornell ... **High School:** Played on the Scotland U-17 National Team in international matches versus England, Wales and Northern Ireland ... Also played for the Rosebank Football Club ... **Personal:** Majoring in accounting with a minor in business administration ... Born Nov. 13, 1987 ... Son of Lawrence and Marianne Kane ... Has two sisters, Laura and Ellie.

Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2007	3/3	4	2	0	4	0
2008	15/15	38	8	3	19	3
Career	18/18	42	10	3	23	3



#5 Darko Knezevic
 Sophomore • Midfielder • 5-8 • 155
 Delmar, N.Y. • Bethlehem Central

2008: Made six appearances and one start ... Earned a spot on the America East Conference Academic Honor Roll ... Attempted five shots ... **2007:** Redshirt season ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Bethlehem Central High School ... Named all-state, all-region and league MVP ... Helped the team win the sectional and regional championship in 2007 ... **Personal:** Majoring in psychology ... Born April 14, 1989 ... Son of Zdravko and Jasmina Knezevic ... Has one sister, Rada.

Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2008	6/1	5	0	0	0	0
Career	6/1	5	0	0	0	0



#4 Konner McNamara
 Sophomore • Defender • 6-2 • 180
 Mississauga, Ontario • Iona C.S.S.

2008: Was the only freshman and one of two players to start every match ... Named to the America East Conference All-Rookie Team ... Also made the America East Academic Honor Roll ... Recorded three assists and three points ... Helped anchor a defense which posted a league-best 10 shutouts in 18 contests ... Set up the game-winning goal versus Robert Morris, earning a spot on the RMU Invitational's All-Tournament Team ... Also added a helper against Marist and UMBC ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner in soccer at Iona Catholic Secondary School ... Served as a team captain for two years, and earned team MVP honors ... Member of the Toronto Lynx's U-20 squad which was a super-Y league finalist ... Won the Ontario Cup with the Mississauga Falcons twice ... Also lettered in tennis all four years and in ice hockey for three years at Iona C.S.S. ... Doubles tennis team won the league championship three straight times ... **Personal:** Voted to serve as a captain for the Canadian U-20 National Team ... Major is undeclared ... Born Sept. 19, 1990 ... Son of Glenn and Julia McNamara ... Has two brothers, Mikael and Aden, and one sister, Shaelyn ... Brother, Mikael, played soccer at UAlbany from 2005-08 and graduated in 2009.

Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2008	17/17	9	0	3	3	0
Career	17/17	9	0	3	3	0



#20 David Pinto
 Sophomore • Defender • 5-10 • 160
 Valley Stream, N.Y. • Valley Stream South
 Central Connecticut State

Transferred to UAlbany from Central Connecticut State ... **2008:** Redshirt season ... **2007 (CCSU):** Appeared in 20 matches and made 15 starts ... Finished with one goal and one assist ... Scored the game-winner in the Blue Devils' 1-0 win over Monmouth in the semifinal round of the Northeast Conference Tournament ... Helped the team win the conference championship and advance to the third round of the NCAA Tournament ... **High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Valley Stream South High School ... Recorded 27 career goals and 18 assists ... Had 15 goals and 14 assists as a senior captain ... Named all-state, all-county, and All-Long Island by *Newsday* ... Earned conference player of the year honors ... Squad won the county championship in 2006 ... **Personal:** Majoring in urban planning with a minor in Spanish ... Born Feb. 19, 1989 ... Son of Edgard Pinto and Ligia Baquero ... Has three sisters, Diana, Bibiana and Mariana.

PAW PRINTS: The America East Conference's RPI ranked sixth nationally last season. Only the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Big 10 Conference, Big West Conference and Ivy League were better. UAlbany's RPI mark jumped up 78 spots from the 2007 season.





#23 Sean Traverso
Sophomore • Defender • 5-9 • 165
Baldwin, N.Y. • Baldwin

2008: Redshirt season ... **2007:** Appeared in 10 matches ... Took three shots ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Baldwin High School ... Served as a captain and was named team MVP as a senior ... Garnered all-conference honors ... Competed in track and field for two years ... **Personal:** Majoring in sociology with a minor in business administration ... Born Dec. 16, 1989 ... Son of Nigel Traverso and Heather Johnson.

TRAVERSO'S CAREER STATISTICS						
Year	GP/GS	SH	G	A	PTS	GW
2007	10/0	3	0	0	0	0
Career	10/0	3	0	0	0	0



#17 Jordan Zaprowski
R-Freshman • Defender • 5-9 • 160
Williamsville, N.Y. • Clarence

2008: Redshirt season ... Named to the America East Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Clarence High School ... Scored five goals and served as a team captain as a senior ... Named second-team all-region and all-conference ... Earned team defensive MVP honors ... Helped the squad win a sectional championship and advance to the sectional final on two other occasions ... Won a bronze medal at the Empire State Games with the Western Region scholastic soccer team ... Played at the club level for the Delaware SC Internationals ... Three-year letterwinner in lacrosse at Clarence ... High honor roll student ... Member of the varsity club and economics club ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration ... Born April 16, 1990 ... Son of Jeffrey and Kathy Zaprowski ... Has one brother, Justin, and one sister, Jenny ... Cousin, Kristin Fiorillo, played volleyball at UAlbany from 2002-05 and helped lead Dayton to a NCAA Tournament appearance last season as an assistant coach ... She is currently an assistant coach at Colgate.

STEWART CEUS DRAFTED BY COLORADO RAPIDS



Steward Ceus '09 became the Great Danes' first player to be selected in the MLS Draft when he was picked 37th overall by the Colorado Rapids on Jan. 15, 2009. Ceus, the 2008 America East Conference Goalkeeper of the Year, was UAlbany's first All-American at any level since 1991 and ended his career as the program leader in career shutouts and saves.



#12 Ian Berger
Freshman • Defender • 6-0 • 185
Oceanside, N.Y. • Oceanside

High School: Four-year letterwinner and starter at Oceanside High School ... Team captain ... All-conference and all-county selection ... All-county honoree ... Oceanside United Soccer Club MVP ... Five-year player for the Eastern New York ODP State Team, leading the squad to a regional title and the national finals ... **Personal:** Intends to major in business administration ... Born March 16, 1991 ... Son of Hank and Annette Berger ... Has one sister, Nicole.



#24 Eric Chernyakhovsky
R-Freshman • Midfielder • 5-9 • 150
Brooklyn, N.Y. • Leon M. Goldstein
Iona College

Transferred to UAlbany from Iona College ... Did not compete ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Leon M. Goldstein High School ... Served as a team captain ... Voted team MVP ... Member of the Arista Honor Society ... **Personal:** Majoring in business administration ... Born Feb. 20, 1990 ... Son of Vadim and Biana Chernyakhovsky ... Has one sister, Pamela.



#2 Dylan Clements
Sophomore • Defender/Midfielder • 6-1 • 160
Cherry Valley, N.Y. • Cherry Valley-Springfield
SUNY Cobleskill

Transferred to UAlbany from SUNY Cobleskill ... **SUNY Cobleskill (2008):** Started and appeared in 13 matches ... Recorded an assist versus Penn State-Berks ... Led the Tigers to the semifinal round of the NEAC Tournament and a 7-5-2 record in their first year as an NCAA Division III program ... **High School:** Three-year letterwinner at Saint Peter's High School in New Zealand before moving to the United States, earning team MVP honors as a junior ... Played senior season at Cherry-Valley Springfield High School, recording six goals and 10 assists ... Led the squad to the Class D sectional title, scoring both goals in the team's 2-1 victory ... Was the team's defender of the year ... Named to the *Daily Star* All-Star Team ... Also lived and played in Germany for six months ... **Personal:** Majoring in documentary studies ... Born Oct. 18, 1989 ... Son of Ashley and Charlene Clements ... Has one sister, Emma ... Native of New Zealand.

PAW PRINTS: In addition to being one of the nation's most improved teams and matching the program's best record at the Division I level, UAlbany's men's soccer program was rewarded for its work in the classroom last year. The squad had a league-high 23 players named to the America East Academic Honor Roll, while 12 made the A-East Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll. UAlbany also had two players named to the conference's all-academic squad, which matched a league best.



SANDER ANKER





#19 David Hawksworth
 Freshman • Forward/Midfielder • 5-10 • 170
 Sheffield, England • All Saints Catholic

High School: Played for Sheffield FC's Under-18 Team ... Founded in 1857, Sheffield FC is recognized by FIFA, the international governing body of association football, as the oldest football club in the world ... Named team MVP in 2009 and garnered most improved player honors in 2007 and 2008 ... Served on the School Council ... **Personal:** Intends to major in business administration ... Born April 15, 1991 ... Son of Phillip and Jane Hawksworth ... Has two brothers, Luke and Mike.



#18 Adi Radoncic
 Freshman • Midfielder • 5-8 • 155
 Brooklyn, N.Y. • Monsignor McClancy

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Monsignor McClancy High School ... Recorded 11 career goals and nine assists as a senior, earning team MVP honors ... Named a *New York Daily News* First-Team All-Star ... Helped the squad win the Brooklyn-Queens championship in 2009 and advance to the city finals twice ... **Personal:** Majoring in political science and pre-law ... Born Aug. 14, 1991 ... Son of Sadrija and Zenida Radoncic ... Has one sister, Seila.



#0 Christian Mejia
 Sophomore • Goalkeeper • 5-10 • 161
 Queens, N.Y. • Saint Mary's
 Dominican (N.Y.) College

Transferred to UAlbany from Dominican (N.Y.) College ... Did not compete ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Saint Mary's ... Team captain as a junior and senior ... Named all-league twice ... Voted team MVP as a senior ... Also played for the Puerto Rico U-20 National Team ... Member of the National Honor Society and Scholar Service Institute ... **Personal:** Majoring in biology ... Born Oct. 5, 1989 ... Son of Ronald Mejia and Marlene Rosa ... Has one brother, Ronald, and one sister, Daniela.



#22 Connor Walsh
 Sophomore • Defender • 6-3 • 182
 Stony Point, N.Y. • North Rockland
 James Madison University

Transferred to UAlbany from James Madison University ... Also attended Iona ... Did not compete at either school ... **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at North Rockland High School, where he was a teammate of UAlbany All-American goalkeeper Steward Ceus ... Scored 19 goals ... Team captain as a junior and senior ... Earned all-county, all-section, and all-league honors ... Named team MVP and rookie of the year ... Served as captain for Hudson Valley at the Empire State Games ... Played at the club level for the Clarkstown 89's ... **Personal:** Majoring in economics ... Born April 8, 1989 ... Son of Liam and Siobhan Walsh ... Has three brothers, Barry, Kevin and William.



#3 Vojislav Petkovic
 Freshman • Defender • 5-9 • 147
 Belgrade, Serbia • Sportska Gimnazija

High School: Competed at the club level for FK Grafičar U-19 Team ... Also played at the amateur level for Teleoptik ... **Personal:** Major is undeclared ... Born April 18, 1990 ... Son of Milutin and Snezama Petkovic.



#13 Rikkert Pilaar
 Sophomore • Defender • 6-3 • 176
 Zoetermeer, Netherlands • Alfrink College
 Universiteit Leiden

Transferred to UAlbany from Universiteit Leiden in the Netherlands ... **High School:** Competed at the club level for UVS Leiden ... **Personal:** Major is undeclared ... Born May 27, 1988 ... Son of Jan Kees and Marie-Louise Pilaar ... Has one brother, Jorrit, and one sister, Lana.



JOE HOGAN



"IT'S BOUNA TIME!"

Bouna Coundoul, a 2005 UAlbany graduate and two-time America East Goalkeeper of the Year, became the first Great Dane to compete professionally when he signed with the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer. He made his debut on May 13, 2006 and recorded a shut-out a week later in his first career start. A native of Senegal, he has also competed with his national team at the 2007 African Cup of Nations. Entering the 2009 MLS season, his 1.16 goals against average was ranked as the second-best in MLS history, while his 73.5 percent save percentage was fifth all-time. Coundoul, who has used, "It's Bouna time!" as a personal motto to excite fans, most recently signed a contract with the New York Red Bulls on June 24, 2009.





2008 TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

No.	Name	GP-GS	G	A	Pts	Sh	Shot%	SOG	SOG%	GW	PK-ATT
9	Claudio Dantas	18-17	9	10	28	49	.184	27	.551	2	0-0
10	Shaun Kane	15-15	8	3	19	38	.211	16	.421	3	0-0
12	Don Johnson	17-13	6	2	14	23	.261	13	.565	2	0-0
13	L.J. Papaleo	18-1	4	2	10	20	.200	12	.600	1	0-0
8	Erik DiLorenzo	18-17	1	8	10	22	.045	6	.273	1	0-0
22	Bjorn Bekkers	18-9	4	1	9	22	.182	5	.227	2	0-0
7	Ian Peach	13-13	2	4	8	22	.091	6	.273	0	0-0
6	Erik DiLorenzo	18-18	1	5	7	18	.056	7	.389	0	0-1
18	Mikael McNamara	18-9	2	2	6	17	.118	8	.471	0	0-0
4	Konner McNamara	18-18	0	3	3	9	.000	2	.222	0	0-0
19	Luuk Collou	10-1	0	3	3	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
14	Sander Anker	11-1	1	0	2	3	.333	2	.667	0	0-0
29	Mike Peters	17-14	0	2	2	17	.000	4	.235	0	0-0
3	Milos Jankovic	17-17	0	1	1	11	.000	3	.273	0	0-0
5	Darko Knezevic	6-1	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0
24	Ken Ibe	7-0	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	Hilco Beeks	15-15	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
16	David Burke	8-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
2	Josh Kwilecki	7-0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
25	Anthony DeSalvo	3-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	Joe Hogan	6-0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Colin Veney	10-1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
UALBANY		18-18	39	46	124	281	.139	113	.402	12	0-1
Opponents		18-18	20	13	53	277	.072	126	.455	4	1-2

No.	Name	GP-GS	Minutes	GA	Avg	Saves	Pct	W	L	T	Sho
1	Steward Ceus	14-14	1311:13	14	0.96	83	.856	9	3	2	7
0	Adrian Foncette	4-4	360:00	6	1.50	20	.769	3	1	0	3
	Team		0:00	0	0.00	3	1.000	0	0	0	0
UALBANY		18-18	1671:13	20	1.08	106	.841	12	4	2	10
Opponents		18-18	1671:13	39	2.10	74	.655	4	12	2	5

2008 RESULTS (12-4-2 overall, 5-1-2 America East)

Date	Opponent	Result	UAlbany Scorers	Goalkeeper
8/29	vs. Pittsburgh+	W, 2-1	Dantas (1, 2)	Ceus
8/31	at Robert Morris+	W, 1-0	Dantas (3)	Foncette
9/5	at San Diego^	W, 3-0	Kane (1), Johnson (1) Dantas (4)	Ceus
9/7	at San Diego State^	L, 6-0		Foncette
9/12	at Rhode Island	L, 3-2	Kane (2), McNamara (1)	Ceus
9/17	at Cornell	W, 4-0	Bekkers (1), Peach (1) Dantas (5), McNamara (1)	Foncette
9/21	Siena	W, 3-0	Kane (3, 4, 5)	Ceus
9/28	Marist	W, 5-1	DiLorenzo (1), Papaleo (1) Johnson (2), Dantas (6) Bekkers (2)	Ceus
10/4	at Boston U.*	W, 3-0	Johnson (3, 4), Peach (2)	Ceus
10/8	Binghamton*	L, 3-0		Ceus
10/11	at New Hampshire*	W, 2-0	TEAM (1), Anker (1)	Ceus
10/15	Stony Brook*	T, 0-0 (2OT)		Ceus
10/19	UMBC*	W, 5-4	Kane (6, 7), Johnson (5) Dantas (7, 8)	Ceus
10/22	at Hartford*	W, 2-1	Kane (8), Johnson (6)	Ceus
10/25	Bryant	W, 4-0	Seguin-Gauthier (1), Bekkers (3), Papaleo (2, 3)	Foncette
10/29	at Maine*	W, 3-0	Bekkers (4), Dantas (9) Papaleo (4)	Ceus
11/2	Vermont*	T, 0-0 (2OT)		Ceus
11/12	Binghamton#	L, 1-0 (2OT)		Ceus

* America East Conference opponent
+ Robert Morris Invitational

America East Conference Tournament

^ Courtyard by Marriott San Diego Tournament

ALL-TIME RESULTS

Year	W	L	T	Pct.
1950	5	2	0	.714
1951	3	4	1	.438
1952	6	4	0	.600
1953	8	2	0	.800
1954	5	3	2	.600
1955	2	7	2	.273
1956	6	3	0	.667
1957	2	7	0	.222
1958	5	5	0	.500
1959	4	6	0	.400
1960	4	4	2	.500
1961	8	2	0	.800
1962	4	6	0	.400
1963	3	7	0	.300
1964	4	5	1	.450
1965	4	6	0	.400
1966	5	4	1	.550
1967	3	7	0	.300
1968	3	6	1	.350
1969	1	7	3	.227
1970	3	8	1	.292
1971	2	9	0	.182
1972	1	10	1	.125
1973	8	5	1	.607
1974	8	5	1	.607
1975	7	5	1	.577
1976	9	4	1	.679
1977	8	5	0	.615
1978	8	5	2	.600
1979	8	6	2	.563
1980	8	4	2	.642
1981	7	7	1	.500
1982	7	7	0	.500
1983	7	7	1	.500
1984	3	10	2	.267
1985	4	10	2	.313
1986	8	8	0	.500
1987	9	7	0	.563
1988	12	2	2	.813
1989	18	2	0	.900
1990	12	5	1	.694
1991	9	4	2	.667
1992	13	3	2	.778
1993	8	6	2	.563
1994	10	5	2	.647
1995	7	7	3	.500
1996	9	8	2	.526
1997	10	7	1	.583
1998	9	10	0	.474
1999	6	11	1	.361
2000	8	7	3	.528
2001	8	9	0	.470
2002	9	6	2	.588
2003	7	9	2	.440
2004	12	4	2	.722
2005	6	9	4	.421
2006	7	10	2	.421
2007	3	10	4	.294
2008	12	4	2	.722
All	395	357	70	.523
Div. I	78	79	22	.497





CAREER RECORDS

GOALS

Name	Years	G
1. Lee Tschantret	1987-90	51
2. Maurice Tsododo	1964-66	33
3. Frank Selca	1974-77	32
Karl Gerstenberger	1958-61	32
5. Chris Mogavero	1992-95	30
Frank Fallace	1957-60	30

ASSISTS

Name	Years	G
1. John Rolando	1973-76	22
2. Jerry Isaacs	1980-83	20
3. Bryan Grabon	1997-2000	17
4. Frank Selca	1974-77	16
Mike Avallone	1990-93	16

*SAVES

329	Steward Ceus, 2005-08
312	Trevor Serraro, 1999-2002
271	Bouna Coundoul, 2002-04
20	Adrian Foncette, 2008-present
13	Glen Koebel, 2000
12	Alex Kuritzky, 2004-06

*SAVE PERCENTAGE

.860	Bouna Coundoul, 2002-04
.789	Steward Ceus, 2005-08
.743	Trevor Serraro, 1999-2002

*GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

0.95	Bouna Coundoul, 2002-04
1.29	Steward Ceus, 2005-08
1.92	Trevor Serraro, 1999-2002

*SHUTOUTS

19	Steward Ceus, 2005-08
17	Bouna Coundoul, 2002-04
4	Trevor Serraro, 1999-2002

*WINS

25	Trevor Serraro, 1999-2002
24	Steward Ceus, 2005-08
22	Bouna Coundoul, 2002-04

SINGLE SEASON RECORDS

Goals: Frank Selca, 20 in 1975

Assists: Ed Campbell, Bryan Grabon and Claudio Dantas, 10 in 1968, 2000 and 2008, respectively

***Points:** Claudio Dantas, 28 in 2008

***Saves:** Buona Coundol, 113 in 2003

***Save Percentage:** Buona Coundol, .901 in 2004

***Goals Against Average:** Buona Coundol, 0.54 in 2004

***Shutouts:** Buona Coundol, 11 in 2004

***Wins:** Buona Coundol, 12 in 2004



Bouna Coundoul



Jarvin Skeete



Savvas Theofilou

CAREER RECORDS (Division I)

Goals: Jarvin Skeete, 20

Assists: Stephan Hall, 15

Points: Jarvin Skeete, 51

SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS (Division I)

Goals: Nick Southworth, 9 in 2000

Claudio Dantas, 9 in 2008

Assists: Bryan Grabon, 10 in 2000

Claudio Dantas, 10 in 2008

SINGLE-SEASON TEAM RECORDS

Most Wins	18 (1989)
Most Losses	11 (1999)
Best Winning Pct.	.900 (1989)
Consecutive Winning Seasons	8 (1987-94)
Consecutive Non-Losing Seasons	12 (1986-97)
Winning Streak	6 (1992)
Unbeaten Streak	13 (1992)

ALL-AMERICANS

Steward Ceus, 2008
 Marty Hearney, 1991
 Lee Tschantret, 1988 & 1989
 Carlton Marson, 1986
 Afrim Nezaj, 1981
 Karl Gerstenberger, 1961
 Carlton Maxson, 1956 & 1957
 John Lindberg, 1953
 William Lindberg, 1953
 Peter Telfer, 1952



Clockwise from top left: Yan Gbolo, Steward Ceus, Rodrigo Marion, Ashtian Holmes, Stephan Hall and Steven Procknal.





AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

Founded: 1979 (as ECAC North, men's basketball only), 1988-89 (all sports)

Membership (year joined): Albany (2001), Binghamton (2001), Boston University (1979), Hartford (1985), Maine (1979), UMBC (2003), New Hampshire (1979), Stony Brook (2001), Vermont (1979)

Now in its third decade of operation, America East has evolved into one of the most comprehensive NCAA Division I conferences with a commitment to broad-based, competitive athletics programs, complementing the academic integrity and missions of the member institutions.

Progressive in its approach to its more than 3,200 student-athletes, America East recognizes champions in each of its 20 sports: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's outdoor track and field, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball. America East also conducts the nation's most comprehensive academic recognition program for student-athletes.

With a geographic footprint covering the Mid-Atlantic to Northeast regions of the United States, America East strives to develop champions in **academics, athletics and leadership** at its nine member institutions: University at Albany, Binghamton University, Boston University, University of Hartford, University of Maine, UMBC, University of New Hampshire, Stony Brook University and University of Vermont.



Academics...

- University of Vermont captured its fifth straight America East Academic Cup in 2009 after its student-athletes registered a cumulative 3.14 grade-point average, which tied the league's best mark ever. Six other schools also earned a 3.0 GPA or better.
- America East's 3,200 student-athletes registered a combined 3.05 GPA during the 2008-09 academic year, and over 60 percent of them were named to America East's Academic Honor Roll for recording a GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Connor Tobin (Vermont), Dan Schultz (Boston University) and Cornelia Carapcea (UMBC) were tabbed ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans, while 26 others were All-District selections.
- University of Vermont's Connor Tobin (soccer) and Kristen Millar (lacrosse) were the America East Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year, respectively.
- Twenty-one student-athletes were recognized as America East Scholar-Athletes and 167 received All-Academic recognition in their respective sport.
- Nineteen America East teams were publicly recognized by the NCAA for their multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR), finishing among the top 10 percent of teams in the nation, with nine programs receiving perfect scores of 1000.

Athletics...

- Boston University won the Stuart P. Haskell, Jr. Commissioner's Cup for the fourth straight year and seventh time in the last eight seasons after capturing a conference-best seven championships, four regular-season titles and four runner-up finishes during the 2008-09 season.
- Four America East programs won postseason games in 2008-09: Boston University men's soccer (NCAA), Boston University women's basketball (WNIT), Vermont men's basketball (CBI) and Boston University softball (NCAA).
- Nineteen America East student-athletes earned All-America recognition, including one in men's basketball, one in men's soccer, six in men's lacrosse, four in women's lacrosse and nine in cross country/track & field.
- America East improved 10 positions in the men's basketball conference RPI to No. 17, its fifth-best finish ever, and sent two teams (Binghamton, NCAA; Vermont, CBI) to the postseason for the fifth time since 2003.
- Three women's basketball teams – Boston University, Hartford and Vermont – reached the postseason, tying a conference record set in 1999.
- Boston University defeated Fairleigh Dickinson in the first round of the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship to give America East at least one NCAA win in seven of the last eight years, and the conference RPI (No. 6) was America East's highest ever.
- Boston University became the first women's soccer champion to complete an unbeaten and untied conference slate since 2000 and made its fourth straight NCAA appearance.
- UMBC (No. 9), which won its second straight America East Men's Lacrosse Championship, and Stony Brook (No. 20) were ranked in the final USILA national poll, while Albany was also ranked during the season.
- Sarah Dalton, a first-team All-American in women's lacrosse, led Boston University to its fifth straight conference title. The Terriers (No. 11) and New Hampshire (No. 20) were ranked in the final IWFLCA national poll.
- Stony Brook women's cross country competed at the NCAA Women's Cross Country Championship for the second straight season.
- Boston University reached the championship round of its NCAA Softball Regional with wins over Iowa and Auburn, matching the best finish ever by an America East team.

Leadership...

- University of Vermont women's lacrosse standout Kristen Millar was selected the 2009 America East Woman of the Year for a distinguished career in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership.
- Hartford tennis player Rich Leiberman and the Maine softball team were named the America East Male and Female Sportsmanship Award winners.
- University at Albany appointed George M. Philip as its 18th president, while Stony Brook University named Dr. Samuel Stanley its next president.
- Patrick Chambers, who helped lead Villanova to a Final Four as a men's basketball assistant coach in 2009, took over as Boston University's next head coach. Binghamton's Kevin Broadus, New Hampshire's Bill Herrion and Stony Brook's Steve Pikiell all received contract extensions.
- Several former America East athletes have made a positive impact in the professional ranks:
- Three-time All-America East selection Jose Juan Barea (Northeastern) averaged 7.8 points and 3.4 assists in 79 games for the Dallas Mavericks in 2008-09, while three-time America East Player of the Year Malik Rose (Drexel) played in 38 games for the New York Knicks and Oklahoma City Thunder.
- Former Hartford star Vin Baker and three-time America East Player of the Year Reggie Lewis (Northeastern), who captained the Boston Celtics at the time of his premature death, combined to make five NBA All-Star appearances during their careers.
- Current women's basketball coaches Jennifer Rizzotti (Hartford) and Cindy Blodgett (Maine) have appeared in WNBA action.
- Carlos Pena, the 1998 Baseball Scholar-Athlete at Northeastern, has made an impact each of the past three seasons in Tampa Bay, earning American League Comeback Player of the Year honors in 2007, winning an American League Gold Glove at first base in 2008 and making his first All-Star appearance in 2009, while the Minnesota Twins' Joe Nathan, a former Academic All-American at Stony Brook, played in his fourth Mid-Summer Classic.
- Seven former America East men's lacrosse standouts appeared in the Major League Lacrosse All-Star Game in 2009, including Merrick Thomson, a four-time all-conference selection at Albany who was named the 2008 Warrior Most Improved Player. John Grant (Delaware), the 1999 America East Player of the Year, was the league's Most Valuable Player last season.
- Albany's Steward Ceus became the third America East player taken in the Major League Soccer Draft, going 37th overall to the Colorado Rapids. Fellow former Great Dane Bouna Coundoul recorded 16 career shutouts in 52 career games for the Rapids before signing with the New York Red Bulls in July.





2008 America East Men's Soccer Final Standings

	America East				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
x-Boston University	6	1	1	19	12	6	3
Albany	5	1	2	17	12	4	2
Binghamton	5	3	0	15	12	6	3
Vermont	4	1	3	15	9	4	7
Hartford	3	4	1	10	7	8	3
New Hampshire	2	4	2	8	7	7	4
Maine	2	5	1	7	6	9	2
Stony Brook	1	4	3	6	4	11	4
UMBC	1	6	1	4	6	9	2

x- America East regular season champion
 y- America East tournament champion

2008 America East All-Conference Selections

First Team:

Steward Ceus, Albany, GK
Claudio Dantas, Albany, F
 Justin Leskow, Binghamton, M
 Barry Neville, Binghamton, B
 Michael Bustamante, Boston U., M
 Dan Schultz, Boston U., B
 Ivan Guarin, Hartford, M
 Carlos Villa, Hartford, F
 Kyle Urso, New Hampshire, M
 Jordan Crasilneck, Vermont, M
 Connor Tobin, Vermont, B

Second Team:

Erik DiLorenzo, Albany, B
Don Johnson, Albany, M
Gaby Seguin-Gauthier, Albany, M
 Cameron Keith, Binghamton, F
 Kyle Manscuk, Binghamton, B
 Samuel Appiah, Boston U., M
 Richy Dorman, Boston U., M
 Shaun Taylor, Boston U., F
 T.J. Gore, Vermont, M
 Jake McFadden, Vermont, B
 Roger Scully, Vermont, GK

All-Rookie Team:

Konner McNamara, Albany, B
 Andy Tiedt, Binghamton, F
 Ryan Walter, Binghamton, M
 Michael Bustamante, Boston U., M
 Colin Henry, Boston U., M
 Pat Boucher, Hartford, M
 Jorge Rodriguez, Hartford, B
 Daniel Tannous, Maine, B
 Andrew Bulls, UMBC, F
 Brad Hilton, New Hampshire, M
 Yannick Lewis, Vermont, B

Striker of the Year:

Claudio Dantas, UAlbany

Midfielder of the Year:

Michael Bustamante, Boston U.

Defender of the Year:

Connor Tobin, Vermont

Goalkeeper of the Year:

Steward Ceus, UAlbany

Rookie of the Year:

Michael Bustamante, Boston U.

Coaching Staff of the Year:

Neil Roberts, Boston U.

UAlbany's All-Conference Team Selections

2008	Steward Ceus	First Team
	Claudio Dantas	First Team
	Erik DiLorenzo	Second Team
	Don Johnson	Second Team
	Gaby Seguin-Gauthier	Second Team
	Konner McNamara	All-Rookie
2007	Ian Peach	All-Rookie
2006	Yan Gbolo	Second Team
	Brian Gordon	All-Rookie
2005	Yan Gbolo	Second Team
	Stephan Hall	Second Team
	Erik DiLorenzo	All-Rookie
	Brad Ray	All-Rookie

2004	Bouna Coundoul	First Team
	Savvas Theofilou	First Team
	George Friedman	Second Team
	Stephan Hall	Second Team
2003	Bouna Coundoul	Second Team
	Rodrigo Marion	Second Team
	Yan Gbolo	All-Rookie
2002	Bouna Coundoul	First Team
	Steven Procknal	Second Team
	Greg Chevalier	Second Team
	Rodrigo Marion	Second Team
2001	Jason Warshaw	Second Team
	Sadeky Jackson	Second Team

UAlbany's Major Award Winners

2009	Steward Ceus	Goalkeeper of the Year
	Claudio Dantas	Striker of the Year
2004	Bouna Coundoul	Goalkeeper of the Year
2002	Bouna Coundoul	Goalkeeper of the Year



CLAUDIO DANTAS



STEWARD CEUS





Student-Athlete Support Services

The University at Albany is committed to providing the highest quality education to all of its students as undergraduates and graduates. With that commitment in mind, UAlbany's Department of Athletics offers the Office of Student-Athlete Support Services to help develop today's student-athletes and tomorrow's leaders.

Assistant Athletics Director Carl Anderson and Director of Student-Athlete Support Services Jennifer Svatik lead an area whose mission is to enhance collegiate experience by providing an environment that assists them in developing transferable skills so they may be better prepared to compete in the classroom, the athletic arena, as well as life.

What services are available?

***Academic Services** -- Academic Skill Development, Supervised Study, STAAR Program, Priority Registration, Monitoring of Academic Progress, Peer Tutoring

***Community Service** -- Paw Pals Program, School Visits, Sport Clinics, Adopt-A-Highway

***Career Services** -- Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Job Search Network

***Personal Development** -- Awareness Programs, Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Nutrition, Gambling, Financial Planning, Communication Skills, Life After Athletics

What are the benefits of these services?

By partaking in these services, the student-athlete will notice: -- Improved academic performance, Improved potential for graduation, Improved personal development, Accommodations for learning disabilities that enable success, Understanding & instruction outside of the classroom to reinforce learning, Interaction with professors & other campus resources to encourage the development of positive relationships, Improved interaction between teams to create support and friendships.

How can I become involved?

Individual & Team Projects -- Build your resume & help your team win the Dane Dish by earning points for your involvement. Give back to the community that supports you by participating in programs such as: Paw Pals, the Student Athlete Advisory Board, the Great Danes Reading Program & local school visits, among others.

Compliance Guidelines for Boosters

For the benefit of the many alumni, fans and booster club members who are so active in supporting and assisting the the Great Danes throughout the year, UAlbany Athletic Compliance would like to remind everyone of a few definitions and rules that apply to all athletic representatives and boosters.

UAlbany is committed to observing the NCAA guidelines concerning representatives of athletic interests (aka boosters) and institutional control. Our institutional responsibility to rules compliance includes responsibility for actions of all individuals and organizations engaged in activities promoting UAlbany's athletics interests.

Institutional Control -- It is the responsibility of UAlbany to control its intercollegiate athletics program in compliance with the rules and regulations of the NCAA.

Responsibility -- UAlbany's responsibility for the conduct of its program includes the responsibility for the actions of its staff members and for the actions of any other individual, booster or organization engaged in activities promoting the athletic interests of the institution.



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Serve As A Resource -- Help support UAlbany Athletics by serving as a resource for community service, career development or other programming activity.

Available Resources -- Financial Aid/Scholarship Materials, Graduate School Information, Individualized Counseling, Career Fairs, Computer Lab Access, Internship & Job Postings

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee -- The purpose of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is to serve as liaisons between the athletic administration and student-athletes. The members of SAAC act as the "voice" of the student-athletes and disseminate information given to them, by administrators, to their respective teams. SAAC is a vehicle for student-athletes to improve upon student-athlete welfare, as well as help coordinate community service, life skills and various other activities for the athletic department.

Compliance -- UAlbany must monitor its program to assure compliance and to identify and report to the NCAA such instances in which compliance has not been achieved. An institution found to have violated NCAA rules is subject to disciplinary and corrective actions as determined by the NCAA.

Athletic Representative/Booster -- You are considered to be a UAlbany athletic representative if you are a present or past member of a UAlbany booster club or agency that promotes the intercollegiate athletics program; have made financial contributions to the athletic department or to an athletic booster organization; are, or have been providing benefits (e.g., summer jobs, meals, etc.) to enrolled student-athletes, their family members or friends; are, or have been involved in any manner of promoting the UAlbany intercollegiate athletics program.

Prospective Student-Athlete -- A prospective student-athlete is a student who has started classes for the ninth grade or above, including students in prep schools and junior colleges as well as students who have officially withdrawn from a four-year institution and plan to transfer to another institution. In addition, a student who has not started classes for the ninth grade becomes a prospective student-athlete if the institution or a booster provides the individual or the individual's relatives or friends with any financial assistance or benefits that the institution does not provide to prospective students in general.





Strategically located in the state capital of New York, the **University at Albany** is an internationally recognized public research university that puts the world within reach for approximately 18,000 students.

Outstanding faculty, an innovative curriculum, and student-centered services provide students with a strong foundation for academic and career success. Students benefit from UAlbany's location and rich diversity, with nearly 200 undergraduate, master's and doctoral degree programs offered through nine schools and colleges.

More than 300 study-abroad programs help prepare students for the global economy, and extensive internship opportunities in New York's bustling capital and surrounding region offer real-world experience. Approximately 40 percent of undergraduates participate in faculty-mentored research. An Honors College offers opportunities for students to work closely with faculty and achieve at the highest levels.

The University boasts academic strengths in sociology, demography, education, anthropology, social work, clinical psychology, creative writing, earth and atmospheric sciences, ethics, public policy, criminal justice and nanoscale science. Majors in public health, journalism, and documentary studies were recent additions to an already comprehensive undergraduate program.

The latest rankings of graduate programs by U.S. News and World Report place 10 programs in the nation's top 30. The School of Criminal Justice is ranked No. 2. Programs in Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy are ranked in the nation's top 10. The School of Social Welfare is ranked 12th. The College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, located in the most advanced research complex of its kind, is ranked first in the world by Small Times magazine as the leading college for nanotechnology and microtechnology.

Both the UAlbany campus and the region are bustling with extracurricular opportunities. Students participate in more than 150 student clubs, honor societies, and other campus-related groups, and choose from a busy calendar of campus events, including spirited Division I athletic competition in 19 sports and a rich array of cultural activities.

Since its founding in 1844, the University has graduated generations of leaders in all fields. Today, more than two-thirds of undergraduates go on for advanced degrees, and acceptances to law and medical schools are above the national average.

UAlbany plays a major role in the economic development of the Capital Region and New York State, particularly through its programs in nanosciences and biomedical sciences.



UNIVERSITY FACTS

- ▶ **Enrollment:**
13,246 (undergraduate),
4,956 (graduate)
- ▶ **Schools and Colleges:**
College of Arts and Sciences
School of Business
College of Computing and Information
School of Criminal Justice
School of Education
College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering
Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy
School of Public Health
School of Social Welfare
- ▶ **Home to the New York State Writers Institute:**
Founded by Pulitzer Prize-winning author and faculty member William Kennedy in 1984, the Institute has brought to campus more than 800 artists, including seven Nobel Laureates in Literature and more than 100 winners of the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award, and National Book Critics Circle award.
- ▶ **Libraries:**
Three libraries boast more than two million volumes and rank among the nation's top research libraries.
- ▶ **Alumni:**
More than 145,000 alumni live around the globe.
- ▶ **Mascot:** Great Dane
- ▶ **School Colors:**
Purple and Gold
- ▶ **University Web Site:**
www.albany.edu



SCHEDULE

SEPT. 1 (TUE.)	NORTHEASTERN	4:00 pm
SEPT. 4 (FRI.)	at Coastal Carolina*	7:30 pm
SEPT. 6 (SUN.)	vs. Virginia Commonwealth*	11:00 am
SEPT. 11 (FRI.)	COLGATE	4:00 pm
SEPT. 13 (SUN.)	FAIRFIELD	4:00 pm
SEPT. 18 (FRI.)	at Pennsylvania ^	6:00 pm
SEPT. 20 (SUN.)	at Temple ^	1:00 pm
SEPT. 23 (WED.)	at Siena	4:00 pm
SEPT. 29 (TUE.)	at Holy Cross	7:00 pm
OCT. 3 (SAT.)	HARTFORD*	2:00 pm
OCT. 7 (WED.)	at Binghamton*	7:00 pm
OCT. 14 (WED.)	at Vermont*	3:00 pm
OCT. 17 (SAT.)	at Stony Brook*	7:00 pm
OCT. 21 (WED.)	NEW HAMPSHIRE*	2:00 pm
OCT. 24 (SAT.)	at UMBC*	1:00 pm
OCT. 31 (SAT.)	BOSTON U. *	2:00 pm

*AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE OPPONENT
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