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Quick facts

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (NJIT)



Location: University Heights, Newark, NJ
Founded: 1881
Enrollment: 5,300 (undergraduate)
NJIT website: www.njit.com
Nickname/colors: Highlanders/Red and White (Blue accent)
Home Court: Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center
Affiliations: NCAA Division I, ECAC
Conference: Great West Conference
University President: Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch
Director of Athletics: Lenny Kaplan
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ON THE COVER

FRONT COVER (L-R): Katrina Hornstein; Kristy Haeckel ; Sabrina Baby (Larry Levanti photos).
BACK COVER: the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center as seen from Lock Street; 2009 schedule.
INSIDE FRONT COVER: the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center as seen from the corner of Lubetkin Field at J. Malcolm Simon Stadium.
INSIDE BACK COVER: the 2009 Highlanders team picture (Levanti photos).

Media Information

This guide is designed to assist in coverage of NJIT volleyball. For home matches, the NJIT sports information office will provide an official box score 10 minutes following each game. Coach JR Martins and requested players will be available for interviews on the court following a 10-minute cooling-off period. Radio broadcast requests should be made at least 10 business days prior to the contest.

Requests for coach and player interviews on non-game days should be made through the NJIT sports information office (973-596-8461).

Credits

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Why the Highlanders?

The home of NJIT, University Heights, was formerly known as the Newark Highlands and NJIT's mailing address used to be High Street, until the thoroughfare was renamed in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



In 2006-07, NJIT athletics, in keeping with its move to NCAA Division I, unveiled a new graphic identity, which includes a new Highlanders logo (shown). Developed by CN Foundry for NJIT, the logo depicts the traditional Highlander, whose ferocity and bravery against all odds are the stuff of legend.

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Women's Volleyball

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Assistant Coaches: Melissa Golob (UMBC, 2007), Rodrigo Correa (NJIT, 2009)
Student Assistant Coach: Agnieszka Pregowska
Captains: Sabrina Baby, Renata Pandolfo
2008 overall: 18-16
Returning/lost (starters): 9/2 (5+libero/1)



ABOUT NJIT

NJIT is New Jersey's Science & Technology University. With roots going back to 1881, when it was founded as Newark Technical School, New Jersey Institute of Technology observed its 125th anniversary in 2006.

Located in University Heights, Newark, NJ, home to more than 30,000 college students, NJIT's campus is just 10 miles from New York City.

Playing a critical role in shaping New Jersey's future, NJIT, as a major public technological university, is an important pipeline for the flow of technology into society. The university's educational programs prepare students to be leaders in the technology-dependent economy of the 21st century. University researchers seek new knowledge to improve processes and products for industry. Through public and private partnerships and economic development efforts, the university helps to grow new business ventures that fuel the economy.

In recent years, NJIT has put more than \$83 million toward new and improved buildings and facilities on the 45-acre campus, including biomedical engineering labs and a campus center.

Instructional Programs

NJIT offers an ever-expanding array of educational programs, with eight new academic programs approved beginning in 2009-10, which comes after the addition of 14 new programs in 2008. As of 2009, NJIT lists 55 bachelor's degree majors, 53 master's degree programs and 19 doctoral programs — through six schools:

Newark College of Engineering
College of Architecture and Design
College of Science and Liberal Arts
School of Management
Albert Dorman Honors College
College of Computing Sciences

NJIT has 416 full-time faculty; more than 98 percent of whom hold the highest degree in their field. The student-faculty ratio is 13:1, with more than 5,300 undergraduate students and more than 2,800 graduate students. Our students hail from 33 states and more than 100 countries to rank eighth in the nation for diversity.

Albert Dorman Honors College enrolls more than 500 students who take advantage of honors courses, research opportunities, advising and mentoring.

Honors College students have SAT scores ranking in the top 10 percent nationally.

With more than 44,000 alumni, NJIT is rated by US News and World Report as a top-tier national research university offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Research

NJIT drew more than \$75 million in research funding in 2005 and faculty members welcome student collaboration on research projects.

Economic Development

NJIT is committed to economic development for Newark and the region. The university operates several outreach centers that provide direct technical assistance to the state's businesses with the goal of helping small and medium-sized companies. NJIT is also the home of New Jersey's oldest and largest incubator facility, and was one of the first institutions in the nation to adopt economic development as a fourth mission element, together with instruction, research and community service. More than 60 technology start-up companies, many of which hire NJIT students, are on campus.





The Career Edge

All 10 of the majors with the highest starting salaries for 2005-06 grads are in engineering, computing and business, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Computer and data processing services lead the list of the 10 fastest-growing occupations in projections compiled by the US Department of Labor. Computer-related employment is expected to grow 117 percent by 2008, according to the Career Guide to Industries.

As technology changes all fields, those with science and technology backgrounds are positioned to lead. Among the CEOs of the S&P 500 companies, engineering is the single largest undergraduate degree and more than half of CEOs have undergraduate degrees in engineering, business management, science, math and computing.

The Global Edge

The diversity in NJIT's student body and faculty prepares graduates to understand and succeed in the global marketplace. NJIT was named among the world's top 500 universities in a study by the Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

The Technology Edge

NJIT has been designated one of the nation's most technologically sophisticated universities by Forbes.com and a Princeton Review survey and the university has received major funding from the National Science Foundation and the National Security Agency in recent years.

The Academic Edge

NJIT has long been a national leader in applying new technologies and approaches to the educational experience. NJIT was a pioneer in requiring computer science for students in all majors and the School of Architecture has led innovations in teaching CAD and digital design. The school's innovative "paperless" first-year program was recently cited by Campus Technology Magazine.

Students have a wide range of educational choices in building an interest-tailored program. Among their options are cross-enrolling at neighboring Rutgers to enrich their program with subjects such as music and languages.

NJIT students learn emerging technologies from the researchers behind the technologies, developing valuable marketplace skills. Real-world experience through experiential learning makes graduates more marketable, with many co-op opportunities leading to permanent jobs.

The Regional Edge

New Jersey, with America's highest concentration of pharmaceutical, hi-tech, biotech, and medical device companies is the place to study technology. It has the nation's highest per capita number of engineers and scientists as residents, while also leading in per capita rate of patents issued. Further, the Newark-New York region is a living laboratory for architecture and building sciences, environmental engineering and transportation.

The Research Edge

NJIT has been designated by the State of New Jersey as the Homeland Security Technology Systems Center and NJIT operates the world-renowned Big Bear Solar Observatory.

A History of NJIT

From the Industrial Revolution to the Information Age, New Jersey Institute of Technology has a rich history with its beginnings developing from the industrial age.

In 1881, an act of the New Jersey State Legislature, recognizing an urgent need, sought a home for what would be the state's technical school. The efforts of Newark's public and private sectors resulted with the opening of Newark Technical School, addressing the state's need.

Over time, the university expanded its curriculum and mission. In 1919, the university established baccalaureate programs in three engineering fields. By the middle of the 20th century, Newark Technical School was transformed into the robust Newark College of Engineering.

The post-war period was one of enormous activity with regular expansion of the campus, as well as the introduction of doctoral level programs. In 1975, with the addition of the New Jersey School of Architecture, the institution had evolved into a technological university, emphasizing a broad range of degrees and dedication to significant research and public service. Newark College of Engineering, stronger than ever, remained intact, but a new university name — New Jersey Institute of Technology — reflected the institution's expanded mission.

A broadened mission called for the creation of a residential campus and the opening of NJIT's first dormitory in 1980 began a period of steady growth that continues. Two new schools were established during the 1980s—the College of Science and Liberal Arts (1982) and the School of Industrial Management (1988). The Albert Dorman Honors College was established in 1994, and the newest school, the College of Computing Sciences, was created in 2001. Beginning in 2009 the College of Architecture and Design was created to house the New Jersey School of Architecture and the new school of Art and Design.





ADMINISTRATION



Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch

President

Having joined NJIT as its seventh president in July 2002, Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch is leading the university in a period of multi-layered growth.

In recent years, NJIT has put more than \$80 million toward new and improved buildings and facilities, while also drawing similar dollars in annual research funding.

Under President Altenkirch, NJIT has expanded its course offerings, with 16 new degree programs added in the 2008-09 academic year alone, and 13 in various stages of development for implementation in the next two years..

Coinciding with the expansion is NJIT's transition from a smaller commuter campus to a larger institution with a larger resident student population. The incoming class of 2012 is the largest in the history of the school, and more than half the freshman class resides on campus.

Tied to that transition is Altenkirch's strong belief that the home institution in New Jersey's largest city needs to be residential and provide the experiences associated with a residential campus. At the same time, Altenkirch is committed to NJIT's involvement with the community in its home city of Newark.

Intercollegiate athletics fits those goals naturally and upgrading NJIT athletics has been a priority of Altenkirch's presidency going back to November 2002 meetings that led to NJIT's reclassification to NCAA Division I.

Adding a personal dimension to his support, Altenkirch, a multi-sport athlete in high school, freshman baseball player at Purdue University, and a former college soccer official, and his wife, Beth, are regular attendees at NJIT competitions, home and away.

Immediately before his selection as president of NJIT, Altenkirch was vice president for research at Mississippi State University (MSU), a position he held from 1998 to 2002.

Prior to his appointment as vice president at MSU, Altenkirch served as dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture at Washington State University (1995-98).

From 1988 to 1995, he was dean of the College of Engineering at MSU. He also served as professor and chair of mechanical engineering at the University of Kentucky (1975-88).

Altenkirch holds a PhD from Purdue University, an MS from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BS from Purdue, all in mechanical engineering.

He is the author of over 50 publications and nearly 100 presentations in combustion and heat transfer and served as principal investigator for 10 Space Shuttle experiments investigating the spread of fire in reduced gravity.

He is a fellow of the American Society of Engineers and in 2008 received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor.



Dr. Joel Bloom

Vice President for Academic and Student Services

Dr. Joel Bloom, who joined NJIT in July 1990, is responsible for eight divisions of the university, including physical education and athletics.

In 1998, Bloom was appointed the first dean of the Albert Dorman Honors College in addition to his vice president responsibilities. The honors college enrolls over 500 students, including residents of 15 states and several foreign countries. The combined average SAT score is over 1300 and freshmen typically have ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class. Honors College students maintain a grade point average higher than 3.5.

Prior to his arrival at NJIT, Dr. Bloom served seven years as assistant commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education for the Division of General Academic Education. He was responsible for managing many of the education department's initiatives, over 300 grants and contracts, and a \$24 million budget.

Formerly a teacher and school administrator in New York City Public Schools, Dr. Bloom was also a director of research and instructor at Teacher's College, Columbia University.

He is chair of the Greater Newark Consortium for Pre-College Education and vice chair of the State Board for Communities and Schools. He serves further as a member of numerous boards at the state, regional and national levels and has received national and state education awards, as well as federal, foundation and corporate grant awards. He has published journal articles and presented papers on school improvement, curriculum development, college transition and student assessment.

Dr. Bloom holds a master's degree and a doctorate from Teacher's College, Columbia University. He also earned master's and bachelor's degrees from Hunter College of the City University of New York.



Lenny Kaplan

Director of Athletics

Since taking over as head of NJIT's division of physical education and athletics in August 2000, Lenny Kaplan has been instrumental in guiding NJIT's reclassification to NCAA Division I.

Kaplan helped stabilize and expand a program that was entering its fourth year in Division II when he arrived in Newark. In late 2002, after discussions with university President Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch and Vice President Dr. Joel Bloom, Kaplan took on the task of steering NJIT's programs into Division I, a process that reached fruition with the NCAA's granting active Division I status, with full championship eligibility effective September 1, 2009.

Throughout Kaplan's tenure, NJIT has enhanced the athletics program, particularly in areas that benefit the student-athletes directly.

The sports offerings have expanded to 19 varsity programs and since 2004, NJIT has renovated its two main on-campus venues—Mal Simon Stadium at Lubetkin Field and the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center. The school also signed a 10-year partnership to play all home baseball in the professional Bears and Eagles



Riverfront Stadium and later agreed to host basketball in the new Prudential Center, downtown Newark home of the NHL's New Jersey Devils.

Under Kaplan's leadership, many teams achieved regional and national Division II ranking. Success for several women's teams was unprecedented, with basketball, tennis and soccer all reaching postseason play for the first time in his administration,

Additionally, men's volleyball captured a 2007 divisional championship in the Eastern Intercollegiate

Volleyball Association and the next year reached the EIVA playoff semifinals hosted by eventual 2008 national champion Penn State.

Kaplan guided the Highlanders toward further stability with membership in the newly-expanded all-sports Great West Conference, which will offer a conference home for 11 of NJIT's 19 varsity sports.

NJIT's outstanding home facilities will allow it to host conference championships in the Great West Conference and allowed it to host ECAC postseason

championships in 2005-06.

Before coming to NJIT, Lenny Kaplan served 11 years at Manhattan College, where he began as Manhattan's director of operations and was assistant athletics director from 1991-2000.

Kaplan, a 1988 graduate of St. John's University with a degree in athletics administration, resides in Merrick, NY, with his wife, Nancy, and their sons, Michael and Joshua.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SUPPORT

Sports Medicine

NJIT sports medicine is moving forward with expanded facilities and a staff of three full-time trainers led by head trainer Matt Koscs, MS/ATC, with assistant trainers Paul Grayner, MEd/ATC, and Sandra Brendle, MSED/ATC. They work with team physicians Louis Rizio, MD, and Rutvik (Rudy) Patel, DO.

Matt Koscs, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Delaware, came to NJIT as an assistant trainer in July 2008 and moved up to the head trainer position a year later. As an undergrad, he was recipient of the Paris Delligatti Memorial Award for Excellence in Athletic Training.



Matt Koscs

Prior to NJIT, he served three years as head trainer at Hodgson Vocational Technical High School in Newark, DE. He also worked with soccer clubs in Delaware and was employed at Christiana Care Physical Therapy Plus, in Newark, DE.

Paul Grayner, who holds a bachelor's degree from Saint Leo College in Florida and a master's from American University in Washington, DC, has a diverse background in athletic training, having served at the college and professional levels, as well as in a fitness center setting. He joined the NJIT staff late in 2008.

From the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s, he was a trainer in the minor league systems of the New York Yankees and New York Mets and in 1984 he was assistant trainer with the Mets. He later worked with the Long Island Knights professional basketball team.



Paul Grayner

At the collegiate level, he was head trainer at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ from 1989 to 1998 and earlier worked as an assistant trainer at Hofstra, Adelphi and FDU.

Sandra Brendle, who joined the NJIT staff as an assistant trainer in the summer of 2009, earned her bachelor's degree, majoring in athletic training from Greensboro (NC) College in 2007. She earned her master's in athletic training at Old Dominion University in May 2009. At ODU, she worked with seven teams and was on the medical staff for the 2008 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Tournament first and second rounds. At Greensboro, she was 2006 Athletic Training Student of the Year and worked on the 2004 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Championship tournament medical staff.

Dr. Rizio is a board certified orthopedic surgeon and is fellowship trained in the field of sports medicine. He is a graduate of Rutgers and after earning his medical degree from the UMDNJ/New Jersey Medical School, Dr. Rizio completed his orthopedic residency at Tufts University in Boston.

He then completed a sports medicine fellowship at the University of Miami and was assistant team physician of the Hurricanes, as well as the Miami Dolphins, the Miami Hurricanes.

Dr. Rizio practices at the New Jersey Sports Medicine Institute. Prior to starting his own practice, Dr Rizio was the Chief of Sports Medicine at the NJ Medical School from 2000-2005.

Dr. Patel practices in association with Dr. Rizio. A cum laude graduate of NYIT, Dr. Patel earned his DO from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was chief resident in Family Medicine at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ, from 2003 to 2006.

Strength and Conditioning

A formal strength and conditioning program is a key part of a Division I program, with an eye toward maximizing individual and team performance in competition. The strength and conditioning coach also works closely with the Athletic Training Staff in the areas of injury prevention and injury rehabilitation.

The 2008-09 season brought another dimension to NJIT athletics with the hiring of Dan Huff, CSCS, as the Highlanders' first full-time strength and conditioning coach. In addition to the hiring of a full-time coach to coordinate the strength and conditioning, NJIT renovated the weight rooms and purchased new equipment, with the area dedicated to use by the Highlander teams.

Huff previously served five years as strength and conditioning coordinator at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, NJ, from 2003 to 2008, working with an 18-sport NCAA Division I program.

Huff was Sports Performance Director for Velocity Sports Performance in Wall, NJ, immediately before accepting his position at NJIT. He is a graduate of William Paterson University of New Jersey. He holds numerous certifications.



Dan Huff



Academic Enrichment

NJIT's Center for Academic and Professional Enrichment (CAPE) added a new component with the 2007 hiring of Erika Rigby McCourt as Associate Director of CAPE in a position that was created for the specific purpose of serving the needs of NJIT's student-athletes.

Rigby McCourt will be leaving her post to focus more on raising her infant daughter and NJIT is in the process of filling the position, which focuses on five key areas: academic support, career development, personal development, leadership and community service including the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and CHAMPS Life Skills for NJIT's nearly 300 student-athletes.

In 2008-09, Tim Wuorinen moved over to CAPE as eligibility certification officer/academic advisor, after having spent the previous five-plus years working in the NJIT Department of Athletics as assistant athletic director and coordinator for compliance and student-athlete services.



Tim Wuorinen

Erika Rigby McCourt came to NJIT from Seton Hall University, where she was Associate Director of Academic Support Services for athletics from 2004 until she left for NJIT, which was her fourth Division I program in a career that began in 1997 at Northern Arizona, where she directed the Academic Enrichment Program. She later returned home to New Jersey, serving as Academic/Athletic Coordinator at Saint Peter's College from 1999 to 2004.

Tim Wuorinen was a compliance fellow with the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and he has worked in the athletic offices of four colleges, including Western New England College, his undergraduate alma mater. In addition to his bachelor's degree from Western New England, he earned a master's degree from NJIT.

Tim and his wife, Tara, who is the academic/athletic coordinator at Saint Peter's College, reside in Aberdeen, NJ.

NJIT's Center for Academic and Professional Enrichment, headed by Dr. Marybeth Boger, is a resource available to all students within NJIT's Student Services Division. The CAPE provides academic support services and activities to enhance students' academic and professional development and it works with academic and administrative departments to help students develop the necessary analytical and problem-solving skills to become independent learners.

CAPE provides tutoring, student success workshops and testing accommodations.

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NCAA DIVISION I

NJIT Officially Gains Active NCAA Division I Membership

NJIT athletics has officially gained across-the-board active membership in NCAA Division I, beginning September 1, 2009.

NJIT, its teams, and student-athletes will enjoy the full benefits of Division I membership, including eligibility for Division I postseason championship competition and the potential inclusion of Highlanders among the national Division I leaders in statistics maintained by the NCAA.

The NCAA's decision that NJIT is a full member of Division I completes a specific timetable that required NJIT and its Department of Athletics to meet a series of annual benchmark standards before proceeding to the next year in the process.

NJIT, which previously competed in NCAA Division II, first moved to reclassify its men's soccer program in 2003, with active Division I status arriving in 2005. NJIT women's soccer became postseason-eligible in 2007.

The remainder of NJIT's 19-sport athletics program also began reclassifying in 2005 (the process is longer for an entire program than under the single-sport-per-gender track).

In 2005-06 the lion's share of the competition for the reclassifying sports came at the Division II level. In 2006-07, 2007-08, and 2008-09, NJIT's teams competed at the Division I level and were in full compliance with NCAA Division I rules.

As part of the reclassification, every facet of the program has been enhanced, with a special emphasis placed on student-athlete welfare. Facilities have been upgraded, along with sports medicine, strength and conditioning, and academic enrichment. NJIT has also built a strong NCAA Division I rules compliance

regimen within its athletics program and across the NJIT community.

A key late benchmark in the process came in the spring of 2009, with NJIT's successful completion of the NCAA Division I certification self-study. An in-depth project that takes approximately one year to complete and involves an on-campus visit from a Peer Review team, Division I certification, renewable every 10 years, is required of all active Division I institutions.

"We completed a major milestone in demonstrating that we have the infrastructure in place and the commitment to compete at the highest levels, not only academically but now athletically as well," said Dr. Robert A. Altenkirch, who has made upgrading NJIT athletics a priority since he was selected as the seventh President of NJIT in May 2002.

Professor Robert English, the Faculty Athletics Representative and Interim Dean of the School of Management, added, "I am very impressed with NJIT's student-athletes who have worked hard to meet the challenge of the heightened level of Division I competition and at the same time continued to excel academically, with many athletes earning academic honors and awards and several earning perfect 4.0 GPAs during the semester of competition."

Further, the NJIT Board of Trustees embraced the transition to Division I as part of the university's strategic plan to enhance the quality of campus life as part of the transition to a residential university.

Going back to early announcements of NJIT's plans to reclassify to NCAA Division I, Altenkirch stated: "As NJIT continues to grow academically, and as a residential university, strengthening the athletics program through the transition to Division I will allow us to align the university with our academic peers."

Already, NJIT's teams have competed throughout the United States, taking on opponents from schools that are instantly recognizable for their stature in academics and athletics.

NJIT teams and student-athletes have faced opponents from seven of the eight Ivy League schools (all except for Brown) and all eight Patriot League schools, including Army and Navy, Bucknell, Lafayette, and Lehigh.

In addition, Highlander teams have taken on teams from such famed conferences as the Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East Conference, Big Ten Conference, Pac 10 Conference and Conference USA.

Two such opponents—the University of Maryland in men's soccer in 2005 and Penn State in men's volleyball in 2008-won national championships following the same regular seasons in which they faced NJIT.

The Highlanders have also competed against members of all of the conferences based in the Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States, including America East, Atlantic 10, Colonial, Metro Atlantic, and Northeast.

NJIT, the eighth New Jersey-based institution in Division I, has competed against all seven of its home state peers, including Big East programs Rutgers and Seton Hall.

NJIT's longest-established Division I program, men's soccer, gained its first win against a Big East foe in 2008, defeating Rutgers a little more than a year after NJIT topped San Diego State for the Highlanders' first win over a Top 25-ranked team.

With its place in Division I officially certified by the NCAA, NJIT is looking ahead to continued growth. That outlook is consistent with President Altenkirch's frequently expressed view that, "the transition to Division I is just that, a transition, a process rather than an event."

For his part, Director of Athletics Lenny Kaplan said: "We've worked hard toward this goal and it is a big step for the program. We are looking forward to being a solid and successful member of Division I and we are excited by the opportunity to write a new chapter in the history of NJIT athletics."



Renata Pandolfo



COACHING STAFF



JR Martins
Interim Head Coach

JR Martins (mar-TEENS) assumed leadership of the women's volleyball program in 2009 after three seasons as the top assistant for NJIT's women's volleyball and men's volleyball teams.

His appointment as women's volleyball interim head coach is part of a reorganization of the coaching structure for NJIT's two volleyball teams. Ryan McNeil, who had been head coach of both teams, stepped down from coaching women's volleyball to focus on his duties as men's volleyball head coach.

Martins (whose initials, 'JR,' stand for Jose Reynaldo) is a native of Brazil who was a four-year college player at Lewis (IL) University, graduating in 2004. He was a captain and starter on the Lewis team that won the 2003 NCAA national championship match (later vacated). A four-year dean's list student at Lewis, he was a 2004 Academic All-America.

With NJIT women's volleyball, he helped a successful transition to Division I from Division II, as the Highlanders improved their wins total from 10 in 2006, to 13 in 2007 and then to 18 in 2008, for the program's highest wins total since 1990, when it won 23 matches at the Division III level.

Assisting McNeil on the men's side, Martins helped NJIT to the 2007 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association Hay Division regular season championship and to a berth in the 2008 EIVA playoff semifinals.

Martins is also a graduate of Pontific Catholic University of Campinas in his home country. A veteran of the Brazilian army, he has coached collegiate volleyball in Brazil and then club volleyball in the Midwestern United States, before returning to Brazil, where he played and coached club ball.

He resides in Newark.



Melissa Golob
Assistant Coach

A 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Golob joined the NJIT coaching staff as a graduate assistant at the start of the 2008 men's volleyball season.

She first worked with NJIT women's volleyball in 2008, when the Highlanders posted 18 wins, the most for the program since 1990. The team's 18-16 mark in 2008 came in just its third season facing Division I competition.

She assisted with the Highlanders men's run to the semifinals of the 2008 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association playoffs, while also assisting with the women's team's non-traditional season.

Golob remains an assistant coach with the NJIT men's volleyball team in addition to her duties with the women's team.

Coach Golob, who is pursuing her master's degree from NJIT, majored in biology and minored in psychology at UMBC, where she was a Division I player, competing for the Retrievers from 2003 to 2005.

She is also a graduate of Broadneck High School in Annapolis, MD, where she was an honor roll student in addition to being volleyball team captain.

She resides in Bloomfield, NJ.



Agnieszka Pregowska
Student Assistant Coach

One of the cornerstone players in NJIT's recent women's volleyball resurgence, Agnieszka Pregowska will continue working with the Highlanders as a student assistant coach in 2009.

She holds five school Division I season and career records for sets played, points and blocks. In 2007 she was a Division I All-Independent second team honoree and in 2006 she was Division I Independent academic honoree. Her freshman year was NJIT's last in Division II and she ranked fourth nationally in the final NCAA stats in kills per game and was named all-conference first team.

At Bridgewater-Raritan High School, she was NJ Gatorade Player of the Year and Star-Ledger state Player of the Year as a senior, as well as MVP at the 2004 NJ Tournament of Champions and was selected as an all-America by prepvolleyball.com.

She is completing her studies at NJIT, where she majors in architecture, with a minor in business.

Rodrigo Correa
Assistant Coach

A 2009 NJIT graduate, Correa was a four-year starter and the assists leader for men's volleyball, ranking 26th nationally in assists as a senior, 18th as a junior, and 20th as a sophomore.

The native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was a business management/finance major enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College. Correa earned all-academic honors in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association each of his last three seasons.



2009 OUTLOOK

As NJIT enters active, championship-eligible membership in NCAA Division I, women's volleyball stands as a model of positive growth for the entire Highlanders athletics program.

The program, which improved steadily throughout the three seasons of Division I competition in reclassification from Division II, aims to continue its upward trajectory in 2009 and beyond.

In 2008, NJIT finished 18-16, a record that included the program's highest season wins total since 1990, when the team was 23-12 competing at the Division III level.

Back in the 1980's when NJIT was a Division III program, the Highlanders posted 20-plus win records in four out of five seasons. But the Division II era (1998 to 2005) was a difficult one for women's volleyball. The Highlanders were 9-20 in 2005, their final season of Division II competition and it was one of their best in eight seasons at that level.

Moving up to face DI teams in 2006, the Highlanders actually upped their win total to 10 in the first year and then to 13 in 2007 before last year's breakthrough.

Heading into 2009, there are some changes, including the appointment of JR Martins as interim head coach. Martins, who celebrated a national championship in his own college playing career, takes over as head of the NJIT women after having assisted former head coach Ryan McNeil through all three years of reclassification. He was also assistant for the men's

volleyball Highlanders.

"Any time there's a new coach, there's a difference in the style of training and coaching," noted Martins, who led the team the whole offseason. "There are differences between the way I do things and the way Ryan (McNeil, who is concentrating on being men's head coach) does things. The team is responding very well and they have accepted the way I do things. They understand the reasons and they have made a great commitment."

Last season, four freshmen, including star hitter Renata Pandolfo, integrated into the lineup and this year three more freshmen should contribute from the beginning of their careers.

Joining that young group are a core of three seniors and a junior who will provide stability and leadership. Two of the seniors, Kristy Haeckel and Katrina Hornstein, are set to become the program's first players to play four years of Division I competition. The third senior, Erica Schultz, will be a three-year Highlander after spending her freshman year at Louisiana Tech. The junior is Baaba Hughes.

Pandolfo, one of four Brazilians on the 2009 Highlanders, emerged as an all-around force in her debut season, leading NJIT in points (422.5) by a wide margin and pacing the squad in kills per game and service aces, while finishing second in digs and third in blocks. Not tall for a hitter, she has an explosive vertical leap that more than makes up for any

lack of height on the attack. She had 20 double-figure kills matches and 25 double-digit matches in digs.

Senior Kristy Haeckel, meanwhile, will play a big role in the middle. One of the team's top players her first two years (she was team MVP as a freshman), her junior year was compromised by a shoulder injury that limited her time on the floor and her ability to swing for kills.

She missed just five sets all season, but had to be subbed out more often than before. Even so, she had 18 more blocks than any other Highlander. However, the shoulder problems dropped her 2008 kills per set (1.69) to barely half the 3.12 kills average she posted a year earlier. "Kristy is prepared and ready to go," said Martins. "She's back in form."

This year, Haeckel's classmate, Katrina Hornstein, is dealing with a sore shoulder of her own. An intense competitor, Hornstein has always provided NJIT with solid all-around play and last year was no exception, as she third on the 2008 team in points, while appearing in all 123 sets the Highlanders played in 34 matches. "We know Kat will give us everything she has, including great leadership," Martins said.

Joining the 6-foot-1 Haeckel as a pure middle is rookie Fernanda Lima, a 6-foot native of Brazil, who enrolled at NJIT for the Spring 2009 Semester. "Fernanda had a whole spring to train and prepare and she is very motivated to compete in matches this fall," said the coach.



Sabrina Baby



2009 OUTLOOK

Talented freshman Janet Snell, junior Baaba Hughes, and sophomore Juliana Araujo all loom as additional candidates for playing time on either the left or right side. Snell, a two-time first-team all-state selection, was 2008 Player of the Year in the Record of North Jersey.

Hughes has taken on an increasing role throughout her NJIT career. Last year, she was second on the squad in kills per set and one of six to record more than 100 digs. Araujo offers solid depth.

The unquestioned leader of the defense is senior captain Sabrina Baby, a superb libero since she debuted in 2006. Last season she appeared in all 123 sets and notched 542 digs and 45 service aces, following a spectacular 795 digs and 71 aces that earned her all-Division I Independent honors in 2007.

"Sabrina is a true leader who helps guide the team in the tough moments, not only in the easy times," said Martins. "She is an important player who can be recognized in the conference and in the nation."

Setter is covered well with senior Erica Schultz, sophomore Chanelle Preredovich, and freshman Anna Mercado.

Schultz, who played at Louisiana Tech in 2006, was an all-Independent honorable mention in 2007 for NJIT. Last year, she was unable to play early in the 2008 season and her return to the lineup paralleled the best run the Highlanders have had in many years.

NJIT started 2009 at 2-6 in her absence, but she returned with 37 assists and 10 digs in a 3-1 upset of Seton Hall, triggering a 9-1 stretch of matches, including eight straight wins. By season's end, NJIT was 16-10 with Schultz its setter. She recorded 830 assists in 96 sets.

She had offseason shoulder surgery, missing all of the spring season and is joined by the highly-regarded Mercado, a 5-foot-10 setter who had a strong scholastic career in California, as well as by Preredovich and Audrey Snell, who will also be a defensive specialist, joined in that role by Claudia Gamarra.

A new challenge for NJIT is its membership in the Great West Conference, where the Highlanders will play a double-round robin schedule of 12 matches, plus a season-ending tournament for the championship in what figures to be one of the most competitive sports in the fledgling all-sports conference.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of the conference and to being a contender," said the coach. "No matter who we're playing, we feel we have the talent and potential to achieve our goals. We are positive and confident and we have high expectations."

The bulk of NJIT's pre-conference schedule will be taken up in tournaments hosted by St. Francis of New York, Central Connecticut, American, and Seton Hall. The season opens at the St. Francis Tournament August 28 and 29 and ends in Houston with the first Great West Conference postseason championship tournament, hosted by Houston Baptist on November 20 and 21.

2009 ROSTER

(Numerical)

NO.	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL
1	Audrey Snell	So.	DS/S	5-5	Bogota, NJ/Bogota
2	Anna Mercado	Fr.	S	5-10	Covina, CA/St. Lucy's Priory
3	Janet Snell	Fr.	OH/RS	5-11	Bogota, NJ/Bogota
4	Kristy Haeckel	Sr.	MB	6-1	St. Louis, MO/Nerinx Hall
6	Erica Schultz	Sr.	S	5-9	Wildomar, CA/Elsinore (Louisiana Tech)
7	Baaba Hughes	Jr.	OH/RS	5-8	Toronto, Ontario/Mother Teresa Catholic
8	Sabrina Baby	Sr.	L	5-5	Florianopolis, Brazil/Catarinense
9	Juliana Araujo	So.	OH/RS	5-10	Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil /Anglo Taquaral
10	Katrina Hornstein	Sr.	OH/RS	5-10	Duluth, MN/Marshall School
11	Renata Pandolfo	So.	OH/RS	5-8	Joinville, SC, Brazil/Barao do Rio Branco
12	Chanelle Preradovich	So.	S/M	5-10	Burlington, Ontario/Assumption
13	Claudia Gamarra	So.	DS	5-2	Bayonne, NJ/Bayonne
15	Fernanda Lima	Fr.	M	6-0	Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil/Loukelond

(Alphabetical)

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
9	Juliana Araujo	So.	OH/RS	5-9	Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil /Anglo Taquaral
8	Sabrina Baby	Sr.	L	5-5	Florianopolis, Brazil/Catarinense
13	Claudia Gamarra	So.	DS	5-2	Bayonne, NJ/Bayonne
4	Kristy Haeckel	Sr.	MB	6-1	St. Louis, MO/Nerinx Hall
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Interim Head Coach: JR Martins (Lewis, 04), first season

Assistant Coach: Melissa Golob (UMBC '07)

Student Assistant Coach: Agnieszka Pregowska

PLAYER PROFILES

★ SABRINA BABY

Senior | L | 5-5

Florianopolis, Brazil/Catarinense

Team captain and record-setting libero returns for her senior season ...

JR Martins on Baby: "She's a leader who helps guide the team in the tough times, not just the easy times. We are looking forward to her being recognized in the conference and in the nation."

2008: Team captain ... Great West Conference all-Academic team ... helped the team reach a milestone 18 wins, the most for NJIT women's volleyball since 1990 ... reliable defensive player and outstanding server who appeared in every set in 2008, registering 542 digs and 45 service aces ... **2007:** Division I All-Independent second team, Division I Independent All-Academic team ... team-best 795 digs and 71 service aces ... recorded double-figure digs totals in every set but two while posting a Highlander Division I record 42 digs vs. Sacred Heart (10/31) ... **2006:** Appeared in 94 sets leading the Highlanders defense with 356 digs and topped the team with 49 aces.

Prior to NJIT: Played club volleyball in her native Brazil.

Personal: Sabrina Bianca Baby ... daughter of Joao Batista and Mariangela Pereira Baby ... business major with concentration in finance/marketing ... born 4/25/88 in Florianopolis, Brazil

Year	GP	KPG	APG	DPG
2006	94	0.29	0.52	3.79
2007	140	0.06	0.34	5.68
2008	123	0.04	0.28	4.41

★ RENATA PANDOLFO

Sophomore | OH | 5-8

Joinville, SC, Brazil/Barao do Rio Branco

An emerging star who is gifted as an attacker and as a defender ... exceptional leaping ability ...

JR Martins on Pandolfo: "She's ready to be one of the players who carries our team to new heights."

2008: Accounted for 422.5 points as a freshman with team-best 343 kills, while posting 20 double-figure matches with a career-high 18 kills vs. Delaware State (11/8) ... notched 25 double-digit matches in digs with a career-high 21 (vs. American 10/11; at Columbia (10/22).

Prior to NJIT: Attended Escola Barao do Rio Branco, which is also the secondary school alma mater of former NJIT men's volleyball stars Leonardo Paludo ('08) and Eduardo Welter ('08).

Personal: Renata Vaz Pandolfo ... name is pronounced "hey-NA-ta pen-DOLE-fo ... daughter of Paulo Cesar and Viviane Vaz Pandolfo. ... undecided major ... born 6/9/90 in Joinville, SC, Brazil.

Year	GP	KPG	APG	DPG
2008	123	2.79	3.44	0.47

KRISTY HAECKEL

Senior | RS/MB | 6-1

St. Louis, Mo/Nerinx Hall HS

Looking for a strong senior year ...

JR Martins on Haeckel: "Kristy is back in the form she was before her injury and she is one of the players we are counting on to lead us."

2008: Played in 118 of the team's 123 sets, but was limited by injury ... double-figure totals in kills six times with a season-high 14 vs. Columbia (9/19) ... first on the team with 86 total blocks ...

2007: second on the team with 352 kills in 113 sets ... **2006:** Female Newcomer of the Year for the entire NJIT program, as well as women's volleyball MVP ...

NCAA Division I Independent

Newcomer of the Week twice ... led the Highlanders in kills (2.78), blocks (0.81) and points per game (3.74). ... started all 31 matches, while posting 11 double-figure kills sets, with a career-high 30 kills vs. Maryland Eastern-Shore (11/4).

Prior to NJIT: All-Tournament at Effingham, IL, playing for coach Helen Buckley at Nerinx Hall HS in Webster Grove, MO ... had 145 kills and 70 blocks as a senior in a league that produced the 2004 national Player of the Year ... most improved on her high school team ... played club volleyball for Swic 181. ... also competed in high school track and field and swimming.

Personal: Kristine Melanie Haeckel ... daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Haeckel. ... civil engineering major. ... born 3/4/88 in St. Louis..

Year	GP	KPG	DPG	BPG
2006	101	2.78	1.33	0.81
2007	113	3.12	0.96	0.68
2008	118	1.69	0.36	0.73

ERICA SCHULTZ

Senior | S | 5-9

Wildomar, CA/Elsinore HS

Veteran setter is fully recovered from surgery that kept her out of 2009 spring practices ... **JR Martins on Schultz:** "Erica is another one of our leaders. She is fully recovered and now all she has to do is get back her technical form."

2008: She missed the first 8 matches and NJIT was 2-6, after she returned, the Highlanders were 16-10, with the 18 total wins representing the program's highest total since 1990 ... Great West Conference all-Academic team ... piled up 830 assists and 168 digs ... **2007:** Honorable Mention on the Division I All-Independent team in her first season at NJIT... posted two triple-doubles—against Lafayette on Sept. 11 (11k, 41a, 23d) and at Harvard on Sept. 22 (10k, 18a, 14d) ... double-figure assists totals in 33 out of 37 matches with a high of 60 assists vs. Providence.

Prior to NJIT: Playing for Louisiana Tech, she was in 29 matches (90 sets) as a freshman ... eight double-figure digs matches, topped by 20 vs. Texas-Arlington ...

In high school: lettered four years at Elsinore HS and was 1st-team all-league all 4 years ... first freshman in school history of school to make varsity ... helped Tigers to league championships 2003, 2004 and 2005 ... 1st-team All-Valley her junior and senior year... captain her senior year... was named Mountain Volleyball Classic first team in 2005... Riverside County All-Star as a senior ... lettered in track.

Personal: Erica Lynn Schultz ... daughter of John and Monica Schultz ... architecture major ... born 7/2/88 in Orange, CA ... on Superintendent's Honor Roll all four years of high school ... also on Top 25 Students all four years.

Year	GP	KPG	APG	DPG
2007	138	1.26	6.36	2.54
2008	96	0.26	8.65	1.75

PLAYER PROFILES

KATRINA HORNSTEIN

Senior | OH/RS | 5-10
Duluth, MN/Marshall School



Versatile, committed player who will play her senior year with a sore shoulder ... **JR Martins on Hornstein:** "We know Kat will give us everything she has, including great leadership."

2008: Great West Conference all-Academic ... third on the team in points (267.5), while recording 234 kills and 299 digs ... **2007:** Appeared in 136 sets ... recorded double-figure digs totals 23 times ... tied her career-high 26 digs at Harvard (9/22) ... **2006:** Appearing in 101 sets, was 3rd in ppg, 2nd in kills ppg, 3rd in aces and 2nd in digs.

Prior to NJIT: All-conference for Marshall School in Duluth, MN. ... Duluth News Tribune Prep Newsmaker and Prep Performance honoree. ... second in the Duluth area in kills per game and ranked in serve percentage ... Minnesota all-state nominee ... Duluth team MVP in the Pepsi All-Star game ... played club volleyball for East End Volleyball Club ... also competed in basketball and track and field and was 10th in the high jump at the 2006 Lake Superior championships.

Personal: Katrina Rachel Hornstein ... daughter of Theresa Hornstein and Terry Weins. ... mechanical engineering major enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College ... born 12/23/88 in Duluth, MN.

Year	GP	KPG	DPG	BPG
2006	101	2.72	3.17	0.26
2007	136	2.62	3.00	0.31
2008	123	1.90	2.43	0.26

BAABA HUGHES

Junior | OH/RS | 5-8
Toronto, ON/Mother Teresa Catholic HS



A talented player who has shown steady improvement in becoming more consistent heading into her junior year ... **JR Martins on Hughes:** "Baaba will play an important role for us this year."

2008: Saw action in 91 sets and recorded 12 double-figure kills totals ... posted a career-high 18 kills at Delaware State (11/8) ... **2007:** Played in 80 sets as a freshman. ... posted five double-double matches while recording a career-high 17 kills vs. Providence (10/26).

Prior to NJIT: Graduated from Mother Teresa Catholic HS, where she competed in track in addition to playing on the 2007 Ontario Provincial volleyball champions. ... in track and field, she was a medalist in the long jump and triple jump. ... played club volleyball for the Durham Region Volleyball Club.

Personal: Baaba Hughes ... daughter of May and Chas Hughes ... communications major. ... high school valedictorian ... born 3/23/89 in Toronto.

Year	GP	KPG	DPG	BPG
2007	80	1.71	1.84	0.14
2008	91	2.54	1.16	0.22

AUDREY SNELL

Sophomore | DS/S | 5-5
Bogota, NJ/Bogota HS



Defensive specialist and setter who also subbed into matches to serve ... **JR Martins on Snell:** "Audrey is a valuable member of our team who adds to our depth and to the competition and in practice."

2008: Played in 97 sets and posted a career-high 15 digs against Akron (9/20) ... served 18 aces.

Prior to NJIT: Named first-team all-league, third-team all-county and third-team all-state for coach Brad DiRupo at Bogota HS ... played club volleyball for Scott and Stephanie Mose on the D.I.G.S. ... member of the Bogota softball and bowling teams.

Personal: Audrey Snell ... daughter of Frank and Cheryl Snell ... biology major enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College ... older sister of NJIT teammate Janet Snell ... born 7/8/89 in Teaneck, NJ.

Year	GP	KPG	DPG	BPG
2008	97	0.00	1.56	0.00

JULIANA ARAUJO

Sophomore | OH/RS | 5-10
Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil/Anglo Taquaral



Will help the Highlanders as a hitter on either side ... **JR Martins on Araujo:** "Juliana will be in the fight for playing time."

2008: Appeared in 52 sets and posted career-high 10 digs against Butler (8/29) ... Accounted for 86 points (6th on the team) while her 52 sets played were eighth on the team.

Prior to NJIT: Played club volleyball for Clube Campineiro de Regatos e Natacao.

Personal: Juliana Rangel Cardim Araujo ... daughter of Luciano and Flavia Araujo. ... business management major ... born 9/25/90 in Campinas, Brazil.

Year	GP	KPG	DPG	BPG
2008	52	1.54	1.00	0.19

PLAYER PROFILES

#12 CHANELLE PRERADOVICH

Sophomore | S/M | 5-10
Burlington, Ontario/Assumption HS



Has the versatility to contribute as a middle or as a setter ...

JR Martins on Preradovich: "Chanelle will be fighting for a starting position at setter along with Erica (Schultz) and Anna (Mercado)."

2008: Saw action in 27 sets as a freshman.

Prior to NJIT: Played for coach Lana Femly at Assumption HS in Burlington ... played club volleyball for the Falcons (Scarborough).

Personal: Chanelle Lee Preradovich ... daughter of Sonja Preradovich ... international business major ... born 9/23/90 in Toronto

Year	GP	KPG	DPG	BPG
2008	27	0.07	0.48	0.22

#13 CLAUDIA GAMARRA

Sophomore | DS | 5-2
Bayonne, NJ/Bayonne HS



Back for her second year on the team ... **JR Martins on Gamarra:** "She is a walk-on who will contribute to our depth this year."

2008: Did not see match action for the Highlanders.

Prior to NJIT: all-Hudson (NJ) County 2nd team playing for coach Pat Longo at Bayonne HS ... also played softball.

Personal: Claudia Stephanie Gamarra ... daughter of Jorge and Augusta Gamarra ... industrial engineering major ... born 5/22/89 in Lima, Peru.

#15 FERNANDA LIMA

Freshman | M | 6-0
Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil/Loukelond



Middle who will make her NJIT debut this season after practicing with the team for a semester ...

JR Martins on Lima:

"She had the whole spring to train and prepare and she's very motivated to play in matches."

Prior to NJIT: Enrolled in NJIT for the 2009 Spring Semester. ...played club volleyball for Sociodode Hipica de Campinas for coach Lucas Lemos.

Personal: Fernanda Domene B. Lima ... daughter of Jose Adriano Lima and Marcia Domene ... international business major ... born 8/7/89 in Campinas, Brazil.

#2 ANNA MERCADO

Freshman | S | 5-10
Covina, CA/St. Lucy's Priory HS



Talented setter who will challenge for playing time right away ...

JR Martins on Mercado: "Anna has the ability to play a quick game and she has the potential to come in and fight for a starting position. I think she's up to the challenge of playing in Division I right away."

Prior to NJIT: Widely regarded as the top setter in the Sierra League, according to the San Gabriel Valley Tribune ... first-team all-league directing the offense for St. Lucy's Priory HS, which compiled a 19-9 record and won the league title in her senior year ... in addition to collecting 346 assists, she also ranked third in the Sierra League in blocks, according to MaxPreps.com ... played her club volleyball with the Top Gun Volleyball Club, one of the top programs of its kind in southern California.

Personal: Kirstianne deLeon Mercado ... daughter of Byron and Judy Mercado ... engineering major ... born 7/20/91 in Glendora, CA..

PLAYER PROFILES

#3

JANET SNELL

Freshman | OH/RS | 5-11
Bogota, NJ/Bogota HS



Expected to push the veteran hitters for playing time ...

JR Martins on Snell: "Janet has a lot of potential and she will improve our hitting and passing."

Prior to NJIT: Capped her career as a four-year starter in stellar fashion, recording 386 kills and 122 digs in an all-around effort that earned her Player of the Year laurels from The Record of Hackensack, NJ ...

As a junior, led Bogota to capture the Group 1 state championship as she finished the season with 396 kills and 184 digs ... first-team all-state (all groups) selection by the Star-Ledger following both her junior and senior seasons honorable mention all-American in her scholastic career, she played her club volleyball for the respected D.I.G.S Volleyball Club.

Personal: Janet Elizabeth Snell ... daughter of Frank and Cheryl Snell ... business major ... the youngest of seven siblings ... joins her older sister, Audrey, on the Highlanders ... born 5/6/91 in Teaneck, NJ.



Erica Schultz

2008 STATS & RESULTS

All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	18-16	7-5	7-6	4-5
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	18-16	7-5	7-6	4-5

##	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking						points
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s		dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe	
11	PANDOLFO, Renata	123	343	2.79	144	1015	.196	23	0.19	46	43	0.37	33	423	3.44	9	49	58	0.47	2	0	422.5
3	PREGOWSKA, Agniesz	123	248	2.02	102	609	.240	30	0.24	44	49	0.36	1	87	0.71	14	54	68	0.55	3	0	333.0
10	HORNSTEIN, Katrina	123	234	1.90	114	833	.144	23	0.19	17	41	0.14	29	299	2.43	1	31	32	0.26	2	0	267.5
4	HAECKEL, Kristy	118	200	1.69	87	545	.207	33	0.28	0	0	0.00	3	42	0.36	21	65	86	0.73	5	2	253.5
7	HUGHES, Baaba	91	231	2.54	103	752	.170	5	0.05	3	9	0.03	15	106	1.16	3	9	12	0.13	2	1	241.5
9	ARAUJO, Juliana	52	80	1.54	60	334	.060	1	0.02	0	3	0.00	7	52	1.00	2	8	10	0.19	1	0	86.0
6	SCHULTZ, Erica	96	25	0.26	12	124	.105	830	8.65	14	12	0.15	0	168	1.75	3	18	21	0.22	1	9	51.0
8	BABY, Sabrina	123	5	0.04	4	33	.030	34	0.28	45	35	0.37	58	542	4.41	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	50.0
5	THOMPSON, Danielle	46	8	0.17	2	29	.207	227	4.93	6	6	0.13	1	51	1.11	2	10	12	0.26	1	5	21.0
1	SNELL, Audrey	97	0	0.00	1	6	-.167	11	0.11	18	24	0.19	27	151	1.56	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	18.0
12	PRERADOVICH,Chane	27	2	0.07	2	15	.000	48	1.78	1	2	0.04	1	13	0.48	1	5	6	0.22	0	7	6.5
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NJIT		123	1376	11.19	634	4298	.173	1265	10.28	194	225	1.58	203	1934	15.72	56	249	180.5	1.47	17	25	1750.5
Opponents		123	1448	11.77	724	4409	.164	1324	10.76	203	236	1.65	194	1953	15.88	46	347	219.5	1.78	53	54	1870.5

Team Statistics	NJITWVB	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1376	1448
Errors	634	724
Total Attacks	4298	4409
Attack Pct	.173	.164
Kills/Set	11.2	11.8
SET		
Assists	1254	1323
Assists/Set	10.2	10.8
SERVE		
Aces	194	203
Errors	225	236
Attempts	2644	2579
Serve Pct	.915	.908
Aces/Set	1.6	1.7
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	203	194
Errors/Set	1.7	1.6
DEFENSE		
Digs	1934	1953
Digs/Set	15.7	15.9
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	56	46
Block Assist	249	347
Total Blocks	180.5	219.5
Blocks/Set	1.5	1.8
Block Errors	17	53
Ball handling errors	25	54
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1743	1610
Dates/Avg Per Date	12/145	13/124
Neutral site #/Avg	9/70	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 29	vs ORU	L 0-3	12-25,26-28,14-25	150
Aug 30	at UTEP	L 0-3	18-25,22-25,15-25	256
Aug 29	vs BUTLER	L 0-3	16-25,12-25,16-25	154
Sep 5	at St. Francis	W 3-0	25-12,25-17,25-13	185
Sep 09	WAGNER	W 3-0	25-23,25-21,27-25	158
Sep 12	UMBC	L 0-3	19-25,23-25,19-25	101
Sep 13	LOYOLA (MD)	L 2-3	25-17,24-26,25-19,18-25,13-15	109
Sep 13	SACRED HEART	L 0-3	23-25,21-25,20-25	119
Sep 17	SETON HALL	W 3-1	25-22,13-25,25-22,25-18	154
+Sep 19	vs Columbia	L 2-3	17-25,25-23,25-20,19-25,10-15	111
Sep 20	at Saint Francis (PA)	W 3-0	25-22,25-20,26-24	94
Sep 20	vs Akron	W 3-2	25-23,20-25,17-25,25-23,15-12	107
Sep 24	at Fairleigh Dickinson	W 3-0	25-21,25-17,25-13	119
Sep 27	at Quinnipiac	W 3-0	26-24,25-10,25-17	112
Sep 27	vs Hartford	W 3-0	27-25,25-21,25-23	67
Sep 28	vs Coppin State	W 3-0	25-10,25-17,25-16	45
Sep 30	at La Salle	W 3-0	25-5,25-22,26-24	0
Oct 07	LEHIGH	W 3-1	25-22,25-21,18-25,25-14	137
Oct 08	ARMY	L 0-3	20-25,20-25,23-25	104
Oct 11	at American	L 2-3	11-25,25-22,14-25,25-23,11-15	119
Oct 14	at Lafayette	W 3-2	20-25,28-26,25-22,17-25,15-13	82
Sep 17	at Sacred Heart	L 0-3	23-25,22-25,16-25	212
Oct 22	at Columbia	L 1-3	17-25,25-19,20-25,17-25	179
Oct 28	ST. FRANCIS (NY)	W 3-0	25-7,25-5,25-10	169
Oct 31	PROVIDENCE	W 3-0	25-15,25-16,25-23	194
Nov 01	BRYANT	W 3-0	25-22,25-16,25-14	103
Nov 01	HOWARD	W 3-1	25-21,25-19,20-25,25-15	191
Nov 5	at Wagner	W 3-0	25-22,25-18,25-12	198
Nov 08	at Delaware State	L 2-3	21-25,25-21,19-25,25-23,11-15	54
Nov 12	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	L 2-3	25-21,18-25,25-22,22-25,11-15	204
Nov 21	vs Providence	W 3-0	25-12,25-18,26-24	0
Nov 21	vs CSU Bakersfield	L 0-3	15-25,10-25,16-25	0
Nov 22	at Utah Valley	L 1-3	15-25,25-20,21-25,17-25	0
Nov 22	vs Texas-Pan American	L 2-3	25-12,22-25,12-25,25-19,9-15	0

Record in 3-set matches: 13-8

Record in 4-set matches: 3-2

Record in 5-set matches: 2-6

OPPONENT INFORMATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Sept. 12, 11 am, at American (American Volleyball Classic)

General Information

LOCATION: Washington, DC

FOUNDED: 1893

ENROLLMENT: 5,286 (undergraduate)

NICKNAME/COLORS: Eagles/Red, White and Blue

HOME COURT: Bender Arena

Patriot League

PRESIDENT: Dr. Neil Kerwin

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Keith Gill

Sports Information

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Barry Goldberg (Pittsburgh '84)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 498-187 (20)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 24-9/13-1 (1-1st)

POSTSEASON: Patriot League Champions; NCAA Tournament

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 10 (4)/5 (2)



BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Aug. 29, 1 pm, at St. Francis (NY) (Terrier Invitational)

General Information

LOCATION: Lewisburg, PA

FOUNDED: 1846

ENROLLMENT: 3,583

NICKNAME/COLORS: Bison/ Orange and Blue

HOME COURT: Davis Gym

Patriot League

PRESIDENT: Brian C. Mitchell

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: John P. Hardt

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Becky Hart

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Cindy Opalski (Southern Connecticut '77)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 371-321 (23)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 279-275 (19)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 13-18/8-6

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (4 + libero)/3 (2)



CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 5, 1:30 pm, at Central Connecticut State (CCSU Blue Devil Invitational)

General Information

LOCATION: New Britain, CT

FOUNDED: 1849

ENROLLMENT: 12,000

NICKNAME/COLORS: Blue Devils/ Blue and White

HOME COURT: Detrick Gymnasium

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Jack Miller

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Dr. Paul Resetarits

Sports Information

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Linda Sagnelli (C.W. Post '83)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 279-291 (23)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 151-109 (9)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 11-14/5-3 (3rd)

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 10 (5 + libero)/2 (1)



CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Oct. 3, 2 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

Nov. 14, 2 pm (CT), at Chicago State

Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

General Information

LOCATION: Chicago, IL

FOUNDED: 1867

ENROLLMENT: 7,131

NICKNAME: Cougars

COLORS: Evergreen and White

HOME COURT: Jacoby Dickens Center

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Wayne D. Watson

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Sudie D. Davis, Jr.

Sports Information

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Shakeela Castile-Jones (Chicago State '07)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): First season

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 0-29

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (5)/3 (libero + 1)



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Sept. 15, 7 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

General Information

LOCATION: New York, NY

FOUNDED: 1754

ENROLLMENT: 5,621

NICKNAME/COLORS: Lions/Columbia Blue & White

HOME COURT: Francis Levien Gymnasium

Ivy League

PRESIDENT: Lee C. Bollinger

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Dr. M Dianne Murphy

Sports Information

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Jon Wilson (UMass, '77)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 326-216 (17)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 6-18 (1)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 6-18/0-14 (8th)

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 15 (5)/3 (1)



FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Sept. 2, 7pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

General Information

LOCATION: Teaneck, NJ

FOUNDED: 1942

ENROLLMENT: 6,051

NICKNAME/COLORS: Knights/Burgundy and Blue

HOME ARENA: Rothman Center

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. J. Michael Adams

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: David A. Langford

Sports Information

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Stacey Recanati (FDU, '90)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 219-347 (19)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 17-14/4-4 (1 5th)

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (4)/5 (3)

STARTERS RETURNING/LOST: 4/3



UNIVERSITY of HARTFORD

Sept. 4, 7 pm, at Central Connecticut State

(CCSU Blue Devil Invitational)

General Information

LOCATION: West Hartford, CT

FOUNDED: 1877

ENROLLMENT: 4,796

NICKNAME/COLORS: Hawks/ Scarlet and White

HOME COURT: The Sports Center Intramural Gym

America East Conference

PRESIDENT: Walter Harrison

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Patricia H. Meiser

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Dan Ruede

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Don Ferguson (Rivier '00)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 71-150 (7)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 30-100 (4)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 6-25/0-12 (7th)

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (7)/1 (0)



HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Sept. 19, 4:30 pm, at Seton Hall (Seton Hall Tournament)

General Information

LOCATION: Hempstead, NY

FOUNDED: 1935

ENROLLMENT: 12,700

NICKNAME/COLORS: Pride/Gold, White, Blue

HOME COURT: Volleyball Venue at the Physical Fitness Center

Colonial Athletic Association

PRESIDENT: Stuart Rabinowitz

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Jack Hayes

Sports Information

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Kristina Hernandez (NC A&T, '03)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 67-95 (5)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 18-14 (1)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONF. (FINISH): 18-14/9-5 (1 3rd)

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (1+libero)/7 (5)



HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Sept. 26, 2 pm (CT), at Houston Baptist

Oct. 29, 7 pm, at Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

General Information

LOCATION: Houston, TX

FOUNDED: 1960

ENROLLMENT: 2,749

NICKNAME/COLORS: Huskies/Royal Blue & Orange

HOME COURT: Sharp Gym

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert B. Sloan, Jr.

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Steve Moniaci

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Mary Ellen Leisering

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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Kaddie Platt (HBU)

CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 447-115 (14)

RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 24-7

RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (2)/7 (5)



OPPONENT INFORMATION

LAFAYETTE COLLEGE

Oct. 14, 7 pm, at Lafayette

General Information

LOCATION: Easton, PA
FOUNDED: 1826
ENROLLMENT: 2,382 (undergraduate)

NICKNAME/COLORS: Leopards/Maroon and White
HOME COURT: Allan P. Kirby Sports Center

Patriot League

PRESIDENT: Daniel H. Weiss

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Bruce E. McCutcheon

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Katie Meier
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Terri Dadio Campbell (Lafayette '92)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 243-173 (14)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 84-125 (7)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 12-18/5-9 (1-5th)
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (6)/3 (2)



MANHATTAN COLLEGE

Sept. 5, 4 pm, at Central Connecticut State (CCSU Blue Devil Invitational)

General Information

LOCATION: Riverdale, NY
FOUNDED: 1853
ENROLLMENT: 3,200

NICKNAME/COLORS: Jaspers/Kelly Green and White
HOME COURT: Draddy Gymnasium

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

PRESIDENT: Brennan O'Donnell, Ph.D.

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Robert J. Byrnes

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Joe Clifford
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Mark Jones (Washington State, '95)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): first year

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 11-17/10-8 (5th)
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 4 (3)/6 (4)



UNIVERSITY of NORTH DAKOTA

Oct. 23, 7 pm (CT), at North Dakota

Nov. 7, 2 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center
Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

General Information

LOCATION: Grand Forks, ND
FOUNDED: 1883
ENROLLMENT: 12,748

NICKNAME/COLORS: Fighting Sioux/Kelly Green and White
HOME COURT: Betty Engelstad Sioux Center

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Robert Kelly

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Brian Faison

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Ryan Powell
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Ashley Hardee (East Carolina '00)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): First season
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 24-8
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 10 (: 5+libero) /1 (0)



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Sept. 9, 7pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

General Information

LOCATION: Fairfield, CT
FOUNDED: 1963
ENROLLMENT: 3,400 undergraduates

NICKNAME/COLORS: Pioneers/Red and White
HOME COURT: William H. Pitt Center

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Anthony J. Cernera

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: C. Donald Cook

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Gene Gumbs
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Rob Machan (USC '01)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 27-33 (2)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 8-13/4-4 (4th)
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 9 (5)/5 (0)



ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE (NY)

Aug. 28, 1 pm, at St. Francis | (Terrier Invitational)

General Information

LOCATION: Brooklyn Heights, NY
FOUNDED: 1884
ENROLLMENT: 2,300

NICKNAME/COLORS: Terriers/Red and Blue
HOME COURT: Genovesi Center

Northeast Conference

PRESIDENT: Brendan J. Dugan

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Irma Garcia

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: David Gansell
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Lucy Liriano (Saint Francis '05)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 0-10 (1)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 0-32/0-9 (9th)
RETURNING/LOST: 7/4



SAINT PETER'S COLLEGE

Aug. 29, 3 pm, at St. Francis (NY) | (Terrier Invitational)

General Information

LOCATION: Jersey City, NJ
FOUNDED: 1872
ENROLLMENT: 3,282

NICKNAME/COLORS: Peahens/Blue and White
HOME COURT: Yanitelli Center

Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Eugene Cornacchia

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Patrick Elliot

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: David Freeman
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Joseph Agrest
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 29-27 (2)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 13-19 (1)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 13-19/7-11 (7th)
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 8 (4)/3 (3)



SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

Sept. 18, 7 pm, at Seton Hall | (Seton Hall Tournament)

General Information

LOCATION: South Orange, NJ
FOUNDED: 1856
ENROLLMENT: 9,700

NICKNAME/COLORS: Pirates/Blue and White
HOME COURT (CAPACITY): Walsh Gymnasium (2,600)

CONFERENCE: Big East

PRESIDENT: Monsignor Robert Sheeran

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Joseph A. Quinlan, Jr.

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Mike Kowalsky
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Kris Zeiter (Concordia College '98)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 76-76 (6)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 46-41 (3)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 14-15/6-8 (10th)
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 8 (4)/7 (2)



UNIVERSITY of SOUTH DAKOTA

Oct. 25, 12 pm (CT), at South Dakota

Nov. 15, 7 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center
Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

General Information

LOCATION: Vermillion, SD
FOUNDED: 1862
ENROLLMENT: 9,291

NICKNAME/COLORS: Coyotes/Red and White
HOME COURT: Dakota Dome

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: James W. Abbott

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Joel Nielsen

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Tom Berg
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Matt Houk (Wisconsin-Milwaukee '02)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 23-4 (1)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 23-4
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 5 (2)/5 (4)



UNIVERSITY of TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN

Sept. 25, 5pm (CT), at Houston Baptist

Oct. 31, 2 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center
Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

General Information

LOCATION: Edinburg, TX
FOUNDED: 1927
ENROLLMENT: 17,534

NICKNAME/COLORS: Broncs/Forest Green, Orange and White
HOME COURT: UTPA Fieldhouse

Great West Conference

INTERIM PRESIDENT: Dr. Charles Sorber

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Ricky Vaughn

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Zena Davila
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH (ALMA MATER, YEAR): Angela Hubbard (West Georgia, '04)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 23-36 (2)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD: 8-18
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 7 (3)/4 (4)





OPPONENT INFORMATION

UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY

Oct. 10, 5 pm, Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center
Nov. 12, 7 pm (MT), at Utah Valley
Great West Conference Tournament | Nov. 20 to 21, at Houston Baptist

General Information

LOCATION: Orem, UT
FOUNDED: 1941
ENROLLMENT: 23,214



NICKNAME/COLORS: Wolverines/Green, White and Gold
HOME COURT: The Shurian Family Activity Center

Great West Conference

PRESIDENT: Dr. Matthew S. Holland
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Michael V. Jacobsen

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Jay Hinton
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH: Sam Atoa (BYU '88)
CAREER RECORD AT UVU (YEARS): 226-105 (10)
NCAA DIVISION I RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 88-74 (6)
2008 OVERALL RECORD: 14-12
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 11 (5)/3 (2)

VIRGINIA TECH UNIVERSITY

Sept. 11, 5 pm, at American | (American Volleyball Classic)

General Information

LOCATION: Blacksburg, VA
FOUNDED: 1872
ENROLLMENT: 30,000



NICKNAME/COLORS: Hokies/Chicago maroon & burnt orange
HOME COURT: Cassell Coliseum

Atlantic Coast Conference

PRESIDENT: Charles W. Steger
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Jim Weaver

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Kevin Hunt
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH: Chris Riley (Jacksonville '93)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 195-97 (8)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): 51-43 (3)

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 20-11/11-9 (7th)
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 12 (5 + libero)/2 (1)

YALE UNIVERSITY

Sept. 19, 1 pm, at Seton Hall | (Seton Hall Tournament)

General Information

LOCATION: New Haven, CT
FOUNDED: 1701
ENROLLMENT: 5,200 (undergraduate)



NICKNAME/COLORS: Bulldogs/Blue and White
HOME COURT: John J. Lee Amphitheater

Ivy League

PRESIDENT: Richard C. Levin
DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS: Tom Beckett

Sports Information

VOLLEYBALL CONTACT: Drew M. Kingsley
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Women's Volleyball

HEAD COACH: Erin Appleman (San Diego State '90)
CAREER RECORD (YEARS): 107-44 (6)
RECORD AT SCHOOL (YEARS): same

2008 OVERALL RECORD/CONE. (FINISH): 21-6/13-1 (1st)
POSTSEASON: NCAA Championship 2nd round
RETURNING/LOST (STARTERS): 9 (5 + libero)/2 (1)



Katrina Hornstein





ATHLETICS FACILITIES

The NJIT men's and women's volleyball teams play their home matches in the newly-renovated gymnasium of the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center.

In the summer of 2006, the Fleisher Athletic Center gym underwent renovation to include installation of a new floor and baskets, new lighting, new sound system and new scoreboards, along with entirely new seating for approximately 1,500 spectators after the first phase of renovation.

The back bay, "C gym," area can be sectioned off from the main floor, making the entire gymnasium useful for intramurals, physical education classes and campus recreation time. It is capable of hosting simultaneous separate events.

The volleyball teams also have access to all of the other facilities in the athletic center. These include the fitness area (containing computer-controlled biking equipment, Cybex resistance units, and an indoor track), a free-weight room and a hammer-strength weight room, four racquetball courts (which can be converted for squash), and a martial arts/fencing center.



A six-lane swimming pool is home to NJIT's men's and women's swimming teams, while the two varsity tennis squads utilize the four lighted outdoor hard-court tennis courts behind the building. The NJIT Campus Center houses six regulation bowling lanes.

Lubetkin Field at J. Malcolm Simon Stadium, with an entrance a few feet opposite the entry to Fleisher Athletic Center is a first-class venue for college soccer. Outfitted with SprinTurf artificial grass in the summer of 2004, the venue also includes lighting for night contests, bleacher seating for more than 1,000 spectators, a press box and scoreboard.

Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium in downtown Newark, opened in 1999 at a cost of \$30 million and

with a seating capacity of 6,200 became the home of NJIT baseball in 2004.

In a joint December 2005 press conference, New York Yankees manager Joe Torre was a featured speaker as NJIT and the professional Newark Bears announced a 10-year partnership that secured the downtown stadium as the site of all Highlanders home games for the decade to come.

NJIT basketball is also be a tenant in the new downtown Prudential Center, the state-of-the-art home of the National Hockey League New Jersey Devils. The Highlanders hosted six games in "The Rock's" first season (2007-08) and NJIT plans to continue to play there.

NJIT, which offers a growing list of club sports, also has a robust intramural program, which makes use of the numerous athletic facilities. Each student must pass two physical education classes as a graduation requirements, with offerings including aerobics, archery, bowling, dance, fencing, golf, karate, swimming, skiing, strength training and conditioning, volleyball, and water safety.





ABOUT NEWARK

Newark: The Renaissance City

NJIT is located in the heart of New Jersey's largest city. A major urban center, Newark is a city on the move. Some 30,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students attend classes in University Heights at the city's four public institutions of higher learning: NJIT, Rutgers-Newark, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and Essex County College.

Attractions in Newark's revitalized downtown include:

- The Newark Museum
- New Jersey Performing Arts Center
- The Newark Public Library
- Symphony Hall
- Branch Brook Park
- Art galleries, restaurants, and shopping
- An urban architectural laboratory
- Professional minor league baseball (Newark Bears)
- New Jersey Devils Hockey and other events at the Prudential Center

Far Right: New Jersey Performing Arts Center, located minutes from campus, is quickly becoming one the state's more popular entertainment venues.
Right: The Newark Museum, a staple in the revitalization efforts in the downtown Newark area.
Below: Aerial view of downtown Newark.

Newark: New Jersey's College Town

Adjacent to NJIT is the Newark campus of Rutgers University.

NJIT and Rutgers enjoy an exceptionally close and productive consortial relationship within the thriving University Heights section of Newark. NJIT and Rutgers students have library privileges at both campuses. NJIT students may also enrich their educational experience by enrolling in Rutgers-Newark courses and in full degree programs in disciplines not offered at NJIT, such as art, music, geology and psychology.

Each year the two universities co-sponsor a common season of theatrical productions, as well as 'World Week,' a joint program of honors colloquia, and a variety of other cultural and social activities.



New Jersey/ New York Metropolitan Region



The NJIT campus is in one of the nation's most exciting cultural and business regions. Advantages include:

- Minutes from New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Liberty Science Center, Meadowlands Sports Complex, Manhattan and all of its attractions, Newport Center Mall, and Secaucus Outlet Center.
- Discount tickets for Broadway shows, museums, concerts, and sporting events.
- Weekend trips throughout the Northeastern United States: skiing, boating, swimming, hiking, and more.
- The spectacular Jersey shore is less than one hour away.





HAPPENINGS IN & AROUND NEWARK

Prudential Center

The new home of the National Hockey League New Jersey Devils is in downtown Newark at the corner of Mulberry and Edison streets, about one mile from the NJIT's University Heights campus.

Opened in October 2007, 'The Rock' is the centerpiece of the city's Downtown Core Redevelopment Project. In addition to the world's best hockey, it is home to numerous entertainment and sporting events, including NJIT basketball. Indeed, NJIT hosted the first women's basketball game in the Prudential Center on January 15, 2008 (NJIT vs. Cornell).

NJIT played in the Rock in the inaugural year and plans are ongoing for the Highlanders to play games each year in North America's newest major arena.

The arena, with full-capacity seating for 18,500 spectators, features a 4,800 square-foot exterior LED screen, as well as the latest in ice-surface technology and a gourmet restaurant overlooking the ice for Devils games. The building contains 850,000 square feet of space, 9,000 tons of steel, eight million pounds of structural steel and 25,000 cubic yards of concrete.

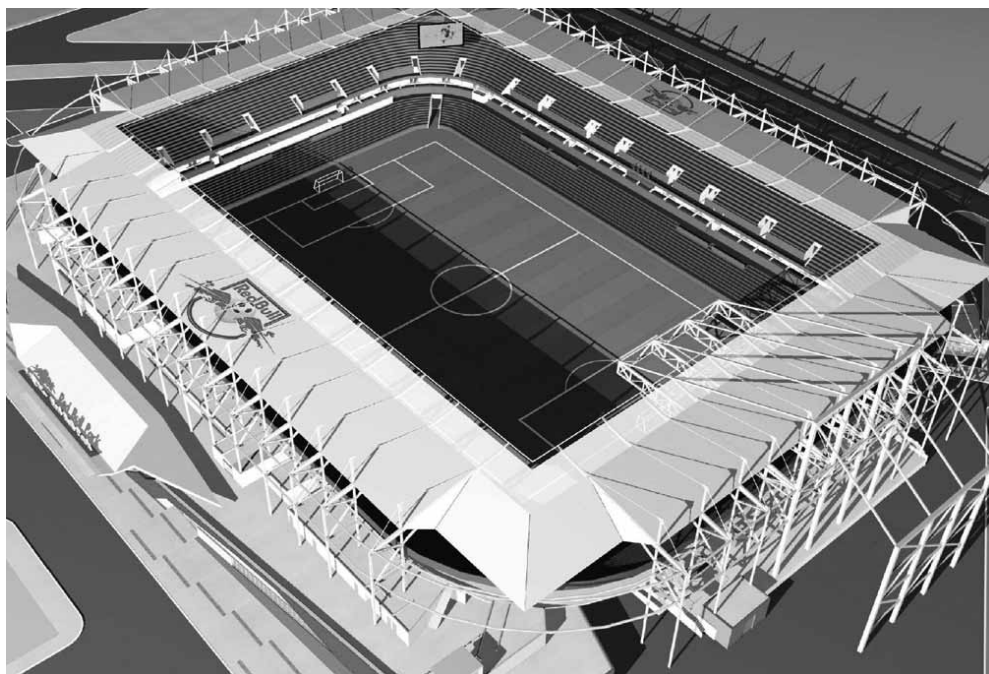


The \$100 million 'soccer specific' stadium will feature a 360-degree European-style roof/canopy covering the majority of the seating. When completed in the summer of 2008, Red Bull Park will be the home of the MLS Red Bulls, international soccer and other events. AEG developed and operates 'soccer specific' stadiums in California and in Illinois.

The multi-billion dollar Harrison MetroCentre will feature three million square feet of office space; 3,500 residential units; 300,000 square feet of retail space and over 10,000 decked parking spaces when completed.

Red Bull Park

The Red Bulls of Major League Soccer and AEG New York broke ground in September 2006 for Red Bull Park, a 25,000-seat soccer stadium and a major component of the Harrison MetroCentre development, located across the Passaic River, about two miles from NJIT's campus.



Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium



Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium, the \$30 million state-of-the-art home of the professional baseball Newark Bears and since 2004 the home of NJIT Highlanders baseball, officially opened to the public on July 16, 1999. With a seating capacity of 6,200, "The Den" affords fans an up-close view of the action. The ballpark also has 20 luxury suites, a picnic area, a party deck, a concert stage situated behind the outfield wall and a major league-caliber press box.

In December 2005, NJIT and the Bears held a joint press conference to herald a new partnership that includes a 10-year deal that extends Bears and Eagles Riverfront Stadium as the home of NJIT Highlanders baseball.



ALL-TIME HONORS

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES

ECAC D-III Metro
1987, 1988

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

WIAC
1985, 1986, 1988
IAC
1986, 1988

CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

IAC
1988 – Sonia Zacher

GTE REGIONAL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

1988 – Sonia Zacher

ALL-WIAC 1984

Eileen Begasse
Marilyn Dawson
Heidi Harting

1985

Eileen Begasse
Marilyn Dawson
Liz Goldrick

1986

Marilyn Dawson
Claire Nicolaou

1987

Claire Nicolaou

1988

Denise Corsaro
Liz Goldrick

Gina Ochs (2nd)
Sonia Zacher

1989

Denise Corsaro
Kathy Eng (2nd)
Ursula Fukazawa (2nd)
Yanet Gonzalez

1990

Kathy Eng
Yanet Gonzalez
Gina Ochs
Joanie Pratt

1991

Kathy Eng
Connie Krzeminski (HM)

1992

Kathy Eng

1995

Wendy Gruenewald (HM)
Lenny Jiminez

ALL-IAC 1986

Denise Corsaro
Marilyn Dawson
Liz Goldrick (2nd)
Claire Nicolaou
Regina Rygelis (2nd)

1987

Liz Goldrick
Claire Nicolaou
Gina Ochs (2nd)
Sonia Zacher (2nd)

1988

Denise Corsaro
Liz Goldrick

Yanet Gonzales (2nd)
Gina Ochs
Sonia Zacher

1989

Denise Corsaro
Kathy Eng (2nd)
Ursula Fukazawa (2nd)
Yanet Gonzalez

1990

Kathy Eng
Ursula Fukazawa
Yanet Gonzalez
Gina Ochs
Joanie Pratt

1991

Kathy Eng
Connie Krzeminski
Kathy Liu (HM)

1992

Kathy Eng
Kathy Liu (2nd)
Tulia Rios (2nd)
Edyta Wrona

1993

Donna King (2nd)

1995

Wendy Gruenewald (2nd)
Lenny Jiminez (2nd)

ALL-JERSEY 9

1990

Kathy Eng

1991

Kathy Eng
Connie Krzeminski

1992

Kathy Eng

1993

Donna King
Clara Ponton

CACC NEWCOMER

2004

Angie Casado

ALL-CACC

2005

Agnieszka Pregowska

DIVISION I INDEPENDENT ALL-ACADEMIC

2006

Emese Gyuricza
Agnieszka Pregowska

DIVISION I ALL-INDEPENDENT TEAM

2007

Sabrina Baby (2nd)
Kristy Haeckel (2nd)
Agnieszka Pregowska (2nd)
Erica Schultz (HM)

DIVISION I INDEPENDENT ALL-ACADEMIC

2007

Sabrina Baby
Katrina Hornstein
Danielle Thompson

2008

Sabrina Baby
Katrina Hornstein
Erica Schultz

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year	Record	WIAC	IAC	NYCAC	CACC	Postseason	Head Coach	Captains	MVP
NCAA DIVISION III									
1982	1-11	—	—	—	—	—	Oleg Moiseenko	Heidi Hartung, Becky Miranda	
1983	6-15	—	—	—	—	—	Dave DeNure	Heidi Hartung, Becky Miranda	Sharon Ingram
1984	10-5	2nd	—	—	—	—	Dave DeNure	Heidi Hartung, Becky Miranda	Becky Miranda
1985	14-6	1st	2nd	—	—	—	Dave DeNure	Eileen Begasse, Marilyn Dawson	Marilyn Dawson
1986	24-8	1st	1st	—	—	—	Dave DeNure	Marilyn Dawson	Claire Nicolaou
1987	22-8	2nd	2nd	—	—	ECAC semis	Dave DeNure		Claire Nicolaou
1988	26-6	1st	1st	—	—	ECAC semis	Dave DeNure	Liz Goldrick, Felicia Mays	Liz Goldrick
1989	15-17	2nd	2nd	—	—	—	Dave DeNure	Denise Corsaro	Denise Corsaro
1990	23-12	2nd	2nd	—	—	—	Dave DeNure	Kathy Eng	Kathy Eng
1991	10-16	—	—	—	—	—	Dave DeNure		Kathy Eng
1992	11-13	2nd	2nd	—	—	—	Kerry Keith	Kathy Eng	Kathy Eng
1993	7-20	—	3rd	—	—	—	Bob Fordi	Diana Nieto, Bonnie Tai	Donna King
1994	9-14	3rd	2nd	—	—	—	Bob Fordi	Lenny Jiminez, Bonnie Tai	Lenny Jiminez
1995	8-19	—	—	—	—	—	Bob Fordi	Sandra Caceras	Lenny Jiminez
1996	no team	—	—	—	—	—			
1997	no team	—	—	—	—	—			
NCAA DIVISION II									
1998	0-10	—	—	12th	—	—	Jon Bednasz		Melsha Winchester
1999	1-17	—	—	12th	—	—	Jon Bednasz		Melsha Winchester
2000	0-16	—	—	—	8th	—	Manny Del Rio	Nikiesha Joseph	Carisa Butensky
2001	0-20	—	—	—	8th	—	Anthony Valbrun	Nikeisha Joseph	Marta Oporska
2002	0-18	—	—	—	9th	—	Anthony Valbrun	Eliana Lara, Stacy Waldburger	Chevanese Samms
2003	0-21	—	—	—	10th	—	Pavlina Klimova	Dolores Martinez	Dolores Martinez
2004	13-13	—	—	—	5th	—	Pavlina Klimova	Dolores Martinez	Angie Casado
2005	9-20	—	—	—	8th	—	Ryan McNeil	Danielle Thompson	Agnieszka Pregowska
NCAA DIVISION I (reclassification years-2006-08)									
2006	10-21	—	—	—	—	—	Ryan McNeil	Agnieszka Pregowska, Danielle Thompson	Kristy Haeckel
2007	13-24	—	—	—	—	—	Ryan McNeil	Agnieszka Pregowska, Sabrina Baby	Katrina Hornstein
2008	18-16	—	—	—	—	—	Ryan McNeil	Agnieszka Pregowska, Sabrina Baby	Katrina Hornstein

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(First season: 1982; Complete thru 2008)

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ARAUJO, Juliana 08

B

BABY, Sabrina 06, 07, 08
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BORILLO, Anna 98
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C

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2009 players in bold



DIVISION I RECORDS

Sets Played - Career

274	Agnieszka Pregowska	2006-08
271	Katrina Hornstein	2006-pres.
268	Sabrina Baby	2006-pres.
225	Kubra Tanrikulu	2006-07
224	Rebecca Wilkinson	2006, 2007

Sets Played - Season

140	Agnieszka Pregowska	2007
140	Sabrina Baby	2007
138	Erica Schultz	2007
136	Katrina Hornstein	2007

Kills - Career

866	Katrina Hornstein	2006-pres.
610	Agnieszka Pregowska	2006-08
833	Kristy Haeckel	2006-pres.

Kills - Season

357	Katrina Hornstein	2007
352	Kristy Haeckel	2007
343	Renata Pandolfo	2008
341	Agnieszka Pregowska	2007

Assists- Career

1,707	Erica Schlutz	2007-pres.
1,636	Danielle Thompson	2006-08

Assists- Season

966	Danielle Thompson	2006
887	Erica Schultz	2007
830	Erica Schultz	2008
443	Danielle Thompson	2006

Service Aces- Career

173	Sabrina Baby	2006-pres.
127	Agnieszka Pregowska	2006-08
99	Katrina Hornstein	2006-pres.
59	Kristy Haeckel	2006-pres.

Service Aces- Season

71	Sabrina Baby	2007
57	Sabrina Baby	2006
50	Agnieszka Pregowska	2007
46	Renata Pandolfo	2008
45	Katrina Hornstein	2007
45	Sabrina Baby	2008

Digs- Career

1,693	Sabrina Baby	2006-pres.
1,027	Katrina Hornstein	2006-pres.
552	Kubra Tanrikulu	2006-07
423	Renata Pandolfo	2008-pres.

Digs- Season

795	Sabrina Baby	2007
542	Sabrina Baby	2008

423	Renata Pandolfo	2008
408	Katrina Hornstein	2007
356	Sabrina Baby	2006
350	Erica Schultz	2007

Total Blocks - Career

245	Kristy Haeckel	2006-pres.
230	Agnieszka Pregowska	2006-08
139	Rebecca Wilkinson	2006, 2007

Total Blocks - Season

111	Agnieszka Pregowska	2007
86	Kristy Haeckel	2008
85	Rebecca Wilkinson	2007
82	Kristy Haeckel	2006
77	Kristy Haeckel	2007

Total Points - Career

1,127	Agnieszka Pregowska	2006-08
1,043	Kristy Haeckel	2006-pres.
1,018	Katrina Hornstein	2006-pres.

Total Points - Season

462	Agnieszka Pregowska	2007
422	Renata Pandolfo	2008
412	Kristy Haeckel	2007
377	Kristy Haeckel	2006
333	Agnieszka Pregowska	2008
325	Katrina Hornstein	2006

Division I competition only (competition began in 2006 season)

DIVISION I SUPERLATIVES

NJIT

82 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06)
 77 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06)
 17 vs. Saint Francis (NY) (9.28.07)
 123 vs. Sacred Heart (10.27.07)
 8 vs. Sacred Heart (10.27.07)
 19 at Delaware State (10.21.06)
 14 vs. Sacred Heart (10.27.07)
 14 vs. Hartford (9.9.06)
 95 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06)

TEAM

Kills
 Assists
 Aces
 Digs
 Block Solo
 Block Assist
 Total Blocks

Points

Opponents

85, Seton Hall (9.5.07)
 77, Seton Hall (9.5.07)
 23, Delaware State (11.10.07)
 108, Maryland Eastern Shore (11.4.06)
 9, Delaware State, (11.8.08)
 30, Howard (10.27.07)
 19, Howard (10.27.07)
 105, Columbia (10.29.07)

INDIVIDUALS

KILLS

30, Kristy Haeckel vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (5 sets) (11.4.06)
 19, Kristy Haeckel vs. Central Connecticut State (4 sets) (8.25.07)
 19, Kristy Haeckel vs. at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)
 18, Kristy Haeckel vs. Fairfield (3 sets) (9.1.07)

ASSISTS

63, Danielle Thompson vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (5 sets) (11.4.06)
 49, Danielle Thompson at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)
 42, Erica Schultz vs. Providence (3 sets) (11.21.08)

ACES

8, Sabrina Baby vs. Providence (5 sets) (10.26.07)
 6, Kristy Haeckel vs. Manhattan (3 sets) (9.1.06)
 6, Sabrina Baby vs. Quinnipiac (3 sets) (10.3.06)
 6, Kristy Haeckel vs. Winston-Salem State (3 sets) (10.20.06)
 6, Agnieszka Pregowska vs. St. Francis (NY) (3 sets) (9.5.08)
 6, Renata Pandolfo vs. St. Francis (NY) (3 sets) (9.5.08)

DIGS

42, Sabrina Baby vs. Sacred Heart (5 sets) (10.27.07)

32, Sabrina Baby at Harvard (4 sets) (9.22.07)
 25, Sabrina Baby vs. providence (3 sets) (10.31.08)

BLOCK SOLO

7, Agnieszka Pregowska vs. Sacred Heart (5 sets) (10.27.07)

BLOCK ASSISTS

7, Kristy Haeckel at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)
 6, Renata Pandolfo vs. American (5 sets) (10.11.08)

TOTAL BLOCKS

12, Agnieszka Pregowska vs. Sacred Heart (5 sets) (10.27.07)
 9, Kristy Haeckel vs. Hartford (4 sets) (9.9.06)
 7, Kristy Haeckel vs. Bryant (3 sets) (11.1.08)

POINTS

33, Kristy Haeckel vs. Maryland Eastern Shore (5 sets) (11.4.06)
 23.5, Kristy Haeckel at Delaware State (4 sets) (10.21.06)
 23.5, Katrina Hornstein vs. Utah Valley (4 sets) (9.28.07)
 18.5, Agnieszka Pregowska at Manhattan (3 sets) (9.1.06)
 18.5, Kristy Haeckel at Manhattan (3 sets) (9.1.06)



DIRECTIONS TO NJIT

For GPS Users

The address for Lubetkin Field and the Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center is: 80 Lock Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

By Car

New Jersey Turnpike: Driving North from South Jersey: NJ Turnpike to Exit 13A Newark Airport. After toll booth stay to left follow signs to Rt. 1 & 9 North. You will merge onto Rt. 1 & 9 North. Airport will be on right. Follow signs for downtown Newark and Rt. 21 North-(left lane exit ramp). Downtown Newark will be in front of you. Follow Rt. 21 North (McCarter Highway). Turn left on Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. past Warren St. traffic light (Raymond Blvd. becomes Lock St.) Fleisher Athletic Center & Lubetkin Field will be on your right.

New Jersey Turnpike: Driving South from North Jersey: Take exit 15W to Route 280 West. Then follow Route 280 West directions.

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Garden State Parkway (North & South bound): Take exit 145 to Route 280 East, then follow Route 280 East directions.

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New York Thruway: Thruway to Exit 14A, Garden State Parkway. Follow Garden State Parkway directions above.

George Washington Bridge: NJ Turnpike South to Exit 15W. Follow Route 280 West directions above.

Lincoln Tunnel: West on Rt. 3 to Rt. 21 South. Turn right onto Raymond Blvd. Follow Raymond Blvd. pass Warren Street Stop Light and Fleisher Athletic Center & Lubetkin Field will be on your right.

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Other Transportation Systems

Newark International Airport: Five miles from the NJIT campus. A minibus (Newark Airlink) or taxi service connects the airport with Penn Station in Newark. Bus, city subway, and taxi connections may be obtained at the station.

Newark Penn Station: Connections to the NJIT campus may be made by bus, city subway, or taxi.

Morris & Essex Broad Street Station: A five-block walk to the NJIT campus via King Boulevard to Central Avenue. Taxi service is also available

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100 Passaic Avenue, Harrison, 973/483-1900

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NJIT HALL OF FAME

Name	Grad. Year	Contribution	Sport(s)	Years	Year of Induction
BAKUN, Andrew I.	1982	Athlete/Asst. Coach	M-Soccer	1978-81/90-91	2005
BAKUN, Myron	1967	Athlete	M-Soccer	1964-66	1991
BARTH, Roland E.	1960	Athlete	M-Fencing	1957-59	2009
			M-Soccer	1956-59	
BAUDER, Fred "Coach"	--	Coach	M-Basketball	1932-61	1989
BLUM, Raymond E.	1950	Distinguished Alum.	Speedskating/Cycling	--	1996
BORJA, Hernan "Chico"	1981	Athlete	M-Soccer	1977-80	1986
BORNAKO, Gregory "Egor"	1970	Athlete	M-Fencing	1966-70	1987
BOWSER, Hamilton V.	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	1948-52	1989
BRADLEY, Thomas	1978	Athlete	M-Swimming	1974-78	1990
BROWN, Andrew D.	1982	Athlete	M-Soccer	1956-78	2006
CRIMMINS, David	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	--	2007
CRUZ, Edward	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1959-62	1995
DAWSON, Marilyn E.	1986	Athlete	WVB/WBKB/SB	1982-86	1991
DeNICOLA, Carmine P.	1978	Athlete	Baseball	1975-78	2005
DeNURE, Dave	--	Coach	M-Volleyball	1982-98	2009
			W-Volleyball	1986-90	
			W-Basketball	1987-88	
DeVITO, Louis	1960	Athlete	M-Soccer/M-Fencing	1956-60	1992
DIAZ, Joe A.	1977	Athlete	M-Soccer	1973-76	1993
DRURY, Eugene M.	1963	Athlete	M-Tennis	1960-63	1988
ENG, Katherine	1993	Athlete	W-Volleyball	1989-92	2007
ETIENNE, Yves	1979	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1976-78	1990
FEHN, Gilbert F.	1940	Athlete	M-Basketball/M-Tennis	1936-40	1992
FITZGERALD, Joseph M.	--	Coach /Asst. Coach	M-Basketball	1961-66/52-61	1986
FLEISHER, Seymour "Zoom"	1951	Athlete	M-Basketball	1947-51	1992
GAGLIARDO, Salvatore A.	1985	Athlete	M-Basketball	1981-85	1995
GALLAGHER, Thomas G.	1985	Athlete	M-Basketball	1981-85	1991
GIOVANNOLI, Arnold L.	1953	Athlete	M-Basketball	1950-53	1993
GOLDRICK PITT, Elizabeth M.	1990	Athlete	WVB/SB/WBKB/WTen	1985-90	1995
GRAZIANO, Jean M.	1989	Athlete	Softball	1986-89	2009
GRUENEWALD, Wendy A.	1997	Athlete	WBKB/SB/WVB/WSoc	1992-96	2003
HAASE, Jay W.	1975	Athlete	M-Fencing	1971-75	1988
HAMMOND, Kenneth W.	1979	Athlete	M-Soccer	1974-77	2003
HANDWERKER, Andy	1963	Athlete	M-Soccer	1959-62	2002
HAUSSER, Paul C.	--	Administrator	--	1953-91	1990
		Coach	Fencing /Baseball	1954-88/53-72	
HUBEY, Ali	1972	Athlete	M-Soccer	1968-71	1990
HURTADO, Fabian	1975	Athlete	M-Soccer	1970-73	1987
IRIS, Herb	1951	Benefactor	--	--	2007
KAMINSKY, Nicholas J.	1978	Athlete	Baseball	1975-78	2006
KASBARIAN, Raymond P.	1966	Founder/Athlete	Judo	1962-66	1989
KETZNER, Robert Shelby	--	Coach	Rifle	1962-86	1987
KHOWAYLO, Alex	1969	Athlete	M-Soccer	1960-63	1996
LUBETKIN, Charles "Tudy"	1953	Athlete	M-Basketball/M-Track	1949-52	1994
LYNCH, Robert K.	1984	Athlete/Coach	M-Fencing	1977-80/86-91	1993
MacDONALD, Dan	1984	Athlete	Baseball	1981-84	1991
OLSEN, Richard J.	1969	Athlete	M-Basketball	1965-69	1988
OLSON, George R.	1977	Athlete	Baseball	1974-77	1987
PAULIUS, Raymond V.	1985	Athlete	M-Soccer	1980-83	2006
ROGERS, Warren E.	1988	Athlete	M-Basketball	1983-87	1993
ROMULUS, Rudy	1991	Athlete	M-Volleyball	1988-91	1996
SARLO, Paul A.	1992	Athlete	Baseball	1989-91	2005
SCHMID, John "Gene"	--	Coach/Asst. Coach	Baseball	1973-97/68-72	2002
SIMON, J. Malcolm	--	Coach	M-Soccer	1955-83	1994
		Athletics Director	--	1983-94	
SKURLA, Peter J.	1941	Athlete	Bowling	1937-41	1992
SWANSON, Robert F.	--	Athletics Director	--	1947-82	1986
TAETZSCH, Robert	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	--	2007
TAETZSCH, William	1952	Athlete	M-Fencing	--	2007
TOSATO, Lawrence P.	1956	Athlete	M-Basketball/Baseball	1952-56	1987
TUBELLO, Jeffrey	1976	Athlete	Rifle	1972-76	1988
VAN WRIGHT, Nevea	1997	Athlete	W-Basketball	1991-96	2005
WALSH, John J.	1966	Athlete	MSoc/MBKB/Baseball	1962-66	1986
WASNIEWSKI, Frank	1980	Athlete	M-Tennis	1977-80	1990
WELGOS, Bob	1962	Athlete	M-Basketball/Bowling	1959-62	2005
WOROBEC, Myron S.	1966	Athlete	M-Soccer	1962-65	1994
YONEZUKA, Yoshisada	--	Founder/Coach	Judo	1962-??	1991
ZORN, Werner	1962	Athlete	M-Soccer	1958-61	1988

1960 Men's Soccer Team

1981-82 Men's Basketball Team

1982 Baseball Team

NAIA co-national champion 1988

NJIT's first ECAC and IAC champion 1990

NJIT's second ECAC and IAC champion 1993



GREAT WESTERN CONFERENCE



NJIT women's volleyball will compete starting this season as part of the expanded multi-sport Great West Conference.

On July 10, 2008, NJIT was one of six institutions to announce it had joined the expansion of the Great West Conference to form a Division I all-sports league that begins full conference scheduling and championships in 2009-10.

The announcement was made simultaneously by the six institutions and by the conference office, which is led by Commissioner Ed Grom. Joining NJIT in making the announcement were: Houston Baptist, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas-Pan American and Utah Valley.

In October 2008, Chicago State announced that it would join the original six institutions, bringing the expanded all-sports Great West to seven members, all of whom sponsor women's volleyball.

The conference schedule for women's volleyball is an ambitious one, with the seven schools playing a double round robin regular season format, meaning they will meet each conference foe at home and at the opponents' home.

At season's end, the teams will gather for the first annual Great West Conference championship tournament to be hosted by Houston Baptist on November 20 and 21.

NJIT, which won 18 matches in 2008 as a Division I Independent for its most successful season in nearly two decades will face a stern challenge in the Great West. Based on past performance, women's volleyball figures to be among the most hotly-contested championships in the newly-expanded conference.

Utah Valley won three of the last four Division I Independent championship tournaments. Houston Baptist was a six-time qualifier for the national tournament when the Huskies competed in the NAIA and they were national runner-up in 2002, with coach Kaddie Platt, who is still at HBU, earning NAIA National Coach of the Year laurels. North Dakota was 24-8 in 2008 playing a mix of schools from different classifications in its first year of reclassification to Division I. South Dakota was 23-4 facing a similar schedule.

The Great West, which had existed for four years as a football-only league in the NCAA's Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly known as I-AA), is expanding into an all-sports league with the addition of NJIT, Chicago State, Houston Baptist, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Texas-Pan American.

The all-sports version of the Great West Conference will offer championships in 15 sports, 12 of which are sponsored by NJIT, including: baseball, men's and women's basketball; women's soccer; women's volleyball; women's tennis; men's and women's cross country; men's and women's indoor track and field; and, men's and women's outdoor track and field.

NJIT, Texas-Pan American and Utah Valley have been playing each other in multiple sports, including home-and-home games in men's and women's basketball, since NJIT began facing Division I competition for the first time in 2006-07. Houston Baptist became an NJIT foe in 2008-09.

NJIT and Utah Valley completed their NCAA reclassification and became active championship-eligible members of NCAA Division I on September 1, 2009.

Houston Baptist announced an agreement with the NCAA that can make HBU an active member of Division I in 2011-12 and North Dakota and South Dakota will be active members of Division I in 2012-13. Texas-Pan American and Chicago State have been active Division I programs for many years.

The expanded conference is not eligible for automatic Division I championship postseason qualification, but will offer the benefit of conference championships, stable scheduling opportunities in all conference sports and individual recognition for student-athletes through weekly and season all-conference recognition. The individual awards programs for student-athletes began in 2008-09.

NJIT's sports that do not come under the Great West umbrella will continue in their existing conferences—men's soccer in the Atlantic Soccer Conference and men's volleyball in the Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association, which has an automatic NCAA postseason berth, which was claimed in 2008 by eventual 2008 national champion Penn State.

In addition, NJIT will continue to schedule against top non-conference regional and national opponents. Two NJIT opponents—Maryland in men's soccer and Penn State in men's volleyball have won national championships following seasons in which they faced the Highlanders. Meanwhile, NJIT teams will compete regularly with opponents from the Big East, Atlantic 10, America East, Ivy League, Patriot League, MAAC and Northeast Conference.

The latest conference news and information is available on line at <http://www.greatwestconference.org>.

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NJIT'S 2009 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Back Row (l-r): Interim Head Coach JR Martins, Kelly Fernandez, Fernanda Lima, Kristy Haeckel, Anna Mercado, Janet Snell, Juliana Araujo, Student Assistant Coach Agnieszka Pregowska, Assistant Coach Melissa Golob

Front Row (l-r): Sabrina Baby, Katrina Hornstein, Renata Pandolfo, Channele Preradovich, Erica Schultz, Baaba Hughes, Audrey Snell



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE 2009

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME	DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
<u>August</u>				<u>October</u>			
Saint Frances (NY) Tournament (Aug. 28/29)				3	Sat.	CHICAGO STATE*	2:00pm
28	Fri.	at Saint Frances (NY)	1:00pm	10	Sat.	UTAH VALLEY*	5:00pm
29	Sat.	vs. Bucknell	1:00pm	14	Wed.	at Lafayette	7:00pm
		vs. Saint Peter's	3:00pm	23	Fri.	at North Dakota*	7:00pm(CT)
<u>September</u>				25	Sun.	at South Dakota*	12:00pm(CT)
2	Wed.	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7:00pm	29	Thu.	HOUSTON BAPTIST*	7:00pm
CCSU Blue Devil Invitational (Sept. 4/5)				31	Sat.	TEXAS-PAN AMERICAN*	2:00pm
4	Fri.	vs. Hartford	7:00pm	<u>November</u>			
5	Sat.	at Central Connecticut State	1:30pm	5	Thu.	SOUTH DAKOTA*	7:00pm
		vs. Manhattan	4:00pm	7	Sat.	NORTH DAKOTA*	2:00pm
9	Wed.	SACRED HEART	4:00pm			**Senior Day**	
The American Volleyball Classic (Sept. 11/12)				12	Thu.	at Utah Valley*	7:00pm(MT)
11	Fri.	vs. Virginia Tech	5:00pm	14	Sat.	at Chicago State*	2:00pm(CT)
12	Sat.	at American	1:00pm	GREAT WEST VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT			
15	Tue.	COLUMBIA	7:00pm	<i>(at Houston Baptist)</i>			
Seton Hall Tournament (Sept. 18/19)				20-21	Fri.-Sat.	TBD	All Day
18	Fri.	at Seton Hall	7:00pm	Interim Head Coach: JR Martins (Lewis '04), first season			
19	Sat.	vs. Yale	1:00pm	Assistant Coach: Melissa Golob (UMBC '07)			
		vs. Hofstra	4:30pm	Student Assistant: Agnieszka Pregowska			
25	Fri.	vs. Texas-Pan American* (at HBU)	5:00pm(CT)	CAPS/Bold = Home matches at Estelle and Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center			
26	Sat.	at Houston Baptist*	2:00pm(CT)	*Great West Conference Matches			