Westminster College inducted five new members into the Titan Sports Hall of Fame in September. The Class of 2017 is as follows: Mark DeMonaco ’06, (Basketball), Denny Flora ’99, (Football), Adam Hadbavny ’06, (Track & Field/Football), Mark Huber ’79, (Swimming & Diving), and Rob Klamut, (Coaching). The induction ceremonies were held in the McKelvey Campus Center.
2017-18 WINTER SPORTS PREVIEWS

MEN’S BASKETBALL: Westminster, led by sixth-year head coach Kevin Siroki (’93), returns 11 letterwinners from a season ago. Westminster finished last season 17-12, the most wins since 2007. The Titans qualified for both the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) and Easter College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship Tournaments. Westminster made it to the ECAC Semifinals. “With four returners that averaged 10 points per game or more, we are looking forward to building on the success the team had from last season” said Siroki. Senior forwards Jarret Vrabel and Deontay Scott, the Titan All-PAC honorees from last season, return to guide the veteran Titans. Vrabel comes back from an exceptional season that saw him earn All-PAC First team honors, the first Titan to receive that distinction since 2010. Scott received All-PAC Honorable Mention recognition and was selected to the All-ECAC Tournament Team. “We have a great mixture of upperclassmen and newcomers,” added Siroki. “I’m excited to see who will step up and replace our seniors who graduated.” Three juniors, guards Austin Armwood and Marco DeLorenzo, and forward African Grant II are the remaining upperclassmen who lettered. Sophomores earning letters in 2016-17 include guards Lloyd Chatman, Cameron Kane-Johnson, Ricky Roth, and Preston Stitt, forward BJ Hamilton, and center Blake Payne.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: Westminster, led by 16th-year head coach Rosanne Scott, returns 11 letterwinners from a season ago. “We are excited to see what this year’s team can accomplish,” Scott said. “From last year to this year, they got a taste of the kind of team they could become.” Sophomore forward Emily Fromknecht, who earned PAC Freshman of the Year and All-PAC Honorable Mention honors last year, will help guide the experienced Titans. “The key for us this season will be on the defensive side, with creating turnovers to pick up the tempo of the game,” said Scott. “We have the ability and quickness to run the floor, while our inside to outside game will be critical in winning games.” Senior forwards Kylie Cook and Kristine Fromknecht, senior guard Paige Quinn, and junior guards Jackie Mathews and Casey Spieker round out the returning upperclassmen letterwinners. The sophomore returning letterwinners are guards Aliya Gage, Francesca Sicari, and Brooke Lyczek and forwards Maggie Monahan, and Kayla Bennett. “We also need to focus hard on each possession and do a better job taking care of the ball,” added Scott. “Finally, it is important for us to mature and be ready to play at the very beginning of the schedule, to get off to a positive start.”

SWIMMING & DIVING: The Westminster men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams, under the guidance of second-year head coach Pat Smith, return multiple PAC finalists and All-PAC honorees for the 2017-18 season. For the men, the Titans return 12 of the 13 2016 All-PAC Honorees from last season’s team that won a third-straight PAC Championship. First Team returners include PAC Most Valuable Performer senior Mitch Stahara, seniors Daniel Bogen and Brad Kolesar, juniors David Peffer and Michael Spencer, and sophomores Aaron Dunlany, Matt Kwalick, and Thomas Somora. Smith was voted the league’s (Men’s) Swimming Coach of the Year at last year’s PAC Championships. For the Titan women’s team, who finished second at the PAC Championship Meet, nine of 12 2016 All-PAC Honorees return. The First Team returners are senior Megan Douds, junior Carolyn Novak, and sophomores Kaitlyn Fast, Abigail Jones, Maggie Manolis, and Nicole Stengel. Last year, Fast was the first Titan diver (male or female) to ever qualify for diving regionals in school history.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD: The Titan men’s and women’s indoor track and field teams are led by 11th-year head coach Tim McNeil ‘96. The Titan women finished second at last year’s conference championships, while the men finished third. Senior sprinter Jaevon Hardy leads the top returners for the men’s team as he became the first male Titan ever to qualify for the Indoor Track & Field National Championships, as well as becoming the first Titan in school history to be named PAC Men’s Overall Track & Field MVP. The other top returning members include seniors Jametrius Bentley (sprints), Gideon Coleman (sprints), and Joshua McFall (distance), juniors Jacob Kester (pole vault) and Jake Kaylor (hurdles), and sophomores D’Aundre Johnson (sprints/jumps) and CJ Hilbert (sprints). Senior Morgan Widina headlines the women’s team returnees as she was named the PAC Women’s Field Most Outstanding Performer last season following her efforts in the shot put and weight throw. The other top returning members include senior Hailey Hall (pole vault), juniors Megan Simpson (mid-distance and Jamie Thompson (pole vault), along with sophomores Jay’Kayla Samuels (sprints) and Maura Belding (sprints).
MEN'S BASKETBALL (3-0)
11/15 at Pitt-Greensburg W, 77-55
11/17 vs. Muskingum (Buzz Ridl Classic) W, 89-80
11/18 vs. PS-Beaver (Buzz Ridl Classic) W, 99-61
11/21 at Youngstown State 7 PM
11/25 vs. Franciscan 2 PM
11/29 at Chatham* 8 PM
12/2 vs. Washington & Jefferson* 3:30 PM
12/6 at La Roche 7 PM
12/9 vs. Bethany* 3:30 PM
12/19 vs. Kenyon 7 PM
1/3 at Thomas More* 7:30 PM
1/6 vs. Waynesburg* 3:30 PM
1/8 at Thiel* 7 PM
1/10 at Grove City* 7:30 PM
1/13 vs. Saint Vincent* 6 PM
1/17 at Geneva* 7:30 PM
1/20 vs. Thiel* 3:30 PM
1/24 vs. Chatham* 8 PM
1/27 at Bethany* 3 PM
1/31 at Washington & Jefferson* 8 PM
2/3 at Waynesburg* 3:30 PM
2/7 vs. Thomas More* 8 PM
2/10 vs. Grove City* 3:30 PM
2/14 vs. Geneva* 8 PM
2/17 at Saint Vincent* 6 PM

SWIMMING & DIVING (M: 5-0, W: 3-2)
10/27 Westminster Relays M: 3rd, W: 3rd
10/28 at Penn State Behrend M: W, W: L
11/11 at Wooster M: W, W: L
11/30-12/2 at Wooster Invitational 11 AM
1/3 at North Shore Relay Meet 11 AM
1/5 at Rollins 1 PM
1/13 vs. Carnegie Mellon 12 PM
1/13 vs. SUNY Geneseo 12 PM
1/27 at Saint Vincent* 1 PM
2/1 vs. Grove City* 6 PM
2/3 vs. Mount Union (Senior Rec) 1 PM
2/10 WC Diving Tune-Up (Diving Only) 1 PM
2/14-17 PAC Championships 10 AM
2/24 Kenyon 1 PM
3/2-3 NCAA Diving Regional Qualifier TBA
3/21-24 NCAA DIII Nationals 10 AM

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (1-0)
11/18 at Penn. College W, 55-43
11/21 at Thiel* 6 PM
11/27 vs. Hiram 6 PM
11/29 at Chatham* 6 PM
12/2 vs. Washington & Jefferson* 1:30 PM
12/6 at Penn State Behrend 6 PM
12/9 vs. Bethany* 1:30 PM
12/16 at Pitt-Greensburg 2 PM
12/19 vs. Wheaton (Mass.)! 5 PM
12/20 vs. Spalding (Ky.)! 3 PM
1/3 at Thomas More* 5:30 PM
1/6 vs. Waynesburg* 1:30 PM
1/8 vs. Penn State Beaver 5:30 PM
1/10 at Grove City* 5:30 PM
1/13 vs. Saint Vincent* (Alumni Game) 4 PM
1/17 at Geneva* 5:30 PM
1/20 vs. Thiel* 1:30 PM
1/24 vs. Chatham* 6 PM
1/27 at Bethany* 1 PM
1/31 at Washington & Jefferson* 6 PM
2/3 at Waynesburg* 1:30 PM
2/7 vs. Thomas More* 6 PM
2/10 vs. Grove City* (Senior Day) 1:30 PM
2/14 vs. Geneva* 6 PM
2/17 at Saint Vincent* 4 PM
2/19-24 PAC Tournament TBD

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD
12/1 at Youngstown State University (YSU)
1/20 at SPIRE Carnegie Mellon Invitational
1/27 at SPIRE Institute Open Meet
2/3 at Mount Union Invitational
2/17 at Kenyon
2/22 at PAC Indoor Championships at YSU
3/3 Last Chance Meet
3/9-10 at NCAA National Championships

Home events in **bold**.
*Presidents' Athletic Conference contest
!(Daytona Beach Shootout)
All schedules subject to change.
Most up-to-date schedules are available online at:
westminster.edu/athletics
2017 FALL SEASON RECAPS

FOOTBALL: Westminster, led by head coach Scott Benzel, finished 7-3 overall and 6-2 in the conference this year. The Titans’ three losses came against teams who finished the regular season undefeated. The Titans had 17 All-PAC honorees, including five First Team, two Second Team, and 10 Honorable Mention. Senior defensive back Todd Jeter was named PAC Defensive Player of the Year. Jeter finished second in the league in interceptions (5) and passes defended (12) this season, while returning a pair of interceptions for touchdowns. Also earning First team honors were three seniors, offensive lineman Colin Reese, all-purpose back Jametrius Bentley, and linebacker CJ Armstrong, and junior linebacker Miguel Luis. Senior offensive lineman Blake Gamble and senior defensive lineman Bobby Noble were tabbed on the Second Team. Titans earning All-PAC Honorable Mention included six seniors, tight end Dylan Goff, quarterback Paul Columbo, running back Dominique McKinley, all-purpose back Kimu Kim, defensive linemen Tyler Beatrice, and punter Joe Salmen, junior linebacker Bill Madeja, junior wide receiver and return specialist Bryson Paulinelli, sophomore wide receiver Connor Cox, and freshman placekicker John Cybak. Paulinelli was also named to the PAC Football Sportsmanship Team.

VOLLEYBALL: Westminster, under the direction of veteran head coach Tammy Swearingen, earned six All-PAC selections. Among those were senior middle hitter Lexie Yoho, who was named PAC Player of the Year along with the First Team nod. Senior outside hitter Kendall Dickson and junior right side hitter Delaney Saxton each earned Second Team honors, while two juniors, libero Rachel Moore and setter Shanna Daniels, and sophomore outside hitter Reilly DeGeorge received All-PAC Honorable Mention. Daniels was also named to the PAC Volleyball Sportsmanship team. Yoho led the conference in hitting percentage (.385), total kills (475), total blocks (137), and blocks per set (1.10). She totaled 1,407 kills for her career, the second-best mark all-time in school history. Yoho became the first Titan to receive three All-PAC First Team selections. Dickson surpassed 1,000 digs for her career this season, totaling 1,184 for her career, which stands 16th all-time in school history. Moore surpassed 1,000 digs on the last game of the year, as she currently sits 18th all-time in school history in the conference with 22 points. His nine goals stood third, while his four assists tied for ninth. Iregui registered a conference-best 15 goals, while adding four assists. He also led all scorers in the PAC with 34 points. The Titans, led by veteran head coach Girish Thakar, finished 8-9-1 overall and 3-5 in the conference for sixth place.

WOMEN’S SOCCER: Titan junior midfielder Keely Birsic was named to the All-PAC First Team, while sophomore midfielder Kiana Kawarizadeh and first-year midfielder Alexandria Applin both earned Honorable Mention. First-year defender Regan Moorhouse was named on the PAC Sportsmanship Team. Birsic tied for fifth in the conference with a team-high 23 points. Her team-high nine goals and her team-best five assists ranked her in the top five in the PAC in both categories. The Titans qualified for the ECAC Championship Tournament. Head coach Girish Thakar, led Westminster to a 10-9 overall record and 5-4 in the PAC, good for fifth place.

CROSS COUNTRY: Titan sophomore Morgan Camero broke the 6K school record this past season with a time of 22:46.5. At the PAC Championships, Camero placed second out of 118 runners with a time of 23:29.97, while senior Katelynn Morrell placed sixth, posting a time of 23:55.63. Both runners earned All-PAC First Team Honors. Morrell was also named to the PAC Sportsmanship Team. Titan sophomore Katie Schrantz also earned Honorable Mention recognition for her 21st-place finish. For the men, senior Joshua McFall led Westminster with a 25th-place finish (27:40.74) at the Championships. McFall was also named to the PAC Sportsmanship Team. The Titans were under the guidance of head coach Tim McNeil ‘96.

GOLF: The men’s and women’s golf teams stand in fifth and third place respectively following the PAC Fall Championship. The PAC Championship final standings are determined following the conclusion of the PAC Spring Championship. Titan senior Kelsey Phillips (168/82-86) placed second for the women, while sophomore Danielle Durbin placed sixth for the Titans, finishing sixth (179/89-77). Freshman John Stuckert (157/82-75) finished tied for 12th for the men. Titan junior Connor White finished tied for 16th with a two-day score of 159 (82-77). Westminster was under the guidance of head coach Matt Torrence.

WOMEN’S TENNIS: Westminster, under the guidance of head coach Dave Hayden, finished 9-4 overall and 7-1 in the conference. The Titans downed an eight-match winning streak at one point during the season. The Titans earned four runner-up finishes at the 2017 PAC Championships. Titan senior Gabriele Eaborn and first-year Julia Serbati placed second at No. 1 doubles. Serbati also placed second at No. 4 singles, while Eaborn finished third at No. 1. Sophomore Alex Marzouca placed second at No. 2 singles and teamed up with senior Patricia Pivaronas for second place at No. 2 doubles. All four players earned All-PAC Second Team honors for their respective second-place finishes, while Eaborn and freshman Casey Barton were given Honorable Mention Honors at No. 1 and No. 6 singles, respectively. Eaborn was also named to the PAC Sportsmanship Team.

with 1,012. Westminster, who finished second in the PAC, was crowned ECAC Champions after an impressive post-season tournament run with wins over Penn State Altoona (3-0), Frostburg State (MD) (3-2), and Marymount (NY) (3-2) before defeating Farleigh Dickinson Florham (NJ) (3-0) in the championship match. Yoho, who was named the ECAC Championship MVP, and Saxton were both named to the All-ECAC Tournament Team. The Titans ended the season 30-6 overall, becoming only the third team in school history to win at least 30 matches in a single season, and the first team to have at least 30 wins since 1997.

MEN’S VOLLEYBALL: Westminster sophomore forward Peter Mattocks and freshman forward Nick Iregui earned All-PAC First Team Honors, while senior midfielder Zach Walters earned Second Team recognition. Mattocks was also named on the PAC Sportsmanship team. Mattocks was third
Dear Friends of Titan Athletics,

The winter sports season has come to Westminster as the basketball, swimming & diving, and indoor track & field teams take center stage. I hope you will take the opportunity to see Titan student-athletes on these teams compete this winter as your schedule permits.

There were many highs and a few lows for Titan sports teams during the past fall season. On the women’s side, it was great to see our volleyball team win the ECAC D-III Championship and see senior Lexie Yoho selected as the PAC Player of the Year. The women’s soccer team also earned a berth in ECAC post-season play while the women’s cross country team and women’s tennis team had top three finishes in PAC Championship events. For the men’s teams, the Titan football team enjoyed another excellent season that saw senior Todd Jeter selected as the PAC Defensive Player of the Year. The Titans finished 7-3 with the three losses coming against teams who each finished the season undefeated.

A couple of other notes to highlight from the fall occurred away from the playing fields and courts. In late September, the annual induction ceremonies for the Titan Sports Hall of Fame were held. Thanks to all who attended and took part in recognizing this year’s class of inductees. Related to the Titan Sports Hall of Fame, please see the form in this edition of the newsletter to submit nominations for the Hall of Fame Class of 2018.

At their meeting in late October, the College Board of Trustees approved a Strategic Plan for the College with goals leading up to 2027, the College’s 175th anniversary. A strategic goal to revitalize the campus environment includes renovation and expansion of athletic facilities to support competitive NCAA Division III sports and student recreation. In a companion Campus Facilities Plan, the projects highlighted for renovation and expansion of athletic spaces is being called The Titan Corridor. More information will be forthcoming on these exciting plans.

Finally, the TTO executive committee met in November and again wishes to express its thanks to all for their continued support of the annual TTO fundraising campaign. On that same November day, following the Titan football team’s win over Geneva in the annual PAC Rivalry Game, a “Titan Resurgence” event was held in Pittsburgh. In the words of President Kathy Richardson, it was a “friend raising” and fundraising event for the TTO. The turnout was great and deemed a success by all accounts. We look forward to similar events in the future and hope you might join us for these types of gatherings.

So it is on to the winter sports season and, as I write this note, all of our teams have had successful starts to the season. You will see previews for all of the teams elsewhere here in the newsletter.

Finally, on behalf of close to 500 Westminster student-athletes, coaches, and staff members, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a most blessed New Year.

Go Titans!

Sincerely,

Jim Dafler
Director of Athletics
The Westminster College Department of Athletics announced a new streaming video partnership with SIDEARM Sports for the 2017-18 academic year. The streaming features high-definition video, as well as integration with the XML-based live stats which allows score graphics to be overlaid on the screen. Additionally, the new system allows for instant highlights to be posted on various avenues, including Titan social media accounts. In order to follow along with Titan athletic events, fans should bookmark the website athletics.westminster.edu/watch, as you will be able to find all of the broadcasts, as well as view games on-demand.
Providing support for Westminster’s athletic programs is the Towering Titan Organization (TTO), formed in 1976 around a core of devoted, loyal and intensely interested alumni, parents and friends. The organization purposes itself to help maintain, improve and endow Westminster College’s athletic programs. Over $4 million in gifts have been contributed to the Towering Titan Fund since its inception.

Each gift designated for a varsity sport program will be distributed as follows: 90% goes directly to the sport to be used for program enhancements; 5% goes to a fund supporting TTO operations and promotions; and the remaining 5% goes to the TTO Endowment Fund or to the All-Titan Endowment Fund. Gifts designated for football or men’s basketball go to the TTO Endowment Fund and gifts designated to all other varsity sports go to the All-Titan Endowment Fund.

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Titan Sports Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Please note that completion of the nomination form below is NOT required for submission. A nominator can submit similar information to Director of Athletics Jim Dafler via e-mail at dafljer@westminster.edu or by mailing content to Jim Dafler at Westminster College, 319 South Market Street, New Wilmington, PA 16172. Deadline for nominations each year is March 1. Nominees not selected remain on the ballot for one additional year.

Nominee __________________ Class Year ______ Nominated by __________________ Class Year ______

Address __________________ __________________
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Justification (attach supporting data if necessary):

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Or Nominate Online: http://athletics.westminster.edu/sb_output.aspx?form=13

Nominees may include athletes, coaches, or anyone else who has made outstanding contributions to varsity athletics at Westminster. Nominations may be made by Westminster alumni and current and former Titan coaches. Athletes who are nominated must: 1) be a Westminster College graduate; 2) have been out of school a minimum of eight years; 3) have earned at least two letters in the same sport; and 4) receive nominations from at least two people. Non-athletes must also be nominated by at least two people. All nominations should include supporting documentation.