

2024-2025 PURDUE FORT WAYNE ATHLETICS

# YEAR IN REVIEW

**PURDUE**  
**FORT WAYNE**





# LETTER FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

## DEAR MASTODON FAMILY,

As we close the chapter on another remarkable year in Mastodon Athletics, let's take a moment to reflect on all we achieved together.

Our student-athletes once again inspired us with their passion, resilience, and excellence. But let's be honest—this past year wasn't easy. As a campus and athletic department, we faced significant challenges, some anticipated, others unforeseen. Most difficult of all were the painful decisions made at the close of the academic year: the elimination of seven positions and the discontinuation of our baseball and softball programs due to budget constraints. These changes were deeply felt by our student-athletes, staff, alumni, and fans.

College athletics has entered a new and complex era. The fast-changing landscape—driven by name, image and likeness (NIL), roster management, and mounting financial pressures—requires us to be more strategic, more innovative, and more united than ever. Our mission, however, remains unchanged: to recruit, support, and develop the next generation of Mastodon champions.

Despite the obstacles, this was one of the most successful years in Mastodon Athletics history. From historic achievements on the field to record-breaking performances in the classroom, our student-athletes made the entire Purdue Fort Wayne community proud. Just a few standout moments from 2024–25:

- **Women's Basketball** set program records for total wins (27) and consecutive wins (17), advancing to the WNIT Great 8 and setting a new single-season attendance record. The Gates Center was electric down the stretch—thanks to your support.
- **Track and Field** continues to rise. The women finished second and the men third at the Horizon League Indoor Championships—both program bests. Head Coach Aaron Combs was named Coach of the Year.



- **Men's Basketball Head Coach Jon Coffman** received the prestigious Red Coat honor from the Mad Anthonys Foundation, recognizing his leadership and community service. With 198 wins over 11 seasons, he's the winningest coach in program history.
- **Women's Golf** finished third at the Horizon League Championship, staying in title contention throughout the tournament.
- **All-Sports Success:** We earned our highest-ever finish—6th place—in the Horizon League All-Sports Trophy standings, up from 10th just a few years ago.
- **Academic Excellence:** The department posted a record 3.40 GPA. Women's Basketball's Lauren Ross was named an Academic All-American.
- **Sportsmanship & Integrity:** Five Mastodons received Horizon League Sportsmanship Awards—proof that our athletes compete with character and class.
- **Unprecedented Consistency:** For the first time in our Division I era, every team qualified for its league tournament.

While the year ended with difficult decisions, they don't define the entire story. Our forward momentum is real—and growing. As we navigate this evolving era in college athletics, our commitment to providing a world-class student-athlete experience and access to a quality education remains steadfast.

Thank you for standing with us. I look forward to what's ahead in 2025–26.

*Keely Huttay Nutter*

*Director of Athletics*





# 2024-25 HIGHLIGHTS



**MEN'S BASKETBALL EARN'S THEIR EIGHTH WINNING SEASON IN THE LAST 10 YEARS**



**JUSTIN OSTERHOUSE HITS FOUR HOME RUNS, INCLUDING WALK-OFF GRAND SLAM, AND EARN'S PITCHING WIN OVER WRIGHT STATE**



**MEN'S SOCCER EARN'S A BERTH TO THE HORIZON LEAGUE QUARTERFINALS**



**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WINS A SCHOOL-RECORD 27 GAMES; ADVANCES TO WNIT GREAT 8**



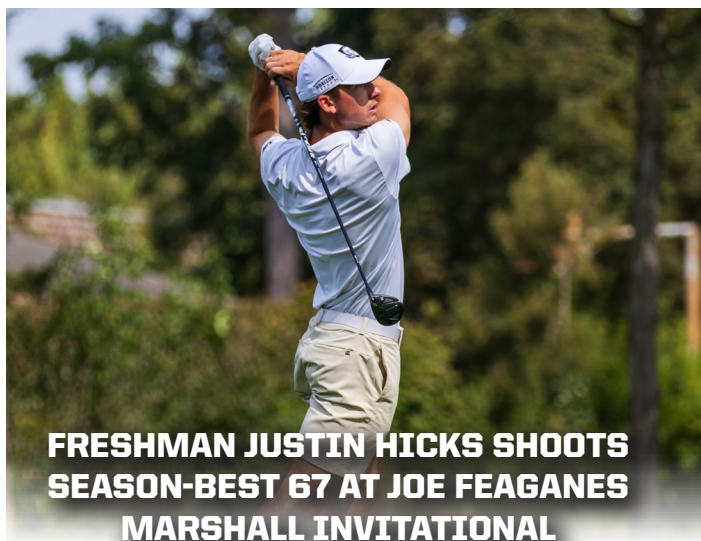
**RILEY ROSNECK NAMED THE 2024 VOLLEYBALL HORIZON LEAGUE FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**



**WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD TAKES SECOND AT THE 2025 HORIZON LEAGUE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**



# HIGHLIGHTS



**FRESHMAN JUSTIN HICKS SHOOTS  
SEASON-BEST 67 AT JOE FEAGANES  
MARSHALL INVITATIONAL**



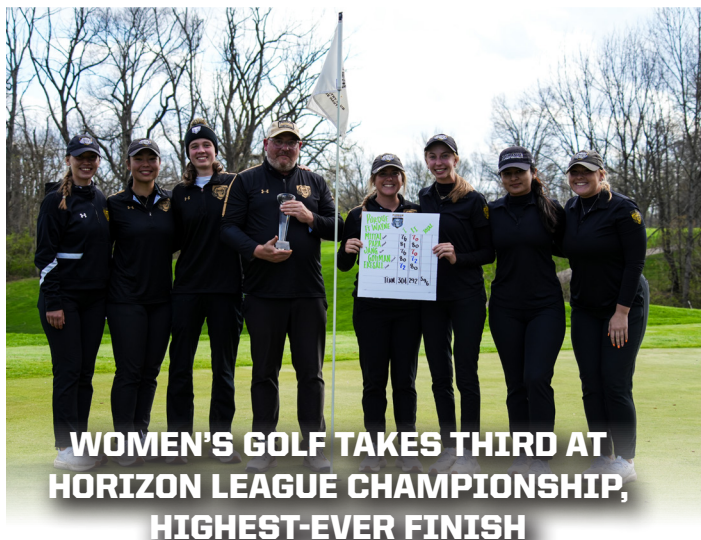
**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TOPS RIVAL BALL  
STATE 3-1 ON SENIOR NIGHT**



**MEN'S TRACK & FIELD EARN SEVEN  
INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE TITLES**



**SOFTBALL FINISHES AS HORIZON  
LEAGUE RUNNER-UP**



**WOMEN'S GOLF TAKES THIRD AT  
HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP,  
HIGHEST-EVER FINISH**



**WOMEN'S SOCCER EARNS THIRD BID  
IN FOUR SEASONS TO HORIZON LEAGUE  
CHAMPIONSHIP**



# ACADEMICS

## ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

### HORIZON LEAGUE ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Brock Reschly, men's golf  
Lizzie Haub, women's soccer  
Aidan Antcliff, men's soccer  
Nikki Jones, women's volleyball  
Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball  
Jalen Jackson, men's basketball  
Rasheed Bello, men's basketball  
Justin Osterhouse, baseball  
Brooks Sailors, baseball  
Aglaiia Rudd, softball  
Riley Tate, women's cross country / track and field  
Ava Genovese, women's cross country  
Marissa Van De Weg, women's track and field  
Owen Kaufman, men's track and field  
Harrison Niswander, men's track and field  
Nathan Mills, men's track and field  
Nicholas Mills, men's cross country / track and field  
Colin Gasson, men's track and field  
Jack Mills, men's track and field  
Brevin Miller, men's track and field  
Colten Gasson, men's track and field

### ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM HONORABLE MENTION

Dylan Chargo, baseball  
Grace Hollopeter, softball  
Bailey Manos, softball  
Ali Sparks, women's track and field  
Ellie Zagel, women's track and field

### ACADEMIC ALL-MIVA

Emmanuel Jurineack, men's volleyball  
Casey Lyons, men's volleyball  
Andrew Mayer, men's volleyball  
Logan Muir, men's volleyball  
Raul Papaleo Jr., men's volleyball  
Peter Soczewka, men's volleyball  
JP Candrian, men's volleyball  
Nick Gutka, men's volleyball  
Andrej Polomac, men's volleyball

### CSC ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA SECOND TEAM

Lauren Ross, women's basketball

### CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

Riley Tate, women's track and field  
Ellie Zagel, women's track and field  
Ali Sparks, women's track and field  
Marissa Van De Weg, women's track and field  
Haylee Hile, women's track and field  
Colten Gasson, men's track and field  
Harrison Niswander, men's track and field  
Jarred Neff, men's track and field  
Cody Loshe, men's track and field  
Owen Kaufman, men's track and field  
Justin Osterhouse, baseball  
Carson Caudill, baseball  
Cole Newell, baseball  
Gavin Walters, baseball  
Grace Hollopeter, softball  
Brooke Lickey, softball  
Bailey Manos, softball  
McKenna Minton, softball  
Kennedy Peckinpough, softball  
Rasheed Bello, men's basketball  
Jalen Jackson, men's basketball  
Lauren Ross, women's basketball  
Amellia Bromenschenkel, women's basketball  
Jordan Reid, women's basketball  
Audra Emmerson, women's basketball  
Andrew Mayer, men's volleyball  
Logan Muir, men's volleyball  
Nick Bellush, men's golf  
Nick Holder, men's golf  
Brock Reschly, men's golf  
Shane Anderson, men's soccer  
Aidan Antcliff, men's soccer  
Adrian Renteria, men's soccer  
Allison Adams, women's soccer  
Morgan Gallagher, women's soccer  
Lizzie Haub, women's soccer  
Jordan Imes, women's soccer  
Marisa Metzger, women's soccer  
Bella Reitano, women's soccer  
Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball  
Nikki Jones, women's volleyball  
Taya Haffner, women's volleyball  
Becky Barrett, women's volleyball



# ACADEMICS

# BY THE NUMBERS

## FALL 2024

**3.39**

GPA OF ALL  
STUDENT ATHLETES

**16**

TEAMS ACHIEVING A  
3.0+ GPA

**176**

STUDENT ATHLETES  
EARNING A 3.5+ GPA

**117**

QUALIFIED FOR THE HL  
ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

**3.73**

HIGHEST WOMEN'S TEAM GPA  
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

**3.65**

HIGHEST MEN'S TEAM GPA  
MEN'S GOLF

## SPRING 2025

**3.38**

GPA OF ALL  
STUDENT ATHLETES

**16**

TEAMS ACHIEVING A  
3.0+ GPA

**168**

STUDENT ATHLETES  
EARNING A 3.5+ GPA

**107**

QUALIFIED FOR THE HL  
ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

**3.68**

HIGHEST WOMEN'S TEAM GPA  
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

**3.66**

HIGHEST MEN'S TEAM GPA  
MEN'S GOLF

## 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

**3.40**

GPA OF ALL  
STUDENT ATHLETES

**16**

TEAMS ACHIEVING A  
3.0+ GPA

**173**

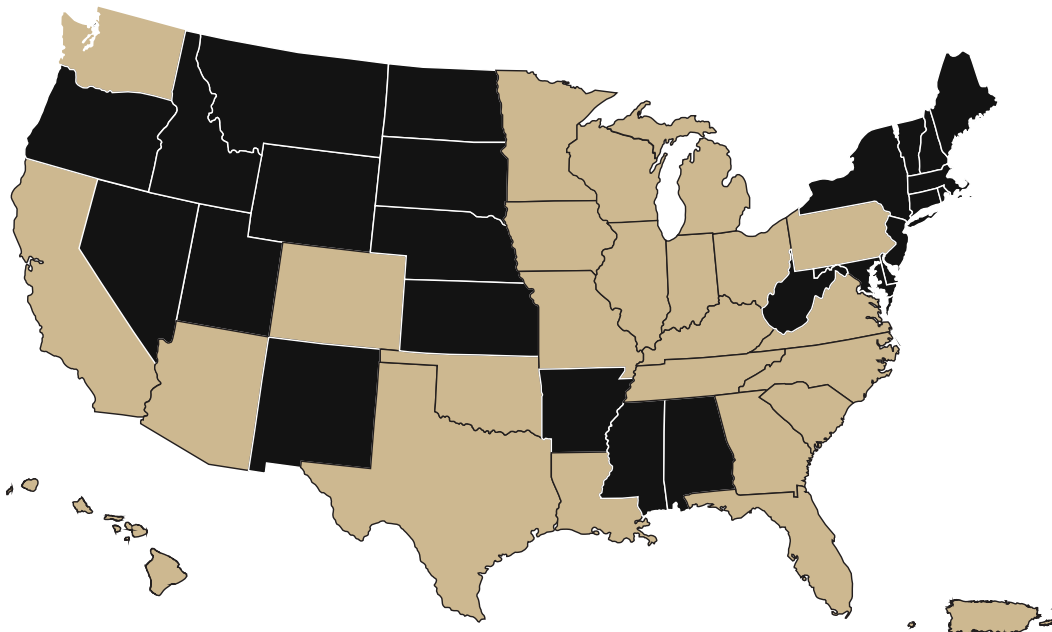
STUDENT ATHLETES  
EARNING A 3.5+ GPA





# 'DONS AROUND THE WORLD

## STATES AND TERRITORIES REPRESENTED



Arizona • California • Colorado • Florida • Georgia • Hawaii • Illinois • Indiana • Iowa • Kentucky • Louisiana • Michigan • Minnesota • Missouri • North Carolina • Ohio • Oklahoma • Pennsylvania • South Carolina • Tennessee • Texas • Virginia • Washington • Wisconsin • Puerto Rico

## COUNTRIES REPRESENTED



### AUSTRALIA

Sam Dunnett, *men's track and field*  
Hunter Hopkins, *men's volleyball*

### BAHAMAS

Deangelo Elisee, *men's basketball*

### CANADA

Alexis Purdy, *women's soccer*  
Taeya Steinauer, *women's basketball*  
Joel Opoku, *men's soccer*  
Daniel Tareke, *men's soccer*

### GERMANY

Luca Merita, *men's track and field*

### HUNGARY

Panna Ratkai, *women's volleyball*

### INDIA

Hunar Mittal, *women's golf*

### NETHERLANDS

Louiza Kruiswijk, *women's track and field*

### SERBIA

Miona Dimitric, *women's volleyball*  
Andrej Polomac, *men's volleyball*

### SPAIN

Marcos Soria, *men's soccer*

### SWEDEN

Louise Ekesall, *women's golf*

### SWITZERLAND

Lara Dommach, *women's golf*

### UNITED KINGDOM

Emilia Russell, *women's track and field*  
Peter Soczewka, *men's volleyball*



# ACCOLADES

## ALL-HORIZON LEAGUE FIRST TEAM

Riley Tate, women's cross country  
Hunar Mittal, women's golf  
Olivia Jang, women's golf  
Juan Romero, men's soccer  
Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball  
Lauren Ross, women's basketball  
Jalen Jackson, men's basketball  
Rasheed Bello, men's basketball  
Camden Karczewski, baseball  
Bailey Manos, softball  
Grace Hollopeter, softball  
Tori Countryman, softball  
Jonas Morris, men's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Ezra Lewellen, men's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Noah Morris, men's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Cainen Northington, men's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Marissa Van De Weg, women's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Lillian Hurd, women's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Sanayah Ruffin, women's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Amelie Mach, women's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Ali Sparks, women's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Jordan Yanders, women's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Hunter Crew, men's outdoor track and field  
Brevin Miller, men's outdoor track and field  
Aniya Young, women's outdoor track and field  
Harmony Johnson, women's outdoor track and field  
Makenna Dommer, women's outdoor track and field

## ALL-HORIZON LEAGUE SECOND TEAM

Ava Genovese, women's cross country  
Malia Velker, women's soccer  
Justin Osterhouse, baseball  
Andrew Hollenbach, men's soccer  
Amellia Bromenschenkel, women's basketball  
Sydney Freeman, women's basketball  
Alanah Jones, softball  
Noah Morris, men's indoor/outdoor track and field  
Andrew Roman, men's outdoor track and field  
Owen Kaufman, men's outdoor track and field  
Ezra Lewellen, men's outdoor track and field  
Jonas Morris, men's outdoor track and field  
Jaylin Springer, men's outdoor track and field  
Harmony Johnson, women's outdoor track and field  
Harrison Niswander, men's indoor track and field  
Boden Genovese, men's indoor track and field  
Kobe Milledge, men's indoor track and field  
Nicholas Mills, men's indoor track and field  
Zyler Johnson, men's indoor track and field  
Jai Reed, women's indoor track and field  
Louiza Kruiswijk, women's indoor track and field

## ALL-HORIZON LEAGUE THIRD TEAM

Shane Anderson, men's soccer  
Felipe Medina, men's soccer  
Riley Tate, women's outdoor track and field  
Marissa Van De Weg, women's outdoor track and field  
Bella Hodges, women's outdoor track and field  
Jordan Yanders, women's outdoor track and field  
Josiah Bird, men's outdoor track and field  
Logan Teichman, men's indoor track and field  
Madeline McClerran, women's indoor track and field  
Sanayah Ruffin, women's indoor track and field

## ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM

Rasheed Bello, men's basketball

## ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

Trent Murphy, baseball  
Addison Zimpleman, softball  
Riley Rosneck, women's volleyball

## ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Amellia Bromenschenkel, women's basketball  
Sydney Freeman, women's basketball  
Olivia Jang, women's golf  
Alanah Jones, softball  
Bailey Manos, softball  
Grace Hollopeter, softball

## NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Lauren Ross, women's basketball

## FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Riley Rosneck, women's volleyball  
Lillian Hurd, women's indoor track and field  
Amelie Mach, women's indoor track and field  
Makenna Dommer, women's outdoor track and field

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball

## OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball

## SIXTH PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jordan Reid, women's basketball

## COACH OF THE YEAR

Maria Marchesano, women's basketball  
Aaron Combs, women's indoor track and field

## ALL-MIVA SECOND TEAM

Logan Muir, men's volleyball

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Justin Osterhouse, baseball (x3)  
Cole Newell, baseball  
Zane Danielson, baseball  
Gracie Brinkerhoff, softball  
Grace Hollopeter, softball (x2)  
Alanah Jones, softball  
Jordan Yanders, women's track and field  
Ali Sparks, women's track and field  
Ezra Lewellen, men's track and field  
Jonas Morris, men's track and field  
JP Candrian, men's volleyball  
Axel Melendez-Watts, men's volleyball  
Hunar Mittal, women's golf  
Olivia Jang, women's golf  
Jalen Jackson, men's basketball (x2)  
Rasheed Bello, men's basketball  
Lauren Ross, women's basketball (x2)  
Taeya Steinauer, women's basketball (x2)  
Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball (x3)  
Juan Romero, men's soccer  
Nic Diana, men's soccer  
Ava Genovese, women's cross country  
Morgan Gallagher, women's soccer  
Allison Adams, women's soccer  
**USC ALL-REGION FOURTH TEAM**  
Malia Velker, women's soccer  
**AVCA ALL-AMERICA HONORABLE MENTION**  
Panna Ratkai, women's volleyball

# MASTY AWARDS

## FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Grace Hollopeter, *softball*

Lauren Ross, *women's basketball*

## MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Ezra Lewellen, *men's track and field*

## SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Amellia Bromenschenkel, *women's basketball*

## SENIOR MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Rasheed Bello, *men's basketball*

## FRESHMAN FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Lillian Hurd, *women's track and field*

Riley Rosneck, *women's volleyball*

## FRESHMAN MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Boden Genovese, *men's cross country/track and field*

## DAVID R. SKELTON AWARD

Nikki Jones, *women's volleyball*

## HEART OF A DON AWARD

Sam Garland, *baseball*

## STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Garrett Maish, *baseball*

Alanah Jones, *softball*

## SALT SERVICE TO STUDENTS AWARD

Sam Castañeda

## FAN OF THE YEAR

Thad Tegtmeyer

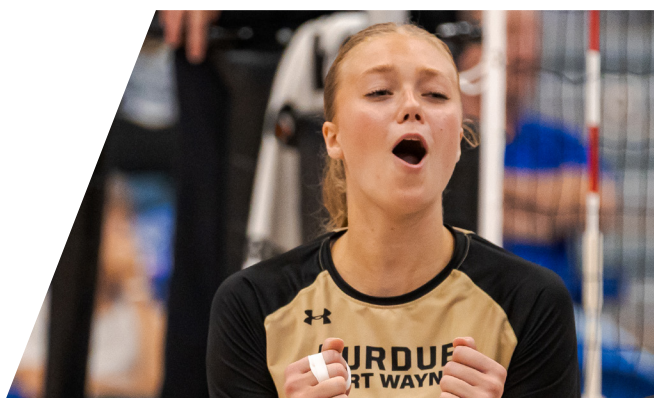
## TONY LAUX VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Brian Tackett

## STANDING OVATION AWARD

Aimee Myers and the Hefner Fund Foundation

Michelle Parker









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