



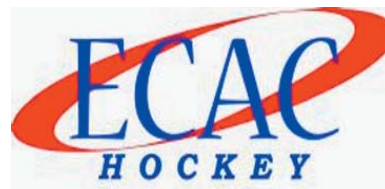
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2005-2006 CRUSADER WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY



HOLY CROSS AT A GLANCE



Quick Facts

Location: Worcester, MA 01610
 Founded: 1843
 Enrollment: 2,700
 Color: Royal Purple
 Nickname: Crusaders
 Conference: ECAC East, Division III
 Home Rink: Hart Center Ice Rink

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 School Record/Years: 58-60-7/5 Years
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 Assistant Coach: William Bowes (Worcester State College '79)
 2004-05 Record: 12-14-1
 2004-05 ECAC East Record/Finish 9-9-1/Tied for 5th
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 17/5

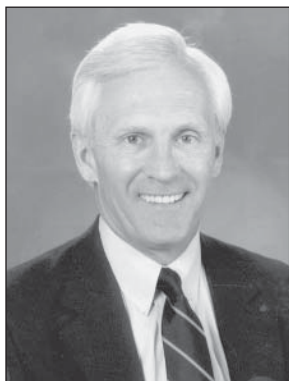
THE MISSION STATEMENT Department of Athletics • College of the Holy Cross	
<p>The Mission of the Athletic Department of the College of the Holy Cross is to promote the intellectual, physical, and moral development of students. Through Division I athletic participation, our young men and women student-athletes learn a self-discipline that has both present and long-term effects; the interplay of individual and team effort; pride and self-esteem in both victory and defeat; a skillful management of time; personal endurance and courage; and the complex relationships between friendship, leadership, and service. Our athletics program, in the words of the College Mission Statement, calls for "a community marked by freedom, mutual respect, and civility."</p> <p>Besides teaching these virtues, a few sports played at Holy Cross have the added value of focusing alumni and student support and enhancing</p>	<p>our reputation locally and nationally. While Holy Cross continues to commit itself to accomplishment in these sports, which are a rich part of our tradition, we choose to do so in a way that complements the pursuit of academic excellence.</p> <p>Holy Cross is committed to the guiding principles of the Patriot League, of which we are a founding member: presidential control of athletics; the cultivation of the ideal scholar-athlete; and participation in a wide variety of sports. Commitment to the last principle assures that the College sponsors, in a very evident way, gender equity.</p> <p>The department of athletics is also committed to compliance with all College policies and regulations involved in Division I membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the Eastern College Athletic Conference. As a member of the NCAA, Holy Cross also advocates student-athlete welfare, diversity, gender equity, sportsmanship, and ethical conduct in its athletic programs.</p>

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2005-2006 Holy Cross Women's Ice Hockey



HEAD COACH PETER VAN BUSKIRK



Sixth Season 58-60-7

Peter Van Buskirk is entering his sixth season as the head coach of the Crusaders. Over the past five seasons he has compiled a record of 58-60-7. Last season he lead the

women to a 12-14-1 overall record with a 9-9-1 record in the ECAC East. The Crusader women finished tied for fifth in the conference.

Van Buskirk's affiliation with the Holy Cross ice hockey program dates back 24 years. He served as the men's head coach from 1979-88. Later he returned to the bench as an assistant coach from 1991-96 before becoming head coach for the 1996-97 season. With a 167-146-8 record, Van Buskirk still holds the Holy Cross record for most victories as men's ice hockey coach.

During his tenure, Van Buskirk guided the Crusaders to eight ECAC East playoff appearances and earned the College Coach of the Year in 1993. He reassumed the men's head coaching duties for the 1996-97 season, guiding

the team to a 14-13-0 mark and earning a fourth consecutive trip to the ECAC East tournament.

Prior to coming to Holy Cross, Van Buskirk served as the head coach at Hudson High School from 1973-79. During his tenure, he guided the Hawks to five Central Massachusetts titles, three district crowns and a Division I State Championship in 1978. He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at St. John's High School in 1972.

A 1965 graduate and two-sport athlete at the University of New Hampshire, Van Buskirk served as a lieutenant in the Army Infantry from 1966-68. He also holds a Master's Degree in Education from Boston State College.

In addition to coaching, Van Buskirk has served as the director of several hockey schools. From 1976-79, he served as the director of the Los Angeles Hockey School and the Squaw Valley Hockey School. He also was the Director of the Hart Center at Holy Cross for 14 years.

Van Buskirk's Coaching Record 58-60-7 • Five Seasons

2004-05:	12-14-1, 9-9-1
2003-04:	10-13-1, 7-9-1
2002-03:	17-7-1, 15-5-0
2001-02:	12-12-3, 7-11-0
2000-01:	7-14-1; 4-13-1



The 2005-2006 season will mark Coach Van Buskirk's 24th year of affiliation with Holy Cross athletics.



ASSISTANT COACH WILLIAM BOWES



William Bowes enters his second season as assistant coach on Peter Van Buskirk's staff. Bowes will be involved in all aspects of practice and games and will help out with the recruiting process.

Before Holy Cross Bowes was the head coach of the men's hockey program at the

Wentworth Institute of Technology for nine seasons where he posted a 127-95-9 record. Bowes helped lead the Leopards to one ECAC South Championship, four ECAC Northeast Championships and four Division III NCAA Tournament appearances. In 1998 and 2000 Bowes was named the New England Hockey Writers ECAC North/Central/South Coach of the Year

Prior to WIT, Bowes was at the helm

of the men's hockey program at Assumption College from 1986-1995 where he guided the Ice Dogs to a 124-96-8 clip. While at Assumption he was named the 1992 and 1994 New England Hockey Writers ECAC North/Central/South Coach of the Year. From 1979-1986 Bowes was the head coach of the men's program at Worcester Academy that tallied a 46-39-1 record and won a New England Prep School Championship.

Since 1998 Bowes has been the Director of Phillips Exeter Academy Hockey School. Before becoming director, Bowes was an instructor and off-ice administrator from 1985-98.

A 1979 graduate of Worcester State College, Bowes earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with minors in Health Education and Physical Education. In 1985 Bowes received a master's degree in counseling from Fitchburg State College. He was inducted into the Worcester State College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1977 and the Auburn High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 1973.

2005-2006 ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous Team
1	Diana Muth	Jr.	G	Lee, N.H./Berwick Academy
3	Parnell Ormiston	So.	D	Duxbury, Mass./Duxbury
4	Meghan Donovan	So.	D	Reading, Mass./Reading
6	Allie DeAngelis	So.	D	Framingham, Mass./St. Mark's School
9	Christine O'Hara	Jr.	F	Burnsville, Minn./Minnehaha Academy
10	Kolt Bloxson	Sr.	F	Fitchburg, Mass./Tabor Academy
11	Lauren Oplinger	So.	F	Summit, N.J./New Jersey Colonials
12	Samantha Rush	So.	D	Wakefield, Mass./Wakefield
14	Melissa Flanagan	Jr.	F	Manchester Center, Vt./Burr & Burten Academy
15	Amy McGhee	Fr.	F	Newtown, Pa./Notre Dame HS
16	Sarah Wetherbee	Sr.	F	Canton, Mass./Canton
17	Amy Canning	Sr.	F	Greenwich, Conn./Greenwich
18	Kathleen Remsberg	Sr.	F	Arlington, Mass./Arlington
20	Casey Harvel	So.	F	Lexington, Mass./Lexington
21	Katherine Falkowski	So.	F	East Sandwich, Mass./Assabet
23	Shara Conroy	Jr.	D	Londonderry, N.H./Plattsburg State
24	Jane Sarno	So.	D	Milton, Mass./Newton Country Day
25	Samantha Murphy	So.	F	Canton, Mass./Canton
30	Casey McCullion	Jr.	G	Philadelphia, Pa./Middlesex
34	Jennifer Van Dongen	Fr.	G	Calgary, Alberta (Canada)/Bishop Carroll

Head Coach: Peter Van Buskirk

Assistant Coach: William Bowes

Captains: Kathleen Remsberg '06, Kolt Bloxson '06, Sarah Wetherbee '06



2005-2006 CAPTAINS



"Kate, Kolt and Sarah have been the leading line since they arrived at Holy Cross and we will rely on their leadership on and off the ice this year as we compete to be as good as we can be." ~ Coach Peter Van Buskirk



#18 Kate Remsberg • Senior • Forward

"Kate has loads of experience and will continue to perform consistently on offense and defense this year. Kate is a very consistent, dependable hockey player and team leader."

~Coach Peter Van Buskirk

Also captain as a junior ... Played in all 27 games as a junior netting four goals and adding nine assists for a total of 13 points ... Appeared in 23 games as a sophomore ... scored 14 goals and dished out six assists for 20 total points ... Netted five power play goals and three gamewinners ... Named to 2003-04 ECAC All-Academic Team and Second Team All-ECAC East ... Saw action in 25 games as a freshman, netting 18 goals and adding 22 assists totaling 40 points ... Named 2002-03 Co-MVP ... Ranked fourth all-time for goals in a season (18), points in a season (40) and career goals (36), third in assists in a season (22) and fourth in career points (73) ... Has played in 75 career-games, registering 36 goals and 37 assists ... Played four seasons at Arlington High under Coach Russ Burke ... Also was a member of the soccer and softball teams for three seasons ... Full name is Kathleen Anne Remsberg ... Born April 14, 1984...Daughter of Steve and Diane Remsberg ... has one brother, Matt ... Majoring in English.



#10 Kolt Bloxson • Senior • Forward

"Kolt is a dynamic player who is threat to score anytime. Kolt's speed and experience will be a major asset to our success this year."

~Coach Peter Van Buskirk

Played in 25 games as a junior ... Scored nine goals, added 14 assists and totaled 23 points ... As a sophomore played in 20 games totaling 22 points with 10 goals and 12 assists ... Scored on the power play three times and knocked home one game winner ... Played in all 25 games as a freshman having one of the most prolific seasons in history netting 26 goals, including two short handed scores, with 21 assists for a school record 47 points ... Named to All-ECAC East First Team ... Ranked first all-time for points in a season (47), third in career points (92), first in goals in a season (26), second in career goals (45), fourth in assists in a season (21) and third in career assists (47)...Has played in 70 career games in the purple and white ... Played for three years as a forward at Tabor Academy under coaches Kathleen Brophy and Dick Marr ... Also a member of the field hockey and lacrosse teams for three years ... Full name is Kolt Maya Bloxson...Born April 16, 1985 ... Daughter of Norma Jean Bloxson ... Has two older sisters, Carrie Jean and Tina and one older brother, James who played high school hockey for St. John's ... Double Major in Classics and Philosophy.



#16 Sarah Wetherbee • Senior • Forward

"Sarah's drive and determination are second to none. She will be counted on again to provide the leadership of play to guide us this year."

~Coach Peter Van Buskirk

Team leader in points the past two seasons ... As a junior, skated in all 27 games scoring a team-high 15 goals with 10 assists for a team-high 25 points, including seven power plays goals, two short handed and two game winners ... Posted two hat tricks ... Was named to the All-ECAC East Second Team and ECAC All-Academic Team ... On Feb. 9 vs. Amherst (2 assists) became the second Crusader woman to reach 100 career points ... Played in all 24 games her sophomore year leading the team in goals (14), assists (20) and total points (34) ... Named to All-ECAC East First Team ... As a freshman played in all 25 games netting 24 goals and 23 assists and tying for team lead with 47 points... After 76 career games is ranked first all-time for points in a game (7), points in a season (47), career points (106), goals in a game (4), career goals (53), and assists in a season (23) ... Ranked second all-time in goals in a season (24) and career assists (53)...Played four season as a center at Canton High School under coach Don Callow ... Also a member of the soccer and softball teams ... Full name is Sarah Jean Wetherbee ... Born May 23, 1984 ... Daughter of Peter and Ann Wetherbee ... Has one brother, Patrick, 20 ... Majoring in English.



2004-2005 STATISTICS



No.	Player	Overall							ECAC								
		GP	G	A	Pts.	Pen./Min.	PP	SH	GW	GP	G	A	Pts.	Pen./Min.	PP	SH	GW
16	Sarah Wetherbee	27	15	10	25	23/46	7	2	2	19	11	7	18	13/26	6	2	2
10	Kolt Bloxson	25	9	14	23	6/12	3	0	1	17	7	10	17	5/10	2	0	1
19	Meghan Mahoney	26	6	16	22	12/24	2	0	1	19	6	14	20	5/10	2	0	1
12	Samantha Rush	25	9	9	18	18/36	4	0	2	18	8	4	12	16/32	4	0	2
25	Samantha Murphy	27	3	12	15	13/26	3	0	0	19	2	8	10	11/22	2	0	0
8	Molly Corkery	27	7	7	14	8/16	3	0	2	19	3	5	8	5/10	1	0	0
18	Kathleen Remsberg	27	4	9	13	9/18	1	0	0	19	2	8	10	8/16	0	0	0
15	Shauna Pires	25	3	8	11	5/10	0	0	1	19	2	7	9	5/10	0	0	1
3	Parnell Ormiston	27	5	5	10	11/22	2	0	2	19	3	3	6	9/18	1	0	2
9	Christine O'Hara	26	4	6	10	3/6	0	0	0	18	4	4	8	2/4	0	0	0
20	Casey Harvell	27	3	7	10	4/8	1	0	0	19	3	4	7	3/6	0	0	0
21	Katherine Falkowski	27	3	3	6	3/6	1	0	1	19	2	2	4	3/6	1	0	0
5	Cathryn O'Connor	11	2	3	5	9/18	0	0	0	7	1	3	4	5/10	0	0	0
27	Marie Hickey	27	1	4	5	-/-	0	0	1	19	1	1	2	-/-	0	0	0
14	Melissa Flanagan	25	3	1	4	5/10	1	0	0	18	3	1	4	4/8	1	0	0
11	Lauren Oplinger	27	1	3	4	2/4	0	0	0	19	1	3	4	2/4	0	0	0
23	Shara Conroy	27	1	3	4	8/16	0	0	0	19	1	3	4	5/10	0	0	0
4	Meghan Donovan	25	2	1	3	10/20	1	0	0	18	2	1	3	8/16	1	0	0
30	Casey McCullion	26	0	1	1	2/4	0	0	0	18	0	1	1	2/4	0	0	0
17	Amy Canning	1	0	0	0	-/-	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-/-	0	0	0
1	Dianna Muth	2	0	0	0	-/-	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-/-	0	0	0
24	Jane Sarno	21	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	-/-	0	0	0
	Holy Cross	27	81	122	203	153/306	28	2	12	19	62	89	151	110/220	22	2	9
	Opponents	27	76	113	189	176/352	21	2	14	19	55	86	141	131/262	15	1	9

Goaltending Statistics

No.	Player	Overall							ECAC								
		GP	Min.	GA	Avg.	Sv.	Pct.	W-L-T	SO	GP	Min.	GA	Avg.	Sv.	Pct.	W-L-T	SO
30	Casey McCullion	23	1362:07	64	2.82	541	.894	9-13-1	2	16	942:03	46	2.93	368	.889	6-9-1	2
1	Dianna Muth	2	80:00	3	2.25	19	.864	1-0-0	0	2	80:00	3	2.25	19	.864	1-0-0	0

2004-05 Results			
12-14-1 Overall • 9-9-1 ECAC			
Nov. 5	Fri.	at St. Michael's*	W, 9-0
Nov. 6	Sat.	at St. Michael's*	W, 6-4
Nov. 13	Sat.	RIT*	L, 1-2
Nov. 14	Sun.	RIT*	L, 0-5
Nov. 17	Wed.	SACRED HEART	L, 2-3
Nov. 20	Sat.	at St. Anselm	L, 1-2
Nov. 23	Tue.	at Wesleyan	L, 2-3
Nov. 30	Tue.	CONNECTICUT COLLEGE	W, 2-1
Dec. 4	Sat.	SOUTHERN MAINE*	W, 6-4
Dec. 5	Sun.	SOUTHERN MAINE*	W, 3-1
Dec. 7	Tue.	CASTLETON ST.*	W, 11-4
Jan. 7	Fri.	UMASS BOSTON*	W, 3-2 (OT)
Jan. 8	Sat.	UMASS BOSTON*	L, 1-3
Jan. 15	Sat.	at Rensselaer*	L, 0-5
Jan. 16	Sun.	at Rensselaer*	L, 0-6
Jan. 20	Thu.	MIT*	W, 5-0
Jan. 29	Sat.	at Salve Regina*	W, 6-1
Jan. 30	Sun.	at Salve Regina*	W, 6-1
Feb. 1	Tue.	WESLEYAN	W, 2-1
Feb. 5	Sat.	ST. ANSELM*	L, 0-2
Feb. 9	Wed.	at Amherst College	L, 4-5
Feb. 12	Sat.	at New England College*	T, 3-3 (OT)
Feb. 13	Sun.	at New England College*	L, 1-2
Feb. 19	Sat.	at Manhattanville*	L, 0-7
Feb. 20	Sun.	at Manhattanville*	L, 1-3
Feb. 26	Sat.	Sacred Heart (ECAC Tournament)	W, 4-2
Feb. 27	Sun.	St. Anselm (ECAC Tournament)	L, 2-4

* - denotes ECAC game Home games in **BOLD CAPS**

Last year marked the sixth season of the Holy Cross women's ice hockey program. The Crusaders posted an overall record of 12-14-1 and finished tied for fifth place in the ECAC East with a 9-9-1 record. Senior assistant captain Sarah Wetherbee played in all 27 games last year and led Holy Cross for the second straight season with 25 points on 15 goals and 10 assists. Wetherbee enters the season tied with Meghan Mahoney '05 for the all-time points lead (106). With nine goals and 14 assists, senior assistant captain Kolt Bloxson was second on the team with 23 total points. She now has 92 total career points in 70 games. Returning junior goaltender Casey McCullion concluded last year with a .900 save percentage and 2.84 goals against average, posting one shutout in 26 games between the pipes.



INDIVIDUAL RECORDS



Points

Game: 7 Sarah Wetherbee (MIT, 11/8/02)
 6 Meghan Mahoney (MIT, 11/9/02)
 6 Sarah Wetherbee (at MIT, 1/9/04)
 5 4 times (Last - Samantha Rush, 12/7/04)

Season: 47 Kolt Bloxson (2002-03)
 47 Sarah Wetherbee (2002-03)
 41 Meghan Mahoney (2001-02)
 40 Kathleen Rensberg (2002-03)
 34 Elizabeth Campbell (2001-02)
 34 Sarah Wetherbee (2003-04)

Career: 106 Meghan Mahoney (2001-05)
 106 Sarah Wetherbee (2002-present)
 92 Kolt Bloxson (2002-present)
 73 Kathleen Rensberg (2002-present)
 70 Elizabeth Campbell (2000-04)

Goals

Game: 4 Sarah Wetherbee (MIT, 11/8/02)
 4 .. Meghan Mahoney (at St. Michael's, 2/2/02)
 3 ... 7 times (Last - Sarah Wetherbee 2/26/05)

Season: 26 Kolt Bloxson (2002-03)
 24 Sarah Wetherbee (2002-03)
 23 Meghan Mahoney (2001-02)
 18 Kathleen Rensberg (2002-03)
 15 Sarah Wetherbee (2004-05)

Career: 53 Sarah Wetherbee (2002-present)
 45 Meghan Mahoney (2001-2005)
 45 Kolt Bloxson (2002-present)
 36 Kathleen Rensberg (2002-present)
 26 Elizabeth Campbell (2000-2004)
 25 Rachelle Beaudoin (2000-2004)

Assists

Game: 5 Meghan Mahoney (at MIT, 12/1/01)
 4 Robyn Mazin (at MIT, 1/7/01)
 3 5 times (Last - Wetherbee 1/20/05)

Season: 23 Sarah Wehterbee (2002-03)
 23 Elizabeth Campbell (2001-02)
 22 Kathleen Rensberg (2002-03)
 21 Kolt Bloxson (2002-03)
 20 Sarah Wetherbee (2003-04)

Career: 61 Meghan Mahoney (2001-05)
 53 Sarah Wetherbee (2002-present)
 47 Kolt Bloxson (2002-present)
 44 Elizabeth Campbell (2000-present)
 37 Kathleen Rensberg (2002-present)

Saves

Game: 75 Casey Davis (vs. Mercyhurst, 11/5/99)
 72 ... Jenelle DiSanto (vs. Amherst, 12/1/99)
 70 .. Jenelle DiSanto (at S. Maine, 11/27/99)

Season: 701 Jenelle DiSanto (2000-01)
 648 Casey McCullion (2004-05)
 597 Jenelle DiSanto (1999-00)
 572 Jenelle DiSanto (2001-02)
 541 Casey McCullion (2003-04)

Career: 2,393 Jenelle DiSanto (1999-03)
 1,189 Casey McCullion (2003-present)
 75 Casey Davis (1999-00)
 63 Jill Robinson (2000-01)

Goals Against Average

Season: 2.54 Jenelle DiSanto (2002-03)
 2.82 Casey McCullion (2003-04)
 2.84 Jenelle DiSanto (2001-02)
 2.84 Casey McCullion (2004-05)

Save Percentage (min. 10 games)

Season: 91.6% Jenelle DiSanto (2000-01)
 90.0% Casey McCullion (2004-05)
 89.4% Jenelle DiSanto (2001-02)
 89.4% Casey McCullion (2003-04)

Career: 90.2% Jenelle DiSanto (1999-03)
 89.7% Casey McCullion (2003-present)

Team Records

Most Goals

Game: 15 at MIT (1/9/04)
 15 MIT (11/8/02)
 13 at MIT (12/1/02)
 13 MIT (11/9/02)

Season: 98 2001-02
 81 2003-04
 81 2004-05

Most Wins

Season: 17 2002-03
 12 2001-02
 12 2004-05

Most Shutouts

Season: 9 2001-02

Fewest Goals Allowed

Season: 68 2003-04
 72 2001-02
 76 2004-05
 77 2000-01



ECAC



The Eastern College Athletic Conference has been, and continues to be, the pioneer of women's ice hockey at the collegiate level. The ECAC is the oldest and largest women's college hockey organization in the country, sponsoring four playing leagues in Divisions I and III, totaling 30 teams for the 2005-06 season.

Women have been playing competitive college hockey in New England at both the varsity and club level since the mid-1970s but over the past six years, the game has exploded on the national sports scene. Not only has the game grown in the east, the expansion has worked its way west. The ECAC also experienced growth and change in 2001 with the addition of a second Division III playing league and restructuring of the existing Division III league.

The Women's East League includes Castleton State College, the College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Manhattanville College, New England College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute,

Rochester Institute of Technology, Saint Anselm College, Saint Michael's College, Salve Regina University, the University of Southern Maine and the University of Massachusetts Boston. The Women's West League, which started play in 2001 is comprised of Buffalo State, Chatham College, Cortland State, Elmira College, Neumann College, Plattsburgh State and Utica College.

"The quality of women's hockey continues to grow since I started coaching five years ago. This trend is going to continue as more and more quality girls are becoming available each year. This trend is good for hockey and for the future development of the women's game."

~ Peter Van Buskirk, 2005

The 1995-96 season brought the introduction of the Women's Division III league, known as the Women's Alliance. The league has seen a number of changes since its inception. It began with Bowdoin, Wesleyan, Williams, Amherst, Middlebury, RIT, Hamilton, Vermont, Rensselaer, Colgate and Maine. The Black Bears remained in the league until the 1998-99 season when they joined the Division I league. Connecticut College became a member during the 1997-98 season while the 1998-99 season saw the addition of five new teams, making it the largest women's hockey league in the nation, a distinction held through the 2000-01 season.

As the sport of women's hockey continues to grow on a national and international level, the ECAC will remain as a leader and pioneer.

ECAC East League

Castleton State College	Rochester Institute of Technology
College of the Holy Cross	Saint Anselm College
Manhattanville College	Saint Michael's College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Salve Regina University
New England College	University of Southern Maine
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Massachusetts Boston

ECAC West League

Buffalo State	Neumann College
Chatham College	Plattsburgh State
Cortland State	Utica College
Elmira College	



FACILITIES



Carol & Park B. Smith Wellness Center

The Carol and Park B. Smith Wellness Center, located within the Hart Recreation Center, provides state-of-the-art fitness equipment for varsity athletes and all other members of the Holy Cross community.



The 15,000-square-foot facility provides a highly versatile strength and conditioning center for Holy Cross' 600 student-athletes on the first level. There are areas for speed development programs, as well as for strength and endurance conditioning. The second floor has been designed for use by all students, faculty and staff. It has two sections: one for aerobic training and the other for cardiovascular, variable-resistance and strength training. A diverse selection of equipment accommodates users ranging from beginners to advanced athletes.



The Center also offers fitness and wellness programs such as kickboxing and yoga. Sixty-five-hundred square feet of the Center is devoted solely to varsity athletes and is run by a full-time strength and conditioning coach. This space

accommodates a much greater number of athletes a one time and allows teams to train together at times more convenient to their busy schedules as student athletes.

Hart Recreation Center and Ice Rink

The Hart Recreation center is one of the premier athletic facilities in the Northeast. The facility is named for Rev. Francis J. Hart, S.J., the guiding force behind intramurals at the college for more than 40 years.



Located atop Mount St. James, the Hart Center contains a 3,600-capacity basketball arena, a six-lane swimming pool with separate diving area, a 1,600-capacity hockey and ice skating area,



rowing tanks and racquetball courts. A modern training and conditioning facility is also located in the Hart Center that services Holy Cross' 600 student-athletes. The College employs three full-time trainers to assist with athletic coverage in addition to three interns and a number of student trainers.

Behind the Hart Center is a full size track, four practice fields, a soccer field and a lighted Omniturf field, which has housed numerous sports and intramural programs.

The Hart Center is home for the women's hockey program. From its opening on December 2, 1975 to its around-the-clock operation today, the Hart Recreation Center Ice Rink has been a model of excellence for other rinks to emulate.



Holy Cross Ranks Among the Best Undergraduate Liberal Arts Colleges in the Nation



Among America's top liberal arts colleges, Holy Cross is the only one that embraces a Catholic, Jesuit identity. And of the 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States, Holy Cross stands alone in its exclusive commitment to undergraduate education.

The result is that Holy Cross offers an educational experience unlike any other. There are no graduate students at Holy Cross; the undergraduate student is the sole focus. Students receive complete faculty attention and full access to the College's facilities. Professors conduct all classes and laboratories—there are no graduate teaching assistants.

The academic program gives graduates a strong foundation not just for their first job, but the seven job changes experts predict today's students will make. Holy Cross students learn not only for career advancement, but for personal enrichment. Students begin the process of lifelong learning, not just in a single specialty, but in a broad range of areas.

Graduates leave Holy Cross with a better understanding of the world and their place in it.

A Look At The Awards And Statistics For The College Of The Holy Cross ...

- Ranked by *Barron's Profiles in American Colleges* among the nation's 50 "most competitive" colleges and universities.
- Ranked by a leading college guide among the top 30 liberal arts colleges nationally, and in the top 10 in alumni satisfaction, retention of students and graduation rate.
- Graduates are admitted to medical school at rates better than twice the national average.
- Graduates 90 percent of all students in four years.
- Students regularly awarded highly prestigious Fulbright and Watson Fellowships to study, conduct research and teach abroad.
- Attracts financial support from alumni at rates more than double the national average for U.S. colleges and universities, an indication of the extent to which alumni value their Holy Cross education.
- 174-acre campus (including a recently renovated campus center, outstanding art spaces and a full array of sports facilities) recognized with five national and international awards for excellence in architecture and landscaping.
- Highest rank of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the percentage of graduates who go on to serve in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.



RECRUITING INFORMATION



Correspondence

It is important for prospective student-athletes to get in touch with head coach Peter Van Buskirk as soon as possible. A simple letter of inquiry into the women's ice hockey program will initiate the recruiting process. The spring of your junior year or early senior year is the most appropriate time to contact Coach Van Buskirk.

Interviews

Students are strongly encouraged to have admissions interviews. The office offers interviews from the summer until January 15. Alumni interviews in most metropolitan areas are available. Students must first submit an application and indicate they would like an alumni interview before December 31.

Early Decision

Students who are absolutely, 100% confident Holy Cross is their top college choice are encouraged to apply during the Early Decision process.

Financial Aid

All financial aid is awarded on the basis of need. Prospective student-athletes should complete the CSS "Profile Form" in the early Fall.

Clearinghouse

The NCAA mandates that all student-athletes interested in competing at the college level must be certified through the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. Students can register online at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

Telephone Calls

One telephone call to a prospect or prospect's relatives or legal guardians may be made during March of the prospect's junior year in high school. Additional telephone calls may not be made to a prospect before July 1 following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school. Coaches are limited to one call per week.

Video Tapes

In an attempt to make an accurate assessment as soon as possible, it is recommended videotapes be forwarded to Head Coach Peter Van Buskirk's attention as soon as possible. The video need not be an elaborate production. Some simple game or practice tape is sufficient with you being easily identified.

Contacts

As per NCAA by law 13.02.3, a contact is any face-to-face encounter between a prospect or the prospect's parent or legal guardian and an institutional staff member or athletics representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of a greeting. Any such face-to-face encounter that is prearranged or takes place on the grounds of the prospect's high school, or at the site of organized competition or practice involving the prospect's high school, preparatory school, two year college, or all-star team is considered a contact, regardless of the conversation that occurs. We are limited to three off-campus contacts per prospective student-athlete.

Evaluations

As per NCAA by law 13.02.6.1, an evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to assess the academic qualifications or athletic ability of a prospect, including any visit to a prospect's educational institution (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of a prospect participating in any practice or competition at any size. We are limited in our number of evaluations per prospective student-athlete.

Official Visits

According to NCAA by law 13.7.1.2, a prospect may not make more than five expense-paid visits to NCAA member institutions, regardless of the number of sports in which the prospect is involved. An institution may not provide an expense-paid visit to a prospect who has not presented the institution with a high school (or college) academic transcript and a score from a PSAT, an SAT, a PACTPlus or an ACT test taken on a national testing date under national testing conditions.

Unofficial Visits

According to NCAA by law 13.8.1, a prospect may visit an institution's campus at the prospect's own expense an unlimited number of times and may make an unofficial visit before the prospect's senior year in high school.

Admissions - Important Dates

Admissions and Applications

You can reach our Admissions Office by calling (508) 793-2443. To receive an application, please call our admissions office or send a written request to: Admissions Office, College of the Holy Cross, One College St., Worcester, MA 01610.

Calendar

A typical recruiting calendar for a prospective student-athlete interested in women's ice hockey would go something like this:

- **Summer of 2005** -- make unofficial visits to schools of interest.
- **September 2005**-- contact Head Coach Peter Van Buskirk if Holy Cross falls within your top five list of potential colleges.
- **October of 2005** -- Head Coach Peter Van Buskirk will be in contact regarding student-athlete's interest and possible visit date.
- **December 15** -- Deadline for Admissions Early Decision.
- **January 15** -- Deadline for Admissions Regular Decision.

Application Deadlines

December 15 - Early Decision

January 15 - Regular Decision

January 15 - last day for on-campus interviews

December 15- last day to request alumni interview (application needs to be postmarked by this date)

2005-2006 HOLY CROSS SCHEDULE

November

4	Fri.	at Castleton State*	7:00 p.m.
5	Sat.	at Saint Michael's*	3:00 p.m.
12	Sat.	NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE*	2:00 p.m.
13	Sun.	SAINT ANSELM*	3:00 p.m.
15	Tue.	SACRED HEART	7:00 p.m.
19	Sat.	at MIT*	3:00 p.m.
22	Tue.	at Connecticut College	7:00 p.m.

December

3	Sat.	at Manhattanville*	3:00 p.m.
4	Sun.	at Salve Regina*	2:00 p.m.
6	Fri.	WESLEYAN	7:00 p.m.

January

6	Fri.	SOUTHERN MAINE*	7:00 p.m.
7	Sat.	UMASS BOSTON*	2:00 p.m.
11	Wed.	AMHERST COLLEGE	7:00 p.m.
13	Fri.	at Sacred Heart	7:00 p.m.
14	Sat.	RHODE ISLAND	7:00 p.m.
20	Fri.	SAINT MICHAEL'S*	7:00 p.m.
21	Sat.	CASTLETON STATE*	3:00 p.m.
27	Fri.	at New England College*	7:00 p.m.
28	Sat.	at Saint Anselm*	7:00 p.m.

February

3	Fri.	SALVE REGINA *	7:00 p.m.
4	Sat.	MANHATTANVILLE*	2:00 p.m.
10	Fri.	at UMass Boston*	4:00 p.m.
12	Sun.	at Southern Maine*	2:00 p.m.
17	Sat.	at RIT*	7:00 p.m.
18	Sun.	at RIT*	7:00 p.m.
25-26	Sat.-Sun.	ECAC East Tournament at Hart Center	TBA

BOLD CAPS - Home Game

* denotes ECAC East opponent