Every semester, the MAAC holds a SAAC conference where two representatives from each school attend. Last semester’s conference was held at Disney World in November. Representing Marist was Nora Culhane of women’s crew and football player, Ed Achziger. Besides enjoying the fun of Disney World, they also participated in many important discussions with other SAAC members in the MAAC, supported the women’s volleyball team in the MAAC championship tournament, and volunteered at a resort for children with disabilities and their families to vacation free of charge. Nora said her favorite part of the conference was “the relationships that I made during the process with the commissioner of the MAAC, with the individuals high up in the planning of MAAC events and with the other student athletes that joined Ed and I in Orlando.” Another conference will be held this Spring and SAAC members Harris Nagle of men’s swimming and diving and Sydney Coffey of women’s baseball and will be representing Marist.
MEET YOUR REPS

Not everyone is familiar with the members of SAAC! Take a look at our 2014-2015 representatives.

MEN’S BASEBALL
- Graham McIntire
- Scott Boches

WATER POLO
- Jocelyn McQuade
- Brooke Else

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
- Sydney Coffey
- Maggie Gallagher

VOLLEYBALL
- Marisa Gilbert
- Courtney Shaw

FOOTBALL
- Ed Achziger
- Zachary Quarles

WOMEN’S LACROSSE
- Jackie Dimaria
- Abigail Witczak

MEN’S LACROSSE
- Dave Scarcello
- Dominic Montemurro

WOMEN’S ROWING
- Britanny Morrissey
- Nora Culhane

MEN’S ROWING
- Jack Brown
- Evan Heaton

WOMEN’S SOCCER
- Andrea Wicks
- Devon Cummings

MEN’S SOCCER
- Connor Preece
- Derek Reilly

WOMEN’S SOFTBALL
- Colleen McWilliams
- Taylor Kuzma

MEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING
- Dylan Cummings
- Harris Nagle

WOMEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING
- Meredith Wurtz
- Kimberly Tobias
Bonnie Boxes

Although many SAAC members are heavily involved within the Marist community, we love to give back to the local community when given the opportunity. Last semester, we were lucky enough to contribute to a project known as “Bonnie Boxes.” Bonnie Boxes are created in memory of Bonnie Rotker Acker and her courageous fight against breast cancer. Bonnie Boxes are hand decorated boxes filled with fun, comforting, and practical items for cancer patients. SAAC members filled Bonnie Boxes with things like fuzzy socks, word puzzles, crackers, encouraging words, and tons of Marist gear! The boxes were distributed at local hospitals like Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Check out and like the Bonnie Boxes Facebook page at:

This year, student-athletes started supporting each other in a completely different way. SAAC representatives have been trying to discuss and come up with ways to increase support among teams besides Code Red games. Dave Scarcello of men’s lacrosse proposed the idea of Brother/Sister Buddy Teams and the different ideas teams could support each other began. Buddy teams have done things for each other like having the whole team attend a home game, decorating buses before away games, baking cookies (or bringing healthier snacks), and making posters! This became a great opportunity for us to get to know fellow athletes from other sports better and to bring us together. It’s awesome to see pictures and discuss buddy team support at meetings every month!

The buddy teams for this year are:

- Men’s Crew & Women’s Volleyball
- Men’s Lacrosse & Women’s Swimming & Diving
- Women’s Lacrosse & Men’s Tennis
- Baseball & Water Polo
- Men’s Basketball & Women’s Soccer
- Men’s Track/Cross Country & Softball
- Women’s Track/Cross Country & Football
- Men’s Soccer & Women’s Crew
- Women’s Basketball & Men’s Swimming & Diving
- Women’s Tennis & Football
Take me out to the ball game!
Softball game, that is! Imagine a better way to welcome the warm weather than this Spring’s Code Red event supporting our softball team. Code Red is a way for athletes to support athletes and make a difference at each other’s events. Every semester, SAAC meets and chooses at least one game where we can have a theme, some snacks, and activities to try and get even more athlete to athlete support. In the fall, we had a Hawaiian Luau at a men’s soccer game and, even in the rain, we had a great turn out and a lot of fun. Don’t miss out on this springtime ball game atmosphere with hot dogs, popcorn, and even some fun games like dizzy bat. Throw on your best Marist gear, prepare for sun, and come out to support our softball team!
This year, our SAAC SGA liaison is Zach Quarles. After speaking with him, some impressive things have been accomplished through SAAC and SGA with the help of Zach. One of those successes was Marist Madness last October. The event included several different activities and competitions. There were relay races, a slam dunk contest, performances by Marist’s cheer and dance teams, and an intro of the men’s and women’s basketball teams. In addition, Marist senior Matthew Kark was given a chance to make a half-court shot for $10,000 and he made it! The event was really exciting and was a great start to the highly anticipated basketball season.

Besides this event, SGA has made a big impact on campus this year. There have been numerous hydration stations added around campus: in the basement of the Student Center, near the lockers in McCann, and a third that’s under construction in the library. Sports courts are in the works to be built near the upperclassmen residences. Students want to feel safe at Marist and SGA has seen to it that there be increased lighting around campus, specifically in between Champ and Leo and in between Gartland and Fontaine. Lastly, a big change that SGA has made is the mirror behind Leo Hall (see image below). Usually drivers honk when going around the corner to let others know they are coming down the one way road. Now, there is a mirror there so drivers can see what’s around the corner instead of disturbing the residences on campus!

Watch Matthew Kark win $10,000 at Marist Madness here: http://www.goredfoxes.com/ViewArticle.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=27700&ATCLID=209740417