Welcome Back Students!

Dear Marist Student-Athletes,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome both our upperclassmen and freshmen to Marist for the 2010-2011 academic year! We are excited to begin what will surely be another record-setting year, both academically and athletically.

In 2009-2010, our student-athletes had an amazing year in the classroom! Here are some of the highlights:

- Ninth consecutive year leading MAAC in student-athletes named to Academic Honor Roll
- 168 student-athletes named to 2010 MAAC Academic Honor Roll
- School-record 18 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honorees in 2009-10, following previous school record of 13 in 2008-09
- Two Academic All-Americans in 2009-10, and five in the last three years

We are so proud of all of your achievements! Keep up the good work!

In addition, we have two new faces in the Center for Student-Athlete Enhancement this year. Assistant Director, Cammie Jones, began working at Marist in June and will be working alongside Academic Fellow, Matt Francis. Cammie received her undergraduate degree at the University of Texas and completed her graduate work at LSU. Matt graduated from Marist this past May and was a four year member of our men’s lacrosse team. Check out our website at www.marist.edu/athletics/studentathlete to learn more about the newest members of our advising team.

Finally, this year, each team has been assigned an athletic advisor to assist with any individual or team-related academic or life skills needs. We hope you find this new system to be helpful and provide you with the most consistent service and support.

We look forward to working with you this year and wish you the best of luck in your academic and athletic pursuits. Please contact us should have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Alyssa M. Gates
Director of Student-Athlete Enhancement

Community Service Spotlight

On Friday July 23rd, student-athletes from the Pre-Freshman Summer Program volunteered at the Vassar-Warner Home for Senior Citizens and assisted with activities that brought smiles to the faces of the residents on a rainy summer day. This particular community service project was a culmination of service events that the students participated in while being a part of the summer program.

This particular service opportunity allowed students to assist with Friday morning leisure activities that included playing BINGO and “go-fish,” completing puzzles, and chatting with the residents of Vassar-Warner.

(Adam Kemp & Leanne Ockenden)

According to Patti Ewell, Activities Coordinator at Vassar Warner, “The residents had a wonderful time this morning. It’s amazing to see the young adults with a 70 year difference, be able to fit in and get along so well. It made the residents so happy and we are very thankful”. It may have been a rainy day, but inside, the feeling was jovial as residents revealed games they played when they were young and joked with one another about the height of the newest Red Foxes. Both the residents and student-athletes would certainly agree that giving back to one’s community can truly touch everyone involved in a positive way.
Campus/Community Opportunities

**Emerging Leaders Program:**
September 20th-November 17th. Learn how to maximize your potential during college while discovering and developing your leadership.

**Women Leadership Opportunity**
The Champs/Life Skills Program is starting a new program for female student-athletes at Marist College. The program would include a speaker series with prominent women leaders from the surrounding area and college, service opportunities, workshops and panel discussions. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Cammie Jones at cammia.jones@marist.edu

**Career Athletes**
Marist College has recently formed a partnership with Career Athletes, LLC to provide student-athletes with comprehensive career education and meaningful networking and career opportunities. The program is Free for all athletes. For further info, contact Matt Francis at matthew.francis1@marist.edu

**Free Admissions Practice Tests: LSAT, GMAT, GRE, MCAT!**
Kaplan and Marist College will be giving free Admission Practice Tests on the evening of Friday, Oct. 8. The LSAT, GRE, GMAT, and MCAT practice tests will be given in Dyson Hall. Students can view test times and register online at http://www.jotform.com/wamford/maristNPT

**Study Hall Reminders**

• Matt Francis, fellow Marist Alumnus and Academic Fellow will be leading study hall for the 2010-2011 School year!
• **Mid-Semester Break info– 4 Hours of study hall required for October 18-22nd**
• The Center for Student-Athlete Enhancement is now on Facebook. The site will be updated regularly and will contain information regarding campus events, study hall, registration, community service opportunities, and career development opportunities. To become a fan of this page, please search “Student-Athlete Enhancement”. (The staff can’t see your profile if you join our page, so join with peace of mind!)

**Study Tip!**
**How to prepare for class:**
1. Anticipate the main ideas of the lecture by looking over notes from the last class period.
2. Resist distractions by sitting in the front of the room and not near disruptive classmates.
3. Stay engaged with an attentive posture and expression. Professors notice this!!!

**Need Help? Staff Contact below!**
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