

# Good Sports

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A decade ago, at the start of the 1999-2000 academic year, the University at Albany's Athletics Program began competing at NCAA Division I level. To mark the occasion, *UAlbany* offers a few highlights of the past decade, featuring some of our Great Danes at their finest.

We're proud of all of our terrific student athletes, past and present, for exemplifying fair play, exhibiting sportsmanship, and representing UAlbany honorably and enthusiastically. In our opinion, each and every Great Dane is a winner!

Senior tailback **David McCarty** has a 154.3 yards-per-game average, a 2008 Gridiron Classic MVP Award and a place on the Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision



(FCS) All-America Team. But the Gansevoort, N.Y., native – UAlbany's leader in rushing yards (3,353) and all-purpose running yards (3,979) – credits "my coaches, teammates and offensive line" for all his success. McCarty, a history major who minors in general education studies, is now in the running for the Walter Payton Award, presented each fall to the top Division I FCS-level player.



Like her teammates, **Blair Buchanan, B.S.'07**, always played to win. A native of Muncie, Ind., she led the Great Danes to their first-ever America East championship – making the volleyball team the first UAlbany women's program ever to earn an NCAA Division I tournament berth. Buchanan, who majored in accounting and minored in business administration, also set a few personal records:

She holds the school record for career assists, with 5,049, and was the first player to win the America East Conference Player and Setter awards for three consecutive years.

All-America guard **Jamar Wilson, B.A.'06**, racked up 2,164 points during his UAlbany career, graduating as the leading scorer in school history. Twice named America East Player of the Year, the Bronx, N.Y.-born Wilson, a sociology major and general education studies minor, led his fellow Danes to two conference championships and two NCAA appearances. He was the University's 2005-06 Male Athlete of the Year and the first UAlbany basketball player named to the Associated Press Division I All-America squad. In 2007, Wilson went on to play professional basketball in Belgium.



As an undergraduate psychology major and mathematics minor, **Amber Maisonet, B.A.'08**, of Newburgh, N.Y., juggled study and softball, maintaining a 3.85 G.P.A. and a .379 batting average while helping her team bring home three consecutive America East championship trophies. When an unexpected vacancy for a goalkeeper arose on the women's soccer team last fall, the 2008 ECAC Merit medalist and 2007-08 Female Athlete of the Year was a good sport. Invited to play, Maisonet enrolled in the master's program in educational administration. She served as the soccer team's relief goalkeeper, then won the starting position.



Hamburg, N.Y., native and 2007 America East Conference Player of the Year **Frank Resetarits, B.A. '07**, had a great career at UAlbany. Resetarits, a sociology major and journalism minor, competed in three of the four NCAA appearances his team made between 2004-07, concluding his Danes career with a 49-game scoring streak. Ranked second on UAlbany's all-time scoring list with 158 goals and 83 assists, Resetarits was one of five finalists for the 2007 Tewaaron Trophy, the lacrosse equivalent of hockey's Heisman. He now plays for Major League Lacrosse's Long Island Lizards.

**Stephanie Klein**, a freshman pre-med major from Thornhill, Ontario, has a 4.0 grade point average and a place on the UAlbany Athletic Director's Honor Roll. In July, she earned another academic distinction when the National Golf Coaches Association in Coral Springs, Fla., named her to its All-America Division I Scholar Team. Klein, who helped to lead UAlbany's golf team to a second consecutive America East Conference championship title last spring, tied for third-place individual honors at the tournament with a two-day stroke total of 161.



## UAlbany's Division I program includes 19 sports:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| baseball                | football               | soccer (men's)          |
| basketball (men's)      | golf                   | soccer (women's)        |
| basketball (women's)    | indoor track (men's)   | softball                |
| cross country (men's)   | indoor track (women's) | tennis                  |
| cross country (women's) | lacrosse (men's)       | track & field (men's)   |
| field hockey            | lacrosse (women's)     | track & field (women's) |
|                         |                        | volleyball              |

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