

2005 HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL

**SENIOR CAPTAIN
CAITLIN O'CALLAGHAN**





HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

Location:Worcester, MA 01610
 Founded:1843
 Enrollment:2,718
 Color:Royal Purple
 Nickname:Crusaders
 Affiliations:NCAA Div. I, Patriot League
 Home Court:.....Hart Center (3,600)
 President:Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J.
 Director of Admissions:.....Ann McDermott '79
 Office Phone:(508) 793-2443
 Director of Financial Aid:Lynne M. Myers
 Office Phone:(508) 793-2265
 Director of Athletics:.....Richard M. Regan, Jr. '76
 Associate Director of Athletics:.....Bill Bellerose '77
 Associate Director of Athletics:.....Ann Zelesky
 Associate Director of Athletics:.....Rose Shea '87
 Assistant Director of Athletics:.....Ralph Willard '67
 Asst. AD/Marketing & Media Relations:..Frank Mastrandrea '88
 Manager of Events and Promotions:.....Jennifer Kagno
 Head Athletic Trainer:.....Anthony Cerundolo
 Director Athletic Media Relations:.....Charles Bare
 Assistant Director Athletic Media Relations:..Brienne Mallaghan
 Athletic Media Relations Intern:.....Jim Wrobel
 Compliance/Athletic Media Relations Intern:.....Tim Collins
 Web Site.....www.GoHolyCross.com

VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach:Chris Ridolfi (Berklee College of Music '93)
 Career Record/Years:.....22-58/Three
 Record at Holy Cross/Years:.....Same
 Volleyball Office Phone:(508) 793-3623
 E-Mail Address:.....cridolfi@holycross.edu
 2004 Overall Record:.....7-19
 2004 Patriot League Record/Finish:6-8/Fifth
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost:.....6/6
 Starters Returning/Lost2/4
 2005 Captain:.....Caitlin O'Callaghan '06

MISSION STATEMENT

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

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."

Besides teaching these virtues, a few sports played at Holy Cross have the added value of focusing alumni and student support and enhancing 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.

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.

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.

RECRUITING INFORMATION



CORRESPONDENCE

It is important for prospective student-athletes to get in touch with Head Coach Chris Ridolfi as soon as possible. A simple letter of inquiry into the volleyball program will initiate the recruiting process. The spring of your junior year or early senior year is the most appropriate time to contact coach.

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 early Fall.

CLEARINGHOUSE

The NCAA mandates that all student-athletes interested in competing at the Division I or II level must be certified through

the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse. Contact high school coaches, athletics director or guidance counselor for necessary registration forms.

TELEPHONE CALLS

As per NCAA by law 13.1.3.1, institutional staff members may not telephone a prospect (or the prospect's relatives or legal guardians) prior to July 1 following the prospect's completion of the junior year in high school. After July 1, institutional staff members may telephone a prospect once per week (measured Sunday through Saturday). The once-per-week limit applies to the entire institution.

VIDEO TAPES

In an attempt to make an accurate assessment as soon as possible, it is recommended that videotapes be forwarded to Head Coach Chris Ridolfi'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 AND IMPORTANT DATES

ADMISSIONS AND APPLICATIONS:

You can reach our Admissions Office by calling (508) 793-2443. To receive an application, please call or send a written request to: Admissions Office, College of the Holy Cross, 1 College St., Worcester, MA 01610.

CALENDAR:

A typical recruiting calendar for a prospective student-athlete interested in Volleyball would go something like this:

- ** Summer of 2005 — make unofficial visits to schools of interest.
- ** September 2005 — contact Head Coach Chris Ridolfi if Holy Cross falls within your top-five list of potential colleges.
- ** October of 2005 — Head Coach Chris Ridolfi 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
- December 31 — last day to request alumni interview (application needs to be postmarked by this date)
- January 15 — Regular Decision
- January 15 - last day for on-campus interviews



2005 Holy Cross Volleyball Schedule

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
<i>CRUSADER CLASSIC</i>				
Fri.	Sept. 2	BINGHAMTON	Worcester, Mass.	8:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 3	ST. JOHN'S	Worcester, Mass.	1:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 3	SIENA	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 7	at Sacred Heart	Fairfield, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
<i>NEW ENGLAND CHALLENGE</i>				
Fri.	Sept. 9	Rhode Island	Cambridge, Mass.	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 10	Boston College	Cambridge, Mass.	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 10	at Harvard	Cambridge, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 14	PROVIDENCE	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
<i>YALE INVITATIONAL</i>				
Fri.	Sept. 16	St. Francis (N.Y.)	New Haven, Conn.	5:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 17	Quinnipiac	New Haven, Conn.	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 17	at Yale	New Haven, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Sept. 21	at Central Connecticut State	Hartford, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 23	at Lafayette *	Easton, Pa.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 24	at Lehigh *	Bethlehem, Pa.	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Sept. 30	at Colgate *	Hamilton, N.Y.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 1	at Bucknell *	Lewisburg, Pa.	6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 7	AMERICAN *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 8	NAVY *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Army *	West Point, N.Y.	2:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 21	LEHIGH *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 22	LAFAYETTE *	Worcester, Mass.	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 28	BUCKNELL *	Worcester, Mass.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 29	COLGATE *	Worcester, Mass.	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 4	at American *	Washington, D.C.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 5	at Navy *	Annapolis, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 12	ARMY *	Worcester, Mass.	4:00 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 18	Patriot League Semifinals	TBA	TBA
Sat.	Nov. 19	Patriot League Championship	TBA	TBA

BOLD CAPS — Home Games

* Patriot League Opponent



2005 HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HEIGHT	POSITION	HOMETOWN/HIGHSCHOOL
1	Caitlin O'Callaghan	Sr.	5-10	MH/OH	Brooklyn, N.Y./Bishop Kearney
2	Chrissy Fanning	Jr.	5-6	S/DS	East Amherst, N.Y./Sacred Heart
3	Katie Fitzpatrick	So.	5-6	L	Queensbury, N.Y./Queensbury
4	Kaitlyn Mearn	Jr.	5-2	DS	Milton, Mass./Fotbonne Academy
6	Christine Strawson	So.	5-11	OH	Torrington, Conn./Torrington
7	Kim Sweet	Fr.	6-0	MH	Walpole, Mass./Walpole
9	Molly Anderson	Fr.	5-8	OH	Weston, Conn./Weston
10	Valerie Mora	Jr.	5-8	S/OH	San Antonio, Texas/Highlands
12	Meagan Merinder	So.	6-0	MH	Andover, Mass./Andover
14	Michelle Dwyer	Fr.	5-10	RS	Medway, Mass./Medway

Head Coach: Chris Ridolfi (Berklee College of Music, '93, Fourth Season)

2005 Captain: Caitlin O'Callaghan '06



2005 OUTLOOK



Despite the departure of an outstanding graduating class that helped Holy Cross to a fifth place finish in the Patriot League, fourth year head coach Chris Ridolfi is very excited about his team and their unselfish attitude which they picked up from the previous class. "Last year I think they learned what they can accomplish when they work toward shared goals," said Ridolfi. "Last year's team didn't care who received the credit and that attitude is already carrying into this season. They don't care who gets the glory, they are just working towards a common goal."

Ridolfi will look to his captain and lone senior, Caitlin O'Callaghan, to keep the team together and to lead by example which she has done her entire career. "Caitlin is the glue that will keep us together and she will make us go," said Ridolfi. "She is one of the best if not the best actual team player that I have ever dealt with. Caitlin is a perfect captain for us this year and we look for real good things from her."

O'Callaghan led the team in total blocks last season with 55 and finished third in kills with 144. "Caitlin has very good blocking technique and is smart when she attacks the ball," said Ridolfi.

With the graduation of Caitlin Agostinacchio, who concluded her Holy Cross career as the all-time leader in career kills, kills per season and kills per game, sophomores Christine Strawson and Meagan Merinder, along with O'Callaghan are expected to lead offensively. Strawson had an impressive freshman season as she was second on the team in kills with 216 and is expected to start this season right where she left off. "Christine is already better than she was as a freshman and she was a big contributor last year," said Ridolfi. "She had a great spring and came back physically stronger. She will lead."

Merinder is expected to be a key player in the middle and Ridolfi sees her as the most improved player from the spring. "Meagan is an intimidating blocker. A strong athlete who is learning how to play the middle position and she is coming along rapidly."

Junior Chrissy Fanning is expected to step right in and be the starter at setter. Fanning had the benefit of playing behind the Holy Cross all-time leader in assists Michelle Leahy for two years gaining valuable knowledge of the position. "A lot of responsibility comes with being the setter and Chrissy is handling it well," said Ridolfi. "She was well coached in high school has been waiting patiently and is ready to make the most of this opportunity."

Junior Valerie Mora is seeing a position change this season as she goes from libero to the right side of the court. "Valerie is a solid all around skilled player and she will do a good job in holding down that side of the court for us," said Ridolfi. Sophomore Katie Fitzpatrick will be the libero this season. "Katie has great defensive skills and is one of our most consistent and intelligent servers."

Ridolfi is excited about his newcomers this year in freshmen Molly Anderson, Kim Sweet and Michelle Dwyer, along with junior track athlete Kaitlyn Mearn. Anderson is expected to con-

tribute right away at outside hitter. "Molly has very good passing skills and she is learning to be a physical presence on the left side," said Ridolfi.

Sweet and Dwyer are expected to bring a lot to the team and are looking to contribute. "Both Kim and Michelle come from solid volleyball backgrounds and have great work ethics so we expect good things from them now and in the future." Mearn brings outstanding athleticism with her as a two sport athlete and is expected to be key in preparing the team for matches.

Ridolfi believes that his scheduling strategy of playing against strong early season competition only helps his team get ready for Patriot League play. He also believes that his team can compete for a spot in the Patriot League tournament. "We need to take care of our home court if we want to make the tournament. I think we will defend well, we'll serve well. And if we can attack intelligently I think we can be a team that sneaks up on some people."

So as the 2005 Crusader volleyball team winds up their preparations for the upcoming season and prepares to take the court for the Crusader Classic on September 2-3, when they host Siena, St. John's and Binghamton, Ridolfi thinks that team chemistry can be the key. "The personality of this team is a strength for us. I think we have real good makeup on the court. We believe that everyone contributes to all the good things that we do all season."



Sophomore Christine Strawson



**CHRIS
RIDOLFI
HEAD COACH
FOURTH SEASON
BERKLEE COLLEGE OF
MUSIC, '93**

Chris Ridolfi is in his fourth season as the Holy Cross Women's Volleyball coach. He is the seventh head coach in

the program's 27 years.

Ridolfi's 2004 edition of the Crusaders posted a 7-19 overall record against some of the premiere volleyball programs in the area. Holy Cross remained in the Patriot League playoff hunt until November but just missed making the postseason, finishing fifth in the Patriot League at 6-8.

Ridolfi came to Holy Cross after serving as the assistant women's volleyball coach at Harvard University from 1998-2001. While at Harvard, he assisted in the everyday operation of the volleyball program. Ridolfi coordinated Harvard's national recruiting efforts and was responsible for monitoring the academic success of the student athletes. In his four years at Harvard, he helped the Crimson to two second place finishes in Ivy League competition.

Prior to joining the Harvard staff, Ridolfi served as an assistant coach at Boston College from 1996-1998.

Ridolfi is active with the Massachusetts Junior Olympics and serves as technical director for many local summer volleyball camps.

He studied music at the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA from 1989-1993.

RIDOLFI'S CAREER COACHING RECORD

Year	School	W	L	Pct.
2002	Holy Cross	8	19	.296
2003	Holy Cross	7	20	.259
2004	Holy Cross	7	19	.269
Totals	3 Years	22	58	.275



RIDOLFI'S COLLEGIATE COACHING FILE

Year	School	Position
1996-1997	Boston College	Assistant Coach
1998-2001	Harvard	Assistant Coach
2002-present	Holy Cross	Head Coach

MEET THE CRUSADERS



CAITLIN #1
O'CALLAGHAN
SR. • MH/OH • 5-10
BROOKLYN, N.Y.
BISHOP KEARNEY

O'CALLAGHAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks
2002	13	10	0	5	0
2003	100	151	39	129	51
2004	95	144	7	57	55
Total	208	305	46	191	106

2004: Played in all 95 games for the Crusaders...Led the team in total blocks (55), block assists (42) and solo blocks (13)...Finished the season third on the team in kills (144), kills per game (1.52) and total attacks (445)...Recorded 14 service aces and seven assists...Named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. **2003:** Played in 100 games...second on the team in assists (39)...second on the team in blocks (51)...recorded 151 kills and

20 service aces. **2002:** Played in 95 games, ranking fourth on the team in kill percentage (.143)...registered 142 kills and 65 blocks.

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Bishop Kearney...Three-year starter for head coach Theresa Gannon...Team captain junior and senior year...Averaged 21 kills per match, a 0.94 percent hitting percentage and a 0.93 percent service rate...Named to the St. Anthony Tournament All-Star Team and the Tourney Sport USA All-Tournament Team...Most Improved Player Award (1999, 2000)...Athletic Director's Award...Model Invitational Tournament Most Valuable Player (2001, 2002)...Played basketball for four years...National Honor Society (2002, 2001, 2000, 1999)...Principal's List (2002, 2001, 2000, 1999)...Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam (2002, 2001, 2000, 1999)...English Portfolio Excellence Award (2001, 2000). **Personal:** Caitlin Aisling O'Callaghan...Born October 23, 1984...Daughter of Mark and JoAnn O'Callaghan...Has one brother and two sisters.



CHRISSY #2
FANNING
JR. • S/DS • 5'6
EAST AMHERST, N.Y.
SACRED HEART

FANNING'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks
2003	24	0	12	24	0
2004	94	4	28	199	0
Total	118	4	40	223	0

2004: Played in 94 games...Finished the season second on the team in assists (28), tied for second in service aces (24) and fifth in digs (199)... Named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. **2003:** Appeared in 24 games...Recorded 12 assists and 24 digs. **High School:** Four-year letterwinner at Sacred Heart...Team captain (2002, 2001)...2002 League MVP...2002 Fifth Team All-State...Avenue of Athletes 2003 High School Athlete

of the Year...2002 Senior All-Star Western New York ...First Team All-Catholic (2001, 2000)...Honorable mention All-Catholic (1999). **Personal:** Christine Marie Fanning...Born April 2, 1985...Daughter of Michael and Patricia Fanning...Has three sisters; Sandy and Susan played volleyball at Providence from 1999-2002.



VALERIE #10
MORA
JR. • OH • 5-8
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
HIGHLANDS

MORA'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks
2003	98	216	24	309	20
2004	92	96	12	306	6
Total	190	312	36	615	26

2004: Played in 92 games...Led the team in digs with 306...Finished the season fourth on the team in service aces (22) and fifth on the team in both kills (96) and assists (12)...Recorded six total blocks...Named to Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. **2003:** Played in 98 games...Posted the highest kills percentage on the team (.143)...Recorded 216 kills and 22 service aces...Finished the season second on the team in digs (309)...selected to the Crusader Classic All-Tournament team...Named to Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. **High School:** Four-year letterwinner in volleyball at Highlands High School. **Personal:** Valerie Jo-Grace Mora...Born February 23, 1985...Daughter of George and Laura Mora...Has one sister.

MEET THE CRUSADERS



**KATIE #3
FITZPATRICK**
So. • L • 5-6
QUEENSBURY, N.Y.
QUEENSBURY

FITZPATRICK'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks
2004	21	0	1	13	0
Total	21	0	1	13	0

2004: Appeared in 21 games...Recorded 13 digs, two service aces and one assist...Named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. **High School:** Three-sport athlete at Queensbury (volleyball, basketball, softball)...Female Athlete of the Year (2002, 2001, 2000)...Foothills Council All-Star (2002, 2001)...Post Star All-Star (2002)...Team Most Valuable Player (2002)...Minisink Tournament All-Star (2003, 2002). **Personal:** Katherine Lynn

Fitzpatrick...Born June 26, 1986...Daughter of Edward and Robin Fitzpatrick...Has two brothers.



**MEAGAN #12
MERINDER**
So. • MH • 6-0
ANDOVER, MASS.
ANDOVER

MERINDER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks
2004	52	9	12	22	20
Total	52	0	12	22	20

2004: Appeared in 52 games...Recorded 22 digs, 20 total blocks, 12 assists and nine kills. **High School:** Three-sport athlete at Andover High School...2003 Eagle Tribune MVC All-Conference Team...2003 Andover Volleyball Most Valuable Player...2002 Eagle Tribune MVC All-Star...Member of the 2003 Massachusetts Division I State Championship team...2003 Bay State Financial Services 'Player of the Forthnight' Award...2003 Division I

Eastern Massachusetts State Finals 'Player of the Game'. **Personal:** Meagan Annika Merinder...Born November 10, 1986...Daughter of Bjorn and Maureen Merinder...Has two brothers and one sister.



**CHRISTINE #6
STRAWSON**
So. • OH • 5-11
TORRINGTON, CONN.
TORRINGTON

STRAWSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks
2004	95	216	23	43	31
Total	95	216	23	43	31

2004: Played in all 95 games...Second on the team in kills (216)...Third on the team in both total blocks (31) and assists (23)...Recorded 43 digs and one service ace...Named to the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. **High School:** Three-sport athlete at Torrington High School (volleyball, basketball, track)...All-State Second Team (volleyball) 2003, 2002...All-League (2003, 2002, 2001 volleyball; 2004, 2003, 2002 basketball)...Outstanding

Senior Player (2003 volleyball, 2004 basketball)...McDonald's All-American nominee (basketball)...All-time leading scorer in girl's basketball history at Torrington (1,493 points)...2003 All-New England (triple jump)...2003 All-State (triple jump)...2002, 2003 All-League (4 x 100 and triple jump)...Holds school records in the javelin throw, triple jump and 4 x 100. **Personal:** Christine Marie Strawson...Born February 24, 1986...Daughter of Robert and Patricia Strawson...Has one brother.

MEET THE CRUSADERS



MOLLY #9
ANDERSON

FR. • OH • 5-8
WESTON, CONN.
WESTON

High School: Four-year letterwinner in volleyball for coach Jamie Palmer at Weston High School...2004 All-State Class M first team, All-SWC first team

and Norwalk Hour All Area team MVP...Two-time team MVP...Senior captain...Helped team qualify for the state tournament for the first time in 25 years in 2002...Earned two letters in track & field.

Personal: Molly Marie Anderson...Born March 22, 1987...Daughter of Ed and Jan Anderson...Has one brother and two sisters.



KIM #7
SWEET

FR. • MH • 6-0
WALPOLE, MASS.
WALPOLE

High School: Four year letterwinner in volleyball and three year letterwinner in basketball at Walpole High School...As a senior captain she received the Coach's

Award...two-time Bay State League All-Star and Daily Transcript All-Star...Earned the Best Offense Award as a sophomore and junior.

Personal: Kimberly Ann Sweet...Born April 11, 1987...Daughter of Joseph and Deborah Sweet...Has two brothers.



MICHELLE #14
DWYER

FR. • RS • 5-10
MEDWAY, MASS.
MEDWAY

High School: Letterwinner in volleyball, basketball and softball at Medway High School...Won the Coaches Award in all three sports...Earned the Unsung Hero

award in basketball...Named Most Improved Player in softball.

Personal: Michelle Megan Dwyer...Born March 3, 1987...Daughter of William and Nora Dwyer...Has one brother.



KAITLYN #4
MEARN

JR. • DS • 5-2
MILTON, MASS.
FOTBONNE ACADEMY

Member of the Holy Cross track team who has also joined the volleyball squad this fall.

2004 STATISTICS



2004 HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL FINAL STATISTICS

#	Name	GP	-----ATTACK-----				---SET---		-----SERVE-----			---DIG---		---BLOCKING---		
			K	K/G	E	TA	A	A/G	SA	SE	SA/G	Dig	D/G	BS	BA	BE
9	<i>Caitlin Agostinacchio</i>	95	396	4.17	179	1232	19	0.20	19	28	0.20	250	2.63	1	21	6
6	Christine Strawson	95	216	2.27	74	697	23	0.24	1	4	0.01	43	0.45	12	19	8
1	Caitlin O'Callaghan	95	144	1.52	72	445	7	0.07	14	21	0.15	57	0.60	13	42	7
7	<i>Diane Marzelli</i>	95	124	1.31	85	401	7	0.07	18	15	0.19	53	0.56	9	34	5
10	Valerie Mora	92	96	1.04	42	412	12	0.13	22	16	0.24	306	3.33	2	4	3
8	<i>Michelle Leahy</i>	94	55	0.59	13	147	826	8.79	34	55	0.36	209	2.22	2	23	7
11	<i>Lauren Liesman</i>	95	19	0.20	12	70	10	0.11	24	36	0.25	256	2.69	1	2	0
12	Meagan Merinder	52	9	0.17	16	52	12	0.23	0	0	0.00	22	0.42	1	19	5
14	<i>Suzanna Guidone</i>	6	1	0.17	0	2	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	2	0.33	0	2	0
4	<i>Suzannah Flaherty</i>	9	1	0.11	3	8	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	2	0.22	0	1	0
2	Chrissy Fanning	94	4	0.04	6	30	28	0.30	24	40	0.26	199	2.12	0	0	0
3	Katie Fitzpatrick	21	0	0.00	0	4	1	0.05	2	2	0.10	13	0.62	0	0	0
	Total	95	1065	11.21	502	3500	949	9.99	158	217	1.66	1412	14.86	41	167	41
	Opponents	95	1413	14.87	497	3646	1283	13.51	207	253	2.18	1593	16.77	51	187	54

NOTE: Players in italics not returning in 2005.

Team Statistics	HC	Opponents
ATTACK		
Kills	1065	1413
Errors	502	497
Total Attacks	3500	3646
Attack Pct.	.161	.251
Kills per game.....	11.2	14.9
SET		
Assists.....	949	1283
Assists per game	10.0	13.5
SERVE		
Aces	158	207
Errors	217	253
Aces per game	1.7	2.2
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	206	158
Errors per game	2.2	1.7
DEFENSE		
Digs.....	1412	1593
Digs per game.....	14.9	16.8
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	41	51
Block Assist.....	167	187
Total Blocks.....	124.5	144.5
Blocks per game	1.3	1.5
Block Errors.....	41	54
BALL HANDLING ERRORS		
	88	85



Caitlin Agostinacchio led the team in kills last season.



7-19 OVERALL, 6-8 PATRIOT LEAGUE (FIFTH)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME
Sept. 3	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	L, 0-3	21-30, 27-30, 29-31
Sept. 4	SIENA	L, 1-3	21-30, 23-30, 30-26, 26-30
Sept. 4	RADFORD	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-26, 30-14
Sept. 7	at Providence	L, 2-3	30-28, 28-30, 23-30, 30-22, 12-15
Sept. 10	at Connecticut	L, 0-3	18-30, 19-30, 21-30
Sept. 10	vs. Stony Brook	L, 0-3	18-30, 17-30, 19-30
Sept. 11	vs. Long Island University	L, 0-3	20-30, 22-30, 21-30
Sept. 14	at Boston College	L, 0-3	17-30, 14-30, 22-30
Sept. 17	vs. Brown	L, 1-3	30-23, 18-30, 18-30, 23-30
Sept. 17	vs. Central Conn. State	L, 0-3	15-30, 16-30, 16-30
Sept. 18	at Marist	L, 2-3	30-28, 26-30, 26-30, 30-27, 12-15
Sept. 22	CENTRAL CONN. STATE	L, 0-3	24-30, 17-30, 27-30
Sept. 25	ARMY *	L, 0-3	18-30, 22-30, 28-30
Oct. 1	at American *	L, 0-3	13-30, 14-30, 23-30
Oct. 2	at Navy *	L, 1-3	31-33, 25-30, 30-24, 23-30
Oct. 8	LEHIGH *	W, 3-2	30-25, 30-17, 26-30, 23-30, 15-10
Oct. 9	LAFAYETTE *	W, 3-1	30-26, 27-30, 30-22, 30-24
Oct. 15	BUCKNELL *	L, 1-3	22-30, 30-28, 15-30, 28-30
Oct. 16	COLGATE *	W, 3-1	30-23, 30-27, 19-30, 30-25
Oct. 23	at Army *	L, 0-3	18-30, 22-30, 21-30
Oct. 29	AMERICAN *	L, 0-3	25-30, 28-30, 15-30
Oct. 31	NAVY *	W, 3-0	35-33, 30-17, 30-18
Nov. 5	at Lafayette *	L, 1-3	21-30, 27-30, 30-16, 18-30
Nov. 6	at Lehigh *	W, 3-2	30-17, 23-30, 20-30, 30-25, 15-12
Nov. 12	at Colgate *	W, 3-0	30-26, 30-25, 30-27
Nov. 13	at Bucknell *	L, 2-3	30-18, 32-30, 26-30, 22-30, 16-18

Home matches listed in **BOLD CAPS**

* denotes Patriot League matches

2004 PATRIOT LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Overall			Patriot League		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
#*American	24	7	.774	14	0	1.000
*Army	18	9	.667	12	2	.857
*Bucknell	14	13	.519	8	6	.571
*Navy	21	9	.700	8	6	.571
<i>Holy Cross</i>	7	19	.269	6	8	.429
Lafayette	15	14	.517	5	9	.357
Colgate	5	19	.208	2	12	.143
Lehigh	2	23	.080	1	13	.071

Patriot League Regular Season Champion

* Patriot League Tournament Participant

Patriot League Tournament Semifinals

Friday, November 19 (at American)

No. 1 AMERICAN 3, No. 4 NAVY 0

No. 2 ARMY 3, No. 3 BUCKNELL 1

Patriot League Tournament Championship

Saturday, November 20 (at American)

No. 1 AMERICAN 3, No. 2 ARMY 0

NCAA Tournament First Round

Friday, December 3 (at Penn State)

at No. 2 Penn State 3, AMERICAN 0



THE HISTORY OF HOLY CROSS VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball started as a club sport in the Fall of 1974, organized by Holy Cross sophomores Pat Coogan and Katie Biehusen. The program began varsity play in 1976 and compiled a 3-10 mark, four years after the school opened its doors to female students. Terry Moran was the first coach of the program, which was led by team captains Coogan and Biehusen.

The 1980's brought about great change for Holy Cross Volleyball and with it came tremendous success. The 1982 team, which was coached by Jim Fegreus, was the first to compete at the NCAA Division I level. The Crusaders finished with a 19-10 mark that season. The following year, Holy Cross competed in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference and finished second in the league tournament.

During a five year stretch, from 1984-1989, volleyball atop Mount St. James surged toward the pinnacle of success in New England. Al Morel, the all-time record holder for career coaching victories in Holy Cross volleyball history (141-59, .705), put

together teams that consistently finished among the best in the region. The three-time MAAC Coach of the Year compiled a 48-5 mark against league competition, including the league title in 1985 and runner-up honors in 1986 and 1987.

In 1987, while the Crusaders were still competing in the MAAC, a new conference (Colonial League) was forged and Holy Cross made the move to join in the sports of football, tennis and volleyball. Tennis and volleyball only participated in league championships, while football played a full league schedule. In 1990, the Colonial League was renamed the Patriot League and Holy Cross became a full member institution.

John Cody, who took over the program in 1989, coached the volleyball team for eight years. Peter Viteritti took over the reigns in 1997 and amassed 31 wins in a five year span. Current head coach Chris Ridolfi came to HC in 2002 and has led Holy Cross to 22 wins in his first three seasons.

YEAR-BY-YEAR FINAL RECORDS

YEAR	COACH	WON	LOST	PCT
1982 !	Jim Fegreus	19	10	.655
1983 ^	Jim Fegreus	20	14	.588
1984	Al Morel	24	14	.631
1985	Al Morel	40	6	.870
1986	Al Morel	26	14	.650
1987	Al Morel	25	13	.658
1988	Al Morel	26	12	.684
1989	John Cody	16	15	.516
1990 *	John Cody	7	17	.292
1991	John Cody	7	28	.200
1992	John Cody	3	32	.086
1993	John Cody	6	25	.194
1994	John Cody	1	25	.039
1995	John Cody	5	17	.227
1996	John Cody	0	23	.000
1997	Peter Viteritti	2	20	.091
1998	Peter Viteritti	4	29	.121
1999	Peter Viteritti	4	23	.148
2000	Peter Viteritti	12	16	.429
2001	Peter Viteritti	11	14	.440
2002	Chris Ridolfi	8	19	.296
2003	Chris Ridolfi	7	20	.259
2004	Chris Ridolfi	7	19	.269
Overall	23 Seasons	280	425	.397

! First year of Division I competition

^ First season of MAAC competition

* First year of Patriot League competition

TEAM RECORDS

KILLS	ACES
2001 (25 matches)1, 221	1993 (31 matches)229
2000 (28 matches)1, 210	2001 (25 matches)190
2002 (27 matches)1, 185	2000 (28 matches)167
2003 (27 matches)1, 127	2002 (27 matches)163
2004 (26 matches)1, 065	2004 (26 matches)158
1998 (33 matches)933	1994 (26 matches)156
1999 (27 matches)907	1999 (27 matches)145
DIGS	HITTING PERCENTAGE
2003 (27 matches)1, 808	1995 (22 matches)240
1998 (33 matches)1, 802	2001 (25 matches)205
2000 (28 matches)1, 639	1993 (31 matches)188
1999 (27 matches)1, 496	2000 (28 matches)181
2002 (27 matches)1, 482	2004 (26 matches)161
2004 (26 matches)1, 412	2002 (27 matches)141
2001 (25 matches)1, 382	1996 (23 matches)136
ASSISTS	BLOCKS
2000 (28 matches)1, 094	2002 (27 matches)187.5
2001 (25 matches)1, 078	2000 (28 matches)174.0
2002 (27 matches)1, 042	1995 (22 matches)169.5
2003 (27 matches)961	1993 (31 matches)161.0
2004 (26 matches)949	2001 (25 matches)160.0
1998 (33 matches)826	1999 (27 matches)159.9
1993 (31 matches)782	2004 (26 matches)124.5

RECORDS & HONORS



INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

CAREER KILLS

Caitlin Agostinacchio, 2001-04	1,063
Kathy Attar, 1994-1997	870
Katie Lynch, 1997-2000.	825
Katie Snell, 1999-2002	790
Carissa Bennett, 1999-2001.	696
Katie Mulvihill, 1999-2002	696

SINGLE SEASON KILLS

Caitlin Agostinacchio 2004	396
Caitlin Agostinacchio 2003	336
Katie Lynch 1998.	311
Carissa Bennett 2001	309
Kathy Attar 1995	285

SINGLE SEASON KILLS PER GAME

Caitlin Agostinacchio 2004	4.17
Caitlin Agostinacchio 2003	3.36
Kathy Attar 1995	3.35
Carissa Bennett 2001	3.29

CAREER DIGS

Katie Snell, 1999-2002	1,290
Katie Lynch, 1997-2000.	1,285
Caitlin Agostinacchio, 2001-04	906
Michelle Leahy, 2001-04.	818
Katie Mulvihill, 1999-2002	806
Lauren Liesman, 2001-04	796
Janna Muriga, 1995-1998	775

SINGLE SEASON DIGS

Katie Lynch, 1999	430
Katie Lynch, 1998	416
Katie Snell, 2000	355
Caitlin Agostinacchio, 2003.	352

SINGLE SEASON DIGS PER GAME

Katie Lynch, 1999	4.57
Katie Snell, 2000	3.82
Katie Lynch, 1998	3.71
Katie Snell, 1999	3.64

CAREER ASSISTS

Michelle Leahy, 2001-2005	3,177
Debbie MacLaren, 1992-1994.	1,929
Jessica Ostlund, 1999-2001	1,543
Jennifer Fank, 1995-98	1,389

SINGLE SEASON ASSISTS

Michelle Leahy, 2002.	966
Jessica Ostlund, 2000.	846
Michelle Leahy, 2004.	826
Michelle Leahy, 2003.	803
Debbie MacLaren, 1993.	751

SINGLE SEASON ASSISTS PER GAME

Michelle Leahy, 2002.	9.86
Jessica Ostlund, 2000.	9.10
Michelle Leahy, 2004.	8.79
Debbie MacLaren, 1994.	8.14
Michelle Leahy, 2003.	8.11

CAREER BLOCKS

Cheryl Jakielo, 1999-2002.	242.0
Carissa Bennett, 1999-2001.	227.0
Katie Mulvihill, 1999-2002	209.0
Kathy Attar, 1994-1997	188.0

SINGLE SEASON BLOCKS

Cheryl Jakielo, 2002	97.0
Carissa Bennett, 2000	92.0
Carissa Bennett, 2001	79.0
Kathy Attar, 1994.	72.0

SINGLE SEASON BLOCKS PER GAME

Carissa Bennett, 2000	0.98
Cheryl Jakielo, 2002	0.98
Megan Dowd, 1999	0.86
Carissa Bennett, 2001	0.84

CAREER ACES

Carissa Bennett, 1999-2001.	119
Michelle Leahy, 2001-04.	147
Jaime Richetelli, 1995-1998	107
Mary Cavanaugh, 1993-95.	104

SINGLE SEASON ACES

Carissa Bennett, 2001	58
Mary Cavanaugh, 1993	48
Michelle Leahy, 2002.	45
Carissa Bennett, 2000	42

SINGLE SEASON ACES PER GAME

Mary Cavanaugh 1993.	0.81
Carissa Bennett 2001	0.62
Mary Cavanaugh 1994.	0.61
Michelle Leahy, 2002.	0.46

CAREER HITTING PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 800 ATTEMPTS)

Kathy Attar 1994-1997	27.3%
Liza Sullivan 1992-1993	23.3%
Meghan Dowd 1998-2000	21.7%

SINGLE SEASON HITTING PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 300 ATTEMPTS)

Kathy Attar 1995	39.9%
Kathy Attar 1996	33.2%
Liza Sullivan 1993	28.0%
Carissa Bennett 2001	27.3%

** All records since 1992 season**

CAREER COACHING RECORDS

Coach	Seasons	Years	Record	Pct.
Jim Fegreus	1982-1983	2	39-24	.619
Al Morel	1984-1988	5	141-59	.705
John Coy	1989-1996	8	45-182	.198
Peter Viteritti	1997-2001	5	33-102	.244
Chris Ridolfi	2002-present	3	22-58	.275

HONORS & AWARDS

Patriot League Scholar Athlete of the Year
2004 — Caitlin Agostinacchio

Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year
1998 — Katie Lynch

All-Patriot League
1998 — Katie Lynch (second team)
2004 — Caitlin Agostinacchio (second team)



The Patriot League, which was founded on the principles of admitting athletes who are academically representative of their class, is in its second decade of academic and athletic achievement. Participation in athletics at Patriot League institutions is viewed as an important component of a well-rounded education.

The Patriot League began as a successful Division I-AA football conference in 1986. Full League members include American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy. Associate members include Fordham (football), Georgetown (football) and Villanova (women's lacrosse).

These member institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation. Alumni from Patriot League colleges and universities have played a leadership role in the shaping of our country.

In the classroom, the League's full-member institutions, individually and collectively, consistently rank among the top Division I programs in the NCAA Graduation Rates Report. In the most recent report on NCAA Graduation Rates, the Patriot League ranked first among all Division I conferences in student-athlete graduation rates and second in overall student graduation rates.

League members have also distinguished themselves on the field of play. Patriot League sponsors championship competition in 23 sports (11 for men; 12 for women). Championship teams from 13 sports are guaranteed advancement into the NCAA Championships or CCA play-in championships: baseball, men's and women's basketball,

field hockey, football, men's golf, men's lacrosse, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and volleyball.

In the league's history more than 150 teams have been selected for post-season play in the NCAA, ECAC or National Invitational tournaments. The League also boasts 55 student-athletes who have qualified for NCAA Championships, the pinnacle of collegiate individual competition. A total of 155 Patriot League student-athletes have earned All-America honors. During the past three academic years, 53 of the Patriot League's 66 Scholar-Athletes of the Year also received All-League status for their exemplary athletic performance. Additionally, 19 of the Scholar-Athletes honored were named Players of the Year or Performers of the Meet in their respective sport.

In the league's history, 121 Patriot League student-athletes have been recognized as CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, while more than 8,000 more have qualified for the League's Academic Honor Roll by accumulating a 3.2 grade-point average and earning a varsity letter. Twenty-three student-athletes have received NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships. Additionally, Patriot League student-athletes have earned two Fulbright Scholarships, a Luce Foundation Scholarship, a Marshall Scholarship, two NACDA/Disney Scholarships, four National Football Foundation Scholarships and three ECAC/Robbins Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards among their many accomplishments.



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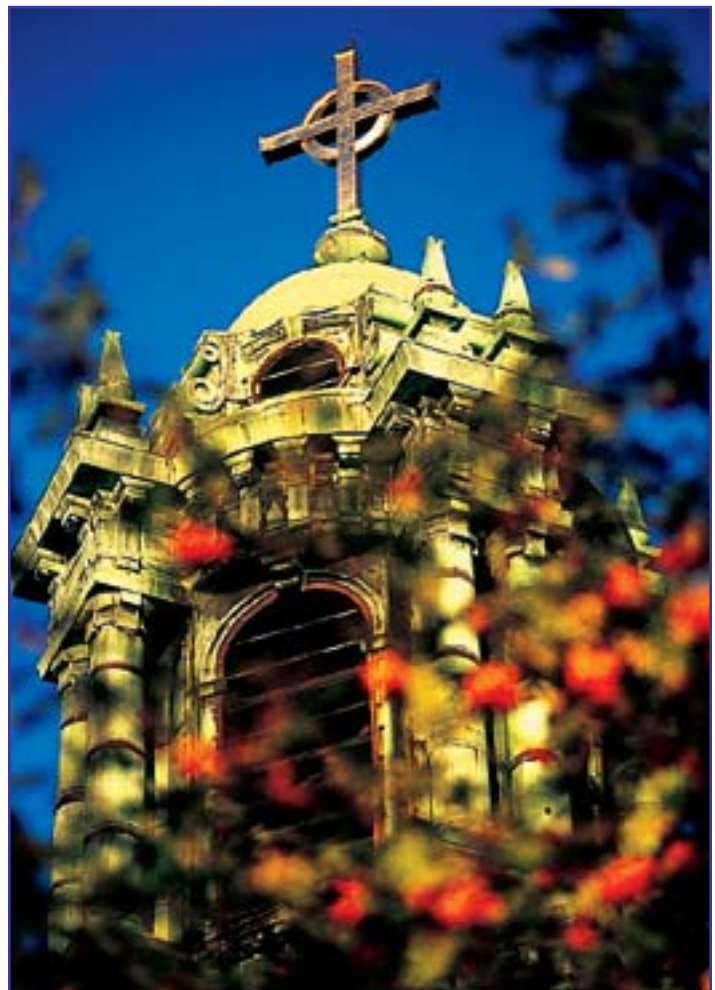
ABOUT HOLY CROSS



Holy Cross is renowned for its academic excellence and mentoring-based, liberal arts education in the Jesuit tradition. An exclusively undergraduate institution with just over 2,700 students, Holy Cross is the oldest Catholic college in New England. Founded in 1843 in Worcester, Massachusetts, the campus occupies 174 beautifully landscaped acres, featuring traditional and contemporary architecture, state-of-the-art facilities, and striking views from atop Mount St. James.

Academic life at Holy Cross is serious, challenging, and exciting. Student-professor exchanges in the classroom, as well as in countless informal settings, are at the center of academic life at Holy Cross. With a student-faculty ratio of 11:1, the opportunity for individual attention is readily available. Few classes exceed an enrollment of 40, and most average 19.

Holy Cross professors are widely respected in their academic specialties. Many have national reputations for their research and publications, creative performances, recordings, and exhibitions. Almost all of the nearly 280 full- and part-time faculty members hold doctoral degrees from some of the finest universities here and



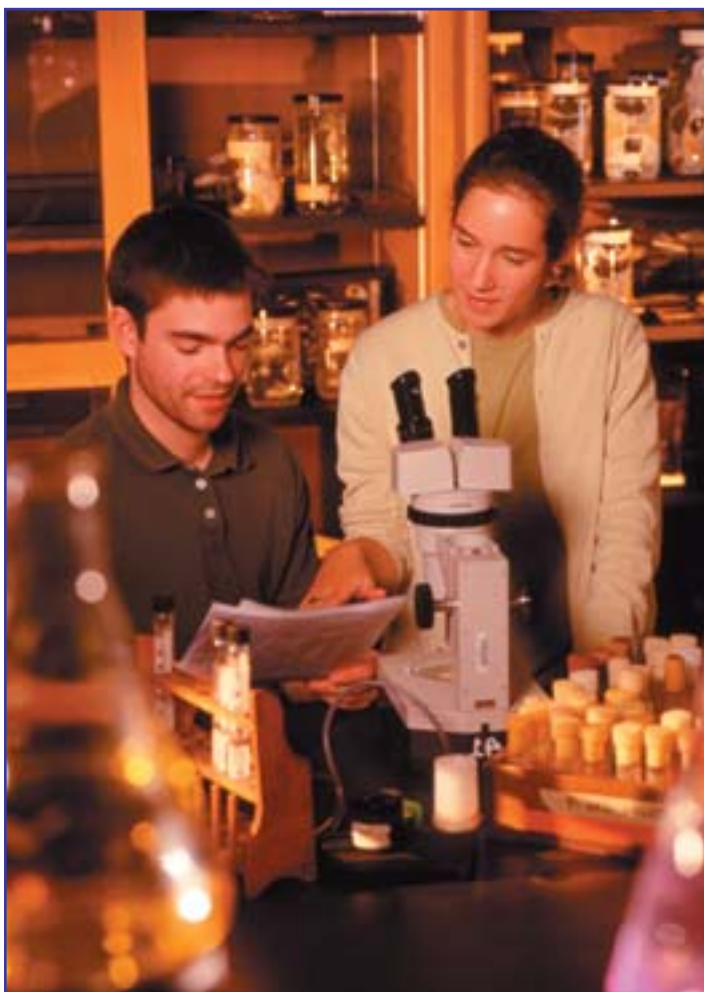
abroad.

Among the major academic facilities on campus are Dinand Library (which, along with three other specialized libraries on campus, has total holdings of 601,730 volumes); Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Art Gallery (with a regular schedule of world-class exhibitions); Brooks Concert Hall (acclaimed by performers and acoustical experts as one of the finest medium-sized performance spaces in the region); St. Joseph Memorial Chapel (built in 1924 and containing the recently renovated McCooley Chapel on the lower level); Hogan Campus Center (with bookstore, post office, coffee lounge, cafeteria, and pub); Carol and Park B. Smith Hall (housing the Center for Religion, Ethics and Culture and the Rehm Library); the Multimedia Resource Center in Edith Stein Hall; and the science complex in Haberman, O'Neil and Swords Halls.

Coeducational since 1972, Holy Cross enrolls a student body of proven accomplishment. Almost all graduated in the top 20 percent of their high school classes. Most live in 10 residence halls on campus, all fully connected to the College's computer network. Students, elected by their peers, represent their classmates at faculty



ABOUT HOLY CROSS



meetings, on major College committees, and in a consultative capacity on the appointment and promotion of faculty. There are more than 100 co-curricular offerings on campus and diverse opportunities for innovative academic options such as the First-Year Program, community-based learning, Washington Semester, internships, and full-year study abroad.

Holy Cross integrates faith and knowledge with an emphasis on service, in keeping with the Jesuits' commitment to educate "men and women for others." A distinguishing and all-important characteristic of education at Holy Cross is the emphasis placed upon the service of faith and the promotion of justice. The Office of the College Chaplains advises Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD), which is the largest student organization on campus. More than 450 students are involved in 37 direct-service programs in Worcester.

The athletics program has a storied tradition that continues today with 27 varsity sports and charter membership in the Patriot League, recognized for its development of scholar-athletes. The College sponsors many clubs and intramural sports programs, and

has excellent athletics facilities, including a football stadium, hockey rink, and the Hart Recreation Center, home to the basketball, swimming, hockey, and volleyball teams. The Smith Wellness Center includes a specialized strength and conditioning facility for varsity student-athletes, as well as aerobic equipment and workout areas for the general student body.

The College offers focused preprofessional advising programs for students interested in medicine and health, law, business, and engineering. The results for successful postgraduate study are well-documented:

- Graduates are admitted to medical school at rates better than twice the national average;
- Each year, more than 100 Holy Cross graduates enter law schools accredited by the American Bar Association – one of the highest rates in the nation;
- Holy Cross is in the top 3% of four-year colleges in the number of students going on to earn doctorates;
- Holy Cross students have won Rhodes, Truman and Marshall scholarships, Watson fellowships, Fulbright grants and many other awards;
- More than 10 percent of Holy Cross alumni are currently practicing medicine.

Among the many Holy Cross alumni with stellar records of achievement are a Nobel Laureate; three Pulitzer Prize winners; two members of the National Basketball Hall of Fame; a U.S. Supreme Court justice; a U.S. Poet Laureate; numerous members of the U.S. Congress; hundreds of journalists, authors, and media commentators; and countless CEOs, educators, and business and community leaders.

HOLY CROSS AT A GLANCE

Affiliation: Roman Catholic. Established by the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)

Undergraduate enrollment: 2,718

46% Male / 54% Female

15% Minority and International

Percent out of state: 65%

Number of U.S. states and territories: 48

Number of foreign countries: 18

Student/Faculty ratio: 11 to 1

Number of faculty: 241 full time; 54 part time

Percentage of faculty who hold doctorates or terminal degrees: 94%

Varsity sports: 27

Participants: 711

Intramural sports: 7

Participants: 1,500

Club sports: 13

Participants: 200

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS



MAJORS

Anthropology
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Classics
 Computer Science
 Economics
 Economics-Accounting
 English
 French
 German
 History
 Italian
 Mathematics
 Music
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Political Science
 Psychology
 Religious Studies
 Russian
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Studies in World Literatures
 Theatre
 Visual Arts: History
 Visual Arts: Studio

MINORS

Anthropology
 Chemistry
 Computer Science
 Economics
 Economics-Accounting
 French
 German
 Philosophy
 Physics
 Russian
 Visual Arts: History
 Visual Arts: Studio



CONCENTRATIONS

Established multidisciplinary programs of study with curricular and cocurricular components:

Africana Studies
 Asian Studies
 Biochemistry (for biology and chemistry majors only)
 Biological Psychology (for biology and psychology majors only)
 Latin American and Latino Studies
 Peace and Conflict Studies
 Women's and Gender Studies

STUDENT-DESIGNED MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

Holy Cross students have the option of creating independent majors and minors. Some examples include:

Architecture
 Catholic Studies
 Environmental Sciences
 Environmental Studies
 Film Making
 Medieval and Renaissance Studies
 Public Policy
 Urban Studies

CERTIFICATE

PROGRAMS

American Sign Language/Deaf Studies
 Gerontology
 Teacher Education

UNIQUE PROGRAMS



FIRST-YEAR PROGRAM

The innovative First-Year Program brings together 160 first-year students and a group of distinguished teachers from different disciplines to discover and embrace these connections in a living-and-learning community. Through co-curricular seminars, readings, talks, retreats and excursions, participants explore enduring intellectual and ethical questions. The program's activities are as varied as climbing Mt. Monadnock, questioning a panel of distinguished journalists about media ethics, and hearing Branford Marsalis perform. In addition, First-Year Program students reside together in Hanselman Hall to enhance opportunities for community bonding and building.

COLLEGE HONORS

In the College Honors Program, academically accomplished students pursue multidisciplinary studies in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Guided by rotating faculty experts, students regularly meet and work to explore how knowledge from different areas can be tested and integrated across disciplines. The program incorporates an honors colloquium – a series of interdisciplinary discussions – and a thesis. Honors students publicly present their findings at the annual academic conference, a highlight of the academic year.

WHAT THE GUIDEBOOKS SAY

- Among the nation's top 50 "most competitive" colleges and universities, as ranked by *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*.
- Among the nation's top 30 liberal arts colleges according to *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Graduates 91% of students in four years – ranked fourth among the nation's undergraduate, liberal arts colleges; named to *Kaplan's* list of colleges and universities with "Impressive Graduation Rates."
- Listed in the top 20 colleges for academics in *The Princeton Review's "The Best 351 Colleges."*
- *Peterson's Guide to Four-Year Colleges* cites a 95% first-year retention rate.
- Named one of the country's "most beautiful urban campuses" in *Kaplan's National Guidance Counselor Survey*.
- Ranked 15th for "professors who make themselves accessible" in a student survey by *The Princeton Review*.
- Regarding the College's mission, *Kaplan's Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges* says, "The Jesuit tradition of 'being men and women for others' shines at Holy Cross."
- According to *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*, compiled by the staff of the *Yale Daily News*, the three best things about attending Holy Cross are: "the professors, the beautiful campus and the connections with classmates."
- *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* cites Holy Cross' small class sizes and beautiful campus as "award winners."



WASHINGTON SEMESTER

Each semester, 15 juniors and first-semester seniors are accepted into a highly selective program in the nation's capital. Students work with members of Congress or federal agencies, assist advocacy and public policy groups, and explore up-close the arts, history and culture of Washington, D.C. With support from their Holy Cross advisor, students pursue internships that consist of four, full work days, and a public policy seminar one night each week. On the fifth weekday, they conduct independent research for their Washington thesis paper.

STUDY ABROAD

Students looking to broaden their Holy Cross experience have an excellent opportunity to do so through the Study Abroad program. Year-long programs provide qualified students with exciting and fully credited extensions of the College's curriculum at participating universities in: Australia, Austria, Cameroon, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Scotland, Spain and Russia. One-semester programs are also available in China and Sri Lanka. Third-year students in good academic standing live with host families, and take courses and exams alongside foreign students in their native language. Deepening the cultural experience, students complete an independent study project in the local community to ensure close interaction with the people of their chosen countries.

COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING

Through a generous endowment established by its namesake, Joseph P. Donelan II, the Donelan Office of Community-Based Learning provides a directorship to establish connections between courses across the College curriculum with internship sites in the Greater Worcester Area. In keeping with the College's social mission to prepare students to be "men and women for others," Community-Based Learning enables students to be of service to the community while enhancing their understanding of course material.

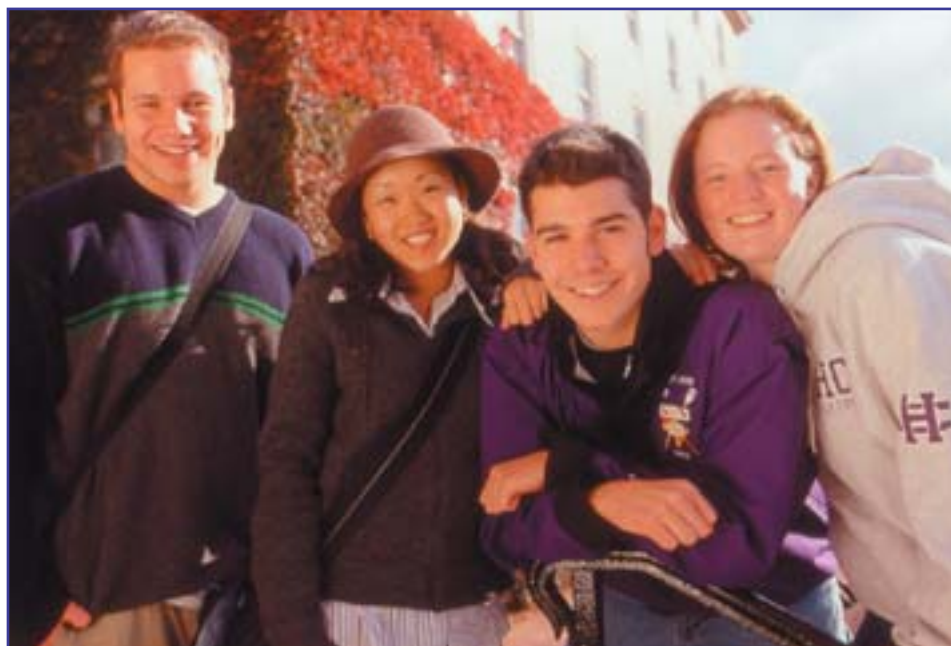


Holy Cross has three performance theaters, two art galleries, a concert hall, ballroom, dance studio and a movie theater. There are more than 100 student organizations on campus, including:

A Capella Groups
Aerobics
ALLIES
American Sign Language (ASL) Club
Amnesty International
Anime Club
Appalachia Service Project
Asian Students in Action (ASIA)
Association of Bisexuals, Gays and Lesbians (ABiGaLe)
Ballroom Dance Club
Best Buddies International
Biology Society
Bishop Healy Invitational Debate Tournament
Bishop Healy Multicultural Society
Black Student Union (BSU)
Boxing Club
Campus Activities Board (CAB)
Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF)
Caribbean African Student Assembly (CASA)
Chamber Singers
Cheerleading
Class Officers
College Democrats
College Republicans
Color Guard & Marching Band
COMPASS
Computer Science - Math Club
The Crusader (student newspaper)
Dance Ensemble
Eco-Action
Equestrian Club
French Club
German Club
Goodtime Marching Band & Color Guard
GESSO (art society)
Habitat for Humanity
HAYES Retreat Team
Hockey Club (Men's)
Holy Cross Cares Day
Holy Cross Orchestra
House Councils
INDIA

Instant Mayhem (improv group)
Investing Club
Italian Club
Jazz Ensemble
John Courtney Murray Circle
Judicial Advisors
Lacrosse Club (men's)
Lacrosse Club (women's)
Latin American Student Organization
Light Opera Company
Literary Society
Meditation Society
Mock Trial Team
Model United Nations
Multicultural Peer Educators (MPes)
Multiethnic Identity Xploration (MIX)
Muslim Endeavor to Create Cultural Awareness (MECCA)
National Society of Collegiate Scholars
NEED Peer Educators
Orientation Leaders
Pax Christi
Ping Pong Club
Poetry Circle
Purple Key Society
Relationship Peer Educators
Resident Assistants (RAs)
Rugby Club (women's)
Russian Club
Safe Person/ Safe Space

Sailing Club
SHAPE Peer Educators
Sir Thomas More Pre-Legal Society
Ski Team
Snowboarding Club
Soccer Club
Society of Physics Students
Spanish Club
Student Alumni Association
SADER
Student Budget Committee (SBC)
Student Coalition on Homelessness and Housing (SCOHAH)
Student Government Association (SGA)
Students for Life
Student Programs for Urban Development (SPUD)
Tae Kwon Do
Theatre - Alternative College Theatre (ACT)
Ultimate Frisbee
Water Polo (co-ed)
Water Polo (women's)
WCHC 88.1 (student radio station)
Wilderness Outing Club
Women's Forum
Worcester House (commuters' group)
Yearbook - Purple Patcher
YOYO Off-Campus Organization



ALUMNI/AE OF DISTINCTION



Holy Cross aims to make a positive difference in society not only through teaching and service, but through our alumni. In fulfilling its mission, the College educates people who go on to become leaders in their fields.

DAVID P. ANDERSON '51

Sports columnist, The New York Times; winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1981

MARY G. BERNER '81

President and CEO, Fairchild Publications

REP. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP '72

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Democrat from New York

LEIGH ANNE BRODSKY '80

Executive vice president, Nickelodeon Consumer Products

JOSEPH A. CALIFANO '52

President and chairman, The National Center on Addiction & Substance Abuse; former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

RABBI NORMAN M. COHEN '72

Rabbi, Bet Shalom Congregation

BILLY COLLINS '63

Former Poet Laureate, consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress, 2001-2003

ROBERT J. COUSY '50

Basketball legend and NBA Hall of Famer; led the Boston Celtics to an unprecedented five straight NBA titles

ANTHONY S. FAUCI, M.D. '62

Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health

STANLEY E. GRAYSON '72

President and Chief Operating Officer, M.R. Beal and Company, NY, NY

JULIE A. HALPIN '84

CEO, The Geppetto Group, advertising company specializing in products for children

JOHN P. HAMILL '61

Chairman of the Board, Sovereign Bank of New England

THOMAS W. HEINSOHN '56

Former Boston Celtics player and coach; NBA Hall of Famer

JOHN H. "JACK" HIGGINS '76

Editorial cartoonist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*; winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1989

DIANE JEMMOTT '77

Executive Vice President, Carmen Group, Inc.



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EDWARD P. JONES '72

2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Known World*

CAPT. JOSEPH P. KERWIN, M.D. USN (RET) '53

First medical doctor in space; senior vice president, Wyle Laboratories

PAUL O. LECLERC '63

President and CEO, New York Public Library

CHRISTOPHER J. MATTHEWS '67

Host of NBC's "The Chris Matthews Show" and MSNBC's "Hardball"

JOSEPH E. MURRAY, M.D. '40

Nobel laureate 1990 for the first successful kidney transplant; professor emeritus of surgery, Harvard Medical School

JOYCE A. O'SHAUGHNESSY, M.D. '78

Leading breast cancer researcher and practitioner at Texas Oncology, P.A.; associate director for clinical research and co-director, Breast Cancer Research, at U.S. Oncology; director, Chemoprevention Research

JAMES DAVID POWER III '53

Chairman and CEO, J.D. Power & Associates, consumer ratings of the automobile industry

MARY DONAHUE QUINLAN '76

Vice president and NY advertising director, Network of City Business Journals

MOST REV. GEORGE E. RUEGER '53

Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, Mass.

MARY PAT RYAN '78

Executive vice president of marketing, Sirius Satellite Radio

DANIEL E. SHAUGHNESSY '75

Sports columnist, *The Boston Globe*; author of "The Curse of the Bambino"

WILLIAM J. "BILL" SIMMONS III '92

Columnist for Espn.com's "Page 2" and *ESPN The Magazine*

HON. CLARENCE THOMAS '71

Associate Justice, U.S. Supreme Court

MARY MURPHY WESTOVER '85

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ROBERT C. WRIGHT '65

Vice Chairman and Executive Officer, General Electric Company; Chairman and CEO, NBC Universal

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REV. MICHAEL C. McFARLAND, S.J., PRESIDENT



On July 1, 2000, Rev. Michael C. McFarland, S.J., became the 31st president of the College of the Holy Cross.

Prior to becoming president, Fr. McFarland was Dean of the College of Arts

and Sciences at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. He was at Gonzaga for four years, where he was also a professor of computer science.

Born in Boston in 1948, Fr. McFarland lived for a time in California and later graduated from Xavier High School (now closed) in Concord, Mass. He completed his bachelor's degree in physics at Cornell University in 1969. He earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in electrical engineering (computer engineering) at Carnegie Mellon University.

Fr. McFarland joined the Jesuits in 1975. He studied at the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass., and earned a master's degree in divinity and Th.M. in social ethics. He was ordained in the St. Joseph Memorial Chapel at Holy Cross in 1984.

Subsequently, he worked as a consultant for two years at the AT&T Bell Laboratories, doing research in computer-aided design of digital systems. He continued his research while teaching at Boston College for 10 years as an associate professor of computer science. In addition to creating new courses in ethics and computers, computer architecture and digital systems, he created a laboratory for digital electronics and developed tutorial materials for a course on computers in management.

Fr. McFarland has published articles in the Proceedings of the IEEE (the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers), the IEEE Transactions on Computers, the IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided

Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems, Formal Methods for System Design, the Journal of Systems and Software, Computer, and Technology and Society. He was an associate editor of the IEEE Transactions on Computer-Aided Design of Integrated Circuits and Systems for three years and has been on numerous program committees for conferences such as the Design Automation Conference, the International Conference on Computer Design, the International Conference on Computer-Aided Design and the High-Level Synthesis Workshop.

In addition to his duties as Holy Cross' president, Fr. McFarland sits on numerous local boards, including the Worcester Catholic Charities Board, the Worcester Municipal Research Bureau and the Board of Trustees at the University of Scranton.

Currently, Fr. McFarland is overseeing the College's comprehensive, \$175 million capital campaign, the largest in Holy Cross' history.

Fr. McFarland enjoys running six days each week in his free time.

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Worcester, the economic and social center of central Massachusetts, is New England's third-largest city with a population of 170,000. Holy Cross is one of the area's 13 colleges and universities, which together make an enormous impact on the area's culture and economy. Boston, Springfield, Hartford, and Providence are all about a one-hour drive. New York City is less than four hours away; Cape Cod and the Atlantic Ocean are less than two hours from Worcester; and the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire can be reached in about three hours. Skiing is available at nearby Wachusett Mountain, and water sports enthusiasts can enjoy the hundreds of rivers and lakes in the area, including Lake Quinsigamond.

Primarily an industrial city through the mid-twentieth century, Worcester has emerged as an educational, medical, health care, cultural and entertainment center. An expanded business and commercial base, and the recent addition of a variety of high-technology companies and growing biotechnology research parks, have made Worcester attractive to expanding companies. Downtown Worcester stands on the brink of a dramatic renaissance with a new hotel attached to the convention center, new courthouse and major housing and retail projects all in the works.

Worcester is home to the DCU Center, a 13,000 seat arena that



features big-name rock bands; Mechanics Hall, a world renowned venue for opera, Jazz, blues and classical concerts; and the Worcester Art Museum, internationally known as one of the finest small museums in the United States. Other museums include the Higgins Armory Museum, a repository of Medieval arms and armor; Ecotarium, which combines the features of a science museum, planetarium and a zoo; the headquarters of the American Antiquarian Society; and Worcester Historical Museum.

After a \$40 million restoration project, the historic Union Station now serves visitors and commuters via MBTA regional service and Amtrak national service.

Worcester has world-class dining, ethnic restaurants and diners, coffee houses, bookstores, shopping, parks, and recreation — all within easy reach of campus.