



## Upcoming Home

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Summer 2010

# HAWK HERALD

## Hawks Embrace Champions of Character

The theme of the 2010 Athletic Department banquet for graduating seniors was character.

Varsity coaches recognized their senior athletes for their leadership, dedication, and their individual contributions to the athletic program throughout their academic careers at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Director of Intramurals & Recreation Jason A. Neal spoke about the NAIA Champions of Character program, and how IIT coaches and students embody those values everyday. The five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character program include:

Integrity – Internal traits that guide behavior.

Respect – Treating others the way you want to be treated.

Responsibility – The social force that binds a player to the good of the team.

Sportsmanship – Following the rules, spirit, and etiquette of athletic competition.

Servant Leadership – Serving the greater good while focusing on the team's mission and purpose.

In 2011, the senior banquet will add a new award for an outstanding student-athlete who embodies the traits established in the NAIA Champions of Character mandate.

Please contact Coach Neal at [intramurals@iit.edu](mailto:intramurals@iit.edu) if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the award.



NAIA Initiates Champions of Character program for members.

## Nominations for 2011 Athletic Hall of Fame Class

The Illinois Institute of Technology Athletic Hall of Fame is being established to honor the outstanding performances for athletes, coaches, teams, and other exemplary performers. Inductees will have demonstrated leadership, teamwork, and excellence during their tenure at IIT.

Nominations for athletic hall of fame membership will be accepted by the Nominating Committee from any alumni, faculty or staff member, or friend of IIT.

An appointed Hall of Fame Selection committee will review nominations and vote on established criteria.

The inaugural Hall of Fame class will be inducted in September, 2011.

The Illinois Institute of Technology Athletic Hall of Fame serves as the highest honor bestowed to its alumni and supporters in recognition of outstanding athletic achievements of individuals and teams of every era.

Nominations can be made online at

[http://www.illinoistechathletics.com/Hall\\_of\\_Fame.php](http://www.illinoistechathletics.com/Hall_of_Fame.php)





Ian McNair  
Palatine, IL  
Sophomore

## Swimming & Diving

The 2009-10 Scarlet Hawk Swim and Dive season was another successful campaign for both squads. The men finished 7<sup>th</sup> at the NAIA National Championships while the women garnered an 11<sup>th</sup> place finish.

The women's team results would have been higher, but an untimely injury to freshman standout Victoria Masney kept her out of one her top events (50 Free).

Fortunately, the injury was not as serious as anticipated and Masney was cleared to return to the competition for days 2 and 3 – where she placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 100 Fly and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100 Free.

She set school records by approximately 2 seconds in each event.

Joining Masney in scoring points were sophomores Morgan Curran (4<sup>th</sup> in 400 IM, 10<sup>th</sup> in 200 IM and 13<sup>th</sup> in 200 BR) and Melanie Koto (8<sup>th</sup> in 200 Free and 13<sup>th</sup> in 100 Free).

The men's team relied heavily on youth to provide scoring for the team.

Freshman diver Ian McNair led the way with a national title in the 1 Meter event and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish on 3 Meters.

Other top point getters were freshmen Max Ramminger (2<sup>nd</sup> in 50 Free, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100 Free and 15<sup>th</sup> in 100 BR) and Eric Grunen (8<sup>th</sup> in 100 BR and 15<sup>th</sup> in 200 IM).

Sophomore Keiji Halloway added points in the 200 Fly (14<sup>th</sup> place) and 100 Fly (16<sup>th</sup> place) to join the scoring.

Senior Joe Taylor (3<sup>rd</sup> in 100 Fly) and junior Joe Muchna (12<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Fly and 15<sup>th</sup> in the 400 IM) also placed.

Taylor and three other senior wrapped up fine careers for the Scarlet Hawks.

During his tenure, Taylor swam a leg of the national champion 200 Free Relay in 2009 and earned two other All American recognitions (2<sup>nd</sup> in 100 Fly 2009, 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100 Fly 2010).

Taylor holds school records in the 100 Back and 100 Fly, and was a member of the 200 and 400 Free-style relay records.

Jay Park graduates as a four year national qualifier. His top national finishes have been in the 200 BR where he placed as high as 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Brian Brady also represented the Scarlet Hawks at the national championships in each of his 4 years on the team.

Greg Herbert worked his way onto the national team his junior and senior year.

With strong recruiting classes for both squads coming in this fall, each team will be in a position to expect continued success.

### NAIA National Champion

Ian McNair, Diving  
1 Meter Diving

### NAIA All-American

Joe Taylor, Swimming  
Ian McNair, Diving  
Max Ramminger, Swimming  
Victoria Masney, Swimming

## Cross Country

It was an unprecedented year for women's cross country in 2009-2010.

For the first time in program history the women of IIT received pre season votes in the NAIA national poll (41<sup>st</sup>). They continued to receive votes for 6 of the remaining polls and were ranked as high as 33<sup>rd</sup> in the country.

The Hawk runners won two meets including the Forrester and the Fighting Bee Invitational during the season.

A senior lead team re-wrote the Illinois Tech women's cross country record book.

A new 5k individual time cracked the top 20 all time school list eight times during the season.

The school record for an individual 5k was tied (18:49), the highest ever finish at a national Championship (94<sup>th</sup>) occurred, and the women shattered the previous best team time for 5 individuals (by 1m:37sec) at the Forrester Invite.

Stephanie Lucas set a new 6k school record (22:25) and the team improved by 2:07 in the 6 kilometer distance.

The women finished a disappointing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the CCAC championships. However, this result couldn't negate the excellent accomplishment throughout the season.

Two runners, Stephanie Lucas and Madeline Jensen, were recognized as all conference selections and a National qualifier.

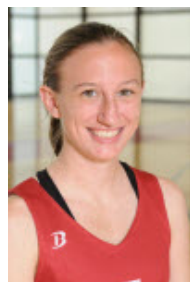
The Men's Cross Country Team had an impressive season as Freshman Zach Gates led the Hawks to a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in conference. As the team did not graduate any members this past year they are looking to build on a strong 2009 campaign.

### CCAC All-Conference

Zach Gates  
Matt Lumnitzner  
Wes Villalobos  
Madeline Jensen,  
Stephanie Lucas

### NAIA Scholar Athletes

Brian Robbins  
Oba Vincent  
Stephanie Lucas  
Erin Skvorc,  
Maruja Yoshimura



Stephanie Lucas  
Midland, MI  
Junior

## Women's Soccer

The 2009 season continued the steady climb to the top tier of the NAIA for the women's soccer program. The Scarlet Hawks women finished 10-9 overall, 5-5 in the always strong CCAC.

Emily Kunkel and Mary McCabe were the leaders in their respective areas as they were the Hawk representatives on the CCAC All-Conference team.

Kunkel, a junior defender, started every game while anchoring the back line. McCabe, a senior forward, led the team with 9 goals and 4 assists.

Seniors Erica Delgado (4 goals, 3 assists) and Alison Pierce also contributed to the teams success.

Freshmen goalkeepers Amy Arnhart (14 starts, 4 shutouts) and Jessica Carlson (5 starts, 1 shutout) split duties between the pipes.

Stephanie Salem, a junior forward, added 7 goals whilst sophomore Jaimie Ward posted 5 goals and 2 assists. Junior Megan Meeke notched 3 goals.

Defenders Noel Deis (19 starts), Diana Otero (17 starts) and Lauren Wissman (15 starts) helped man the back line.

Midfielders Meagan Sarratt (2 goals, 4 assists), Grace Durbin (11 starts), Kay Durbin (16 starts), and Heather Bickerton (11 starts) stabilized the middle third for the Scarlet Hawks.

<b>MVP</b> Emily Kunkel Detroit, MI	<b>Offensive Most Valuable</b> Mary McCabe
<b>Newcomer of the Year</b> Diana Otero Westfield, IN	<b>Coaches Award</b> Noel Deis Corrales, NM
<b>Senior Award</b> Erica Delgado Chicago, IL	<b>CCAC All-Conference</b> Emily Kunkel Hon. Mention
Mary McCabe Albuquerque, NM	Mary McCabe Hon. Mention
Alison Pierce Grand Ledge, MI	<b>CCAC All Academic</b> Emily Kunkel Chemical Engineering
<b>Defensive Most Valuable</b> Emily Kunkel	Stephanie Salem Business



Emily Kunkel  
Detroit, MI  
Junior

Congratulations to Women's Soccer for a 3.239 Team GPA for the 2009-10 School Year

## Men's Soccer

The 2009 season was a difficult one for the Hawks as they battled injuries and illness for most of the 9-11 campaign. The team regrouped to qualify for the post-season-narrowly losing out to Judson University, after upsetting Cardinal Stritch away in the previous round.

There were a number of highlights during the season including freshman forward Liam Barrett scoring a remarkable 17 goals and being named CCAC player of the year.

John Connor also made a significant contribution in his first season with the Hawks.

Other significant contributors included junior defender Aaran McEneff (17 starts), sophomore defender Allan Coates, (18 starts) and Senior forward Andrew Lichaj (20 starts)

Lichaj, in his final year with the Hawks, gained all conference honors in every season with the team.

The Hawks will graduate Phil Brierley, Andrew Lichaj, Ken Ogata, Dan Votipka, and Mike Tilatti.

With a number of new recruits, 2010 will be an exciting year for the Hawks.

<b>CCAC All-Conference</b> Liam Barrett Andrew Lichaj Allan Coates
<b>CCAC Special Recognition</b> Liam Barrett Freshman of the Year



Ken Ogata  
Honolulu, HI  
Senior

## Volleyball

A seasoned and successful group of upperclassmen led the Women's Volleyball team to a strong finish to a 2009 campaign that boasted 18 wins and 3rd place conference mark.

Hawk seniors Aubrey Vanderheyden, Melissa Cheviron and Kiyomi Pyle were instrumental in leading a late season surge to the CCAC tournament final four.

The senior trio captured 91 victories over their four-year tenure in the red and black, making them one of the winningest classes in Illinois Tech volleyball history.

The Scarlet Hawks 18-19 overall, finished their league regular season with a 7-3 record, earning them a #3 seed in the CCAC post-season tournament.

The Hawks reeled off four straight victories leading into tournament play.

Melissa Cheviron helped orchestrate a convincing 3-1 (25-17, 26-24, 19-25, 25-15) victory over Cardinal Stritch in the opening round.

Cheviron led the team with 17 kills while Stephanie Kossak added 11.

The Hawk's bowed out of tournament play in a hard-fought five game semifinal match with Trinity International University (25-21, 26-24, 26-28, 23-25, 11-15).

Senior Melissa Cheviron led the 2009 Hawk offensive attack with 525 kills with an average of 4.07 kills per set. Cheviron also added 54 service aces.

Sophomore Kayla Heller added 272 kills and 30 service aces.

Senior Aubrey VanderHeyden led the Hawks defense with 705 digs and 695 serve receptions.



Melissa Cheviron  
Fort Wayne, IN  
Senior

<b>CCAC All-Academic</b> Melissa Cheviron Stephanie Harmon Courtney Lamoreaux Aubrey VanderHeyden <b>NAIA Scholar Athlete</b> Stephanie Harmon Aubrey VanderHeyden
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## Athletic staff

Rob Bond Head Swimming Coach Assoc. Athletic Director	Phil Kopinski Head C-Country Coach Athletic Trainer
Steve Born Head Baseball Coach Sports Information	Kelly Fitzgerald Head Volleyball Coach Facilities Manager
Marc Colwell Head Women's Soccer Alumni Relations	TBA Head Men's Soccer
Anna Dannhausen Office Manager	Enzley Mitchell IV Athletic Director
	Jason Neal Director Intramurals & Recreation

## Baseball

The Scarlet Hawks Baseball Team concluded a 16-24 season on a high note with several student-athletes receiving accolades. The Hawks finished 14-16 in the CCAC, good for 6th place and just out of the conference tournament.

Senior James Dodgen took home the night's biggest honor as he was named CCAC Pitcher of the year. Dodgen led the conference with a 2.48 ERA, throwing 61.2 innings and striking out an impressive 63 hitters while only walking 9. Dodgen gave up only 13 extra base hits all year.

Dodgen's teammates voted him MVP for the 2010 campaign.

Junior Nick Wise won the conference Gold Glove centerfielder award, committing no errors with 66 putouts. Senior Branden Schombert won Gold Glove Honors for pitching with a perfect fielding percentage. Schombert did not allow any base-runner to steal all season.

Jesse Stepniewski was named to the CCAC honorable mention team. Jon Celestino won the best newcomer award- finishing with a .264 batting average and 3 homeruns as a first baseman and designated hitter.

Congratulations to all of the award winners from Scarlet Hawk baseball team and good luck to our 10 graduating seniors.

### CCAC All-Academic

Matthew Bednarz  
Miguel Gallegos  
Kyle Gugliemo  
Andrew Kungis  
Branden Schombert  
Jesse Stepniewski

### NAIA Scholar Athlete

Matthew Bednarz  
Miguel Gallegos  
Jesse Stepniewski  
**CCAC Pitcher of the Year**  
James Dodgen

## Illinois Tech announces new Athletic Director



Enzley Mitchell IV has been named as athletic director for Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), university President John Anderson announced this week. Mitchell has 14 years of college and professional coaching and management experience, and joins IIT from Northern New Mexico College (NNMC), where he has served as athletic director and head men's basketball coach for the past two years.

"I am pleased to welcome Enzley as IIT's new athletic director," said Anderson. "I am confident that his years of coaching and leadership experience in athletics and the corporate world will further the success and growth of IIT's athletic programs, both varsity and intramural, and advance our alumni relations activities among ex-varsity graduates."

Full Story will be provided for the next newsletter

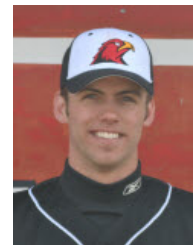
## Ed Glancy Award

The Ed Glancy Award was presented to Aubrey VanderHeyden and Branden Schombert at the Senior Athlete Reception on May 14th.

The award is presented annually to a male and female senior student-athlete who best exemplifies the work ethic, dedication, and high standards of an Illinois Tech graduate.

This standard of commitment was set forth by Ed Glancy, who served IIT faithfully for 35 years.

In his tenure at IIT, he led both the baseball and basketball programs for 24 years before being named the athletic director, and serving in that capacity from 1971-1982.



Branden Schombert  
Lockridge, IA



Aubrey VanderHeyden  
Rockford, IL