



Update from the **FIELDHOUSE**

The Yellow Jacket softball team finished the 2016-17 season with a 25-17 overall record which marked the first time that DC has posted a .500 or better record since the 2009-09 season. DC also posted a 10-5 mark in HCAC play to finish third in the conference and qualified for the HCAC Tournament. Head coach Jodie Holava was tabbed HCAC Coach of the Year.

Three players – Megan Warren, Sarah Kaya and Brooke Gostomsky – were honored with First team All-HCAC. Gostomsky was also recognized as HCAC Freshman of the Year. Senior Megan Warren received accolades as an All-Regional player tying the school record of 55 hits in a single season, the program's all-time doubles leader with 38, and ranks second in RBI with 99. She was nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year.

Jackie Hartman and Jordan Osborne were honored with conference second team recognition, and Jamie Kimbler was an honorable mention selection. Emily Denhard was named to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

The men's baseball team finished last season with a 14-25

overall record and were sixth in the HCAC at 11-15. Zach Reed and Paris Creek earned First team honors in HCAC; Nick Peters was named Second team; and Dominic Holutiak was named to the All-Sportsmanship Team.

In men's tennis, senior James DeMeo earned the team's all-time wins record at Anderson getting his 106th and 107th career victories. It also earned him All-conference honors.

During the 2017 spring semester, 14 student athletes were named HCAC All-Conference. Also, student athletes achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.01. Twenty-eight were named to the Tom Bohlsen All-Academic HCAC list for the spring season – given to student athletes with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 and participating in varsity athletics. In addition, 48 student athletes were selected to the Chi Alpha Sigma national college athlete honor society, recognizing a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA throughout their junior and/or senior years.

During the Fall 2017 season, Yellow Jacket volleyball finished fifth in conference play with a 5-4 record (10-13 overall). They competed in the opening round of the HCAC Tournament.



Jaidyn Patridge earned First Team All-HCAC honors, ranking second in the HCAC in digs per set (5.90). She holds the DC record for digs in a match with 48. Sydney Unger earned All-Sportsmanship honors and Marissa Windau earned All-HCAC Academic.

Men's soccer posted its highest finish ever in the HCAC, finishing fifth overall at 8-8-2 (4-5 HCAC), its best start since the 1996 season. Christian Meister earned Second Team All-HCAC honors and Third Team All-Ohio by the Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association. Liam Hall was named honorable mention All-HCAC and Clay Musgrave Jr. was named All-Sportsmanship Team.

Olivia Fett earned First Team All-HCAC honors in cross country as she finished ninth overall in the HCAC Championships. She ran a personal best time of 24:09.50 moving her into the fourth spot on the DC All-time performance list and setting the DC freshman record.

Alex Miday finished the fall men's golf season ranked among the top 50 in the NCAA Division III. He is now competing in the spring season.

Greg Ward and Markell Moncrief represented Defiance College football in the National Bowl in Daytona Beach, Fla. Freshman Carl Stokes appeared in all 10 DC games, leading the team with 49 receptions for 843 total yards and six touchdowns. He finished the year ranked third in the conference in yards per game at 84.3. Jalin Nealy finished with 78 total tackles including a team-best 57 solo tackles. He was an HCAC Player of the Week.

Jerome Davis, Kolton Davis and Donte Owens were recognized with Second Team All-HCAC honors. Cody Drumm-Turner was named honorable mention All-HCAC while Tyler Gillig was named to the All-Sportsmanship Team, and Nate Hicks was named Academic All-HCAC.

During the fall season, 21 student athletes earned All-HCAC accolades; 11 were named to HCAC All-Academic Team; eight received HCAC Athlete of the Week honors; and seven received All-Sportsmanship honors.

The women's tennis team finished the fall semester with the highest GAP of 3.656, and the men's golf team came in second with a 3.374 GPA.

During winter competition, three Yellow Jackets claimed titles in the HCAC Indoor Track and Field Championship meet in February.

Senior thrower Brooke Waidelich brought an HCAC title back to Defiance in the weight throw, as her career-best throw of 15.39 meters (50 feet, 6 inches) was almost a full meter ahead of the competition. The throw also moved Waidelich into a second-place tie on the all-time DC performance list.

Senior Joshua Petro won his second straight conference title in the weight throw event with a throw of 16.85 meters (55 feet, 3 inches).

Freshman Vince Jackson also became a conference champion as his jump of 1.97 meters (6 feet, 5.5 inches) gave him a conference title in his first ever Championship meet. ◆

