

Quick Facts and Roster

◇ 2008 Roster ◇

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
1	Sheena Czipri	Sr.	L	5-7	Aurora, Ill./West Aurora
2	Liz Hazuka	Sr.	OH/MH	5-11	Colorado Springs, Colo./Cheyenne Mtn.
3	Rachel Rodriguez	So.	S	5-9	Sagamore Hills, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
4	Emily Sawanobori	Fr.	L	5-3	Warren, N.J./Watchung Hills
5	Lindsay Regruto	Fr.	DS	5-4	Atlanta, Ga./Marist School
6	Shannon Pitsch	Sr.	S	5-9	Oak Brook, Ill./Fenwick
7	Lindsay Smith	Jr.	RS/MH	6-0	Lafayette, Colo./Monarch
8	Taylor Willis	Fr.	RS/MH	6-0	Darien, Conn./Darien
9	Allison Gittings	Jr.	S	5-9	Dayton, Md./Glenelg
10	Kyleigh McAhren	Fr.	MH	6-0	Napa, Calif./Justin-Siena
11	Kaitlin Segal	So.	OH	5-10	Pacific Palisades, Calif./Harvard-Westlake
12	Kelsey Guardia	Fr.	DS	5-4	Upland, Calif./Vivian Webb School
13	Katie Baumgarten	Fr.	OH	6-0	South Pasadena, Calif./South Pasadena
14	Anne Ellenberger	Fr.	RS/MB	6-4	Phoenix, Ariz./Horizon Honors
15	Heidi Kamp	So.	MB	6-0	Springfield, Ore./Henry D. Sheldon

Head Coach: Cindy Opalski (Southern Connecticut State '77), 19th season

Assistant Coach: Anna Allison (Oral Roberts '04), Fourth season

Graduate Assistant Coach: Inga Kurgonaite (Lock Haven '08), First season

◇ Getting to Bucknell ◇



Bucknell is within a 3-4 hour drive of several major cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Pittsburgh. Airports are located in Williamsport, 25 miles north of Lewisburg, and in Harrisburg, 65 miles south. The Susquehanna Trailways bus line serves the area.

Bucknell is located on U.S. Route 15, about seven miles south of Interstate 80.

From the New York metropolitan area-Take I-80 West to U.S. Route 15 and follow the directions above.

From Philadelphia-Take the Northeast Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike north to I-80; then I-80 West to U.S. Route 15.

From Pittsburgh-Take U.S. Route 22 East to PA Route 45 East. PA Route 45 intersects with U.S. Route 15 in Lewisburg. Take Route 15 South, and turn left at the next light to enter campus.

From Baltimore-Take I-83 North and pick up Route 15

North just south of Harrisburg. Bucknell is located approximately 60 miles north of Harrisburg.

From Connecticut-Take I-84 East into Pennsylvania, then pick up I-81 South near Scranton. Follow I-81 South to I-80 West, and take I-80 West to U.S. Route 15 South.

◇ Bison Good Sports ◇



In 2006, the Bucknell Department of Athletics and Recreation announced its new "Bison Good Sports!" campaign, a sportsmanship awareness program designed to promote appropriate fan conduct at all Bison sporting events.

The objective of the campaign, according to Bucknell director of athletics and recreation John Hardt "is to thank fans for the tremendous energy and enthusiasm they bring to each Bucknell athletics contest while also empowering them as caretakers of the collegiate gameday experience. While the extremes of unwanted behavior and its impact on home and visiting fans are not commonplace at Bison athletics events, Bucknell and our visiting teams ask for our fans' help in keeping their support of

our teams positive and cheer with positive encouragement, rather than supporting an atmosphere of intimidation that attempts to degrade opposing players and teams. We hope that our fans will continue to join our players, coaches and staff in helping all spectators find creative and ingenious ways to positively support our Bucknell student-athletes."

◇ Quick Facts ◇

University Information	
Location:	Lewisburg, PA 17837
Founded:	1846 as the University at Lewisburg
Enrollment:	3,400
Nickname:	Bison
Colors:	Orange and Blue
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I, ECAC
Conference:	Patriot League (American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy)
President:	Brian C. Mitchell
Director of Athletics:	John P. Hardt
Associate Director of Athletics/SWA:	Amanda Backus
Volleyball Information	
Head Coach:	Cindy Opalski
Alma Mater:	Southern Connecticut State '77
Record at Bucknell:	266-257 (18 seasons)
Career Record:	358-303 (22 seasons)
Assistant Coach:	Anna Allison
Grad. Asst. Coach:	Inga Kurgonaite
2007 Record:	12-17, 5-9 PL
2008 Captains:	Sheena Czipri, Allison Gittings, Shannon Pitsch
Letterwinners Returning/Lost:	12/2
Starters Returning/Lost:	4 + Libero/2
Volleyball Phone:	570-577-3048
Email:	copalski@bucknell.edu
Webpage:	www.BucknellBison.com
Athletic Dept. FAX Phone:	570-577-1660
Volleyball Address:	Cindy Opalski Volleyball Coach Bucknell University Lewisburg, PA 17837
Athletic Communications	
Volleyball Contact:	Becky Hart
Phone:	570-577-1835
Email:	becky.hart@bucknell.edu
Application Information and Deadlines	
Admissions Phone:	570-577-1101
Early Decision I:	Nov. 15, 2008
Early Decision II:	Jan. 15, 2009
Regular Decision:	Jan. 15, 2009
Financial Aid:	Nov. 15, 2008 (ED) Jan. 1, 2009 (Reg.)

2008 Bucknell Volleyball

What it means to BE A BISON

"BEING A BISON MEANS HAVING THE BEST FAMILY OF COACHES, TEAMMATES, AND FANS IN THE LEAGUE AND BEING UTTERLY COMMITTED TO WINNING A PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP IN NOVEMBER."

— SENIOR SETTER
SHANNON PITTSCH

The term "student-athlete" signifies something extraordinary on the campus of Bucknell University.

Being a Bison means that you have the rare blend of physical skills along with the drive and passion needed to succeed at the highest level of collegiate athletics.

Being a Bison also means that you are a scholar first and foremost. You believe that values associated with Division I athletics, such as time management, leadership, teamwork and grace under pressure, are but a part of a well-rounded college experience.

At Bucknell, our students, faculty and staff pride themselves as national leaders in upholding the scholar-athlete ideal that balances a challenging academic program with the demands of successful Division I athletics. **Being a Bison** means that you have pledged to be a student-athlete in the purest sense. In doing so, you will be rewarded for a lifetime.



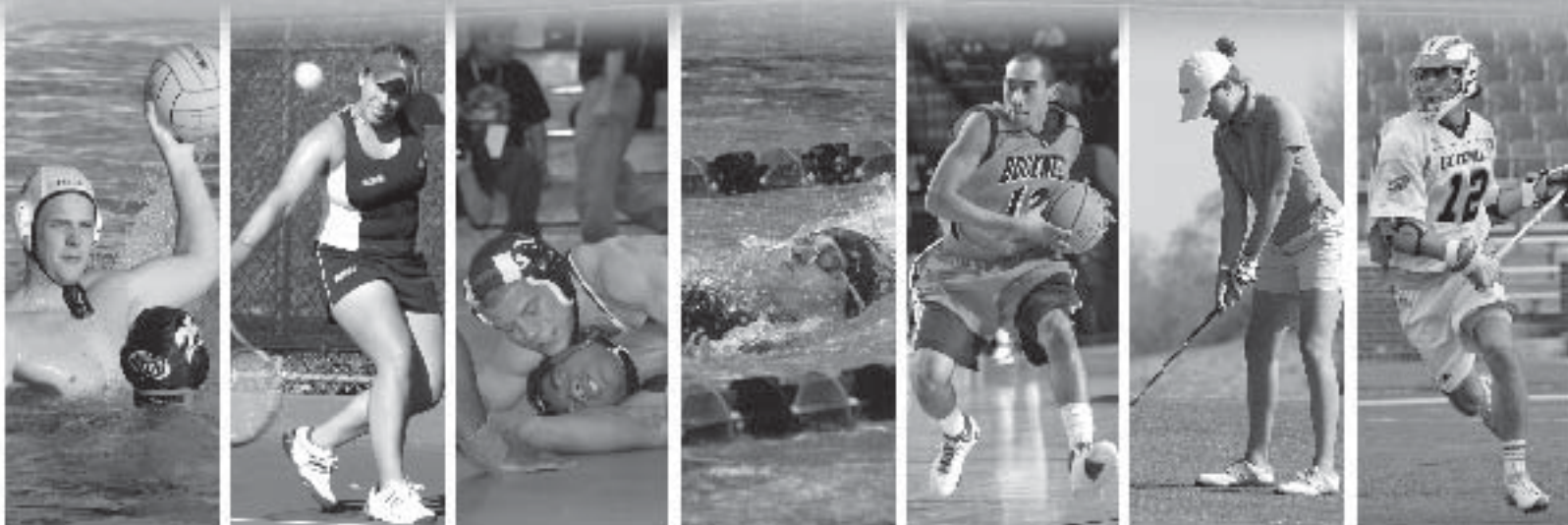
Bucknell Bison Athletics

Setting the Standard of Excellence

Bucknell takes great pride in its commitment to excellence on and off the playing fields. From Presidents' Cups to Academic All-Americans to graduation rates that are ranked annually in the national top-10, Bucknell is clearly at the head of the class when it comes to upholding the scholar-athlete ideal.

- According to federal data released in the fall of 2006 by the NCAA and reported on by the Associated Press and The Chronicle of Higher Education, Bucknell's four-year student-athlete graduation rate was highest in the nation among student-athletes who entered college between the 1996-97 and 1990-2000 academic years. Bucknell was one of four institutions to graduate at least 90 percent of its student-athletes who enrolled during that four-year period. Bucknell posted a 93-percent rate, followed by Davidson (90 percent), Duke (90 percent) and Georgetown (90 percent).
- Bucknell has claimed 112 Patriot League Scholar-Athletes of the Year since the league's inception as an all-sports conference in 1990-91. That is more than twice the next-highest total.
- A total of 344 Bison appeared on the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll in 2007-08 after recording a GPA of 3.2 or better during their sport's competition season. Among all BU student-athletes, 244 made the Dean's List with GPAs of 3.5 or better in the spring of 2008.
- 24 of Bucknell's 27 varsity squads posted team GPAs of 3.0 or better in the spring of 2008.
- In addition to the 116 *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-Americans produced since 1970, Bucknell has also claimed 254 Academic All-District honorees over the same span, including a school-record 20 in 2006-07.

- With five more Patriot League championships in 2007-08, Bucknell has now earned 70 crowns in 18 years in the league. In addition, Bucknell has had 90 conference players of the year, 78 PL coaches of the year and a whopping 456 individual league champions from sports such as cross country, track & field, swimming & diving, tennis and golf.
- Bucknell has captured the Patriot League Presidents' Cup, signifying the league's all-sports champion, 14 times in the 18-year history of the affiliation, including 10 of the last 11 years. Bucknell claimed the overall, men's and women's Cup standings in 2007-08, when the Bison teams won five Patriot League titles. It was the 11th straight year and the 14th time overall, that the Bison took home the women's title. In 2007-08, Bucknell won Patriot League titles in women's cross country, women's indoor track & field, women's basketball, women's rowing and baseball. Additionally, the women's soccer squad collected its second consecutive regular-season crown.
- Bucknell ranks FIFTH in the nation (to Nebraska, Notre Dame, Penn State and Stanford) in total number of *ESPN The Magazine* All-America selections.
- A major element in ensuring Bucknell's commitment to athletics excellence is the Kenneth G. Langone Athletics & Recreation Center, which opened fully in 2003. One of the finest collegiate athletics facilities of its kind, the center includes the 4,000-seat Sojka Pavilion, the Olympic class Kinney Natatorium, the Krebs Family Fitness Center and the Berger Family Weight Room. A Hall of Fame area, a display of Bucknell's Medal of Honor recipients, a new Academic All-America wall, a sports medicine suite, modern offices for coaches and staff, and locker room and classroom space are also included in the facility's layout.





2007-08
Academic All-District
Gillian Nordquist



2007-08
Academic All-District
Justin Wolf



2007-08
Academic All-District
Lauren Stoller



2007-08
Academic All-America
Jason Buursma



2007-08
Academic All-District
Kelly Hoffman



2007-08
Academic All-District
Mark Angelo



2007-08
Academic All-District
Shannon Pitsch

Bucknell Bison Athletics

A National Model in Promoting the Scholar-Athlete Ideal

Bucknell Athletics is first and foremost a student-centered organization, one that strives to be a national model when it comes to operating by a true scholar-athlete model. At Bucknell, student-athletes' academic programs are their first priority, and providing a competitive Division I athletics program only advances the mission, values and residential learning goals of the university. To that end, the Department of Athletics and Recreation proactively seeks ways to assist student-athletes in their daily academic pursuits. Below are just some of the student-athlete support programs currently in place.

FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE: The faculty athletics representative (FAR) is a member of the faculty or administrative staff who is designated to represent Bucknell in its relationships with the NCAA and the Patriot League. Bucknell's FAR is Mitch Chernin, Professor of Biology. The FAR can enhance the student-athlete experience by promoting a balance between academics, athletics and the social lives of student-athletes, which affords them opportunities to enjoy the full range of collegiate experiences available to students generally.

SIDELINE COACH PROGRAM: This program is a truly unique initiative in Division I college athletics, and it involves the invitation of a member of the faculty, administration, staff or community by one of Bucknell's 27 varsity teams. The participant has the opportunity to discuss the overall program with the respective coaching staff, including practice preparation and strategy for the upcoming contest. The sideline coach attends a practice session and an actual intercollegiate competition, where he/she is introduced to the team and gains rarely seen insight into the relationships that exist between player-coach and player-player. The purpose of the Sideline Coaches Program is to foster a better understanding by the faculty and administration of the roles played by coaches and athletes in the university's competitive intercollegiate athletic arena.

ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT CENTER: In the Fall of 2005, the Department of Athletics opened a study/computer lab for student-athletes on the concourse level of Sojka Pavilion. The center is outfitted with computers, a laser printer, four television monitors and a projection unit with computer, VCR and DVD player. Additionally, the study lab can be used as a meeting place for group projects, tutorial area or just a secluded and quiet study space before or after practice.

LAPTOP PROGRAM: The Department of Athletics owns a number of laptop computers that may be signed out by student-athletes for use on away trips.

STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC): Representatives from each varsity team comprise the SAAC, which is designed to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunity, protecting student-athlete welfare, and fostering a positive student-athlete image. The Committee is an invaluable resource for promoting communication between athletics administration and student-athletes; promoting communication between athletics and campus-wide administration; providing feedback and insight, as well as soliciting responses into department issues and proposed NCAA legislation; building a sense of community within the athletics program involving all athletics teams; organizing community service projects and efforts; creating a vehicle for student-athlete representation on campus-wide committees; serving as a collective voice of campus student-athletes; and disseminating information to the student-athlete body.

OTHER PROGRAMMING: The Department of Athletics, through the identification of outside speakers and periodic "Brown Bag Luncheons," thrives to enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience as well as to educate student-athletes on a variety of issues that may affect them throughout their collegiate career. Some recent topics of interest have been alcohol, nutrition, body image, hazing, sexuality, diversity, career development, study skills, religious life and gambling.



2007-08
Academic All-District
Chelsea Brinkman



2007-08
Academic All-District
Kevin MacLeod



2007-08
Academic All-District
Beverly Rogers



2007-08
Academic All-District
Mathew Wilson



2007-08
Academic All-District
Jennie Traves



2007-08
Academic All-America
David Mante



2007-08
Academic All-District
Erin Curatola

The Patriot League



In its second decade of combining academic and athletic excellence, the Patriot League sponsors championships in 23 men and women's sports. Initially started as an NCAA Division I-AA football conference in 1986, the Patriot League became an all-sport conference in 1990 and includes American, Army, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh and Navy as full members, and Fordham and Georgetown as associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have, and continue to play leadership roles in shaping our country. Since 1998, the Patriot League has ranked first each year among all Division I conferences awarding athletic aid in the NCAA Graduation Rate Report. The League finished at the top spot with 97 percent of its teams reporting a graduation rate of 90 percent or higher in the most recent data. In addition, 79 Patriot League teams earned NCAA Academic Performance Program Public Recognition Awards after posting academic progress rate scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports. Patriot League student-athletes and teams continue to enjoy success at the national level, with opening round victories coming in several NCAA Championships including Bucknell's victory over national No. 4 seed Florida State in baseball and Navy's triumph against national No. 4 seed North Carolina in men's lacrosse during the 2007-08 campaign. Patriot League teams previously recorded consecutive first-round wins in men's basketball, a final four appearance in men's lacrosse and a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Cross Country Championship to highlight the League's NCAA success. The Patriot League's mission is simple, to provide successful competitive athletic experiences while maintaining high academic standards, and to prepare its student-athletes to be leaders in society. During the 2007-08 academic year, Patriot League student-athletes and teams have accomplished the following:



be named both Patriot League Player and Pitcher of the Year.

- 14 Patriot League student-athletes were named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans, including first-team honors for Bucknell's Jason Buursma (Baseball), Army's Daniel Newell (Men's Soccer) and Navy's Kari Weniger (Women's Soccer), Chris Renninger (Golf) and Kelly Zahalka (Women's Swimming)
- 65 Patriot League student-athletes earned ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors, including 42 on the first team.
- Bucknell won its 14th overall and women's Patriot League Presidents' Cup trophy, while Navy won its first-ever men's trophy.
- Navy's Evan Barnes won the inaugural Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for men's soccer.
- Bucknell defeated national No. 4 seed Florida State, 7-0, in the first game of the NCAA Baseball Regionals.
- Bucknell's Jason Buursma became the first baseball student-athlete to earn Patriot League Player of the Year, Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Tournament Most Valuable Player honors.
- Buursma was also named a finalist for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award and the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Award in addition to his All-America and Academic All-America honors.
- Holy Cross quarterback Dominic Randolph and Colgate running back Jordan Scott were finalists for the Walter Payton Award, while Colgate linebacker Mike Gallihugh was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award as top players in the Football Championship Subdivision.
- Scott led the FCS in rushing with 170.45 yards per game.
- Two teams qualified for the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament with Colgate receiving an automatic bid and Navy earning an at-large bid and then recording the Patriot League's sixth win in the event with an 8-7 victory over No. 4 seed North Carolina in the first round.
- Lehigh's Lisa Sweeney was tabbed an Academic All-American and became the first softball student-athlete in Patriot League history to

- A Patriot League record six student-athletes - Navy's Mitch Harris and Oliver Drake, Bucknell's Jason Buursma and Army's Drew Clothier, Chris Simmons and Cole White - were selected in the 2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.
- Four Patriot League players were drafted by Major League Lacrosse - Army's Adam Fullerton, Colgate's Matt Lalli and Chris Eck and Navy's Nick Mirabito. The four selections are the most in a single year for the Patriot League in the Collegiate Draft.

- Lafayette's Ashley Harbin became the first Patriot League student-athlete to qualify for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship in three consecutive seasons, and also was the lone Patriot League representative at the Indoor Track and Field Championship.
- American's Brendan Fennell and Steve Hallinan and Army's John Mickowski competed in the NCAA Cross Country Championship, giving the Patriot League three competitors in the field for the first time since 1993.
- Mickowski also competed in the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship along with Harbin and American's Carlos Jamieson. To advance to the Championship, Mickowski won the 1,500-meter race at the NCAA East Regional.
- Navy's Thuy-Mi Dinh competed at the NCAA Women's Swimming and Diving Championship and the United States Olympic Trials.
- Fordham punter Ben Dato signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Baltimore Ravens.
- Patriot League football teams combined for a record 124 selections to the League's academic honor roll.
- Seven Patriot League football student-athletes earned All-America honors, the highest total since 2003.
- American's Garrison Carr set the Patriot League single-season record and cracked the NCAA top 25 with 135 three-point field goals.
- Navy's Greg Sprink was named an Honorable Mention All-American by the Associated Press.
- Navy women's lacrosse set an NCAA record for wins by a first-year program with 13.
- American volleyball's Rubena Sukaj was named an AVCA Honorable Mention All-American.
- American field hockey's team GPA was second in the nation among NCAA Division I programs.
- Six men's lacrosse student-athletes received USILA All-America status.
- Army's Eddie Kang won the USTA Arthur Ashe Sportsmanship and Leadership Award for the NCAA Men's Tennis Northeast Region.
- Two teams competed in postseason play in women's basketball with Bucknell representing the Patriot League in the NCAA Tournament and American in the WNIT.
- Sixteen Patriot League rowing student-athletes were named CRCA Scholar-Athletes.

◇ 2007 Statistics ◇

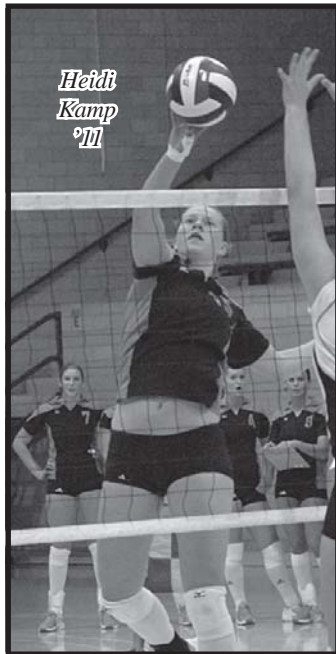
	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Matches	12-17	4-7	5-8	3-2
League	5-9	3-4	2-5	0-0
Non-League	7-8	1-3	3-3	3-2

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		G	K	K/GM	E	TA	Pct	A	A/GM	SA	SE	SA/GM	RE	Dig	Dig/G	BS	BA	Total	B/GM	BE	BHE
10	Henderson, Jenna	98	432	4.41	162	1040	.260	22	0.22	23	36	0.23	31	277	2.83	2	24	26	0.27	1	2
3	Hardinge, Emilie	98	267	2.72	146	823	.147	21	0.21	37	63	0.38	41	198	2.02	7	33	40	0.41	8	3
15	Kamp, Heidi	101	240	2.38	94	562	.260	8	0.08	23	45	0.23	1	60	0.59	12	69	81	0.80	11	1
11	Segal, Kaitlin	97	194	2.00	103	500	.182	34	0.35	33	41	.034	16	184	1.90	3	30	33	0.34	0	4
5	Lisle, Kelsey	72	112	1.56	42	376	.186	10	0.14	9	11	0.12	16	124	1.72	0	13	13	0.18	2	1
13	Mendez, Tessa	89	95	1.07	45	256	.195	4	0.04	0	0	0.00	0	14	0.16	6	38	44	0.49	1	1
6	Pitsch, Shannon	95	79	0.83	41	244	.156	1040	10.95	35	16	0.37	1	205	2.16	1	24	25	0.26	5	32
7	Smith, Lindsay	31	22	0.71	12	68	.147	4	0.13	0	0	0.00	0	6	0.19	1	12	13	0.42	3	0
2	Hazuka, Liz	16	6	0.38	3	14	.214	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.06	0	1	1	0.06	0	1
4	Rupp, Jennifer	79	5	0.06	5	22	.000	17	0.22	26	39	0.33	27	223	2.82	1	0	1	0.01	0	2
8	Feeney, Jacqueline	11	4	0.36	0	8	.500	1	0.09	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	1	2	0.18	0	0
14	VanOpdorp, Jocelyn	32	2	0.06	1	5	.200	3	0.09	9	4	0.28	11	101	3.16	0	0	0	0.00	0	1
9	Gittings, Allison	50	2	0.04	6	19	-.211	124	2.48	3	10	0.06	3	38	0.76	0	3	3	0.06	0	7
12	Rodriguez, Rachel	27	2	0.07	0	7	.286	40	1.48	2	2	0.07	2	19	0.70	0	2	2	0.07	0	2
1	Czipri, Sheena	32	0	0.00	2	4	-.500	8	0.25	8	11	0.25	5	95	2.97	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
	Team												43								
	Bucknell	101	1462	14.48	662	3948	.203	1336	13.23	208	278	2.06	197	1545	15.30	34	250	159.0	1.57	31	57
	Opponents	101	1426	14.12	571	3726	.229	1265	12.52	197	277	1.95	208	1471	14.56	47	351	222.5	2.20	29	67

Bold Indicates Player Returning for 2008

◇ Team Statistics ◇

ATTACKBU.....Opp.		
Kills.....	1462	1426
Errors.....	662	571
Total Attacks.....	3948	3762
Attack Pct.....	.203	.229
Kills/Game.....	14.5	14.1
SETBU.....Opp.		
Assists.....	1336	1265
Assists/Game.....	13.2	12.5
SERVEBU.....Opp.		
Aces.....	208	197
Errors.....	278	277
Aces/Game.....	2.1	2.0
SERVE RECEPTIONSBU.....Opp.		
Errors.....	197	208
Errors/Game.....	2.0	2.1
DEFENSEBU.....Opp.		
Digs.....	1545	1471
Digs/Game.....	15.3	14.6
BLOCKINGBU.....Opp.		
Block Solo.....	34	47
Block Assist.....	250	351
Total Blocks.....	159.0	222.5
Blocks Per Game.....	1.6	2.2
Block Errors.....	31	29



◇ Results ◇

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	SCORE-BY-GAME
8/24	vs. Portland State	L	0-3	19-30,23-30,18-30
8/25	vs. Chicago State	W	3-0	30-24,30-19,30-13
8/25	at Air Force	L	0-3	28-30,28-30,26-30
8/31	at Robert Morris	W	3-0	35-33,35-33,30-20
9/1	vs. UNCG	W	3-0	30-23,30-28,30-28
9/1	at Duquesne	L	2-3	25-30,30-26,24-30,30-26,10-15
9/5	at Morgan State	W	3-1	22-30,30-27,30-21,30-22
9/7	at Cornell	L	1-3	25-30,30-25,13-30,28-30
9/8	vs. Niagara	W	3-0	30-26,30-16,30-24
9/8	vs. Siena	L	1-3	30-28,27-30,27-30,24-30
9/14	RADFORD	L	2-3	30-25,22-30,25-30,30-21,13-15
9/15	SAINT FRANCIS (Pa.)	W	3-0	32-32,30-17,30-25
9/15	STONY BROOK	L	0-3	21-30,21-30,18-30
9/18	MD.-EASTERN SHORE	L	1-3	28-30,30-26,19-30,23-30
9/21	LEHIGH*	W	3-0	30-24,30-23,31-29
9/22	LAFAYETTE*	W	3-0	30-27,30-19,30-27
9/28	COLGATE*	L	1-3	28-30,30-23,24-30,19-30
10/5	at Navy*	L	0-3	27-30,20-30,28-30
10/6	at American*	L	0-3	20-30,20-30,20-30
10/12	HOLY CROSS*	W	3-0	30-24,30-21,30-22
10/13	ARMY*	L	1-3	30-27,24-30,29-31,29-31
10/19	at Lafayette*	L	2-3	24-30,27-30,30-27,30-25,9-15
10/20	at Lehigh*	W	3-0	30-24,30-21,30-22
10/24	at Saint Francis (Pa.)	W	3-1	30-24,31-29,17-30,30-20
10/26	at Colgate*	L	1-3	32-30,21-30,25-30,18-30
11/2	AMERICAN*	L	0-3	21-30,16-30,28-30
11/3	NAVY*	L	0-3	30-32,29-31,29-31
11/10	at Army*	L	0-3	23-30,19-30,23-30
11/11	at Holy Cross*	W	3-0	30-25,30-17,30-16

◇ Patriot League Standings ◇

Team	Patriot League			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
*American	13	1	.929	26	8	.765
Army	12	2	.857	24	5	.828
Colgate	11	3	.786	17	13	.567
Navy	8	6	.571	21	12	.636
Bucknell	5	9	.357	12	17	.414
Lafayette	4	10	.286	14	18	.438
Lehigh	2	12	.143	5	22	.185
Holy Cross	1	13	.071	4	24	.143

◇ Patriot League Awards ◇

2007 Patriot League Champion: American
Player of the Year: Rubena Sukaj, American
Co-Defensive Players of the Year: Jackie Adlam, Colgate & Ivana Cebakova, American
Setter of the Year: Maureen Bannon, Army
Rookie of the Year: Casey Ritt, Colgate
Coach of the Year: Ryan Baker, Colgate



◇ 2008 Season Preview ◇

With an equal number of returning players and first-year students, the Bucknell Bison will face some early challenges as they put together the pieces of their 2008 volleyball team. The fountain of youth was generous with the program, however, providing the squad with a solid group of freshmen who bring the final pieces of the puzzle to Lewisburg.

"We've got a plethora of really great individual talent, but it's the job of the coaching staff and the challenge of the team to figure out how those pieces will best fit together. We've got to develop a strong sense of team unity to put that puzzle together, to maximize the effectiveness of each one of the pieces," said head coach Cindy Opalski. "I'm intrigued about the puzzle concept because I think we've got great pieces. I'm encouraged by the long-term vision and what the puzzle picture is going to look like because I think we have the capability to go out and play for a championship. Our success is going to be determined on how quickly we can coordinate fitting the pieces together in that puzzle."

Creating a solid framework for the puzzle will be a team of three setters made up of senior co-captain Shannon Pitsch, junior co-captain Allison Gittings and sophomore Rachel Rodriguez. The trio provides the Bucknell offense a great amount of flexibility and versatility.

"The good news is that you're usually as good as your setter is, and we have a really outstanding group of setters this year," said Opalski. "The position is very multidimensional in that we can change up those three people in that rotation at any time and not miss a beat. That's really good news for us."

Pitsch, who in 2006 set the university's single-season record for assists with 1,199 and starts the 2008 campaign 241 assists short of becoming the all-time school record holder, enters her final year at Bucknell as one of the most experienced setters in the Patriot League. The team will depend on her ability to control play at the net in order for it to be successful.

"Shannon is in terrific physical condition, is really focused mentally and has all the tools to be the top of the conference this year in terms of her assist production," said Opalski.

Gittings experienced a breakthrough at the position last season, particularly after a strong outing against Holy Cross in November. Gittings registered one of her highest assist totals of the season with 12 in the game. The Maryland native brings an excellent athleticism and rare strength as both an effective setter and blocker.

The youngest of the three setters, Rodriguez contributes a wealth of speed and consistency to the position. That combination of strengths and athleticism will be especially helpful to the team.

"We are focused on recruiting good athletes and developing them into very good volleyball players. A tenacious work ethic is essential to our team's success on the court this fall," said Opalski.

With six players standing six feet or taller, the Bucknell squad will field a formidable front line in 2008. Key to the front-line attack are 6'1" sophomore Heidi Kamp and 6' junior Lindsay Smith.

"For the first time in a long time, we can put big people in significant matchup positions," said Opalski. "We feel that Heidi and Lindsay in particular, along with some of the height in our freshman class, can really make an impact on our front-line play this year. We are looking forward to some pleasant surprises as well."

With the graduation of last year's co-captain and first-team All-Patriot League selection Jenna Henderson, Kamp will be called on to put up big numbers in the kills and blocks statistical categories again. The middle blocker led all Bison with 81 blocks and finished the season third on the team in kills with 240.

"As a middle, she is extremely athletic. She has the ability to attack zones in front of and behind the setter, so she's very versatile," said Opalski. "Heidi has returned to campus in great physical condition and it clearly has enhanced her mobility and effectiveness in the front line."

Smith will play alongside Kamp as a right side and middle hitter. Smith finished the spring season on a high note last year, demonstrating her ability to be a force at the net. Bucknell will rely on the Colorado native's strong blocking and overall team play.

"Lindsay is one of those few players who have the ability to create a consensus around her," said Opalski. "She draws people together and keeps people focused. She has that ability to make people around her play better."

Senior Liz Hazuka and sophomore Kaitlin Segal round out the Bison's roster of go-to offensive players. Hazuka is primed for a break-through season as she tries to bounce back from a series of injuries that have limited her production in past years.

"Liz has really struggled in terms of meeting her potential because of some serious injuries. Fortunately, she has developed a tenacious attitude and work ethic because of that," said Opalski.

Segal completed a strong freshman campaign in 2007 that resulted in an average of two blocks per game and a Patriot League Rookie of the Week selection. She will be asked to carry a heavy load again in the new season as the Bison will depend on her versatility and ability to attack from both the front and back lines. She is touted as a smart hitter who is skilled at attacking the

block, and her consistency in the back row will anchor the Bison serve receive.

"After a strong spring season and with a commitment to a heightened level of fitness, Kaitlin will slowly and methodically carve out a role as a 'go-to' performer this fall," said Opalski.

Rounding out the team's veterans is senior co-captain Sheena Czipri. Like Hazuka, the libero also is returning from injuries. The Bison will rely on her defensive prowess if their quick style of offense is to be effective.

"Consistent offensive production is contingent upon our defensive people doing their job in the back row. So we're going to need people like Sheena Czipri and the two freshman liberos to step up and do an outstanding job on the back line," said Opalski.

The group of six newcomers will be key pieces to this season's puzzle. Featuring Californians Kayleigh McAhren and Katie Baumgarten as well as the Arizona native, Anne Ellenberger,

◇ Quoting the Bison ◇

Katie Baumgarten

On moving to Bucknell from the West Coast

"I came here because of the community aspect of the school and how everyone is like a big family. It's nothing like the California schools because of that sense of family, and everyone supports each other."

Kaitlin Segal

A second-year student perspective

"I came into Bucknell extremely nervous, 3,000 miles away from home and very shy, but was immediately welcomed into the Bucknell family. The volleyball girls welcomed all five of us freshmen with open arms and the freshmen orientation was so much fun, allowing me no time to even think about feeling homesick."

Lindsay Smith

On life at Bucknell

"At Bucknell University, there are so many things to get involved with and it's great that Bucknell has such a balance between student and athlete. You can really get involved in all the extracurriculars on campus, but you can also do athletics at the same time, and all the professors at Bucknell are really supportive of that balance."



Season Preview/Student-Athlete Profiles

Bucknell's front line should develop into one of the most dominant in the league. Already in preseason play, the six-footers in McAhren and Baumgarten have proved to be quick learners and great teammates. As the team's tallest player, the 6'3" Ellenberger is expected to have an early impact for the Bison.

"We looked at Anne as a kid with a lot of potential, but her potential is developing quite quickly," said Opalski. "I think we have a lot of things to be really positive about with the youth that's come in. As the leaves begin to change, we hope they will be coming on strong."

Bucknell's success will depend on the new recruiting class's ability to acclimate to the faster and more complicated collegiate volleyball. The group will need to gain experience and all the Bison must become a completed puzzle as it takes on a competitive Patriot League.

"I think there's a terrific amount of parity in the league this year, more so than ever before," said Opalski. "That parity and competitiveness will bring things down to the wire in terms of who's going to play for the championship and who's going to get an automatic bid into the first round of the NCAA tournament."

Bucknell enters the season picked to finish fifth in the Patriot League, and Opalski enjoys the underdog role.

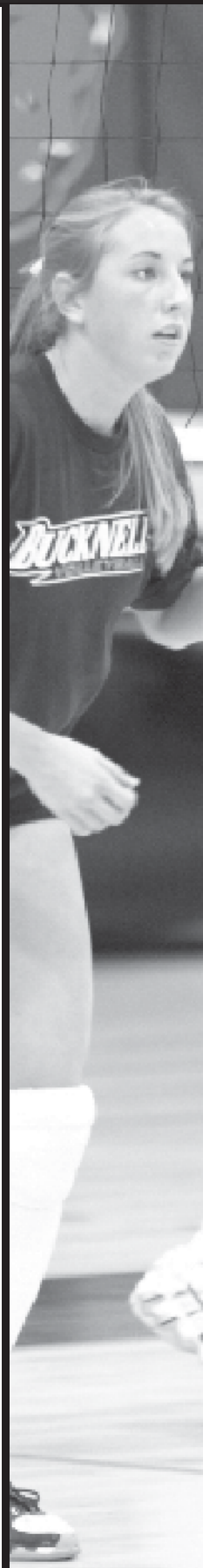
"I kind of like that position of sneaking in the back door and ruining everyone else's surprise," said Opalski. "I think the potential we have to make it to the conference tournament is really solid. The combinations of our lineups and working on the pieces of the puzzle by getting them to fit right isn't going to happen quickly, but I think we're going to have a much clearer picture of our competitiveness once we design them."

Opalski believes Colgate, which starts the season ranked third in the conference, will be the surprise of the Patriot League.

"The squad has a lot of seniors on it. It has the ability to play from a position of experience," said Opalski.

Bucknell will take on Colgate on Oct. 10, in Davis Gym and again on Oct. 31, in Hamilton N.Y.

The traditional conference volleyball powerhouse in American University also should prove to be a major contest for the Bison. After playing the Eagles on Sept. 27, in Washington, Md., Bucknell will complete the regular-season series with the defending league champions on Oct. 17 on its home court.



Sheena Czipri

Sr. • L • 5-7
Co-captain
Aurora, Ill.
West Aurora

2007: Played in 11 matches for a total of 32 sets ... compiled 95 digs (2.97 per set) and eight service aces (0.25 per set) ... posted 10 or more digs on six occasions, including 15 at Lehigh and a career-high 18 against Navy ... totaled two service aces and 12 digs at Saint Francis (Pa.) ... recorded a career-best three service aces at Holy Cross.

2006: Saw action in 15 sets in 12 matches, totaling 11 digs on the year ... logged a season-best eight digs at Fairfield ... recorded three digs against New Hampshire.

2005: Appeared in 42 sets over 26 matches and contributed 14 kills, six service aces and 44 digs ... posted a season-high seven digs against Navy along with two service aces ... totaled six digs against Morgan State and against La Salle ... added two service aces against Morgan State as well.

High School: Earned three letters in volleyball and two in cheerleading at West Aurora High School ... MVP of Kane County Juniors club team in 2004 ... led team to fifth place at 2004 ASIC Junior Nationals in Chicago ... three-year captain of high school team ... all-conference selection as a senior ... *Beacon News* All-Area Honorable Mention ... two-time var-

sity scholar-athlete ... four-time Dupage Valley All-Academic selection ... NCSA Athletes Against Drugs Achievement Award Recipient.

Personal: Daughter of Mary and Karl Czipri ... born Oct. 26, 1986 in Aurora, Ill. ... has two sisters, Anna and Jeanne ... Jeanne was a member of the University of New Hampshire volleyball team ... Dean's List student and two-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member ... majoring in neuroscience.



Opalski on ... Czipri

"Sheena stepped into a leadership role last year and never looked back. As the strongest defender on our roster, she will anchor our passing efficiently and make all technical decisions during the match."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	32-11	0	0.00	2	4	-.500	8	0.25	11	95	2.97	0	0	0	0.00	0	8	0.25
2006	15-12	1	0.07	1	5	.000	1	0.07	2	11	0.73	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.07
2005	42-26	14	0.33	14	50	0.00	6	0.14	6	44	1.05	0	2	2	0.05	0	2	0.05
Career	89-49	15	0.17	17	59	-.034	15	0.17	19	150	1.69	0	2	2	0.02	0	11	0.12

The Bison Nickname

Early in this century, Bucknell teams had no definitive nickname. To remedy this situation, the late William C. Bartol, a long-time professor of mathematics and astronomy at Bucknell, suggested, about 1910, that the nickname "Bisons" be adopted.

Geography was the main reason for the choice of the name. Bucknell's campus lies at the eastern end of the Buffalo Valley, which was one of the last stomping grounds of the American bison, or buffalo, in this part of the country. At one time it is estimated that at least

10,000 bison roamed the reaches of the Buffalo Valley. As late as 1799, more than 300 were reported. The last buffalo in this section is believed to have been shot in 1800 at Buffalo Crossroads, about six miles from Bucknell.

The nickname currently used by most writers and broadcasters is "Bison," believed to be a more accurate use of the plural of the word bison.



Liz Hazuka
Sr. • RS/MH • 5-11
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Cheyenne Mountain

2007: Appeared in 16 sets across 11 matches ... recorded six kills, one dig and one block ... tallied two kills and a block assist against Maryland-Eastern Shore ... also logged one kill apiece against Army, at Saint Francis (Pa.), against Navy and at Holy Cross.

2006: Saw action in 59 sets over 29 matches, starting five ... totaled 76 kills for an average of 1.29 per set ... also recorded 59 digs and four blocks ... posted a career high with 12 kills at St. Francis (N.Y.) and hit .435 in the match (12-2-23) ... totaled 11 kills and tallied a career-best eight digs against Maryland-Eastern Shore ... recorded 11 kills at Lehigh and 10 versus New Hampshire ... hit a career-best .857 (6-0-7) against Colgate.

2005: Appeared in 14 sets over 13 matches and totaled three kills and two blocks on the season ... had one kill and one block assist against St. Francis (N.Y.) and against Holy Cross.

High School: Helped lead Cheyenne Mountain High School to an undefeated regular season as a senior ... played club volleyball for Altitude VBC ... also spent time with the Match Point club program and finished in the top 15 at two of the major National Qualifiers — Northern Lights and Crossroads ... member of the National Honor Roll and Principal's Honor Roll ... listed in Who's Who Among High School Students.

Personal: Daughter of Mark and Ann Hazuka ... Dean's List student and three-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member ... majoring in international relations.



Opalski on ... Hazuka

"Battling through a plethora of injuries throughout her career, Liz has developed an incredible amount of mental toughness. Liz is determined to make her senior year the best one yet."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	16-11	6	0.38	3	14	.214	0	0.00	0	1	0.06	0	1	1	0.06	0	0	0.00
2006	59-29	76	1.29	47	227	.128	2	0.03	4	35	0.59	0	4	4	0.07	0	3	0.05
2005	14-13	3	0.21	7	17	-.235	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	2	0.14	0	0	0.00
Career	89-53	85	0.96	57	258	.109	2	0.02	4	36	0.40	0	7	7	0.08	0	3	0.03



Shannon Pitsch
Sr. • S • 5-9
Co-captain
Oak Brook, Ill.
Fenwick

Holds school record for assists in a season (1,199) ... ranks second in career assists (2,831).

2007: Started 25 of 28 matches ... appeared in 95 sets ... totaled 79 kills, 205 digs (2.16 per set) and 35 service aces (.35 per set) on the season ... led the team with 1,040 assists (10.95 per set) ... logged a season-high 53 assists at Duquesne and against Maryland-Eastern Shore ... posted 40+ assists 13 times ... recorded 15 digs at Colgate ... also posted 13 digs against Siena, Saint Francis (Pa.) and Army ... recorded five double-doubles (assists/digs).

2006: Appeared in all of the squad's 113 sets, the only player to do so ... started 31 of 32 matches ... tallied a school record 1,199 assists, 37 service aces and 239 digs and 35 blocks ... amassed 50+ assists on eight occasions and had 40+ assists 14 times ... posted a new career high with 59 assists at Navy ... tied career best for service aces with four in that match as well, a total she reached three times during the season ... reached double figures in digs eight times, good for eight double-doubles (assists/digs) ... registered a career-best 20 digs against Holy Cross ... had a career-high seven kills at Fairfield and hit a season-best .375 (7-1-16) ... totaled a career-high four blocks (0-4) versus New Hampshire ... was named to the Patriot League All-Tournament Team after averaging 9.29 assists per set and 3.14 digs per set over two tournament matches.

2005: Saw action in 110 out of a possible 114 sets ... registered 592 assists, 176 digs, 38 service aces and 26 kills on the season ... recorded season-bests with 38 assists, two blocks and five at Colgate to go along with 12 digs ... hit .444 at Lehigh with five kills ... posted a season-high four service aces against St. Francis (N.Y.) and matched the total at Lafayette ... totaled a season-high 15 digs against Colgate ... had 31 assists, three service aces and nine digs at Stony Brook.

High School: Played four years of volleyball, three with the varsity, at Fenwick High School ... two-time All-East Suburban Catholic Conference selection ... two-time Pioneer Press All-Area Team ... team captain as a senior ... three-year starting setter who led the team to the top 16 in the state as a junior ... team finished with best record in school history at 28-8 ... also played for five seasons with national power Sports Performance Volleyball Club ... helped two teams qualify for the USAV Junior Olympic Championships (2003 and 2005) ... Illinois State



Scholar.

Personal: Daughter of David and Starr Pitsch ... born Aug. 9, 1987 in Oak Brook, Ill. ... has an older brother, David, who played on the tennis team at DePaul ... father played four years of baseball and one season of basketball at Northern Illinois ... Dean's List student and three-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member... majoring in English and history.

Opalski on ... Pitsch

"There is little doubt that Shannon is the most technically sound setter in the Patriot League. She has great decision-making skills and her determination is matched by only by her work ethic to capture another conference championship."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	95-28	79	0.83	41	244	.156	35	0.37	16	205	2.16	1	24	25	0.26	5	1040	10.95
2006	113-32	68	0.60	54	299	0.47	37	0.33	27	239	2.12	2	33	35	0.31	3	1199	10.61
2005	110-31	26	0.24	18	83	0.96	38	0.35	19	176	1.60	0	4	4	0.04	0	592	5.38
Career	318-91	173	0.54	113	626	0.96	110	0.35	62	620	1.95	3	61	64	0.20	8	2831	8.90



Allison Gittings

Jr. • S • 5-9
Co-captain
Dayton, Md.
Glenelg

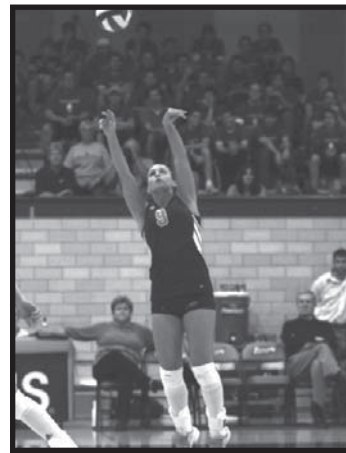
2007: Appeared in 50 sets over 24 matches ... totaled 124 assists (2.48 per set), three service aces and 38 digs on the season ... recorded a career-high 51 assists at Saint Francis (Pa.) ... contributed a season-high eight digs at Air Force ... also posted seven digs at Robert Morris.

2006: Saw action in 50 sets over 28 matches, contributing 34 assists, two service aces and 41 digs ... posted a season-best five digs at La Salle and at St. Francis (N.Y.) ... season high in assists came at Lafayette (8) ... also totaled seven assists at St. Francis (N.Y.).

High School: Earned two letters in volleyball and two in basketball at Glenelg High School ... started on the JV volleyball squad freshman and sophomore year ... varsity starter as a junior and senior ... served as JV captain in 2003 and as varsity captain in 2005 ... helped her team to a state championship in 2005 ... named first-team All-Howard County *Baltimore Sun*, first-team All-County *Howard County Times*, second team All-Metropolitan Area *Baltimore Sun*, first team All-County *Gazette* and honorable mention *Washington Post* All-County ... was regional assist leader in 2005 with 630 as-

ists (8.9/set) ... led club team to two USVBA championships.

Personal: Daughter of Steve and Marty Gittings ... born Sept. 3, 1987 in Bryan, Texas ... has a sister, Dana ... mother played field hockey at Westminster College ... father was a member of the swim team at the US Coast Guard Academy and at Westminster ... majoring in psychology with a minor in biology.



Opalski on ... Gittings

"Allison had a breakthrough in the setting position late last fall and continued to do a great job in our spring competitions. With a greater consistency and effectiveness as a front line attacker, Allison has the ability to make us more effective offensively in the 2008 season."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	50-24	2	0.04	6	19	-.211	3	0.06	10	38	0.76	0	3	3	0.06	0	124	2.48
2006	50-28	1	0.02	4	14	-.214	2	0.04	10	41	0.82	0	1	1	0.02	0	34	0.68
Career	100-52	3	0.03	10	33	-.212	5	0.05	20	79	0.79	0	4	4	0.04	0	158	1.58

THERE IS NO OFF-SEASON FOR THE STUDENT-ATHLETE

Throughout the 2008 summer, members of the Bucknell volleyball squad shared the various educational endeavors they were pursuing while away from Lewisburg. While senior Sheena Czipri conducted neurophysiology research using rhesus macaque monkeys, junior Allison Gittings studied tropical ecology in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands and senior Shannon Pitsch spent her summer interning in Manhattan with the Food Editor at Martha Stewart Living. The students' stories can be found on BucknellBison.com.

Student-Athlete Profiles



Lindsay Smith
 Jr. • RS/MH • 6-0
 Lafayette, Colo.
 Monarch

2007: Saw action in 18 matches, starting eight ... totaled 22 kills, 13 blocks (1-12) and six digs ... recorded a season-best seven kills against Robert Morris.

2006: Played in 13 sets over 11 matches, drawing one start ... totaled 12 kills and five blocks on the year ... hit .600 with nine kills in 15 attempts and totaled three block assists at St. Francis (N.Y.) ... also posted one kill apiece in two matches against La Salle and added another versus Holy Cross.

High School: Earned two letters in volleyball at Monarch High School ... named to both the Academic All-Conference team and the Academic All-State first team in 2004 and 2005 ... earned the Colorado Volleyball Company 18s National Team's Most Improved Player award in 2005 ... helped the Colorado Volleyball Company 17s National Team qualify for and place 13th at the Junior Olympic National Championships in 2004-05 ... served as Five Start Volleyball Club 18 National Team captain in 2005-06.

Personal: Daughter of Steven and Nancy Smith ... born May 14, 1988 in Boulder, Colo. ... has a brother, Adam ... Dean's List student and two-time Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member ... majoring in neuroscience.

Opalski on ... Smith

"Lindsay's ability to create good team chemistry has been evident since her first day in the gym. I see strong potential for her to appear in the top five of all Patriot League blockers."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	31-18	22	0.71	12	68	.147	0	0.00	0	6	0.19	1	12	13	0.42	3	4	0.13
2006	13-11	12	0.92	5	27	.259	1	0.08	2	3	0.23	1	4	5	0.38	0	3	0.23
Career	44-29	34	0.77	17	95	.179	1	0.02	2	9	0.20	2	16	18	0.41	3	7	0.16



Heidi Kamp
 So. • MB • 6-0
 Springfield, Ore.
 Henry D. Sheldon

2007: Was the only player to appear in all 101 sets ... started 28 of 29 matches ... recorded 240 kills (2.38 per set), 23 service aces and 60 digs on the season ... led the team with 81 total blocks (12-69) ... recorded double-figure kills in 10 matches ... had a season-best 15 kills against Colgate ... posted eight blocks against Lehigh ... earned eight kills on 13 attempts (.615) against Holy Cross ... logged a season-best six digs at Duquesne.

High School: Lettered for four years in volleyball and swimming at Henry D. Sheldon High School ... served as captain of both squads as a senior and helped her volleyball team to four league titles ... earned a spot on the all-league first team in 2006 and was named all-league honorable mention in 2005 ... selected as the team MVP as a senior along with earning Most Inspirational Player recognition ... was named Outstanding Junior Swimmer in 2006 ... was a part of three district championship squads as a member of the swimming

program.

Personal: Daughter of Gerry and Debra Kamp ... born Jan. 21, 1989 in Eugene, Ore. ... has three siblings, Alison, McKenzie and Russell ... Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member ... majoring in art and Spanish.



Opalski on ... Kamp

"Heidi has had really good timing with the setters thus far and has been able to run a fast offense. Her improved blocking and play-reading skills also should significantly improve our block totals this season."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	101-29	240	2.38	94	562	.260	23	0.23	45	60	0.59	12	69	81	0.80	11	8	0.08
Career	101-29	240	2.38	94	562	.260	23	0.23	45	60	0.59	12	69	81	0.80	11	8	0.08

BISON IN THE CLASSROOM

In April 2008, the Bucknell volleyball team was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) with the organization's Team Academic Award for maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher during the 2007-08 school year. Bucknell was one of 71 schools nationwide and joined American as the only Patriot League squads to earn the award.



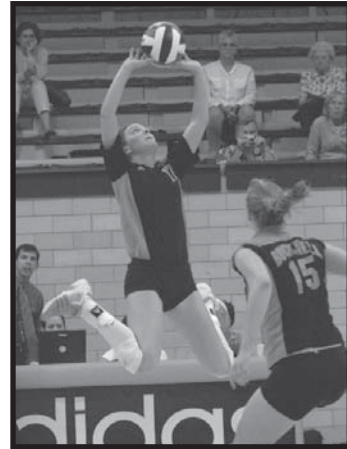
Rachel Rodriguez
So. • S • 5-9
Sagamore Hills, Ohio
Walsh Jesuit

2007: Saw action in 17 matches, starting two ... played in 27 sets ... totaled 40 assists, 19 digs, two kills and two blocks ... totaled a season-best 35 assists and eight digs against Radford along with one block ... registered a season-high two service aces against Chicago State along with three assists and four digs ... had two digs versus Army and again at Saint Francis (Pa.).

High School: Lettered four times in volleyball and three times in softball at Walsh Jesuit High School ... as a team co-captain, helped her squad to state runner-up finishes in 2005 and 2006 ... earned first-team all-district, second-team all-state, *Beacon Journal* All-Star, Touchdown Club All-Star and Record Publishing All-Star accolades during her career ... was a High School Heisman nominee.

Personal: Daughter of Michael and Tracy Rodriguez ... born Jun. 4, 1989 in Cleveland, Ohio ... has two siblings, Megan and Alex ... sister, Megan, plays volleyball at the

University of Akron ... father played baseball and mother played volleyball at Cleveland State ... Dean's List student and Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member ... management major.



Opalski on ... Rodriguez

"Rachel has very good quickness and has melded that speed and quickness with more consistent delivery of the ball. Her serve should score a lot of points for us this fall."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	27-17	2	0.07	0	7	.286	2	0.07	2	19	0.70	0	2	2	0.07	0	40	1.48
Career	27-17	2	0.07	0	7	.286	2	0.07	2	19	0.70	0	2	2	0.07	0	40	1.48



Kaitlin Segal
So. • OH • 5-10
Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Harvard-Westlake

2007: Started 21 of 29 matches ... saw action in 97 sets ... totaled 194 kills (2 per set), 184 digs, 34 assists and 33 service aces ... recorded a season-best 17 kills against Maryland-Eastern Shore ... registered 10 kills on 17 attempts (.588) against Niagara ... tallied a season-best 12 digs at Duquesne, and against Radford and Lafayette ... recorded 10+ digs five times on the season ... named Patriot League Rookie of the Week (Sept. 24).

High School: Earned three letters in volleyball at Harvard-Westlake School ... named to the all-league second team her junior and senior seasons, helping her squad to a California High School State quarterfinals appearance in 2005 and a Mission League championship in 2006 ... received *Los Angeles Daily News* honorable mention recognition as a senior ... was a four-time Athletic Achievement Award recipient ... served as team captain both her junior and senior years ... named Freshman MVP in 2003 ... received

coaches award both junior and senior years.

Personal: Daughter of Michael and Leanne Segal ... born Apr. 20, 1989 in Santa Monica, Calif. ... has two sisters, Kirsten and Molly ... majoring in sociology with a minor in anthropology.



Opalski on ... Segal

"Kaitlin's the type of player that doesn't capture your immediate attention, but if you don't watch out, she can hurt you over and over again. She made a substantial contribution as a defender and right side attacker last season, and she is determined to move to the outside hitter position this fall."

Year	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	A	A/S
2007	97-29	194	2.00	103	500	.182	33	0.34	41	184	1.90	3	30	33	0.34	0	34	0.35
Career	97-29	194	2.00	103	500	.182	33	0.34	41	184	1.90	3	30	33	0.34	0	34	0.35





Katie Baumgarten
Fr. • OH • 6-0
South Pasadena, Calif.
South Pasadena

High School: Earned four letters in volleyball, two in soccer and one in track at South Pasadena High School ... four-year starter ... All-Rio Hondo League first team and all-area second team honoree in 2007 ... tabbed Offensive MVP in 2007 ... earned All-Rio Hondo second team recognition in 2006 ... received Coach's Award ... played for the San Gabriel Elite Volleyball Club for six years ... was soccer team's Defensive MVP in 2005.

Personal: Daughter of Moe and Jane Baumgarten ... born Mar. 14, 1990 in Pasadena, Calif. ... has three siblings, Joanna, Ben and Megan ... father was a member of the crew team at Stanford ... mother competed for the University of New Hampshire gymnastics team ... sister, Joanna, was a member of the swim team at Duke ... brother, Ben, played water polo at USC ... sister, Megan, plays volleyball at Seton Hall.

Opalski on ... Baumgarten

"After playing against the best players in California throughout her high school career, Katie should be more than prepared for the rigors of DI volleyball when she steps on campus. Her strength at the net is what we need to make another trip to the league championship."



Anne Ellenberger
Fr. • MB • 6-4
Phoenix, Ariz.
Horizon Honors

High School: Lettered three-times in both volleyball and basketball at Horizon Honors High School ... also attended Nishimachi International School in Tokyo, Japan from 2004-2005 ... served as team captain in 2007 ... named to 2A Metro Girls Volleyball All-Conference team in 2007 ... MVP of the Maricopa Invitational Volleyball Tournament in 2007 ... received team's Most Improved Varsity Volleyball Player Award in 2005 ... was team captain for basketball in 2008 and was a two-time 2A Metro Girls Basketball All-Conference selection ... named Most Improved Varsity Basketball Player in 2006.

Personal: Daughter of Carole and Ronald Ellenberger ... born July 23, 1990 in Richardson, Texas ... has one sister, Sara ... father played basketball at Grove City College ... has lived in Japan and the Philippines ... majoring in chemical engineering.

Opalski on ... Ellenberger

"Anne's potential to contribute to our offensive effectiveness is enormous. Once she adjusts to the speed, transition and quickness of the college game, Anne is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the front line."



Kelsey Guardia
Fr. • DS • 5-4
Upland, Calif.
Vivian Webb School

Joins the team as a walk-on.

High School: Lettered twice in volleyball and four times in soccer at Vivian Webb School ... was twice named captain of her volleyball squad ... earned Coaches' Award in 2004 ... awarded honorary MVP as a senior at Vivian Webb School ... worked at the Upland Animal Shelter for four years.

Personal: Daughter of Cheryl and Philip Guardia ... born Dec. 6, 1989 in Upland, Calif. ... has one brother, Kevin ... cousin, Michelle Lopez, played soccer at Cal State San Bernadino ... cousin, Lisa Lopez, runs track for UC Riverside.

Opalski on ... Guardia

"Kelsey has brought a tenacious work ethic to the gym each and every practice session. She's a very determined competitor."



Kyleigh McAhren
Fr. • MH • 6-0
Napa, Calif.
Justin-Siena

High School: Four-time letterwinner in volleyball and three-time letterwinner in basketball at Justin-Siena High School ... served as team captain as a senior ... named Marin County Athletic League Player of the Year ... was a First Team All-Napa County selection sophomore and junior seasons ... tabbed Newcomer of the Year as a freshman after helping team to a Northern California section championship ... earned Marin County Athletic League Volleyball honorable mention recognition both sophomore and junior year ... helped the basketball squad to a Northern California section title as a senior and was named Second Team All-Napa County ... received the All-Academic Scholastic Team Championship Award for both volleyball and basketball as a senior.

Personal: Daughter of Kyle and Rebecca McAhren ... born Oct. 19, 1989 in Napa, Calif. ... uncle, Kraig McAhren, played basketball at Columbus State.

Opalski on ... McAhren

"Kyleigh is a huge triple threat for us. She is an outstanding student in the classroom, an incredibly versatile athlete and the type of competitor who could be a major impact player for us this fall, especially in the front row."



Lindsay Regruto
Fr. • DS • 5-4
Atlanta, Ga.
Marist School

High School: Lettered three times in both volleyball and swimming & diving at Marist School ... helped her team to a state championship in 2006 and a state runner-up finish in 2005, along with area titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007 ... served as co-captain for the swimming & diving team and helped guide the squad to a state championship in 2008 after runner-up showings in 2006 and 2005.

Personal: Daughter of JoAnn and Rich Regruto ... born Oct. 18, 1989 in Long Island, N.Y. ... has two brothers, Max and Brad ... majoring in biology.

Opalski on ... Regruto

"You can't play great defense without strong footwork. That is the best part of Lindsay's game. She was the principal motivator behind her high school's state tournament accomplishments last fall, both as a consistent passer and reliable backcourt defender."



Emily Sawanobori
Fr. • L • 5-3
Warren, N.J.
Watchung Hills

High School: Earned three letters in volleyball at Watchung Hills Regional High School ... named Watchung Optimist Club Athlete of the Year for volleyball as a senior ... served as team captain and helped guide her team to county championships in 2007 and 2006 and a state quarterfinalist finish in 2007 ... tabbed Team MVP ... selected to the All-Central Jersey first team and All-Group 4 first team ... MVP of Children Tournament in 2007 ... her club team, Atlantic Valley Volleyball Club, earned an AVVC 18 National No. 1 regional ranking in 2007 and 2008 and was the regional champion ... USAV High Performance A1 in 2006 and 2007 ... named NJ Star Ledger Athlete of the Week on Oct. 8, 2007 ... member of NCVA Area League 14s championships in Bay Area, Calif. ... National Honors Society and Spanish Honors Society member.

Personal: Daughter of Diane and Tom Sawanobori ... born July 28, 1990 in Upland, Calif. ... has two sisters, Kimiko and Hana.

Opalski on ... Sawanobori

"As a two-time MVP and New York State quarterfinalist, Emily has made substantial contributions to her high school team's success as well as with her club program. We are counting on Emily to give us depth and consistency on the defensive end of the floor."



Taylor Willis
Fr. • RS/MH • 6-0
Darien, Conn.
Darien

High School: Lettered three times in volleyball and twice in track at Darien High School ... helped her squad to a Class L state title, a FCIAC title and an East Division championship in 2007 ... was named first team all-state and to the All-FCIAC second team in 2007 ... in 2006, part of Class M state championship, FCIAC championship and East Division championship squad ... tabbed All-FCIAC third team honoree in 2006.

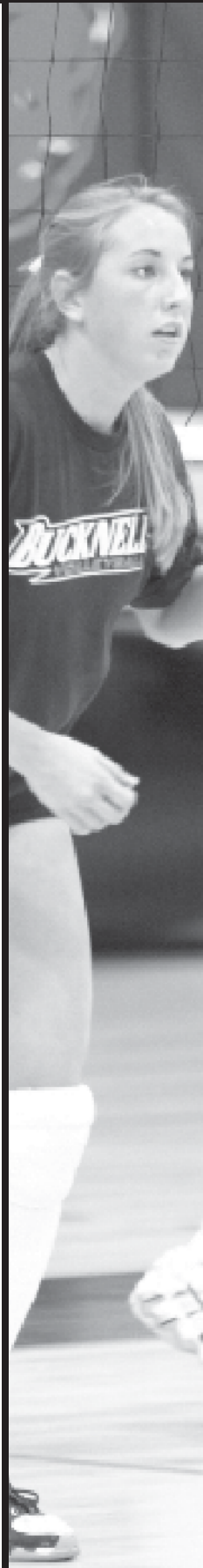
Personal: Daughter of Loris and Gregory Willis ... born Oct. 2, 1990 in Stamford, Conn. ... has one brother, Malcolm.

Opalski on ... Willis

"Taylor brings rich experience and considerable talent from a Darien High School team that has dominated the sport of volleyball in Connecticut for more than a decade. Her acclimation to the speed of the college game will be a factor in her ultimate success."

DAVIS GYM: THE HOME OF BISON VOLLEYBALL

The construction of the Langone Athletics and Recreation Center specifically impacted the Bucknell volleyball program in a significant way. The relocation of the Bison men's and women's basketball teams to Sojka Pavilion left Davis Gym as the premier volleyball and wrestling facility. The venerable 1,000-seat arena was dedicated on June 13, 1938 and has hosted Bison athletic events for more than 70 years. The Davis Gym hardwood was recently refinished and painted with volleyball boundaries as its primary color scheme. The team's spacious locker room and coaches offices are located just off the main playing floor. A new scoreboard was added in 2007, as well.





Cindy Opalski
Head Coach
19th Season
358-303 Career
266-257 at Bucknell

The resurgence of Bucknell's volleyball program can be traced directly to Cindy Opalski's arrival in 1990. Granted the turnaround didn't come overnight, but after a couple of years of growing pains and some energetic recruiting efforts, Opalski has transformed the Bison volleyball program into one of the top programs in the East. Bucknell made NCAA Tournament appearances in both 1998 and 2000 and has averaged more than 16 victories over the last 15 seasons.

Under Opalski the Bison were recognized as the most improved team in the nation by Volleyball Monthly in 1993; recorded the best record in school history in 1995 at 26-7; won the first-ever Patriot League automatic bid to the 1998 NCAA Tournament; and in 2003 posted a school-record 11 Patriot League wins en route to a second-place finish. Bucknell has won four of the last 13 Patriot League regular season titles under Opalski, who has been named the Patriot League Coach of the Year in 1995, 2000 and 2003. The Bison have qualified for the PL Tournament in 17 of 19 years in the league.

Opalski won her 300th career match in 2004, and with 358 career victories is the second-winningest active volleyball coach in the Patriot League. In 2006, Opalski won

her 250th match as coach of the Bison.

Now in her 22nd season as a collegiate head coach, Opalski wrote essentially the same script at Clarion University. In her four years there (1986-1989), Opalski led Clarion to a record of 92-46 and the school's first-ever conference title in 1988. She was selected as the American Volleyball Coaches Association Coach of the Year in the Atlantic Region, and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Coach of the Year during her tenure.

Opalski graduated from Southern Connecticut State in 1977 and earned a Master of Science degree from that school in 1984. A savvy outside hitter for the Owls, she played in two AIAW national tournaments and captained the squad in her senior year. From 1979 through 1985 as head coach at Maloney High School in her native Meriden, Conn., Opalski led that school to two state titles. Her resume there included six undefeated regular seasons and an eye-popping overall record of 147-11. Opalski's success in volleyball has been documented by her 2006 induction as a player to the F.T. Maloney High School Hall of Fame and as a coach in the Connecticut Scholastic Women's Volleyball Hall of Fame soon afterwards.

Opalski worked with the U.S. Volleyball Junior Olympic Program in the 1980s, coaching the Connecticut team at numerous national qualifiers. For five years she coached and trained some of the top players that have ever come out of the Nutmeg State as well as several teams that qualified for the USVBA National tournament.

During the summer, Opalski serves as a technical consultant at numerous volleyball camps throughout the East, in addition to directing the Bentley College and Kutztown University Volleyball camps.

CINDY OPALSKI'S COACHING RECORD

Years	Institution	Record	Accomplishments
1986-89	Clarion (4 yrs.)	92-46	1988 - School's 1st Conf. Title
1990	Bucknell	3-22	
1991	Bucknell	9-23	
1992	Bucknell	4-24	
1993	Bucknell	17-15	
1994	Bucknell	20-13	1st 20-win season in 11 yrs.
1995	Bucknell	26-7	BU's 1st Patriot League title
1996	Bucknell	18-12	
1997	Bucknell	19-8	Patriot League Champions
1998	Bucknell	16-12	PL Champs/NCAA Tournament
1999	Bucknell	11-11	
2000	Bucknell	17-15	PL Champs/NCAA Tournament
2001	Bucknell	12-13	
2002	Bucknell	15-13	
2003	Bucknell	16-13	School record 11 PL wins
2004	Bucknell	14-13	
2005	Bucknell	17-14	
2006	Bucknell	20-12	250th win as Bucknell's coach
2007	Bucknell	12-17	
Career		358-303 (.542)	



Anna Allison
Assistant Coach
Oral Roberts '04
Fourth Season

Anna Allison enters her fourth season as a member of the Bison volleyball coaching staff this fall. A native of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and a member of a prominent volleyball family, Allison is a 2004 graduate of Oral Roberts University, where she was one of the top setters in Golden Eagles' history. In 2006, she helped guide Bucknell setter Shannon Pitch to a school single-season record total in assists, which ranked first in the Patriot League.

Allison was a First Team All-Mid Continent Conference selection three times and was named Setter of the Year in 2000 and 2002. As a senior in 2002 she shattered the Oral Roberts career assists record as well as the Mid-Con career service aces record. Oral Roberts won four straight league titles and played in four NCAA Tournaments during her playing days. A two-time team captain, Allison was also an outstanding student and earned Scholar-Athlete honors while successfully completing degrees in advertising and marketing communications.

A lifelong student of the sport of volleyball, Allison's enthusiasm and commitment to the game was influenced by her father, Antonio Carlos Moreno, who played for the Brazilian national team for 16

years and participated in four Olympic Games. Anna's twin brother, Carlos, was an All-America setter who earned AVCA Player of the Year honors while leading BYU to the 2004 NCAA men's national championship.

In 2003-04 Allison served as graduate assistant coach at Oral Roberts, where she worked closely with the Golden Eagles' setters and assisted in scouting and recruiting. Throughout her undergraduate career she coached the ORU Club team, featuring players aged 12 to 18, as well as the 16-18 Tulsa Volleyball Club. In her native Brazil, Allison was a regular coach at the S.P. Volleyball Camp and has worked as director, recruiting manager and coach with the Moreno Corp. Over the summers, she has served on the staff of the Gold Medal Square Camp as well as the Bentley College Camp.

"Our team and future recruiting classes will clearly benefit from Anna's vast international experience and technical knowledge of the game," said Opalski at the time of Allison's hiring. "Her technical knowledge will benefit our setters and enhance our offensive production. I believe that she is one of the best young coaches in the country."



Inga Kurgonaite
Grad. Asst. Coach
Lock Haven '08
First Season

Inga Kurgonaite, a 2008 graduate of Lock Haven and a former All-America selection, begins her first season as the graduate assistant volleyball coach with the Bison volleyball program.

As a Third Team All-America choice in 2006, Kurgonaite led Lock Haven to three straight NCAA Elite Eight appearances (2004-2006), three NCAA Atlantic Region championships (2004-2006) and a pair of Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) titles (2004, 2006). A four-time All-Atlantic Region selection, she ended her career with the Lady Eagles third on the program's kills list (1,459), third in hitting percentage (.303) and fourth in blocks (426). She piled up a team-high 359 kills as a senior and registered at least 20 kills in a match four times.

Named to the All-PSAC Team four times, Kurgonaite was an Honorable Mention All-America choice as a sophomore when she tallied 89 digs and 106 blocks. A native of Kaunas, Lithuania, Kurgonaite helped Lock Haven pace the NCAA in blocks per game in 2004 (3.83 bpg) and 2006 (3.06 bpg), and in hitting percentage in 2006

(.317). A right-side hitter during her playing career, Kurgonaite was a 2007 NCAA Leadership Conference participant and was the co-president of the Lock Haven Student-Athlete Advisory Committee as a senior in 2007-08.

"Inga brings a lot to the table in terms of her experience as a player and her success on both the national and international levels," said Opalski when Kurgonaite joined the staff. "She has really taken the initiative to jump in and immediately impact the offensive and defensive production of our big people."

Athletics Mission Statement

The Department of Athletics and Recreation strives to set the standard of excellence for intercollegiate and intramural programs in higher education, thereby advancing and drawing attention to the mission, core values, and educational goals of Bucknell University.

The Department believes that student-athletes' academic programs must be their first priority. It is therefore committed to maintaining Bucknell's high national ranking for student-athletes' graduation rates and for producing Academic All-Americans, and to continued leadership of the Patriot League in Academic Honor Roll nominations, based on grade-point averages. The coaches' and staff's paramount responsibility is maintaining academic priorities and supporting student-athletes' education, even while providing the rigorous and serious NCAA Division I athletic opportunities Bucknell student-athletes seek.

Further, the Department promotes the personal growth of student-athletes and the general student body by encouraging personal health, development, and balance among intellectual, social, civic, and physical pursuits; by celebrating challenge and competition; and by preparing participants for service and leadership in the world. Coaches and staff direct a rich array of athletic programs and recreational opportunities aimed at increasing student engagement, as well as strengthening character, healthy living, teamwork, sportsmanship, and spirit. In creating shared experiences for students, faculty, and staff, as well as alumni, family, and friends, the Department's programs add substantially to Bucknell's sense of community and foster life-long relationships with Bucknell.

The Department embraces the University's decision to compete at the highest extramural level, in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Division I membership is valuable not only because this level of competition maximally challenges student-athletes, but also because it signals clearly Bucknell's high standards and seriousness of purpose in all extracurricular endeavors and it helps position Bucknell apart from other National Liberal Arts Colleges. Likewise, the competitive success the Department seeks, measured in part by consistent contention for the Patriot League's student-athletes and the University alike, and it brings distinction and national recognition to Bucknell.

A student-centered operation, the Department is committed to providing equitable opportunities to women and men, as well as members of minority and majority groups of all kinds. The Department subscribes to, and complies with, all principles and regulations of the Patriot League, the Eastern College Athletic Conference, and the NCAA.

The department is proud that so many of today's exemplary Bison scholar-athletes will be tomorrow's outstanding leaders.





◆ East Coast ◆ Conference Honors

ALL-LEAGUE

- 1986 *Second Team* Beth Davis
1988 *Second Team* Sue Riley

◆ Patriot League ◆ Honors

ALL-LEAGUE

- 1991 *Second Team*..... Kathleen Sullivan
1992 *First Team*..... Katie Steele
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1995 *First Team* Katie Steele,
..... Melissa Wharton
Second Team..... Susie Teitsworth
1996 *First Team*..... Melissa Wharton,
..... Susie Teitsworth
Second Team..... Emily Pomeroy
1997 *First Team*..... Melissa Wharton
Second Team..... Emily Pomeroy
1998 *First Team*..... Tristen Voget
Second Team..... Emily Pomeroy
1999 *Second Team*..... Brooke Bader,
..... Shannon Walker
2000 *First Team*..... Brooke Bader,
..... Shannon Walker
Second Team..... Whitney Williams
2001 *First Team*..... Shannon Walker
2002 *First Team*..... Melanie Ghiz
Second Team..... Brandi Trapasso
2003 *First Team*..... Jackie Leahy,
..... Brandi Trapasso
Second Team..... Breean Trapasso,
..... Chelsea Anderson
2004 *First Team*..... Jackie Leahy
2005 *First Team*..... Chelsea Anderson
2006 *First Team*..... Jenna Henderson
Second Team..... Kristen Sydlowski
2007 *First Team*..... Jenna Henderson

Offensive Player of the Year

- 2000..... Shannon Walker

Defensive Player of the Year

- 2000..... Brandi Trapasso
2005..... Chelsea Anderson

Rookie of the Year

- 2000..... Brandi Trapasso

Coach of the Year

- 1995, 2000, 2003..... Cindy Opalski

Tournament MVP

- 1998..... Emily Pomeroy
2000..... Brooke Bader

All-Tournament Team

- 2006..... Kristen Sydlowski, **Shannon Pitsch**

◆ Patriot League Academic Honor Roll Selections ◆

- 1990 Kristen Colbert, Sarah Mesaros, Stacy Sontheimer, Kathleen Sullivan
1991 Meg Kinney, Sarah Mesaros, Dee Scinta, Stacy Sontheimer, Kathleen Sullivan
1992 Sloan Fleckman, Colleen Conway, Joanne Lewis, Aubrey Schneggenburger,
Sarah Mesaros
1993 Brenda Hayduk, Heather Hoehn, Karen Horiszny, Joanne Lewis, Laura Spinney,
Katherine Steele
1994 Brenda Hayduk, Karen Horiszny, Joanne Lewis, Annalise Meidman, Heather Rendle,
Katie Steele, Amy Turnshek
1995 Cameron Adams, Tara Cancro, Annalise Meidman, Allison Morris, Emily Pomeroy,
Heather Rendle, Katie Steele, Susie Teitsworth, Amy Turnshek
1996 Cameron Adams, Annalise Meidman, Heather Montaperto, Allison Morris, Emily Pomeroy,
Jen Post, Heather Rendle, Pam Scoville, Amy Turnshek, Tristen Voget
1997 Mary Agnes, Brooke Bader, Nicole LaMothe, Emily Pomeroy, Jen Post, Amy Turnshek
1998 Kerri Bishop, Kristen Erickson, Melanie Gray, Emily Pomeroy, Jen Post, Tristen Voget,
Shannon Walker
1999 Mary Agnes, Brooke Bader, Kerri Bishop, Melanie Gray, Kristin Pietrocarlo,
Jennifer Post, Shannon Walker, Jennifer Wrigley
2000 Brooke Bader, Kerri Bishop, Melanie Ghiz, Melanie Gray, Nicole Lamothe,
Brandi Trapasso, Breean Trapasso, Shannon Walker, Deirdre Witte
2001 Jessica Bissett, Carolyn Dougherty, Melanie Gray, Lauren Kraus, Shamree Landis,
Chelsea Robertson, Brandi Trapasso, Breean Trapasso, Shannon Walker
2002 Chelsea Anderson, Jessica Bissett, Courtney Clark, Carolyn Dougherty, Melanie Ghiz,
Jessica Le, Chelsea Robertson, Amanda Rowe, Brandi Trapasso, Breean Trapasso,
Jennifer Wrigley
2003 Jessica Bissett, Courtney Clark, Carolyn Dougherty, Amanda Grossmann, Jessica Le,
Cindy Lowe, Chelsea Robertson, Amanda Rowe, Jennie Smith, Kristen Sydlowski,
Brandi Trapasso, Breean Trapasso
2004 Carolyn Dougherty, Amanda Grossmann, Tessa Mendez, Chelsea Robertson,
Jennie Smith, Kristen Sydlowski
2005 Chelsea Anderson, Allison Brady, Sheena Czipri, Sarah Groman, Amanda Grossmann,
Liz Hazuka, Jessica Le, Tessa Mendez, Shannon Pitsch, Jennie Smith
2006 Allison Brady, Jacqueline Feeney, Rachel Freeman, Sarah Groman, Amanda Grossmann,
Liz Hazuka, Jenna Henderson, Tessa Mendez, Shannon Pitsch, Jennifer Rupp,
Jennie Smith, Lindsay Smith, Kristen Sydlowski
2007 Sheena Czipri, Liz Hazuka, Heidi Kamp, Tessa Mendez, Shannon Pitsch, Rachel Rodriguez,
Lindsay Smith

◆ Academic Awards ◆

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- 1984..... Shelly Farris (Honorable Mention)
1992..... Sara Mesaros (Third Team)

COSIDA Academic All-District Selections

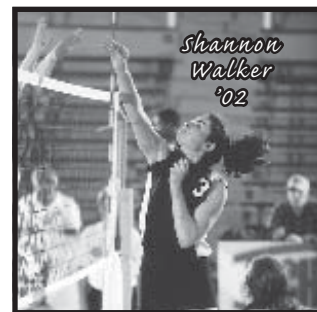
- 1984..... Shelly Farris
1985..... Cheryl Conrad, Shelly Farris
1986..... Shelly Farris
1992..... Sarah Mesaros
1995..... Katie Steele
1997..... Emily Pomeroy
2000..... Shannon Walker (First Team),
..... Brandi Trapasso (Second Team)
2001..... Shannon Walker (First Team),
..... Brandi Trapasso (Second Team)
2002..... Breean Trapasso (Second Team)
2003..... Breean Trapasso (First Team),
..... Jessica Bissett (Second Team)
2004..... Chelsea Robertson (Second Team)
2005..... Amanda Grossmann (First Team)
2006..... Amanda Grossmann (First Team)
2007..... **Shannon Pitsch (Second Team)**

ECC Scholar-athlete

- 1982..... Denise Cohen

Patriot LEague Scholar-athlete

- 1991..... Kathleen Sullivan
1992..... Sarah Mesaros
1995..... Katie Steele
2000..... Shannon Walker



◆ All-Time Captains Roster ◆

1979 Susan Bairstow, Wendy Green
 1980 Susan Bairstow
 1981 Joanne Groeneveld, Katie Hale
 1982 Denise Cohen, Jeanne Groeneveld
 1983 Kathy Eckert, Beth Hopper
 1984 Scott Haggard, Beth Hopper
 1985 Cheryl Conrad
 1986 Michelle Farrell
 1987 Beth Davis, Emily Malatesta, Sue Riley
 1988 Sue Riley
 1989 Dana Bradley, Kara Forosisky
 1990 Kara Forosisky, Kristen Colbert
 1991 Kara Forosisky, Kathleen Sullivan
 1992 Sarah Mesaros, Audrey Schneggenburger
 1993 Heather Hoehn, Joanne Lewis
 1994 Joanne Lewis, Brenda Hayduk, Katie Steele

1995 Brenda Hayduk, Katie Steele
 1996 Allison Morris, Heather Rendle, Susie Teitsworth
 1997 Amy Turnshek, Melissa Wharton
 1998 Emily Pomeroy, Tristen Voget
 1999 Michelle Lesh, Jen Post
 2000 Brooke Bader, Nicole LaMothe
 2001 Melanie Gray, Shannon Walker
 2002 Jennifer Wrigley
 2003 Brandi Trapasso, Breean Trapasso, Jackie Leahy
 2004 Carolyn Dougherty, Jackie Leahy
 2005 Chelsea Anderson, Jennie Smith
 2006 Amanda Grossmann, Jennie Smith, Kristen Sydlowski
 2007 Jenna Henderson, Shannon Pitsch
 2008 Sheena Czipri, Allison Gittings, Shannon Pitsch,



◆ All-Time Series Records ◆

Opponent	W-L-T	Series Began
Acad. of the New Church	1-0-0	1982
Air Force	0-2-0	1981
Alaska	0-2-0	1992
Alaska-Fairbanks	0-2-0	1992
Albany	0-1-0	2002
American Army	1-21-0	1989
Ashland	0-1-0	1991
Baptist Bible	1-0-0	1979
Bentley	1-1-0	1991
Binghamton	0-1-0	2001
Boston College	1-3-0	1984
Bowling Green	0-1-0	1987
Brown	0-1-0	1993
Buffalo	0-3-0	2000
Cabrini	1-0-0	1986
Cal State Bakersfield	0-0-0	2008
Cal-State Fullerton	0-2-0	1996
Cal-State Northridge	0-1-0	1996
Cal-Irvine	0-1-0	1996
Campbell	0-1-0	1994
Canisius	7-1-0	1991
Catholic	0-2-0	1980
Catonsville Community Col.	0-1-0	1981
Central Connecticut	3-0-0	2000
Charleston Southern	1-0-0	2004
Charlotte	0-1-0	2004
Chicago State	2-0-0	1995
Cincinnati	0-2-0	1988
Clarion	3-1-0	1980
Cleveland State	0-7-0	1986
Coastal Carolina	0-1-0	2002
Colgate	20-23-0	1984
Columbia	7-4-0	1984
Connecticut	0-4-0	1985
Coppin State	4-0-0	1995
Cornell	1-11-0	1984
Cortland (SUNY)	1-2-0	1981
C.W. Post	1-0-0	1984
Dartmouth	3-3-0	1994
Delaware	1-22-0	1980
Delaware State	2-0-0	1995
Drexel	4-9-0	1981
Duquesne	2-8-0	1981
Eastern Connecticut	0-1-0	1985
East Stroudsburg	1-1-0	1982
Elizabethtown	1-1-0	1980
Elon	0-1-0	2001
Evansville	0-0-0	2008
Fairfield	1-1-0	1993
Fairleigh Dickinson	5-2-0	1984

Opponent	W-L-T	Series Began
Fordham	8-7-0	1987
Franklin & Marshall	3-3-0	1978
Furman	0-1-0	1997
George Mason	0-3-0	1987
Gettysburg	4-5-0	1978
Hartford	2-3-0	1988
Harvard	1-1-0	1993
Hofstra	0-10-0	1982
Holy Cross	24-9-0	1986
Howard	3-3-0	1986
Indiana (Pa.)	1-3-0	1980
Iona	5-1-0	1982
James Madison	0-6-0	1980
Juniata	0-6-0	1978
Kean	3-0-1	1981
Kent State	0-1-0	1988
Kutztown	2-0-0	1979
Lafayette	29-18-0	1978
La Salle	12-7-0	1980
Lehigh	20-35-0	1978
Le Moyne	0-1-0	2002
Liberty	0-1-0	1985
Lock Haven	2-1-0	1980
Long Island	1-0-0	1997
Louisville	0-1-0	1988
Loyola	5-6-0	1984
Loyola Chicago	0-0-0	2008
Manhattan	2-2-0	1983
Mansfield	1-4-0	1978
Marist	8-0-0	1987
Marquette	0-1-0	1987
Maryland	0-1-0	1989
Maryland-Baltimore Co.	2-2-0	1988
Maryland-Eastern Shore	2-1-0	1994
Messiah	1-1-0	1979
Minnesota	0-1-0	1996
Morgan State	4-2-0	1998
Navy	15-18-0	1981
Nevada	0-1-0	2003
New Hampshire	0-1-0	2006
New York Tech	0-2-0	1986
Niagara	6-1-0	1993
North Carolina-Asheville	1-1-0	1994
North Carolina-Greensboro	1-0-0	2007
North Carolina-Wilmington	0-1-0	2006
Northeastern	1-1-0	1991
Northeastern Illinois	1-0-0	1995
Penn State	0-5-0	1978
Pennsylvania	1-2-0	1998
Pittsburgh-Johnstown	0-1-0	1980
Portland State	0-1-0	2007

Opponent	W-L-T	Series Began
Princeton	0-3-0	1998
Providence	2-4-0	1986
Quinnipiac	1-0-0	2002
Radford	0-1-0	2007
Rider	11-9-0	1982
Robert Morris	7-5-0	1982
Rutgers	0-1-0	1996
Sacramento State	0-1-0	2005
St. Bonaventure	4-6-0	1988
St. Francis (N.Y.)	11-0-0	1986
Saint Francis (Pa.)	29-5-0	1981
St. John's	2-3-0	1995
St. Peter's	6-0-0	1992
Sam Houston State	0-0-0	2008
San Francisco	0-2-0	2001
Scranton	4-1-0	1978
Seton Hall	6-4-0	1980
Shepard	1-0-0	1979
Shippensburg	1-3-0	1980
Siena	1-4-0	1984
Slippery Rock	0-3-0	1980
Southern Connecticut	1-0-0	1983
Stony Brook	0-5-0	2000
Susquehanna	8-3-0	1978
Syracuse	0-2-0	1984
Temple	0-1-0	1994
Tennessee-Martin	0-0-0	2008
Towson	4-15-0	1979
Ursinus	1-0-0	1983
Valparaiso	0-2-0	1995
Vermont	0-1-0	1992
Villanova	0-8-0	1981
Virginia	0-3-0	1981
Virginia Commonwealth	1-3-0	1991
Wagner	6-0-0	1993
Waynesburg	0-1-0	1980
West Chester	7-3-0	1980
Western Maryland	0-1-0	1982
William & Mary	0-1-0	1998
Wilkes	5-0-0	1980
Winthrop	1-0-0	1994
Wisconsin	0-1-0	2000
Wright State	0-1-0	1988
Yale	1-3-0	1997
York	4-2-0	1979
Youngstown State	0-5-0	1989
Totals	385-470-1	

2008 opponents in **bold italics**

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◆ Season Records ◆

Kills

- 432.....Jenna Henderson2007
- 421.....Melissa Wharton.....1996
- 413.....Jackie Leahy.....2003
- 408.....Melanie Ghiz.....2002
- 404.....Shannon Walker2000

Hitting Percentage (Min. 100K)

- .445.....Melissa Wharton..... 1995
- .411.....Melissa Wharton..... 1997
- .410.....Melissa Wharton..... 1996
- .381.....Katie Steele1993
- .373.....Heather Rendle1993

Aces

- 81.....Susie Teitsworth 1994
- 77.....Katie Steele1993
- 74.....Susie Teitsworth1995
- 57 ...Whitney Williams2000
- 56.....Chelsea Anderson2005

Digs

- 612.....Kristen Sydlowski2006
- 528.....Susie Teitsworth 1995
- 462.....Brandi Trapasso2002
- 461.....Allison Morris 1995
- 440.....Chelsea Anderson2005

Assists

- 1199.....Shannon Pitsch2006**
- 1175.....Whitney Williams2000
- 1123.....Breean Trapasso2003
- 1103.....Breean Trapasso2002
- 1043.....Jessica Le.....2004

Solo Blocks

- 94.....Melissa Wharton..... 1995
- 84.....Katie Steele1993
- 81.....Katie Steele 1994
- 81.....Melissa Wharton.....1997
- 79.....Melissa Wharton..... 1994

Block Assists

- 105.....Melissa Wharton..... 1996
- 93.....Jennie Smith.....2006
- 93.....Melissa Wharton..... 1995
- 87.....Katie Steele1995
- 87.....Jennie Smith.....2003

Total Blocks

- 187.....Melissa Wharton..... 1995
- 165.....Melissa Wharton..... 1996
- 166.....Katie Steele1994
- 143.....Melissa Wharton..... 1994
- 141.....Katie Steele 1993

◆ Career Records ◆

Kills

- 1403.....Jenna Henderson .2004-07
- 1377.....Melissa Wharton...1994-97
- 1254.....Shannon Walker ...1998-01
- 1194.....Jackie Leahy.....2001-04
- 1146.....Emily Pomeroy1995-98

Hitting Percentage

- .400.....Melissa Wharton...1994-97
- .322.....Katie Steele1992-95
- .309.....Heather Rendle1993-96
- .298.....Tristen Voget1995-98
- .290.....Shannon Walker ...1998-01

Aces

- 241.....Susie Teitsworth ...1993-96
- 192.....Katie Steele1992-95
- 131.....Brandi Trapasso ...2000-03
- 130.....Joanne Lewis.....1991-94
- 128.....Sue Riley1985-88

Digs

- 1588.....Brandi Trapasso ...2000-03
- 1474.....Susie Teitsworth ...1993-96
- 1210.....Chelsea Anderson...2002-05
- 1165.....Allison Morris1993-96
- 1111.....Kristen Sydlowski...2003-06

Assists

- 3071.....Amy Turnshek.....1994-97
- 2831.....Shannon Pitsch. 2005-Pres.**
- 2737.....Whitney Williams ..1998-01
- 2570.....Breean Trapasso ..2000-03
- 1753.....Brenda Hayduk.....1992-95
- 1753.....Jessica Le.....2002-05

Solo Blocks

- 314.....Melissa Wharton...1994-97
- 258.....Katie Steele1992-95
- 138.....Scott Haggard.....1981-84
- 110.....Heather Rendle1993-96
- 101.....Shannon Walker ...1998-01

Block Assists

- 317.....Melissa Wharton...1997-97
- 284.....Jennie Smith.....2003-06
- 239.....Katie Steele1992-95
- 219.....Sarah Groman.....2003-06
- 192.....Heather Rendle1993-96

Total Blocks

- 631.....Melissa Wharton...1994-97
- 497.....Katie Steele1992-95
- 329.....Jennie Smith.....2003-06
- 302.....Heather Rendle1993-96
- 282.....Shannon Walker ...1998-01

◆ All-Time Coaches Log ◆

Years	Name	Record
1978-1984	Terrie Grieb	90-96-1 (.484)
1985-89	Victoria May	29-117-0 (.199)
1990-present	Cindy Opalski	266-257-0 (.509)
Totals		385-470-1 (.451)

◆ All-Time Results ◆

Year	Overall Record	Conference Record	Place
1978	2-7 (.222)	--	--
1979	4-11 (.267)	--	--
1980	11-15 (.423)	--	--
1981	16-17 (.485)	--	--
1982	22-17-1 (.562)	1-2 (.333) ECC	Fifth*
1983	22-11 (.667)	6-8 (.429)	Fifth
1984	13-18 (.419)	1-9 (.100)	Eighth
1985	2-24 (.077)	0-9 (.000)	Eighth
1986	7-23 (.233)	2-5 (.286)	Sixth
1987	8-23 (.258)	2-5 (.286)	Sixth
1988	10-21 (.323)	3-4 (.429)	Fifth
1989	2-26 (.071)	0-7 (.000)	Eighth
1990	3-22 (.120)	0-6 (.000) PL	Seventh
1991	9-23 (.281)	1-6 (.143)	Eighth
1992	4-24 (.143)	2-5 (.286)	Sixth
1993	17-15 (.531)	3-4 (.429)	Fifth
1994	20-13 (.606)	4-3 (.571)	Fifth
1995	26-7 (.788)	6-0 (1.000)	First
1996	18-12 (.600)	4-2 (.667)	Second
1997	19-8 (.704)	5-1 (.833)	First
1998	16-12 (.571)	5-1 (.833)	First^
1999	11-11 (.500)	5-7 (.417)	Fifth
2000	17-15 (.531)	10-2 (.833)	First^
2001	12-13 (.480)	7-7 (.500)	Fourth
2002	15-13 (.536)	9-5 (.643)	Third
2003	16-13 (.552)	11-3 (.786)	Second
2004	14-13 (.519)	8-6 (.571)	Third
2005	17-14 (.548)	9-5 (.643)	Fourth
2006	20-12 (.625)	10-4 (.714)	Third
2007	12-17 (.414)	5-9 (.357)	Fifth

^ - Patriot League Tournament champions and NCAA Tournament participant.

* - In 1982 Bucknell was seeded fifth going into the East Coast Conference Tournament, then went 1-2 in pool play and did not advance.

Bucknell left the ECC to be a charter member of the Patriot League in 1990. Prior to 1982 Bucknell's women's volleyball team competed in the AIAW, the precursor, for women's athletics, to the NCAA.

◆ Team Season Records ◆

Most Kills	1592	2000
Most Digs.....	2051	2000
Highest Hitting Pct.....	.212.....	1990
Most Aces	254	1998
Most Assists.....	1388	2005
Most Wins.....	26	1995
Highest Winning Pct788 (26-7)	1995
Most Patriot League Wins	11	2003
Highest League Winning Pct.	1.000 (6-0)	1995

Current players listed in **bold**
Italics denote Patriot League record

◆ Individual Match Records ◆

Kills..... 40
Beth Davis vs. Cornell 9/18/87

Digs..... 40
Kristen Sydlowski vs. Rider 9/2/06

Highest Hitting Pct.636
Emily Malatesta vs. NY Tech... 11/1/86

Most Aces..... 9
Cheryl Conrad vs. St. Francis.. 9/28/85

Molly Brown vs. Army 9/18/98

Most Solo Blocks..... 9
Kristen Colbert vs. Susquehanna 10/22/90

Most Assist Blocks..... 10
Jennie Smith vs. Dartmouth 9/13/03

Most Assists 66
Jessica Le vs. Holy Cross 10/15/04

◆ All-Time Patriot League Tournament Results ◆



Years of the Dance...

1990	
First Round	
No. 2 Colgate	3
No. 7 Bucknell	0
15-10, 15-6, 15-7	
Second Round	
No. 3 Holy Cross	3
No. 7 Bucknell	0
15-1, 15-11, 15-11	
1991	
First Round	
No. 1 Colgate	3
No. 8 Bucknell	0
15-5, 15-10, 15-8	
Second Round	
No. 5 Lafayette	3
No. 8 Bucknell	0
15-13, 15-8, 15-12	
1992	
First Round	
No. 3 Colgate	3
No. 6 Bucknell	1
12-15, 15-11, 15-4, 15-3	
Consolation Quarterfinals	
No. 7 Fordham	3
No. 6 Bucknell	1
15-10, 9-15, 15-5, 15-11	
1993	
First Round	
No. 4 Navy	3
No. 5 Bucknell	0
15-9, 15-7, 15-9	
Consolation Round	
No. 5 Bucknell	3
No. 8 Fordham	0
15-6, 16-14, 15-11	
No. 3 Colgate	2
No. 5 Bucknell	3
15-13, 17-15, 9-15, 14-16, 15-10	
Third Place	
No. 4 Navy	3
No. 5 Bucknell	0
15-7, 15-4, 15-9	
1994	
First Round	
No. 4 Navy	2
No. 5 Bucknell	3
15-5, 15-8, 13-15, 6-15, 15-13	
Championship Round	
No. 1 Army	3
No. 5 Bucknell	2
15-12, 15-12, 10-15, 5-15, 15-12	
Consolation Round	
No. 3 Lehigh	3
No. 5 Bucknell	1
15-12, 15-9, 10-15, 15-8	
1995	
First Round	
No. 1 Bucknell	Bye
Championship Round	
No. 1 Bucknell	3
No. 4 Lafayette	0
15-1, 15-11, 15-10	
Championship Final	
No. 1 Bucknell	1
No. 3 Colgate	3
15-12, 15-12, 9-15, 15-11	
1996	
Semifinal	
No. 2 Bucknell	1
No. 3 Navy	3
17-15, 15-4, 9-15, 15-9	

1997	
Semifinal	
No. 1 Bucknell	3
No. 4 Colgate	1
11-15, 15-6, 15-8, 15-2	
Final	
No. 1 Bucknell	2
No. 3 Lehigh	3
11-15, 15-5, 15-13, 13-15, 15-12	
1998 - CHAMPIONS	
Semifinal	
No. 1 Bucknell	3
No. 4 Lehigh	1
7-15, 15-8, 15-12, 15-9	
Final	
No. 1 Bucknell	3
No. 3 Colgate	1
15-13, 12-15, 15-7, 15-9	
2000 - CHAMPIONS	
Semifinal	
No. 1 Bucknell	3
No. 4 Lehigh	1
12-15, 17-15, 15-12, 15-12	

2001	
Final	
No. 1 Bucknell	3
No. 2 Colgate	0
15-7, 15-8, 15-12	
2002	
Semifinal	
No. 1 American	3
No. 4 Bucknell	0
30-13, 32-30, 30-22	
2003	
Semifinal	
No. 2 Bucknell	3
No. 3 Lehigh	0
30-22, 30-17, 30-27	
2004	
Final	
No. 1 American	3
No. 2 Bucknell	0
30-27, 30-25, 30-15	

2005	
Semifinal	
No. 2 Army	3
No. 3 Bucknell	1
25-30, 30-27, 31-29, 30-22	
2006	
Semifinal	
No. 1 American	3
No. 4 Bucknell	2
25-30, 30-28, 28-30, 30-28, 15-11	
2007	
Final	
No. 1 American	3
No. 3 Bucknell	0
22-30, 21-30, 20-30	

◆ Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame ◆



KATIE STEELE '96 is the only Bison volleyball player to be named to the All-Patriot League team four times. She was a two-year captain and graduated as the school record-holder in hitting percentage, aces and blocks. Most important, Steele, who was also a Patriot League Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-District selection, is credited for helping turn a struggling program into a league power. After compiling a 45-186 record from 1985-92, Bucknell went 63-35 in Steele's sophomore, junior and senior years. The Bison were the most improved team in the country in 1993, and by Steele's senior year team finished 26-7 and won its first Patriot League regular-season title with a 6-0 record. She entered the Hall of Fame with the Class of 2007.



◆ The Kenneth G. Langone Athletics and Recreation Center ◆



The Bucknell University Department of Athletics and Recreation prides itself on setting the standard of excellence when it comes to success both on the playing fields and in the classroom. With 14 Patriot League Presidents' Cups in 18 years, national leadership in graduation rates, 116 Academic All-Americans in 38 years and 112 Patriot League Scholar-Athletes in 18 years, Bucknell is clearly at the head of the class in terms of upholding the scholar-athlete model.

The addition of the Kenneth G. Langone Athletics and Recreation Center, one of the finest

collegiate athletics and recreation venues of its kind, ensures the continuation of that success.

The facility enhances each of Bucknell's 27 varsity programs and greatly expands the scope of its growing intramural and recreational sports offerings. A visually appealing structure located along Moore Avenue on the "downhill" side of campus, the Langone Athletics and Recreation Center was designed to reach out to all members of the campus community, including the student body, varsity student-athletes, faculty, staff and alumni.

Three primary venues lie within the facility: the Arthur D. Kinney Jr. Natatorium, the 4,000-seat Gary A. Sojka Pavilion and the Krebs Family Fitness Center. Other features include a new location for the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame, a display of Bucknell's Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, a sports medicine and athletic training suite, classrooms, modern offices for coaches and staff and increased locker room space for varsity and recreational athletes.

The facility is named in honor of Ken Langone, a 1957 Bucknell graduate who, along with his wife, Elaine, pledged \$11 million toward the center's construction. Langone was a member of the university Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1996.

One of the special qualities of the Langone Athletics and Recreation Center is the manner in which it supplements the pre-existing facilities. The brand new construction surrounds Gerhard Fieldhouse and historic Davis Gymnasium, which has been restored as a competition venue for the Bison volleyball and wrestling teams, as well as intramural, recreation and other varsity practice activities.

As Bucknell continues to strive toward its mission of setting the standard of excellence in college athletics, the Langone Athletics and Recreation Center becomes the centerpiece in an already impressive cache of athletics facilities that includes the 13,100-seat Christy Mathewson-Memorial Stadium and its FieldTurf and 8-lane track surface; the scenic Bucknell Golf Club; Depew Field, the home of the Bison baseball team; the spacious West Fields for softball, Varsity Soccer Field and Graham Field, including the new Phase III portion of the West Fields Project.

◆ The Plan for Bucknell ◆



Bucknell is a unique national university where liberal arts and professional programs complement each other, where 3,400 full-time students are educated for a lifetime of critical thinking and strong leadership. For more than 160 years, the University has remained true to its fundamental purpose: to educate and prepare students for lives that make a difference and have a positive impact on the world.

In keeping with that purpose, the University has developed *The Plan for Bucknell*, which includes its collective vision — "To provide students with the premier undergraduate experience in American higher education." Students helped shape this vision because of their confidence in the University.

The Plan comprises five strategies:

Strengthen the Academic Core aims to ensure that a Bucknell education is challenging and engaging, with openness to new ideas and a culture of innovation;

Deepen the Residential Learning Experience will provide a residential learning and living experience that complements the academic program, integrates the athletics and recreation program and promotes personal growth and development and civic and ethical respon-

sibility;

Enhance Diversity is a commitment to diversity in all its forms within a civil and supportive environment of open exchange to prepare Bucknell graduates to live and work in a globally integrated and intercultural world;

Build Bridges will bring the world to Bucknell — through visiting scholars and sports teams, international students and alumni, guest speakers, international focus semesters, and electronic communications — and bring Bucknell to the world through strategic partnerships and community engagement activities as well as opportunities for off-campus study and faculty research;

Secure Our Financial Future will secure resources necessary to engage new opportunities, lessen dependence on tuition, and ensure our financial future.

The Plan for Bucknell was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees on April 29, 2006, having previously been approved by the students and faculty. We have begun implementing it and are determined to make it a reality over the next decade. To read the complete version of *The Plan for Bucknell* or to request a published version, see <http://www.bucknell.edu/ThePlanforBucknell>



About Bucknell

Bucknell University is one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation. Our academic programs encompass:

- The traditional liberal arts disciplines—arts, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences.
- Professional programs in accounting, management, education, engineering, and music.
- Preprofessional programs in law and medicine.

With 3,400 undergraduates and 150 graduate students, we combine the personal attention of a small college with the resources of a large university.

The Campus: Beautiful and centrally located

- More than 100 facilities for learning, living, and recreation.
- Recent additions: music building, residence hall, geology/psychology building, engineering building, and athletics center. The new West Fields complex is home to field hockey, women's lacrosse, and men's and women's soccer.
- Approximately three hours from Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C.

◇ Recruiting Information ◇



CALENDAR

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

**** Spring 2009** — Make unofficial visits to schools of interest.

**** September 2009** — Contact head coach Cindy Opalski if Bucknell falls within your top-five list of potential colleges. Send a letter expressing interest in the volleyball program. Include a transcript and any videotape you may have available. Also, the student-athlete should be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse. See your high school athletics director or guidance counselor for information.

**** Late Summer 2009** — Head coach Cindy Opalski will be in contact regarding the student-athlete's interest and possible visit date.

The student-athlete and family should file CSS Financial Aid Profile Form. See your college guidance counselor for information.

**** November 15, 2009** — Deadline for Admissions Early Decision I and Financial Aid applications for Early Decision I candidates.

**** Late December, 2009** — Target date for Admissions letters to go out for Early Decision I candidates.

**** January 1, 2009** — Deadline for Admissions Regular Decision and Early Decision II. Deadline for Financial Aid applications for Regular Decision and Early Decision II candidates.

**** Late January, 2010** — Target date for Admissions decision letters to go out for Early Decision II candidates.

**** Late March, 2010** — Target date for Admissions decision letters to go out for Regular Decision candidates.

**** Mid-April, 2010** — Target date for open house weekend for all accepted applicants.

**** May 1, 2010** — Deadline for securing spot in class of 2014 with deposit.

EARLY DECISION

Students who are absolutely, 100% confident Bucknell is their top college choice are encouraged to apply during the Early Decision process. Advantages are that you'll have an Admissions decision prior to Christmas and all students accepted during the early decision process are guaranteed financial aid for which they qualify.

VERBAL COMMITMENTS

Verbal commitments help to solidify a quality recruiting class for Bison Volleyball by the end of the first semester.

Academics: Broad opportunities to learn

- More than 50 majors leading to bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of engineering, bachelor of science in education, bachelor of science in business administration, or bachelor of music.
- Arts & Sciences Departments and Programs: Animal Behavior, Art and Art History, Astronomy, Biology, Cell Biology/Biochemistry, Chemistry, Classics, Computer Science, East Asian Studies, Economics, Education, English, Environmental Studies, French, Geography, Geology, German History, International Relations, Latin American Studies, Management, Mathematics, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics and Astronomy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Russian, Sociology and Anthropology, Spanish, Theatre and Dance, Women's and Gender Studies.
- Engineering Departments: Biomedical, Chemical, Civil and Environmental, Computer Science, Electrical, Mechanical.

The Faculty: Focused on the students

- More than 300 full-time faculty.
- 97% of faculty members hold doctoral degrees.
- Undergraduate learning is highest priority.
- Faculty members are active scholars who conduct research, produce creative works, and publish their findings, often in collaboration with students.

Undergraduate Research: Hands-on learning

- Students conduct research in the lab and off campus in conjunction with faculty mentors.
- High degree of independence.
- Great preparation for graduate school and career.

Campus Life: Never a dull moment

- Learning outside of class: academically oriented student organizations, guest lecturers, campus publications, concerts, art exhibitions, theatre, trips off campus, and more.
- More than 150 student-run organizations to suit nearly every interest, from a capella singing to Zen Buddhist meditation.
- Volunteer and service projects on- and off-campus, including abroad.
- 13 fraternities and 6 sororities.
- Diverse religious life programs.
- Athletics: varsity intercollegiate program, club sports for both men and women, and intramural programs.

Residential Colleges: Housing options with an academic twist

- Seven themed programs open to first-year students: arts, environment, global, humanities, language and culture, social justice, and society and technology.
- Students take a course together, live together, and participate in out-of-class activities such as informal discussions, guest lectures, and off-campus trips.

Career Services: Preparation for the future

- Full- or part-time internships at companies, non-profits, or governmental agencies.
- Resume writing and interviewing guidance.
- Two-day job shadowing externships.
- On-campus employment expos and off-campus networking nights.

Visit Campus: See Bucknell for yourself

- Tours are offered five times daily on weekdays and three times on Saturdays.
- No appointment is necessary for tours; other options may require reservations.
- Please go to www.bucknell.edu/admissions/calendar or call (570) 577-1101 for more information about visit options.

