GRIZZLY ATHLETICS TIMELINE

2005
Georgia Gwinnett College is founded

SPRING 2011
Intercollegiate Athletics are announced

SUMMER 2011
Dr. Darin S. Wilson is named Director of Athletics

2011 - 2012
Grizzly coaching staff and teams are assembled

SUMMER 2012
Varsity Athletics Complex groundbreaking

AUG. 25, 2012
First intercollegiate games in Grizzly Athletics history
THE COLLEGE

Location .................................................... Lawrenceville, Ga.
Founded ............................................................. 2005
Enrollment .......................................................... 9,500
President .............................................................. Dr. Daniel J. Kaufman
Director of Athletics ...................................... Dr. Darin S. Wilson
Nickname .............................................................. Grizzlies
Colors ................................................................. Green (PMS 3425) and Gray (PMS 429)
Affiliation ............................................................. NAIA
Conference ...................................................... Assoc. of Independent Institutions
Athletics Web Site .............................................. GrizzlyAthletics.com

THE PROGRAM

Inaugural Season ................................................... 2012
Program Record .................................................... N/A
2011 Record ........................................................ N/A
Home Field ........................................................... Grizzly Soccer Field
Capacity .............................................................. 1,000

THE COACHES

Head Coach .......................................................... Domenic Martelli
Alma Mater ......... The Ohio State University, 1989
Career Record/ Years ........................................... 109-106-26/12 years
Record at School ..................................................... First year
Assistant Coach ..................................................... Mandy Schneider
Volunteer Assistant ............................................... Dusty Fouser
Volunteer Assistant ................................................ Michael Spivey

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant Athletics Director .............................. NedColegrove
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Front row (left to right): Amairani Almanza, Valeria de Santiago, Elizabeth Watkins, Mackenzie Gray, Magaly Gutierrez, Alex Hayes, Erica Kiser, Andreah Creevey, Amanda Dale, Allison Fernandez
Middle row (left to right): Paige Placido, Grace Gresham, Jessica Beasley, Mike Spivey, Mandy Schneider, Domenic Martelli, Dusty Fouser, Jocelyn Baker, Amanda Norris, Mackenzie Bailey
Back row (left to right): Emily Knain, Salina Orzikowski, Sara Lindell, Natalie Leone, Marisa Szabo, Blake DiSpigna, Kelsey Griswold, Mary Vernetti, Lydia Morrow, Bethany Johnson, Cadyn Spruell, Kiley Barrett
## 2012
### WOMEN'S SOCCER ROSTER

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**Team Information**

| Head Coach: | Domenic Martelli (mar-TELLY) |
| Assistant Coach: | Mandy Schneider (SHNI-der) |
| Volunteer Assistants: | Dusty Fouser (FOW-ser), Michael Spivey (SPY-vee) |

**Pronunciation Guide:**

- #3- KIGH-zer
- #8- pla-SEE-doh
- #5- lee-OWN
- #12- di-SPEEN-ya
- #15- ah-ma-RAHN-ee al-MAHN-za
- #16- kuh-NINE
- #18- sprool
- #24- SAY-bo
- #25- GOO-tee-air-ez
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- #28- sa-LEEN-uh or-zi-COW-ski
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Home events in **bold** – Home games played on Georgia Gwinnett College campus – All times Eastern

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The 2012 Georgia Gwinnett College Women’s Soccer media brochure was designed and edited by Ned Colegrove, Assistant Athletics Director for Communications & Marketing.

All media requests for player or coach interviews should be coordinated through Ned Colegrove and the Grizzlies Sports Communications office. Players will be made available after games or practices upon request and at select times during the week. For inquiries, call (678) 407-5241 or email ncolegrove@ggc.edu.
Dr. Darin S. Wilson comes to Georgia Gwinnett College from Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky, where he served as the athletics director since 2003, following a five-year stint as baseball coach. His departure ended 18 years of involvement with Union College, from an undergraduate student-athlete to leading the athletics program. He said it was an emotional decision to leave, but he’s excited about the new challenge ahead of him. He brings a wealth of athletics experience with him to Georgia Gwinnett College.

As Georgia Gwinnett College’s inaugural Director of Athletics, he is responsible for all aspects of leading a comprehensive department of athletics and has wasted no time building the College’s sports program.

Since joining Georgia Gwinnett, Wilson hired the College’s first athletics staff and established accounts for the Grizzly Athletic and Scholarship Funds. He chairs the intercollegiate athletics committee, and with Wilson’s leadership, Georgia Gwinnett College successfully completed the application for and has been accepted into the NAIA.

Currently, Wilson is overseeing the development and construction of Georgia Gwinnett’s $15 million athletics facilities, and he looks forward to the College’s athletics program continuing to grow and progress at a rapid pace.

During Wilson’s time with Union College, the college won 47 ACC regular-season and tournament championships, four Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference titles, and six NAIA Region XII championships. Union was awarded the Appalachian Athletic Conference Duard Walker All-Sports Trophy for the first time in school history in 2010. Forty-seven players were named NAIA Scholar-Athletes, and four players were selected as CoSIDA Academic All-America Team members.

Wilson oversaw extensive renovation of Union’s sports facilities, including baseball and football locker room remodels, new scoreboards and press boxes, the installation of a $1 million synthetic turf multi-purpose field, and expansion of athletic training facilities. The athletics overhaul made Union’s facilities some of the best in the NAIA.

Wilson also grew Union’s department of athletics from 15 to 23 intercollegiate programs, while effectively revitalizing the athletic booster club and managing a multi-million dollar operational and scholarship budget.

His time as a coach and a player was marked by success as well. As a Union baseball coach, Wilson was named the 2001 Mid-South Conference Coach of the Year. He set a school record with 41 wins, posting a 161-106-1 record. Additionally, Wilson was selected as Male Athlete of the Year, as an undergraduate baseball player at Union.

Wilson has been recognized as the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC) Athletic Director of the Year three times (2008, 2009, 2011), the NAIA Region XII Athletic Director of the Year (2008), and the 2009-10 NAIA Under Armour AD of the Year for the Southeast Region by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Additionally, he was selected as the 2010-2011 NAIA National Athletic Director of the Year.

Wilson has a master’s in education from Union College and a Ph.D. in higher education leadership from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has served on three conference and two national committees and currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of Independent Institutions.

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Wilson (right) helped kick off the Grizzlies soccer program and play on the campus intramural fields.
In September 2005, Dr. Daniel J. Kaufman became the charter president of the new Georgia Gwinnett College, located in Lawrenceville, the first new 4-year college in Georgia in over 100 years. The college admitted its first students in August 2006 and its first freshman class in August 2007. The mission of GGC is to provide baccalaureate level degrees that contribute to the economic development needs of Gwinnett County and the surrounding region. The programs at GGC emphasize the innovative use of educational technology and an integrated educational experience that emphasizes student intellectual, social and personal development. Georgia Gwinnett College is now fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, with more than 8,000 students pursuing 40 fields of study.

In addition to his duties at the college, Dr. Kaufman is Vice Chair of the Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Partnership Gwinnett Steering Committee, a member of the Board of Directors of Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful, a member of the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation.

Prior to assuming his duties as president of Georgia Gwinnett College, Dr. Kaufman was a brigadier general in the U.S. Army, serving as Dean of the Academic Board and Chief Academic Officer at the United States Military Academy at West Point, a position from which he retired in June 2005. In his capacity as the chief academic officer, Dr. Kaufman was responsible for the design and implementation of the academic program at West Point. Prior to his selection as chief academic officer, Brigadier General Kaufman was Professor and Head of the Department of Social Sciences, which offers programs in political science and economics. Prior to being named Department Head, General Kaufman was director of the International Relations and National Security Studies program at West Point. He has taught courses in international relations, comparative politics, national security affairs, U.S. foreign policy, and American politics and government. He has written several books, the most recent being Understanding International Relations. His other books include U.S. National Security Strategy for the 1990s; U.S. National Security: A Framework for Analysis; Democracy, Strategy, and Vietnam; and NATO at Forty: Change, Continuity, and Prospects.

Dr. Kaufman graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1968; he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Armor and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. Dr. Kaufman also holds a Masters of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and a Doctorate in Philosophy in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the International Studies Association, and the American Political Science Association. Upon his retirement from active duty, Dr. Kaufman was honored by the British government as an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.). He is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honorary Society.

Dr. Kaufman’s military service includes tours with cavalry and armor units in the United States and Vietnam, where he received the Bronze Star for heroism and two Purple Hearts for wounds sustained during combat. He also has served as a member of the National Security Council staff in the White House and in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He served as a Special Assistant to three Chiefs of Staff of the Army. He also was a member of the Department of Defense Presidential Transition Team in 1992. Brigadier General Kaufman also was engaged extensively in the development of the National Military Academy of Afghanistan, which opened in Kabul in April 2005.

He and his wife, Kathryn, are both natives of Brunswick, Georgia. They have two children, daughter Emily and son David, two granddaughters, Emma and Katie, and one grandson, Connor.
Domenic Martelli begins the GGC women's soccer program with 18 years of NCAA Division I coaching experience. He spent the last 12 seasons at Georgia State University, where he is the winningest coach in the school's history with a record of 109-106-26. Martelli guided the GSU women's soccer program from the early stages of its existence into one of the top teams to watch in the exceptionally competitive Colonial Athletic Association.

In his final GSU season, Martelli lead the Panthers to 7-12-1 overall record and a 4-6-1 CAA record with a heartbreaking 9th place finish, 3 points out of the conference top 6 finish.

Martelli took the 2010 season's team picked one spot from the bottom up seven places to one of the coveted final four positions to compete for the CAA Championship title. Although the Panthers did not come away with the CAA title, they compiled one of the most notable and rewarding seasons in the program's 17 year existence. They earned an NSCAA Mid Atlantic Regional ranking for 5 weeks. With one CAA Rookie of the Year, four members named to All-CAA teams, an ESPN Academic All-American and a 12-7-2 overall record, and a 6-4-1

CAA record, the best since joining the CAA, Martelli’s 2010 team certainly made a name for itself in the Panther history books. Georgia State finished with their 4th straight winning and season and an NCAA RPI final ranking of 98.

The 2009 Panthers posted a 7-6-6 (1-5-5 in conference) record to complete a run of three-straight winning seasons. Junior goalkeeper Heidi Blankenship became the first player in school history to be named All-CAA first team after finishing the year as the conference leader in saves and saves per game, and finished second in shutouts. Blankenship was also named to the NSCAA Mid Atlantic All-Region second team. Freshman forward Sarah Bennett earned a spot on the CAA All-Rookie team after leading the Panthers in goals (7) and points (16), making her the second player in school history to earn an All-Rookie mention.

The 2008 season saw the Panthers open the with a six-game win streak, good for the best start in school history at 6-0-0. Senior captain Kay Harbrueger put together a phenomenal season, all of which was spent near the top of the national scoring list. Candace Gonzales made Panther history by being named a finalist for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award. Martelli took GSU to an 11-9-0 record (4-7-0 CAA), finishing in a tie for eighth place.

In 2007, the Panthers navigated their way to a 9-8-1 record (4-6-1 CAA) tied for 6th giving GSU, its first winning record since 2004. State began the year at 4-1, its best start since 1998, and finished with an RPI of 104. The Panthers entered the final match of the season with a chance to secure a CAA championship berth but fell just one goal short, earning a 2-2 tie at UNC Wilmington.

In 2005, Georgia State completed its first season in the CAA and finished with a 9-11 overall record and a 3-8 conference mark. The Panthers found their spark at the end of the season by earning all three of their conference victories in the final five games.

Martelli’s fifth season at the helm in 2004 saw some unexpected turns as his team finished 7-7-5 overall and 4-4-2 in the Atlantic Sun. Under Martelli’s guidance, the Panthers extended their home unbeaten streak to 18 consecutive contests.

Georgia State enjoyed its best season under Martelli in 2003 with a 16-6 overall record and 7-3 mark in Atlantic Sun Conference play. The squad tied the school record for most wins during the regular season while posting its best winning percentage (.727) since 1997. Georgia State qualified for its eighth consecutive A-Sun Tournament berth and reached the conference semifinals before falling to Florida Atlantic. The Panthers put together a nine-match winning streak during the 2003 season and recorded nine shutouts. Georgia State was also ranked in the NSCAA South Region for 4 weeks. Martelli’s team earned a NCAA RPI ranking of 88, at the time marking the highest ranking of any Georgia State women’s team since 1994.

In 2002, the Panthers celebrated their first winning season under Martelli as they compiled a 9-6-5 overall mark and...
finished 6-3-2 in league play, finishing fourth overall and playing in the conference tournament before falling to eventual champion UCF in the semifinals.

In 2001 in Martelli’s second season at the helm, the Panthers won seven of their final 10 contests and knocked off fourth-seeded Jacksonville, 2-1, in the conference tournament before falling to eventual champion UCF in the semifinals. Georgia State finished 9-12-1 overall and 5-4-1 in A-Sun action.

In his first season as coach of the Panthers during 2000, Martelli guided the team to an 8-10-2 record and a fourth-place regular season finish in the Atlantic Sun. After opening the season with six straight losses, Martelli and the Panthers rebounded by winning eight of their final 12 matches and earning a 0-0 tie against in-state-rival Georgia. State scored an overtime victory over Jacksonville State in the A-Sun quarterfinals before falling in the semifinals, 1-0, to Jacksonville.

Prior to his arrival at Georgia State, Martelli was an assistant women’s coach at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. (1993-2000). He helped lead the Black Knights to a Patriot League championship, four top-10 regional rankings, two ECAC post-season tournament berths and an 88-55-4 record. During his seven-year tenure, Martelli coached one NSCAA second team All-American and seven NSCAA East Regional All-Americans.

In addition to his time at West Point, he spent four years as the head coach of the Eastern New York Olympic Development Program, where he led both the under-14 and under-16 teams to the Women’s East Regional semifinals. He served from 1993-96 as the head coach and trainer for the Newburgh Storm club team and led the squad to the finals of the under-17 Boys New York State Cup in 1995. In 1990 and 1991, Martelli joined his father, Tony, a former assistant coach on Army’s men’s soccer staff, in coaching the Hudson Valley Boys Scholastic Team in the Empire State Games. As a senior at The Ohio State University, he launched his coaching career as the head coach of the Buckeyes’ women’s soccer club program.

Since moving to Georgia, Coach Martelli has been a member of the Region 3 Olympic Development Program staff. Martelli guided the ’85 Girls Georgia ODP team to the Region 3 ODP championship, where it qualified for the National USYSA Championships in the spring of 2003 and finished third. During the summer of 2005, Coach Martelli helped lead the women’s Georgia Amateur State Team at the Region 3 national qualifying tournament in Huntsville, Ala., to a second-place finish. He was the head coach of the very successful Atlanta Silverbacks Super Y PDP U-17 Girls team for two years. In 2007, Martelli served as assistant coach for the U19 Region 3 ODP team.

Martelli’s playing career began on those very same club teams he later coached. He was a member of the Empire State Games Boys Scholastic Team in 1984 and Open Men’s squad in 1987, earning a silver medal. His on-field days culminated with a standout career at Ohio State, where he was a four-year team member from 1985 to 1988.

An experienced clinician, Martelli was an assistant director at the West Point soccer camps and an instructor at numerous camps across the nation. He holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Advance National Diploma, USSF “C” license and is currently a candidate for a NSCAA Premiere license. In 2008, Martelli was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America National top 25 ranking committee.

Martelli has a bachelor’s degree in business administration from The Ohio State University, where he played collegiate soccer, and a master’s degree in elementary education from Mount St. Mary’s College.

Domenic and his wife, Kirsten, are the proud parents of their daughter Brielle, and son, Nicolas.
Mandy Schneider joins Georgia Gwinnett College as assistant women’s soccer coach, bringing with her ten years of athletics experience. As assistant coach to the women’s soccer team, she will be focusing heavily on recruitment activities, while supporting the head coach with preparations for GGC’s inaugural soccer season.

Schneider has five years of Division I coaching experience, including two seasons as an assistant at Jacksonville University and the past three years as an assistant at Georgia State. While at Jacksonville University, Schneider helped lead the Dolphins to a 9-9-2 (6-4-0) season and two conference tournaments, including a trip to the Atlantic Sun conference semifinals. At Georgia State University, she supported the head coach in guiding the Panthers to their first-ever Colonial Athletic Association tournament where they finished fourth, in 2010, achieving their best record in the program’s history.

In addition to her collegiate coaching experience, Schneider served as an assistant at Salem High School, her alma mater, and coached club teams at Tophat Soccer in Atlanta (2006-2007), Jacksonville Youth Soccer Club (2007-2008), Westside Soccer Club in Jacksonville (2008-2009) and Rockdale Youth Soccer Association (2009-2011). She currently serves as the 14-and-under girls’ coach with the Atlanta Youth Soccer Association.

Schneider played at Georgia State University as a center midfielder from 2002-2005, where she was a four-year letterwinner and served as a team captain her senior year. Schneider led the team to consecutive Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament appearances in 2002 and 2003, and as team captain, she experienced her best season, finishing her career with six goals, 14 assists and 26 points.

Schneider holds a bachelor’s degree in sociology and a minor in psychology from Georgia State University, and she earned her USSF “D” coaching license in 2007.
In the NAIA, a dedication to leadership development is balanced with sports accomplishment. A trailblazer in providing equal opportunity for all student-athletes. An expectation of ethical behavior, fairness in competition, access to athletic scholarship, sportsmanship and leadership development. At the core of all of this — character.

The seed of the NAIA began in 1937 with the tip-off of a men's basketball tournament that has become the longest running basketball tournament in the country, celebrating 75 years in 2012. Out of the tournament grew the NAIA, an association of close to 300 member schools and more than 60,000 student-athletes.

Since 1937, the NAIA has administered programs and championships in proper balance with the overall educational experience. In 2000, the NAIA reaffirmed its purpose to enhance the character-building aspects of sport. Through Champions of Character, the NAIA seeks to create an environment in which every student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through five core values: integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership.

Most recently, the association opened the doors to the NAIA Eligibility Center, where prospective student-athletes are evaluated for academic and athletic eligibility. It delivers on our larger promise of integrity by leveling the playing field, guiding student-athlete success, and ensuring fair competition. Providing student-athletes a chance to connect with NAIA schools and coaches helps them make the best decision to prepare them for success in both college and athletics.

NAIA Information

- 60,000 student-athletes
- 13 sports and 23 national championships
- Close to 300 colleges and universities
- $450 million in athletic scholarships

NAIA History

1937 | Dr. James Naismith and local leaders form National College Basketball. Tournament staged at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, MO.

1938 | Basketball tournament expands to 32 teams

1940 | National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball (NAIB) formed; first convention held

1948 | John Wooden's Indiana State team brings first African-American student-athlete to the NAIB tournament

1952 | NAIB adopts new moniker - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) - and introduces men's championships in golf, tennis and outdoor track and field

1953 | NAIA becomes first collegiate association to invite historically black institutions into membership

1957 | Tennessee State becomes the first historically black institution to win a collegiate basketball national championship

1980 | NAIA becomes first collegiate athletics association to sponsor both men's and women's championships by adding women's basketball, cross country, gymnastics, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, softball, swimming and diving, tennis and volleyball championships

1986 | NAIA Council of Presidents moves from advisory to governance role

1988 | Strict academic eligibility standards for all participating student-athletes adopted

2000 | NAIA introduces Champions of Character initiative along with its new brand emphasizing character development among NAIA student-athletes

2001 | NAIA headquarters returns to metro Kansas City in partnership with the city of Olathe, KS.

2007 | NAIA opens new headquarters in downtown Kansas City, MO.

2010 | NAIA opens the NAIA Eligibility Center.
Under the leadership of Larry Stephan, athletics director at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Diane St. Denis, associate athletics director at Simon Fraser University, the Association of Independent Institutions (A.I.I.) was incorporated in July 2008 in the state of Missouri.


The purpose of the Association of Independent Institutions is to promote the education, development and welfare of student-athletes through their various experiences and participation in NAIA intercollegiate athletics.

The term "independent" refers to an NAIA member institution that does not belong to an NAIA-affiliated conference.

The A.I.I.:
- Facilitates effective and active participation in the NAIA legislative process and governance structure;
- Seeks equitable opportunities for participation by student-athletes in NAIA championships, and other educational opportunities for student-athletes;
- Oversees and administers A.I.I. postseason championships competition in sports where NAIA direct qualification berths are at stake;
- Isolates problems common to all independent institutions and organizes to study and achieve solutions to these problems;
- Oversees the certification of eligibility for its student-athletes and provides a mechanism for review of exception requests, violations and appeals;
- Provides weekly, monthly and annual recognition programs for student-athletes from all A.I.I. member institutions.

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