University Origin

Gonzaga was founded in 1887 by Father Joseph Cataldo, S.J., as a frontier boarding school for boys. The school has established its own unique identity since starting as a single building along the banks of the Spokane River. Named for the Jesuit Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, the patron of youth, the 116-year-old institution has grown and matured into one of the West’s premier regional universities. Gonzaga’s educational philosophy is based on the 450-year-old Ignatian model that aims to educate the whole person-mind, body and spirit - an integration of science and art, faith and reason, action and contemplation.

The state Legislature accorded Gonzaga status as a University in 1912, the same year the School of Law began. The 1920’s were highlighted by the establishment of the School of Business Administration (1921) and the School of Education (1928). The Graduate School was launched in 1931 and the School of Engineering was created in 1934 to meet the demand sparked by the new national interest in hydroelectric projects. Enrollment swelled in the late 1940’s due largely to the GI Bill and women were first admitted in 1948.

Situated on 94 acres of landscaped campus located in a residential section of Spokane, the Gonzaga campus continues to grow and change with the times. Opening in the summer of 2000, Gonzaga’s School of Law Building becomes the newest addition to the growing urban campus. A new Rosauers School of Education building was completed in the spring of 1994, and a new Jundt Art Center and Museum was opened in the fall of 1995. Other campus additions in recent years are the Herak Center which houses the School of Engineering and the Jepson Center which has the School of Business Administration as its tenant. The former Crosby Library was transformed into a new Student Union Building.

What The Future Holds

In April 2002, Gonzaga launched a $119 million capital campaign entitled “Educating People the World Needs Most.” The campaign will provide new scholarships and professorships, and construction and renovation of buildings for athletics and recreation, the sciences, business, engineering, the performing arts and residence living.

The Start of Jesuit Education

Founded in 1540 by Basque nobleman Ignatius of Loyola, the Society of Jesus is an order of Catholic priests and brothers, who with their lay colleagues, carry on a 450-year tradition of education excellence.

While recovering from a battle wound, Ignatius’ life was changed by reading the Bible and studying the lives of the saints. His religious experiences led him to renounce the life of courtier and soldier to serve God. That inspired him to write the Spiritual Exercises, a work that would become the basis of Jesuit spirituality and mission. After studying at the University of Paris for seven years, he founded a school based on his scholarship.

At the time of Ignatius’ death in 1556, Jesuits ran 33 colleges and universities worldwide. Georgetown University, founded in 1789, became the first American Jesuit university. There are now 112 Jesuit colleges and universities in the world, including 33 in the United States.

Gonzaga University is named for Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, a 16th century priest. In his effort to comfort the ill in Rome during the plague, he caught the scourge and died a young man. He is named the Patron Saint of Youth.

NOTABLE GONZAGA ALUMS

- John Stockton - NBA All-Star
- Bing Crosby - Actor and Singer
- Ray Flaherty - NFL Hall of Fame
- Tony Canadeo - NFL Hall of Fame
- Frank Burgess - Federal District Judge
- Carl Pohlad - Minnesota Twins, owner
- Arthur Dugoni - president, American Dental Association
- Mike Stepovich - last territorial Governor of Alaska
- Cornelia E. Davis, M.D. - prominent educator in Africa
- Bishop William Skylstad
- Christine Gregoire - Governor of Washington
- Carl Maxey - noted Civil Rights attorney
- Thomas S. Foley - former Speaker of the House and current Ambassador to Japan
- James Wickwire - world-class mountain climber
- Jason Bay - MLB All-Star & 2004 National League Rookie of the Year

Gonzaga University Quick Facts

2005 Enrollment: 6,375
Average Class Size: 25
Faculty: 325
Jesuits: 43
College Opened: 1887
President: Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J.

Colleges and Schools

College of Arts and Sciences
School of Education
School of Business Administration
School of Engineering
School of Professional Studies
Graduate School
Law School
Athletic tradition at Gonzaga University is almost as old as the University itself, ranging from the football hey days at the early part of the century to the Bulldogs latest foray into the NCAA Elite Eight. As the University has grown from a single building along the banks of the Spokane River in 1887 into a major urban campus, so too has the Gonzaga athletic program grown. Gonzaga now competes in 14 varsity sports at the NCAA Division I level and is a proud member of the West Coast Conference.

In the early part of the century, football was the game at Gonzaga as future NFL Hall-of-Famers Ray Flaherty and Tony Canadeo joined with numerous others to put Bulldog athletics on the map. As Gonzaga slowly dropped football as an intercollegiate sport, hockey came to the forefront as Gonzaga won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Hockey Championship in 1939.

During the 1940’s and 1950’s men’s basketball and boxing became the feature sports at Gonzaga as the Bulldogs basketball team reached the 1948 NAIA National Tournament played in Kansas City. Two years later Gonzaga won its only NCAA National Championship to date as the Bulldog boxing team won the 1950 NCAA Championship.

Men’s basketball remained in the spotlight through the late 1950’s as Gonzaga’s all-time leading rebounder Jerry Vermillion and all-time leading scorer Frank Burgess graced the hardwood for the Zags.


Women’s athletics had some of its most successful years as the 1990’s started with both the volleyball and basketball teams making post-season appearances. Behind All-Americans Lisa Petticord and Kelley Cunningham, the volleyball Bulldogs made their only NCAA Tournament appearance in 1990. In 1994 the women’s basketball team grabbed the spotlight making their first post-season tournament with a bid to the Women’s National Invitational Tournament in Amarillo, Texas. The women’s team returned to post-season action in 2004 with another WNIT bid. In 2005 Gonzaga women’s basketball completed its most successful season to date earning its first national ranking and another trip to the WNIT. Women’s crew has also become a dominant sport with the team winning nine straight West Coast Conference Rowing Championships and capturing the ECAC National Invitational championship in 2003.

Gonzaga has been vaulted on the national scene based on the success of its men’s basketball team in the NCAA Tournament. In 1999, the Bulldogs captured the hearts of the nation with their incredible run to the Elite Eight, following up that success with Sweet Sixteen appearances in 2000 and 2001. Men’s basketball has continued to build on that national success making eight straight NCAA Tournament appearances and reaching the top echelon of the national rankings. In 2002 Gonzaga finished the season ranked sixth in the Associated Press poll only to top that success two seasons later with a number three national ranking and a number two seed in the 2004 NCAA Tournament.

Along with team success the Bulldogs have also had numerous individual accolades over the past couple of years with basketball stars Dan Dickau, Blake Stepp and Adam Morrison each earning All-America honors while being named to the Wooden All-American teams. Ronny Turiaf also earned All-America recognition. On the baseball field Nate Gold led the NCAA in home runs in 2002 while earning All-America honors and becoming a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy and Rotary Smith awards for collegiate baseball Player of the Year. In 2004 catcher Kiel Thibault continued that success as he was named a semifinalist for the Johnny Bench Award for baseball’s top collegiate catcher. On the water women’s rower Maria Bokulich has made a name for herself with All-America honors and an invite to the U.S. Rowing National Team non-Olympic camp.

In addition to standout athletic teams through the years and recent individual success, Gonzaga has also been home to many standout individual athletes such as the NBA’s all-time assist and steals leader - John Stockton; U.S. Speed Skating Champion - Kristine Holzer; U.S. National Soccer team member - Brian Ching; Florida Marlins World Series catcher - Mike Redmond; 2004 National League Rookie of the Year and 2005-06 All-Star - Jason Bay; U.S. Olympic Rowing team member - Monica Tranel-Michini; former two-time U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Golf Champion - Connie Oldershaw Guthrie; and Stanley Cup winning goal-keeper and 1945 Calder Cup recipient for the Toronto Maple Leafs - Frank McCool.
**WHY BULLDOGS?**

Gonzaga's first intercollegiate teams were simply called the Blue and White since the two colors represented the school's official colors. After the start of football in 1892, Gonzaga's teams of the early 1910's were also called Fighting Irish, though they used the desire for the school to become the Notre Dame of the West. Gonzaga's first football team had been formed in 1892 with Dr. Henry Luhn forming the team to play on Thanksgiving Day against the Spokane Amateur Athletic Club. Luhn had been a member of Notre Dame's very first football team. Gonzaga's most famous football coach was also a Notre Dame alumnus. Former Notre Dame player Gus Dorais became the first full-time Gonzaga football coach when he took the program reigns in 1920.

In 1921 plans for a new football stadium were underway in Spokane as the team was entering its glory years. Following the regular season Gonzaga was invited to play in a Christmas Day bowl in San Diego against West Virginia University. Even though Gonzaga lost the game 24-0, a San Diego sportswriter was impressed with Gonzaga's Bulldog-like tenacity and that moniker was adapted for Gonzaga's athletic teams and has been used ever since that Dec. 25, 1921 game. For the next year a combination of Fighting Irish Bulldogs and Fighting Bulldogs was used, but those nicknames were quickly dropped.

Due to a budget crisis with the football stadium and football program, Gonzaga officially dropped football following the 1941 season. The stadium was torn down in 1949.

**WHY THE ZAGS?**

While Bulldogs has always been the official athletic nickname for Gonzaga, the term Zags has long been used as an alternative nickname when referring to Gonzaga teams. The name has enjoyed great popularity and was even used on basketball jerseys in the 1960's and 70's.

**SPIKE THE BULLDOG MASCOT**

Human mascots replaced live dogs in 1980 when a Gonzaga student, Mike Griffin, wore a cape and called himself "Captain Zag." He would remain the Gonzaga mascot from 1980 until 1982. A few more students would don the Captain Zag uniform before a Bulldog mascot would return in 1985.

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**BULLDOGS IN THE COMMUNITY**

In addition to success in athletic competition and in the classroom, Gonzaga University student-athletes pride themselves on their ability to give back to the Spokane Community. Whether through their individual teams or the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Gonzaga student-athletes strive to make a difference.

**Bulldogs Community Service Pictures**

(pictures clockwise): Gonzaga women athletes participate in the March of Dimes Walk, GU athletes participate in the annual Habitat for Humanity project, GU SAAC members help collect books to provide to at-risk children teaming up with Page Ahead, GU athletes visit local elementary schools and participate in reading programs, GU athletes help out with food line serving dinner over Thanksgiving at the Union Gospel Mission.

**Q THE BULLDOG**

Gonzaga's live mascot, a pure bred English Bulldog, was presented to the Gonzaga athletic department following the 1999 NCAA Basketball season in which the Bulldogs reached the Elite Eight.

The Bulldog was named "Q" after Gonzaga senior point guard Quentin Hall, a member of the 1999 team that helped place Gonzaga on the college basketball map. Hall was named to the All-West Region team after the Bulldogs lost to eventual National Champion Connecticut, 67-62 in the West Regional Championship. Q currently lives with a member of the Gonzaga athletic department and is a regular fixture at Bulldogs athletic events.

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A female dog was donated in April 1951 and a contest was held to name the dog. The name "Bullet" was chosen and the winner of the contest received a carton of Chesterfield cigarettes.

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Joel Morgan
Assistant Athletic Director/Facilities

Joel Morgan returned to Gonzaga University as the Assistant Athletic Director for Facilities in August 2004. After completing his M.A. in Athletics Administration in 2002, Morgan accepted a position at fellow West Coast Conference member, University of San Diego, where he was the Assistant Director of Athletics Facilities and Operations for two years. In that capacity Morgan helped run the 2002 WCC Tournament in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Following his stint at San Diego, Morgan was employed from 2002-2004 as the Assistant Athletic Director for Facilities and Operations at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA, where he was the Assistant Director of Athletics Facilities and Operations for two years.

In addition to his graduate work at Gonzaga, Morgan earned his B.S. from the University of Iowa with a degree in Sport, Health, Leisure and Physical Studies.

Rob Kavon
Director of Athletic Facilities

Rob Kavon enters his sixth year as the Director of Athletic Facilities at Gonzaga University. In his position Kavon oversees game day operations for all of Gonzaga’s home events as well as scheduling for the Martin Centre.

A 2000 graduate of Pacific Lutheran University, Kavon served one year as a graduate assistant for facilities at Gonzaga before being promoted in the summer of 2001. Kavon earned his master’s in sport and athletic administration from GU in 2002.

A native of Plentywood, Mont., Kavon and his wife Kristen were married in August of 2002. The couple has one son - Nolin (5/12/04).

Jason Holtz
Graduate Intern/Facilities

Jason Holtz enters his first year with the Gonzaga athletic department as the facilities graduate intern. Holtz came to Gonzaga from Wayne State College, where he graduated with a degree in sport management in 2006.

While at Wayne State, he was a member of the game-day operations staff, where he assisted with duties at home football games as well as men's and women's basketball games. He also interned with Nebraska Wesleyan University, where he worked with the sports information office and the facilities department. Holtz also volunteered at the 2006 NCAA Final Four and at the American Volleyball Coaches Association Convention.
In a continuing effort to make available the best possible athletic training facilities to its student-athletes, Gonzaga University has finished construction of one facility and plans construction on another facility to help Bulldog student-athletes succeed. Soon construction will begin on the new Diedrick/DeLong Athletic Training Room.

The Performance Athletic Center opened in the spring of 2006. It provides Gonzaga University student-athletes with a dedicated space to improve their athletic performance. It includes state-of-the-art training equipment, ventilation system and sound system.
“Gonzaga has contributed so much to everything I have done and will continue to do. Indeed, except for my family, and the Jesuits, it has formed me more than anyone or any place else,” Fr. Spitzer said.

The University announced a $119 million capital campaign in April 2002, the most aggressive fund raising effort in school history.

Fr. Spitzer returned to Gonzaga from Seattle University where he was the founder and director of the Institute of Professional Ethics. Fr. Spitzer was also an associate professor of philosophy, a member of the Board of Trustees, director of the Institute of Character Development and the medieval studies and graduate fellowship programs, and in March, 1998, completed the inaugural term as the Frank Shrontz Endowed Chair in Professional Ethics.

A native of Honolulu, HI, Fr. Spitzer is a 1970 graduate of Punahou High. Following graduation from Gonzaga, he received master’s degrees in philosophy from St. Louis University (1978), in theology from Gregorian University (1983, first in his class) and in New Testament from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology (1984). He received a doctorate in philosophy from the Catholic University of America in 1989, again graduating summa cum laude.

Fr. Spitzer began his teaching career as a graduate assistant at St. Louis University in 1978, followed by a two-year assignment at Seattle University (1978-1980) and a six-year post at Georgetown University from 1984-1990. At Georgetown, he was accorded the Edward J. Bunn Medal for Faculty Excellence awarded to the most outstanding faculty member in the College of Arts and Sciences by a vote of the Senior Class. He returned to Seattle University in 1990, where he remained until beginning his duties as Gonzaga’s president July 1, 1998.

With the students as his primary focus, Fr. Spitzer has a six-fold plan oriented toward their education, well-being and development:

- Enhance revenue through marketing and enrollment management
- Foster a vision for the Gonzaga community that will optimize its tremendous potential by finding new ways of supporting and encouraging its dynamic spirit and its love of and commitment to students and the intellectual life
- Foster and encourage Gonzaga’s Catholic and Jesuit mission and identity, which had such a profound religious, intellectual and personal impact on my life and the lives of so many others
- Increase the endowment of the university so future generations of Gonzaga students will be able to share its deeply transformative experience
- Build new state of the art facilities for science, engineering, business, athletics, performing arts and residence life.
- Seek community and corporate support for new, cutting-edge programs in the professions, sciences and arts.

Fr. Spitzer has also re-affirmed Gonzaga’s commitment to a well-rounded NCAA Division I athletic program.

“We are committed to continue to build upon Gonzaga’s strong athletic tradition. The recent success of our student-athletes and coaches is a credit to the high standards Gonzaga places on its student-athletes in both the athletic and academic arenas,” Spitzer said.

Chuck Murphy, vice president for finance, assumed the duties of overseeing Gonzaga University’s athletic department June 1, 2001. He replaced Harry Sladich who retired as vice president of administration and planning after nearly 40 years at the school.

Murphy, however, is no stranger to Gonzaga, graduating with a BBA in accounting in 1973. After earning his CPA in 1974, he worked as an auditor for the accounting firm of Coopers and Lybrand from 1973-76 and as controller for the Pring Corporation from 1976-78.

He joined Gonzaga University in 1978 as controller, and became vice president for finance in 1985. With Sladich’s retirement, Gonzaga President Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., re-organized the responsibilities of several of his vice presidents. In addition to overseeing athletics, Murphy also is responsible for the bookstore, controller’s office, faculty services, mail services and plant and construction.

Over the past 15 years, Murphy has overseen the construction of the Judit Art Center and Museum, the Dussault and Burch Apartments, the Rosauer Center for Education, the Foley Center library and the Jepson Center for Business Administration. He was also actively involved in the expansion projects for the Herak Center for Engineering and the Martin Center for athletics. Murphy has also been a major role player in current discussion to formulate a plan to construct a new basketball arena on campus. He is also instrumental in Gonzaga’s acquisition of property adjacent to campus.

Murphy and his wife, Linda, who serves as Gonzaga’s director of student accounts, have six children; Brian, Shawn, Steve, Kalin, Melissa and Greg, who passed away in 2002; and three grandchildren. Murphy is a lifelong Spokane resident. He attended Gonzaga Prep.
MIKE ROTH
Athletic Director

Mike Roth enters his ninth year as Gonzaga University’s athletic director and under his leadership the Bulldogs athletic programs have grown from a recognized regional power to a player on the national scene.

Since becoming athletic director on Sept. 9, 1998, Roth has overseen the upgrade of facilities and staff for all of Gonzaga’s athletic programs. Roth’s first order of business was to upgrade Gonzaga’s athletic facilities as a new video wall and scoreboards were added to the Martin Centre along with new scoreboards for Martin Field. In 2003 Gonzaga added the Kermit Rudolph Fitness Center for Gonzaga students, faculty and staff.

The crowning achievement is the 6,000 seat McCarthey Athletic Center basketball arena which opened as the new home for Gonzaga men’s and women’s basketball in the fall of 2004. The men’s team continued to play before sellout crowds while the women’s attendance led the West Coast Conference.

Roth never settled for the status quo, Roth has continued to work in improving facilities for all of Gonzaga’s 14 intercollegiate sports. The state-of-the-art Harry A. Green Indoor Rowing Facility was dedicated in the fall of 2005; the Josh Burrows Athletic Performance Center features the latest in performance-enhancing equipment for Gonzaga’s student-athletes; the Mike Patterson Baseball Complex is currently under construction and scheduled for completion for the 2007 season; the Diedrick-Delong Athletic Training Center is in the fundraising stages and will provide student-athletes the finest in athletic training and rehabilitation, and a new soccer stadium is in the planning stages.

With growing facilities and programs has also come the expansion of the Bulldogs athletic staff which now stands at 68 staff and coaches.

Roth has been an integral part in laying the foundation that has led to Gonzaga's recent athletic success. Gonzaga men's basketball advanced to eight straight NCAA Tournaments, including the NCAA Elite Eight in 1999, and to the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2000, 2001 and 2006; men’s soccer shared two WCC regular-season soccer titles and earned its inaugural College Cup berth in 2001; women’s crew captured nine straight WCC Rowing Championships; women’s cross country claimed a WCC Championship, 2005 women’s basketball earned its first-national ranking winning the WCC regular-season championship with a 14-0 record and in 2005 GU’s women’s soccer team made its inaugural NCAA appearance.

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Roth is no stranger to Bulldog athletics. He was an assistant men’s basketball coach under Jay Hillock in 1982-83, then returned in September, 1986, as a physical education instructor. In January, 1987, he joined the athletic department as assistant athletic director/Martin Centre Director. In that span, his responsibilities expanded to include direct administration for 10 of Gonzaga’s 14 sports programs. In 1991 he was designated the university’s compliance officer to the NCAA, overseeing all matters pertaining to student-athlete eligibility at the institutional and NCAA level.

Roth is a past member of the Board of Directors for the Greater Spokane Sports Association (GSSA), worked the 1990 Goodwill Games as the weightlifting coordinator, and was Sports Director for the 1989 Washington State Centennial Games. He chaired the GSSA/Sportswriters and Broadcasters Sports Awards Banquet, and was banquet co-chair for two years.

A native of Moses Lake, WA, Roth played basketball at Big Bend Community College, and finished his collegiate career at Willamette University where he graduated with a B.S. in sociology in 1979. He received his master’s in athletic administration and physical education from Gonzaga in 1983. His coaching career also included stints as an assistant men’s basketball coach at Big Bend CC and Spokane CC.

Roth and his wife Linda have two sons, Brad (5/13/89) and Matt (12/8/91), along with two dogs Buck and Cutter.

HEATHER GORES
Senior Women’s Administrator/Assistant Athletic Director

Heather Gores begins her 13th year at Gonzaga University and her seventh year in athletic administration. In May of 2000 Gores was promoted to Senior Women’s Administrator after serving the previous six years as an assistant coach with the women’s basketball program.

Prior to joining the Gonzaga family in 1994, Gores worked for two years as an assistant coach at Washington State University where she was a four-year letterwinner for the Cougars. During her playing career in Pullman, Gores scored 981 points to rank seventh in the WSU record books. She finished her career WSU’s career leader in 3-point shots made with 133, and set a single-season record with 61 treys as a senior.

Born in Santa Maria, CA, the former Heather Norman was married to Greg Gores in August of 1998. The couple have two children - daughter Kaitlin (7/4/01) and son Garrett (5/28/03). Gores earned her master of Organizational Leadership from GU in 2003.

CHRIS STANDIFORD
Associate Athletic Director

Chris Standiford enters his 16th year in the Gonzaga athletic department. Beginning as an undergraduate in 1990, Standiford earned his bachelor of arts in 1991 and masters degree in 1993 from Gonzaga.

Hired as the Assistant Martin Centre Director in January of 1993, Standiford was promoted to Assistant Athletic Director in 1997 and Associate Athletic Director in July of 2002.

During his time at Gonzaga, Standiford has served as the athletic department liaison during the construction of several new facilities including the Rudolph Fitness Center and McCarthey Athletic Center. He also helps to oversee the athletic department budget which has been gradually increased over the past several years.

Standiford has been involved with several Spokane events including the committee that helped host the 1992 USA Women’s Basketball pre-Olympic Camp in Spokane.

Standiford and his wife of 11 years Julie, have three children - son Thomas (3/19/99) and daughters Camryn (4/26/01) and Allyson born April 11, 2005.

SHANNON STRAHL
Assistant Athletic Director/Compliance

Shannon Strahl joined the Gonzaga University staff on a full-time basis as the compliance and academics coordinator in May of 2000. In 1999 Strahl worked as a graduate assistant in the compliance office. She received her MBA in 2002. In July 2003 she was promoted to assistant athletic director.

A 1999 graduate of Gonzaga, Strahl understands the balance between academics and athletics at Gonzaga having played four seasons on the women’s soccer team. She was a two-time WCC All-Academic selection and two-time All-WCC honorable mention pick. Following her senior season, Strahl was selected as the Bulldog Club Senior Female Athlete of the Year.

Strahl oversees the areas of compliance and academics to ensure that student-athletes, coaches, athletic department staff, and boosters meet institutional, West Coast Conference and NCAA standards.

The former Shannon Stanford, she was married to Bobby Strahl on July 5, 2003. The couple welcomed their first son Bo on June 12, 2005.
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Kyle Pifer
Compliance Officer

Kyle Pifer enters his fourth year in the Gonzaga athletic department. Pifer was hired as the Bulldogs compliance officer in August of 2005 after two years as a graduate assistant in the compliance and academic offices. He works with compliance issues and helps monitor the academic progress of Gonzaga’s 300 student-athletes.

Pifer came to Gonzaga after previously working four years for Rainer Mountaineering as the company’s transportation director.

A native of Frankfort, Ind., Pifer earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Francis-Marion University in 1999. Pifer was a member of the FMU track team earning CoSIDA Academic All-America honors in 1999 as an at-large selection.

He and his wife Sydney were married in 1999. Sydney played college volleyball for former Bulldogs assistant coach Jerry Pruitt at FMU.

Chelsea Herman (Ph.D.)
Graduate Intern/Academics

Former Gonzaga University women’s basketball player Chelsea Herman returned to her alma mater as a graduate intern in the Bulldogs academic support center in 2005. Herman brings with her an extensive background in higher education previously working at the University of Idaho and Washington State University. At WSU she served as a professor in the College of Education.

A member of the Bulldogs basketball team from 1992-97, Herman graduated from Gonzaga in 1997 with a bachelor of physical education. She went on to receive both her master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Idaho earning her Ph.D. in Sport Ethics/Sports Administration in 2002.

Herman has been published on several occasions and co-authored the Life Skills curriculum for the University of Georgia football team in 2002. In addition to her academic achievements, Herman has also worked as an assistant basketball coach at Idaho and a personal trainer in the Seattle area.

Rian Oliver
Basketball Academic Coordinator

Rian Oliver is in her fourth year on the Gonzaga athletics staff, and first year as the basketball academic coordinator.

A former undergraduate work study for the Gonzaga men’s basketball team from 1997-2000, Oliver earned both a bachelor of business administration and a bachelor of arts in Spanish in 2000.

After spending three years in the retail industry in San Diego, CA, Oliver returned to her alma mater in 2003 as the administrative assistant for men’s basketball before being promoted to her current position in the summer of 2006. Oliver earned her master’s degree from Gonzaga in 2006.

A native of Helena, Mont., Oliver and her husband Wes were married in 2001. Wes joined the University Relations staff at Gonzaga 2005. The couple has two dogs, Wrigley and Rawlings.

Gonzaga student-athletes can access vital information by clicking on the Gonzaga Student Athlete Services link on the www.gonzaga.com website.

GONZAGA ATHLETICS ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Gonzaga coaches take an active role in monitoring the academic standing of their athletes. Coaches require student-athletes to attend study table when on the road for an extended period, and several coaches have also adopted a study table policy at home.

If a student-athlete is struggling academically, there are several avenues of help available. Tutors are available specifically for student-athletes, and student-athletes can also utilize the general Gonzaga University tutors, study labs and computer work stations available to the entire student population.

The success of the attention paid to the academic welfare of the student-athletes is reflected in their performance in the classroom. In the spring semester of 2006, 45 student-athletes were on the President’s List with a grade point average of 3.7-4.0, and 39 were on the Dean’s List for a GPA of 3.5-3.7. That’s nearly 33 percent of Gonzaga’s student-athletes receiving academic recognition. In addition, 13 of Gonzaga’s 16 intercollegiate athletic teams had a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better, and the spring grade point average of all of Gonzaga’s student-athletes was 3.23.

Gonzaga student-athletes constantly dot the West Coast Conference all-academic teams, and on a national scale 17 Bulldog student-athletes have been named to CoSIDA/Verizon Academic All-America squads. Former Gonzaga men’s basketball player Jeff Brown was named the GTE All-Academic Basketball Player of the Year in 1994.

With the opening of the new Gonzaga academic center in the summer of 2003, Gonzaga student-athletes can now take advantage of several academic tools. Tutors and additional class help can be accessed through the academic office. Student-athletes can also take advantage of the updated computer lab located in the academic center, available to student-athletes for work on term papers and additional projects.

Gonzaga’s WCC Scholar-Athletes of the Year

2004 Blake Stepp (Basketball)
2002 Dan Dickau (Basketball)
1994 Jeff Brown (Basketball)
1992 Jarrod Davis (Basketball)
1985 Bryce McPhee (Basketball)
1984 John Stockton (Basketball)
1982 Bill Dunlap (Basketball)

Gonzaga Academic All-American Honors

Academic and athletic success go hand-in-hand at Gonzaga as witnessed by the Bulldogs 18 Academic All-American recipients. In 1994, Gonzaga’s Jeff Brown was named the Academic All-American of the Year and in 2002 John Stockton was inducted into the Verizon Academic All-American Hall of Fame (photo below).

Baseball
2002 Eric Rodland (3rd Team)
2001 Jared Hertz (1st Team)
2000 Jared Hertz (3rd Team)
1999 Gary Van Tol (3rd Team)

Men’s Basketball
2004 Blake Stepp (2nd Team)
2003 Blake Steep (3rd Team)
2002 Dan Dickau (1st Team)
1994 Jeff Brown (1st Team) *
1993 Jeff Brown (1st Team)
1992 Jarrod Davis (1st Team)
1991 Jarrod Davis (2nd Team)
1990 Jim McPhee (2nd Team)
1985 Bryce McPhee (1st Team)
1984 Bryce McPhee (2nd Team)
1983 John Stockton (2nd Team)

* Academic All-American of the Year
A two-year member of the Gonzaga basketball team, Winston Brooks rejoin the Bulldogs athletic staff as a graduate intern helping to develop Gonzaga’s Life Skills program. Brooks previously worked one semester at GU as a graduate intern in development before working last year as an assistant men’s basketball coach at Eastern Washington University.

A 2003 graduate of GU, Brooks started 30 games as a senior finishing the year with 97 assists and 30 steals. A native of Richmond, VA, Brooks played at North Idaho College before coming to Gonzaga.

Steve Hertz
Director of Athletic Relations

Steve Hertz starts his fourth year as the Bulldogs Director of Athletic Relations and Gonzaga University could not have found a better ambassador as Hertz has been associated with the Bulldogs baseball program and university for 32 years. Hertz served 24 seasons as head coach in the Bulldog dugout, compiling a 637-627-6 record. He also coached two seasons at UC-Irvine. Hertz left coaching with a 26-year record of 696-689-6. His 1978 and 1981 Gonzaga teams advanced to the NCAA Regional. Hertz began his association with Gonzaga as a player for the 1970-72 seasons. After three seasons in professional baseball, he coached two seasons at Cal Prep High in Los Angeles prior to returning to Gonzaga as an assistant coach in 1976. He became head coach of the Bulldogs in 1978, coached at UC-Irvine from 1979-80 and returned to Gonzaga for good for the 1981 season.

In his position Hertz works on funding raising for all 14 of Gonzaga’s intercollegiate sports.

A 1972 graduate of Gonzaga, Hertz and his wife Vicki have six children - five daughters: Sarah (9/26/76), Christine (9/27/78), Heather (12/8/80), Gretchen (12/10/82) and Jessica (4/9/85), and son Stephen (3/21/91). Hertz also welcomed granddaughter Anna to the family on July 1, 2005.

Paul Brown
Director of Athletic Giving

Paul Brown starts his second year as the Bulldogs Director of Athletic Giving. A native of Spokane, Brown spent 4 years as a Medical Technician in the Air Force and has been a PGA golf professional in the area for several years. He serves as a key part of the Athletic Development team working closely with Bulldog Club members.

Brown and his wife Stephanie have two sons, Dakota (8-29-01) and Jonah (2-19-03). He is a 2001 graduate of Gonzaga University in the process of completing a Masters in Sport and Athletic Administration at GU.

Danielle Rainville
Graduate Intern/Marketing & Promotions

Danielle Rainville enters her second year as a graduate intern in the Gonzaga University marketing and promotions department.

Rainville comes to GU a 2005 graduate of the University of Idaho with a degree in public relations. While at Idaho Rainville worked for three years in the Vandals athletic department as a marketing intern helping with the development and supervision of all home game day promotions. She also worked as a public relations assistant for the Boise Hawks Baseball Club, a member of the Northwest League.

In the midst of Gonzaga’s busy athletic seasons, Danielle is also planning her wedding for the summer of 2007.

Jackie Fulton
Administrative Assistant - Development

Jackie Fulton joined the Bulldogs athletic staff in October of 2003 as an administrative assistant. Fulton’s primary responsibilities are to assist the Gonzaga Athletics Development and Marketing staff. No stranger to Gonzaga, Fulton started working at the University in 2000 as an administrative assistant for University Relations.

Fulton graduated from Washington State University in 1994 with a bachelor of arts degree in recreation administration. She is currently enrolled in the master’s program for Organizational Leadership.

Liz Gilbert
Program Assistant - Development

Liz Gilbert enters her third year on the Gonzaga athletics staff and second year as a program assistant for development. She previously worked as an assistant athletic trainer in Chicago.

A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Gilbert played three years of basketball at Moody Bible Institute garnering All-Regional honors and graduated in 2001 with a bachelors of arts degree in communications.

Gilbert and her husband Dan have one dog, Lucy. She will complete her master’s of arts degree in Sport and Administration in the spring.

Jessica Russo
Ticket Manager/Travel Coordinator

Jessica Russo enters her seventh year on the Gonzaga athletics staff and fifth year as the Bulldogs ticket manager and travel coordinator.

A 2000 graduate of Washington State University, Russo started in the department as the secretary for men’s basketball before being promoted to her current position in August of 2002.

Russo and her husband Michael welcomed a baby boy, Antonio Joseph (AJ) on Nov. 21, 2005.

Alison Keck
Assistant Ticket Manager/Travel Coordinator

Alison Keck enters her third year as the assistant ticket manager and travel coordinator for the Gonzaga University athletic department.

A native of Pullman, Wash., Keck graduated from Washington State University in 2003 with a degree in sport management. While at WSU she was very active in the Cougars athletic department working as an office assistant for the football team and as a volunteer for the WSU Athletic Foundation. She was also the media relations intern for the Insight Bowl and Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in 2003-04.

Keck’s grandfather George Chalich played basketball at Gonzaga and was a player/coach on the Bulldogs baseball team in the early 1950’s. She is currently enrolled in the master’s program for sport and athletic administration.

Jared Hertz
Director of Business Operations

Jared Hertz was hired as the Director of Business Operations for Gonzaga University athletics in May of 2005.

A native of La Verne, Calif., Hertz was a three-year member of the Gonzaga baseball team earning first-team All-West Coast Conference honors in 2001 as the Bulldogs won the WCC Coast Division.

Hertz was a two-time Academic All-American earning third team honors in 2000 and first-team honors in 2001. He was named the Gonzaga Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2001 graduating from GU with a finance degree. He earned his MBA from Gonzaga in 2003.

Prior to joining the GU staff, Hertz worked for 180 Networks. He was married in June of 2005 to Kara Svensvngsen, a 2001 GU graduate and assistant director of alumni relations at Gonzaga.

Matt Beckman
Director of Marketing and Promotions

Matt Beckman enters his first year with the Gonzaga athletic department as the Director of Marketing and Promotions.

Beckman joined the Bulldog staff from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where he was the Marketing and Advertising Sales Director since 2001. While at UMD, Beckman was also a vital part of the marketing and game day management efforts for the NCAA Women’s Hockey Frozen Four as a member of the event’s marketing committee.

Prior to working at UMD, Beckman was the assistant general manager of the Superior/Duluth Lumberjacks and was responsible for media relations, promotions and group ticket sales.

Beckman, who graduated from Minnesota-Duluth in 2000, is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators and a recipient of the organization’s “Best 05” award in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Gayle Clayton
Office Manager

Gayle Clayton starts her 12th year as office manager of the Bulldog athletic department and her 20th year associated with Gonzaga University.

Clayton has three sons, Matthew, Scott and Andrew, the latter a 2005 GU graduate. Clayton and her husband, Brian, an associate professor of philosophy at Gonzaga, also have seven (soon to have eight) grandchildren, four cats and a dog.
Steve DeLong
Director of Athletic Training

Steve Delong is entering his 28th year as the athletic trainer at Gonzaga University, making him the senior member of the Bulldogs athletic department.

DeLong oversees the treatment and injury prevention methods of nearly 400 student-athletes, and has assembled a top-flight corps of professionals to provide expertise in the fields of orthopedic and chiropractic care and prevention, as well as nutritional, dental and optical consultation.

A native of Spokane, DeLong graduated from North Central High School in 1971, lettering in football, baseball, wrestling and track for the Indians. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in pre-therapy from Eastern Washington State College (known today as Eastern Washington University) in 1976, then earned his Master’s of Science in College Teaching in physical education with emphasis in athletic training in 1978. He is certified to teach physical education, athletic training and first aid.

A member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, DeLong has been active on several regional committees for NATA. DeLong also organized the training staff for the 1989 Centennial Games held in Spokane.

DeLong and his wife Kaye have two children, son Raner (8/21/84) and daughter Brynn (4/14/89).

Brad Bachmeier
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Brad Bachmeier joined Gonzaga University’s sports medicine staff in the summer of 1999, coming to the Bulldogs from nearby Eastern Washington University. He serves as the trainer for men’s soccer and baseball.

Bachmeier received his B.S. in Athletic Training from North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND, in 1997, then joined the EWU staff as a graduate assistant athletic trainer from 1997 until joining the Bulldogs. He received his master’s degree in physical education with an emphasis in Administration management and pedagogy.

While on the EWU staff, Bachmeier was directly responsible for the men’s basketball and women’s soccer teams, and also assisted with football, women’s basketball, volleyball, tennis, track and field, golf and cross country.

Bachmeier is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the Washington State Athletic Trainers Association, and the Northwest Athletic Trainers Association. He is also certified by the American Red Cross and the American Heart Association in CPR.

Bachmeier and his wife Marcey have two children, son Blake (2/4/99) and daughter Carley (1/18/02).

Jennifer Nyland
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Jennifer Nyland, a 1998 graduate of Washington State University, joined head trainer Steve Delong’s sports medicine staff in August of 1999 as an assistant athletic trainer.

Nyland joined the Bulldogs from the Community Colleges of Spokane where she was a certified athletic trainer for one year. She provided treatment and coverage for the men’s and women’s soccer team; men’s basketball; men’s and women’s track and field and the Sasquatch men’s and women’s tennis teams. She also supervised and assisted in the clinical education of student athletic trainers.

While a student at WSU, Nyland was a student athletic trainer, with primary sport responsibilities including men’s basketball; men’s and women’s track and field, and spring football. She also accompanied the WSU sports medicine team to the 1998 Rose Bowl. During her three years as a student trainer she also assisted with a variety of other sports.

Her background includes weight training, where she served as an instructor at CCS, and fast fitness, supervising the CCS fitness center and providing instruction on the appropriate use of equipment.

She received certification by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and the Washington State Trainers’ Association. Nyland is also certified in Adult CPR and Standard First Aid by the American Red Cross.

In the spring of 2004 Nyland completed her masters of sport and athletic administration degree at GU.

Leanne Stockton
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Leanne Stockton returned to her hometown as an assistant athletic trainer at Gonzaga University in the summer of 1999. A graduate of Spokane’s Gonzaga Prep, she graduated from Eastern Washington University in 1987 with a degree in physical education / athletic training. A student trainer during her undergraduate days at EWU, Stockton attended graduate school at the University of Kentucky while working as a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

She earned a master’s degree in kinesiology from UK. For eight years she was the head athletic trainer at Kentucky Wesleyan University, overseeing 14 sports from 1990-99.

While at Kentucky, she worked with the women’s National Invitation Tournament basketball team. Kentucky Wesleyan’s men’s basketball team was the runner-up in the 1998 NCAA Division II Championship, then captured the crown in 1999.

Stockton was the head trainer for the Utah Starzz of the WNBA during the league’s inception, working for the Starzz from 1997-2001.

She received certification by the National Athletic Trainers’ Association and the Washington State Trainers’ Association. Stockton is also certified in Adult CPR and Standard First Aid by the American Red Cross.

Mike Nilson
Strength and Conditioning Coach

Mike Nilson joined the Gonzaga University athletic department as a strength and conditioning coach in the summer of 2003.

But the native of Seattle is no stranger to the Bulldogs. He was part of the foundation for the most successful run in men’s basketball history, playing for the Bulldogs from 1997-00 as a walk-on out of Seattle’s Shorecrest High.

His collegiate career came to a sudden end his senior season when he ruptured his right Achilles tendon during the Bulldogs’ West Coast Conference Tournament opener against Saint Mary’s College. Gonzaga went on to win the WCC Tournament and advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 with Nilson providing emotional leadership and support despite not being able to don a uniform.

He started all 30 games his senior season up to the time of his injury and was named the WCC Defender of the Year. He played 109 games in his career with 34 starts and had 112 career steals.

Following his collegiate career and rehabilitation from his injury, Nilson played professionally in Germany until returning to Spokane.

Nilson is married to the former Rhiannon Fabian who was a cheerleader for the Bulldogs. The couple were married in July of 2000.

Vicki Craigen
Computer Services

Vicki Craigen enters her 15th year of service at Gonzaga University and her third year as part of the Bulldogs athletic staff.

A member of the Gonzaga technology department since 1996, Craigen was assigned to handled the computer systems and related technology areas for the athletic department in October of 2004.

A graduate of Gonzaga with a degree in history and business, Craigen and her husband Mike have three children.
Gonzaga University
Department of Athletics

Mission Statement

This institution is committed to a philosophy of unquestioned academic and financial integrity of our athletics program and to the accountability of the Athletics Department to the values and goals befitting higher education. In keeping with the University’s Mission Statement, the Department of Athletics seeks to initiate, stimulate and improve intercollegiate athletic programs for our student athletes and to promote educational leadership, physical fitness and recreational pursuits. As part of an equal opportunity, affirmative action university, the Gonzaga University Department of Athletics is committed to supporting equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including women and minorities.
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As humanistic, we recognize the essential role of human creativity, intelligence, and initiative in the construction of society and culture. As Catholic, we affirm the heritage which has developed through two thousand years of Christian living, theological reflection, and authentic interpretation. As Jesuit, we are inspired by the vision of Christ at work in the world, transforming it by His love, and calling men and women to work with Him in loving service of the human community.

All these elements of our tradition come together within the sphere of free intellectual inquiry characteristic of a university. At Gonzaga, this inquiry is primarily focused on Western culture, within which our tradition has developed. We also believe that a knowledge of traditions and cultures different from our own draws us closer to the human family of which we are a part and makes us more aware of both the possibilities and limitations of our own heritage. Therefore, in addition to our primary emphasis on Western culture, we seek to provide for our students some opportunity to become familiar with a variety of human cultures.

In the light of our own tradition and the variety of human societies, we seek to understand the world we live in. It is a world of great technological progress, scientific complexity and competing ideologies. It offers great possibilities for cooperation and interdependence, but at the same time presents us with the fact of widespread poverty, hunger, injustice, and the prospect of degeneration and destruction. We seek to provide for our students some understanding of contemporary civilization; and we invite them to reflect with us on the problems and possibilities of a scientific age, the ideological differences that separate the peoples of the world, and the rights and responsibilities that come from commitment to a free society. In this way we hope to prepare our students for an enlightened dedication to the Christian ideals of justice and peace.
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OLIVER PIERCE
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Oliver Pierce is in his 18th season as Assistant Athletic Director/Sports Information Director for Gonzaga University. Pierce joined the Bulldogs in 1989 and is responsible for the overall operations of the sports information office, including Gonzaga’s combined 17 post-season appearances involving the sports of men’s basketball, women’s basketball, volleyball and men’s soccer. During his Gonzaga tenure he has toured the Soviet Union’s Georgia Republic with the Bulldog baseball team on a 10-day goodwill trip in 1989; served as media relations director for the 1989-91 Pacific-10 Conference North Baseball Tournament; directed media relations efforts for the 1992 USA Women’s Olympic Basketball Team during its one-week training session held at Gonzaga, and was editor of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association monthly newsletter from 1991-94.

Rachel Engrissei
Graduate Intern
A 2005 graduate of Washington State University, Engrissei previously worked at the sports information office at WSU and served as communications assistant for the Big East Conference. At the Big East, she was the primary contact for women’s lacrosse, rowing, women’s soccer, softball, men’s and women’s swimming and diving, as well as men’s and women’s tennis. During her tenure at Washington State, she worked with the baseball, rowing and swimming programs.

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