

NOTRE DAME HISTORY & RECORDS

Amanda Polk enjoys a unique place at Notre Dame as the most decorated rower and one of a handful of four-time All-Americans. Polk garnered CRCA All-American honors each season during her career and was a first-team selection from 2006-08. She also was a four-time, first-team all-Central Region honoree and helped lead the Irish to four BIG EAST titles from 2005-08 and three varsity eight gold medals.



Honors & Awards



A second team CRCA All-America selection and first-team all-CRCA Central Region selection in 2006, Julie Sobolewski was one of a record five Irish rowers to earn all-region honors. In 2008, she earned second-team honors.

National Coach of the Year Finalist

2006 — Martin Stone
2002 — Martin Stone

Central Region Coach of the Year

2006 — Martin Stone
2002 — Martin Stone

BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year

2007 — Martin Stone, Joe Schlosberg, Marnie Stahl
2006 — Martin Stone, Joe Schlosberg, Marnie Stahl

BIG EAST Coach of the Year

2004 — Martin Stone

National Assistant

Coach of the Year Finalist

2003 — Pam Mork

Central Region Assistant

Coach of the Year

2003 — Pam Mork

College Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) All-America

2008 — Amanda Polk (first team)
2007 — Amanda Polk (first team)
Allison Marsh (second team)
2006 — Amanda Polk (first team)
Sarah Palandech (second team)
Julie Sobolewski (second team)
2005 — Amanda Polk (second team)
2004 — Natalie Ladine (first team)
2002 — Ashlee Warren (second team)

College Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) All-Central Region

2008 — Amanda Polk (first team)
Julie Sobolewski (second team)
2007 — Amanda Polk (first team)
Maria Romano (first team)
Allison Marsh (first team)
Meghan Boyle (second team)
Laura Pearson (second team)
2006 — Sarah Palandech (first team)
Amanda Polk (first team)

Maria Romano (first team)
Julie Sobolewski (first team)
Melissa Felker (second team)
2005 — Amana Polk (first team)
2004 — Natalie Ladine (first team)
Alice Bartek (second team)
2003 — Ashlee Warren (first team)
Natalie Ladine (second team)
2002 — Michelle Olsgard (first team)
Ashlee Warren (second team)
Katherine Burnett (second team)
Natalie Ladine (second team)
2001 — Michelle Olsgard (first team)
Ashlee Warren (second team)
2000 — Katrina Ten Eyck (first team)

US Rowing Collegiate Honor Roll

2001 — Becky Luckett (first team)
Ashlee Warren (second team)

CRCA National Scholar-Athlete Award

2008 — Lauren Buck
Erica Copeland
Sarah Keithley
Laura Pearson
Christine Trezza
2007 — Meghan Boyle
Lauren Buck
Shannon Cassel
Erica Copeland
Jessica Guzik
Sarah Keithley
Mary Kate McNamara
Laura Petnuch
Christine Trezza
2005 — Katie Chenoweth
Maureen Gibbons
2004 — Katie Chenoweth
Jacqueline Hazen
Natalie Ladine
2003 — Katie Chenoweth
Natalie Ladine
Cassie Markstahler
Ashlee Warren
2002 — Katie Besson
Katherine Burnett
Natalie Ladine
Becky Luckett
Cassie Markstahler
Diane Price
2001 — Katherine Burnett
Ann Marie Dillhoff
Becky Luckett
Ashlee Warren
2000 — Katherine Burnett
Katrina Ten Eyck

U.S. National Team Selection Camp

2006 — Amanda Polk

U.S. Rowing National Training Center Invitee

2000 — Katrina Ten Eyck
1998 — Michelle Olsgard

Notre Dame Monogram Club MVP Award

2000 — Katrina Ten Eyck
1999 — Katie Fox

Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rockne Student-Athlete Award

2007 — Jessica Guzik
2006 — Andrea Doud
2005 — Meredith Thornburgh
2004 — Megan Sanders
2003 — Erica Drennen
2002 — Katherine Burnett
2001 — Leah Ashe
2000 — Katrina Ten Eyck
1999 — Lezlie Potter

Academic Excellence Award

2003 — Megan Sanders
2001 — Leah Ashe
2000 — Leah Ashe

CoSIDA Academic All-American

2001 — Leah Ashe (second team)

CoSIDA Academic All-District V

2001 — Leah Ashe
2000 — Katrina Ten Eyck

BIG EAST/Aéropostale Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

2003 — Ashlee Warren

Team Captains

2007-08 — Allison Marsh
Laura Pearson
Amanda Polk
2006-07 — Meghan Boyle
Eileen Froehlike
Sarah Kate Hafner
2005-06 — Meghan Boyle
Andrea Doud
Pamela Jefson
2004-05 — Maureen Gibbons
Meredith Thornburgh
2003-04 — Natalie Ladine
Kathleen Welsh
2002-03 — Casey Buckstaff
Ashlee Warren
2001-02 — Courtney Mercer
Michelle Olsgard
2000-01 — Claire Bula
Erin Kiernicki
1999-00 — Kelly Natter
Elizabeth Nerney
Katrina Ten Eyck
1998-99 — Katie Fox



Natalie Ladine earned first-team CRCA All-America honors after leading Notre Dame to the 2004 BIG EAST Rowing Challenge team title. She participated in two NCAA champ regional honoree and two-time recipient of the CRCA Scholar-Athlete award.

IRISH

BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team

2008

Lauren Buck
Lisa Bunn
Brittany Burnham
Erica Castro-Larsen
Erica Copeland
Mallory Glass
Elli Greybar
Kaitlin Jackson
Ankica Jedry
Sarah Keithley
Brittney Kelly
Bridget Leone
Kristan Madison
Katherine McMackin
Mary McNamara
Lindsay McQuaid
Kellyn Nestor
Anni Notwhitney
Kelsey Otero
Braegan Padley
Laura Pearson
Amanda Polk
Mary Quinn
Kendra Short
Stephanie Szedegi
Alyssa Teves
Christine Trezza

2007

Meghan Boyle
Lauren Buck
Shannon Cassel
Erica Copeland
Eileen Froehlke
Mallory Glass
Elli Greybar
Jessica Guzik
Sarah Kate Hafner
Ankica Jedry
Sarah Keithley

Mary Kate McNamara
Lindsay McQuaid
Anni Nowhitney
Laura Pearson
Laura Petnuch
Mary Quinn
Maria Romano
Stephanie Szedegi
Christine Trezza

2006

Meghan Boyle
Shannon Cassel
Andrea Doud
Casey Fairbanks
Eileen Froehlke
Elli Greybar
Jessica Guzik
Pamela Jefson
Sarah Keithley
Kristan Madison
Lindsay McQuaid
Sarah Palandech
Laura Pearson
Maria Romano
Kendra Short
Ashley St. Pierre
Danielle Stealy
Christine Trezza

2005

Shannon Cassel
Katie Chenoweth
Andrea Doud
Casey Fairbanks
Melissa Felker
Maureen Gibbons
Jessica Guzik
Sarah Kate Hafner
Tricia Hale
Devon Hegeman

Pamela Jefson
Shannan Lettieri
Shannon Mohan
Sarah Palandech
Rachel Polinski
Amanda Polk
Caitlin Rackish
Maria Romano
Catherine Sedun
Liz Specht
Danielle Stealy
Meredith Thornburgh

2004

Alice Bartek
Meghan Boyle
Kathleen Chenoweth
Tricia Hale
Andrea Doud
Elizabeth Franzosa
Maureen Gibbons
Jessics Guzik
Jacqueline Hazen
Kristin Henkel
Pamela Jefson
Sarah Keefer
Natalie Ladine
Kathryn Long
Kacy McCaffery
Kristen Mizzi
Katie O'Hara
Rachel Polinski
Danielle Protasewich
Caitlin Rackish
Jenna Redgate
Megan Sanders
Catherine Sedun
Elizabeth Specht
Ashley St. Pierre
Meredith Thornburgh
Kathleen Welsh

2003

Andrea Amoni
Alice Bartek
Casey Buckstaff
Katie Chenoweth
Christy Donnelly
Erica Drennen
Maureen Gibbons
Jacqueline Hazen
Devon Hegeman
Sarah Keefer
Kristin Henkel
Natalie Ladine
Kathryn Long
Cassie Markstahler
Kacy McCaffrey
Katie McCaulden
Kristen Mizzi
Shannon Mohan
Kerri Murphy
Rachel Polinski,
Danielle Protasewich
Kati Sedun
Meredith Thornburgh
Ashlee Warren
Kathleen Welsh

2002

Melissa Alberding
Alice Bartek
Katie Besson
Katherine Burnett
Maureen Carr
Erica Drennen
Megan Feely
Jacqueline Hazen
Natalie Ladine
Kathryn Long
Rebecca Lockett
Cassie Markstahler

Kacy McCaffrey
Courtney Mercer
Kerri Murphy
Michelle Olsgard
Diane Price
Danielle Protasewich
Jayme Szefc
Ashlee Warren
Katherine McCalden
Kerri Murphy
Megan Sanders
Kati Sedun
Kathleen Welsh

2001

Melissa Alberding
Leah Ashe
Laura Aull
Katie Besson
Casey Buckstaff
Claire Bula
Katherine Burnett
Maureen Carr
Ann Marie Dillhoff
Erica Drennen
Ann Gurucharri
Erin Kiernicki,
Elizabeth Kinnier
Becky Lockett
Cassie Markstahler
Courtney Mercer
Kerri Murphy
Caitlin Murray
Kolleen Myers
Michelle Olsgard
Diane Price
Anne Starks
Jayme Szefc
Ashlee Warren

Byron V. Kanaley Award

Perhaps the most prestigious honor awarded to Notre Dame student-athletes is the Bryron V. Kanaley Award. Presented each year since 1927 at commencement exercises, the Kanaley Awards go to the senior monogram athletes who have been most exemplary as students and leaders.

The awards, selected by the Faculty Board on Athletics, are named in honor of a 1904 Notre Dame graduate who was a member of the baseball team as an undergraduate. Kanaley went on to a successful banking career in Chicago and served the University in the Alumni Association as a lay trustee from 1915 until his death in 1960.

A two-year monogram winner and 2000 graduate, **Katrina Ten Eyck** has been the lone Irish rower to earn the award. An all-Central Region honoree, she was a Dean's List student who majored in the Program of Liberal Studies.



Katrina Ten Eyck
2000

Christopher Zorich Award

The Christopher Zorich Award was created to recognize the contributions of student-athletes to the University community and the community at-large. The award is given annually each spring and bears the name of Christopher Zorich, two-time football All-American and a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

Meghan Boyle and **Maria Romano**, both members of Notre Dame's record-setting varsity eight crew in 2006 and 2007 were among the four recipients of the Zorich Award in '07 and the first two Irish rowers to receive the honor. **Mary Kate McNamara** followed in 2008 and was one of two honorees.



Meghan Boyle



Maria Romano



Mary Kate McNamara

All-Time Notre Dame Rowing Monogram List

Melissa Alberding 1999, 2001, 2002
 Andrea Amoni 2003
 Barbara Arleth 1999
 Leah Ashe 2000, 2001
 Laura Aull 2001
 Alice Bartek 2002, 2003, 2004
 Allison Bartsh 1999, 2000
 Jada Benn 1999
 Katie Besson 2000, 2001, 2002
 Melissa Bouche 1999
 Meghan Boyle 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
 Lauren Buck 2007, 2008
 Casey Buckstaff 2001, 2003
 Claire Bula 1999, 2000, 2001
 Lisa Bunn 2008
 Katherine Burnett 2000, 2001, 2002
 Brittany Burnhan 2005, 2006, 2008
 Rebecca Campbell 2003
 Angela Chaput 1999
 Maureen Carr 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
 Shannon Cassel 2005, 2006, 2007
 Erica Castro-Larsen 2008
 Kathleen Chenoweth 2003, 2004, 2005
 Katie Cleary 2000
 Alyssa Close 2005, 2006
 Erica Copeland 2007, 2008
 Emily Crosby 2008
 Elizabeth Cushing 1999
 Emily Deye 1999, 2000
 Ann Marie Dillhoff 2001
 Christine Donnelly 2003
 Andrea Doud 2004, 2005, 2006
 Erica Drennen 2001, 2002, 2003
 Tara Driscoll 2000
 Casey Fairbanks 2005, 2006
 Megan Feely 2000, 2001, 2002
 Melissa Felker 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
 Katie Fox 1999
 Elizabeth Franzosa 2004
 Eileen Froehlke 2006, 2007
 Maureen Gibbons 2003, 2004, 2005
 Mallory Glass 2007, 2008
 Elli Greybar 2006, 2007, 2008
 Eileen Gribben 1999

Jessia Guzik 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
 Sarah Kate Hafner 2005, 2006, 2007
 Kathryn Hammel 1999
 Tricia Hale 2004, 2005
 Jacqueline Hazen 2002, 2003, 2004
 Devon Hegeman 2003, 2005
 Kristin Henkel 2003, 2004
 Kaitlin Jackson 2006, 2008
 Ankica Jedry 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
 Pamela Jefson 2004, 2005, 2006
 Sarah Keefer 2003, 2004
 Sarah Keithley 2006, 2007, 2008
 Brittney Kelly 2007, 2008
 Erin Kiernicki 1999, 2000, 2001
 Natalie Ladine 2002, 2003, 2004
 Mary Lampe 2001
 Bridget Leone 2008
 Shanna Lettieri 2005
 Kathryn Long 2002, 2003, 2004
 Becky Luckett 2001, 2002
 Lauren Lyons 2000
 Kristan Madison 2006, 2008
 Caroline Marino 1999
 Cassie Markstahler 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
 Allison Marsh 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
 Kacy McCaffrey 2002, 2003, 2004
 Katie McCalden 2001, 2003
 Jeanette McKenna 1999
 Katherine McMackin 2008
 Mary Kate McNamara 2007, 2008
 Lindsay McQuaid 2006, 2007, 2008
 Courtney Mercer 2000, 2001, 2002
 Carol Ann Michel 2008
 Katherine Miller 1999
 Kristen Mizzi 2003, 2004
 Shannon Mohan 2003, 2005
 Emily Miner 1999
 Joslyn Moreau 1999, 2000
 Kerri Murphy 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
 Kolleen Myers 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
 Christine Nardi 1999
 Kelly Natter 1999, 2000
 Sarah Nelson 1999
 Elizabeth Nerney 1999, 2000

Kellyn Nestor 2008
 Anni Nowhitney 2007, 2008
 Katie O'Hara 2003, 2004
 Michelle Olsgard 2000, 2001, 2002
 Kelsey Otero 2008
 Christine Padayhag 2006
 Braegan Padley 2008
 Sarah Palandech 2005, 2006
 Laura Pearson 2006, 2007, 2008
 Sandra Peterson 2000
 Laura Petnuch 2008, 2007
 Rachel Polinski 2003, 2004, 2005
 Amanda Polk 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
 Lezlie Potter 1999
 Diane Price 2001, 2002
 Danielle Protasewich 2002, 2003, 2004
 Mary Quinn 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
 Caitlin Rackish 2004, 2005
 Jenna Redgate 2004
 Maria Romano 2005, 2006, 2007
 Casey Robinson 2008
 Megan Sanders 2004
 Kati Sedun 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
 Kendra Short 2006, 2008
 Julie Sobolewski 2006, 2007, 2008
 Elizabeth Specht 2002, 2004, 2005
 Anne Starks 2001
 Ashley St. Pierre 2004, 2005, 2006
 Danielle Stealy 2004, 2005, 2006
 Elizabeth Storey 1999
 Cassandra Stuart 2000
 Jayme Szefc 2001, 2002
 Stephanie Szegedi 2007, 2008
 Cheryl Tanski 1999
 Katrina Ten Eyck 1999, 2000
 Alyssa Teves 2008
 Christine Trezza 2006, 2007, 2008
 Meredith Thornburgh 2003, 2004, 2005
 Kristen Vandehey 1999, 2000
 Quinn Vandenberg 1999
 Ashlee Warren 2001, 2002, 2003
 Kathleen Welsh 2002, 2003, 2004
 Virginia Wilbert 1999



Rowing History

Women's rowing became Notre Dame's 26th and newest varsity sport at the start of the 1998-99 school year and celebrated its 10th season of competition in 2007-08.

Over the course of the past 10 seasons, the growth and triumphs of the program have been remarkable for the Irish at both the national and regional levels.

Since its infancy under the direction of head coach Martin Stone, a two-time national coach-of-the-year in 2002 and 2006, Notre Dame's success has been dramatic. The 2005-06 and 2006-07 squads each earned team berths in the NCAA Championships and went on to finish ninth and 12th, respectively.

In its short history six rowers have been recognized as All-Americans on 10 occasions, while 14 rowers have collected all-regional accolades.

The Irish capped off the '07-'08 campaign by winning an unprecedented fifth straight BIG EAST title by becoming the first team in league history to sweep all six races and to win gold medals in the varsity eight, second varsity, varsity four, second varsity four, novice eight and novice four events.

Notre Dame's string of five consecutive BIG EAST championships is the second-longest active streak in conference and ranks second only to the Irish women's swimming and diving team's streak of 12 straight league crowns.

Amanda Polk achieved a unique status in the Irish history of Notre Dame athletics when she earned All-America honors for the fourth time in as many seasons. The most decorated rower in the program's 10-year history, she was a three-time first-team honoree by the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) and a four-time first-team all-Central region pick.

Joining Polk on the all-Central Region team in '08 was teammate Julie Sobolewski, a second-team honoree.

Notre Dame's back-to-back appearances in the '06 and '07 NCAA championships as a team established the Irish as a national contender among the top collegiate programs.

In '07, Notre Dame's varsity eight crew finished sixth in the final Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA)/USRowing ranking after reaching a program-best third in the poll. The Irish varsity eight boat achieved a program first when it defeated five consecutive top-10 boats over the course of four races. Notre Dame earned wins over No. 5 California, No. 7 Stanford and No. 9 UCLA at the Windemere Classic and then topped No. 5 Virginia and No. 7



Notre Dame's varsity eight crew won the gold medal at the 2004 BIG EAST Championship and then went on to finish 11th at the NCAA Championships after earning an at-large berth.

Princeton on the Tigers' home course in New Jersey.

As a team, the Irish were fifth at the Central/South Region Championships, while the varsity eight took third in the Grand Final.

Notre Dame's breakout on the national scene came during the '05-'06 campaign when it produced many firsts in the program's history. The Irish earned a first-ever team berth in the NCAA Championships and finished ninth overall in the team competition which was bolstered by its varsity eight crew winning the Petite Final to finish seventh overall. The varsity four boat finished 11th, while the second varsity eight took 12th.

Notre Dame won its third consecutive BIG EAST title and finished a program-best third at the Central/South Region Championship.

The varsity eight crew, after starting the year unranked, finished fifth in the final CRCA/US Rowing Poll to achieve the highest ranking in school history. Among the other notable achievements was a fourth-place finish (highest in the program's history) in the prestigious Jessop-Whittier Cup race at the San Diego Crew Classic.

Prior to gaining varsity status, rowing was a long-standing club sport at the University since co-education in the '70s, rowing was granted varsity status in the spring of 1996, along with women's lacrosse.

The first rowing team (all male) at Notre Dame was founded in 1964 by a group of students. Women's rowing was established in the spring of 1973, the same year women

were admitted into the University. The club team was founded by Frank "Clete" Graham, and first earned national recognition when it won back-to-back titles at the Midwest Sprints in 1973 and 1974, and placed second in the Eastern Sprints in '74.

As a club sport for 25 years, women's rowing experienced tremendous success. Annually, an average of 50 women participated in the school's club program. While it received limited funds from the University for operational costs to maintain its sport, the club was dependent on financial support from alumni and parents to purchase new boats, equipment and uniforms.

Stone, who earned Central Regional Coach of the Year accolades in '02 and '06, was named the school's first varsity head coach in the fall of 1997 following a successful stint as head coach of the women's rowing team at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Team and individual accomplishments have highlighted Stone's tenure.

In 2007, Polk captured CRCA All-America honors for the third time in her career, while teammate Allison Marsh earned All-America accolades for the first time in her career as a second-team honoree.

Notre Dame also placed five on the CRCA all-Central Region team. Polk was selected to the first team for the third consecutive year, while Maria Romano was a first-team selection for the second straight year. Joining Polk and Romano on the first team was Marsh, while Meghan Boyle and Laura Pearson were named to the second team.

In 2006 a record three rowers earned All-America honors and five rowers garnered all-Central Region accolades.

Polk garnered first-team CRCA All-America honors and became just the second Irish first-team honoree and first two-time All-American (after earning second-team honors during her freshman year). In addition, Sarah Palandech and Sobolewski garnered second-team recognition to give Notre Dame a record number of All-Americans in a single year.

Polk, Palandech, Sobolewski were joined by junior coxswain Maria Romano as first-team CRCA all-Central region honorees, while senior Melissa Felker was honored as a second-team selection, giving Notre Dame its most all-regional honorees.

In claiming their third consecutive BIG EAST title that season, the Irish won four of six races — varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four and second varsity four — to win their third consecutive BIG EAST title.

In 2005, Notre Dame won its second BIG EAST crown with victories in the second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity four and novice four races. Polk became the first Irish freshman to earn CRCA All-America honors as a second-team selection and also was named to the CRCA all-Central Region team.

Seniors Katie Chenoweth and Maureen Gibbons received the CRCA Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Prior to the '05-'06 campaign, the 2003-04 season was undoubtedly the most successful in school history as the Irish claimed its first-ever BIG EAST Rowing Challenge title and tied a then championship mark by winning four races as Stone was named the coach of the year. Notre Dame's varsity eight second varsity eight, varsity four and second varsity four all won gold medals.

The varsity eight boat earned an at-large berth and competed at the NCAA championships. After a 16th-place finish in 2002, the Irish advanced to the semifinals and finished 11th overall.

In her final collegiate season in '02, Natalie Ladine became the second rower in school history to earn All-America honors from the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA). She also earned all-Central region honors for the second consecutive year. Alice Bartek also garnered all-regional accolades.

In its first year of competition, Notre Dame showed that it would become a major force in the sport of rowing. The Notre Dame lightweight eight boat finished the season ranked 12th in the nation after placing third at the Midwest Championships. The Irish also made great headway in the varsity eight, placing fourth at the Georgetown Invitational, which features the BIG EAST schools that offer rowing. At the same regatta, the novice eight boat placed second and was also second at the Midwest

Championships, showing the incredible depth that the program had in only its first year.

In year two, Notre Dame made progress in catching up to the more established programs in the nation. The Irish just missed the grand finals at the Central Region Championships in the varsity eight boat, while the novice eight boat placed third. At the Georgetown Invitational, the second novice eight won a gold medal, winning by over nine seconds. Notre Dame also placed all seven boats in the grand finals of the Midwest Sprints and finished in the top five in six of seven finals at the SIRA Championships.

The Irish also received a number of individual accolades in 1999-2000 as senior Katrina Ten Eyck earned all-Central Region honors, becoming the first Notre Dame rower to earn such distinction. Ten Eyck was also invited to the U.S. Rowing Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., to train with the national team.

The 2000-01 campaign, its third year of competition as a varsity sport, has proved to be the springboard for success the past three years as the Irish achieved its first national ranking in school history.

During that year, Notre Dame won its first varsity eight race of major proportions at the Head of the Elk regatta and was victorious in five of eight during the spring. The Irish were invited to the prestigious San



Notre Dame's varsity eight crew advanced to the Petite Final at the NCAA for the second consecutive year in 2007. The boat won the gold medal at the BIG EAST Championships, finished third at the Central/South Region Championships and was sixth in the final CRCA/USRowing ranking.



The 2006 varsity eight crew proudly displays its hardware after finishing first and winning the gold medal at the Central/South Region Championships. It was one of just many accomplishments for the record-setting boat that season which included a fifth-place finish in the final CRCA/USRowing rankings and a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

Diego Crew Classic and compete in the Jessop-Whittier Cup. In addition, they finished second at the BIG EAST Championship and fifth at the Central Regions, just missing out on an invitation to the NCAAs. Ashlee Warren and Michelle Olsgard earned CRCA all-Central Region honors.

Becky Luckett and Warren were also named to the US Rowing Collegiate Honor Roll, becoming the first Notre Dame athletes to earn such distinction.

The following year, in 2001-02 Notre Dame improved on the previous season's success when the varsity eight qualified for the 2002 NCAA Rowing Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. - its first invitation to the national regatta. Notre Dame placed 16th at the NCAA meet, but more importantly it provided valuable experience to the rowers who make up the program's future.

The Irish finished the campaign ranked 13th in the nation - after being ranked as high as ninth in the country following a fifth-place finish at the San Diego Crew Classic, defeating such national powerhouses as Virginia, USC, Texas and Oregon State. For the second straight year, Notre Dame also placed second at the BIG EAST Challenge.

The Irish also boasted a program-high four all-Central Region honorees in first-teamers Olsgard and Warren and second-teamers Burnett and Ladine.

As a junior in '02, Warren also made history as she became the first and only rower in Notre Dame lore to earn CRCA All-America honors and Academic All-America honors in the same year.

The 2002-03 season also saw some record-setting performances to add to the history books as the second varsity four became the first Notre Dame crew to win a gold medal at the Central Regions. Notre Dame also won three gold medals at the '03 BIG EAST Rowing Challenge - the second most in the history of the program - as the second varsity eight and the first and second varsity four were victorious. Notre Dame was also invited to compete in the prestigious Windermere Cup in Seattle. The Irish placed third in the Cup with more than 100,000 people in attendance at the race.

The Irish also had many award winners in '03 as Warren earned all-region recognition for the third consecutive season and Ladine was honored for the second straight year.

Warren also was named the BIG EAST/Aéropostale Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



Katrina Ten Eyck distinguished herself as the first Irish rower to earn all-Central Region honors as a first-team honoree in 2000.

1973 – The club rowing squad is founded by Frank "Clete" Graham.

1973 & 1974 – Notre Dame wins back-to-back titles at the Midwest Sprints.

1996 – Rowing was granted varsity status.

1997 – Martin Stone was hired as the first head coach at Notre Dame.

Fall of 1998 – Notre Dame competes in its first regatta.

1999 – The Irish place third in the lightweight eight and second in the novice eight at the Midwest Championships ... The lightweight eight boat finishes the season ranked 12th in the nation.

2000 – The second novice eight wins the Georgetown Invitational ... finished second to Syracuse in women's team competition.

Fall of 2000 – Notre Dame wins the varsity eight race at the Head of the Elk and claims four gold medals overall.

Fall of 2001 – The BIG EAST Conference announces it will sponsor the BIG EAST Women's Rowing Challenge on Sunday, April 29, 2001, at Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. ... Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White announces rowing will receive the full compliment of scholarships under the NCAA guidelines by the year 2004-05.

2001 – The Irish finish the season ranked 16th in the nation, the highest final ranking ever for the program ... Michelle Olsgard and Ashlee Warren earn all-Central Region honors ... Katherine Burnett, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Becky Luckett and Warren are recipients of the CRCA Scholar-Athlete award, Luckett and Warren become the first Irish rowers to earn US Rowing Collegiate Honor Roll accolades ... Leah Ashe becomes the program's first CoSIDA Academic All-American earning second-team honors.

2002 – The varsity four places first at the 2002 BIG EAST Rowing Challenge, the first crew in Irish history to claim a gold medal at the conference regatta as Notre Dame earns a second-place finish ... The novice eight boat finishes third at the Central Regions, the first medal for any boat at that regatta ... Notre Dame's varsity eight receives an invitation to the 2002 NCAA Rowing Championships in Indianapolis ... The Irish placed 16th at the NCAAs and finished the season ranked 13th as a team ... Ashlee Warren becomes the programs first All-American, while Michelle Olsgard, Warren, Burnett and Ladine garner CRCA all-Central Region honors ... Six rowers — Katie Besson, Katherine Burnett, Ladine, Luckett, Cassie Markstahler and Diane Price — are named CRCA National Scholar-Athletes ... Head coach Martin Stone was named one of six finalists for the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Coach of the Year award.

2003 – The second varsity four wins a gold medal at the 2003 Central Region, marking the third gold medal of any kind for an Irish crew at that



Ashlee Warren became the first rower in school history to earn CRCA All-America honors when she was a second-team selection in 2002. That same year, she also became the program's first and only Academic All-American to date.

regatta ... Notre Dame wins three gold medals at the BIG EAST Rowing Challenge and finishes second in the team competition for the third straight year ... The Irish first and second varsity eight and varsity crews compete at the Windermere Cup in Seattle in front of 100,000 fans ... Assistant coach Pam Mork is a finalist for CRCA National Assistant Coach of the Year honors after receiving Central Region Assistant coach-of-the-year accolades ... Ashlee Warren receives her third consecutive CRCA all-Central Region honor and her second CRCA National Scholar-Athlete of the Year award and becomes the first in Irish history to win the BIG EAST/Aéropostale Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

2004 – After three consecutive, second-place finishes, Notre Dame wins the team title at the BIG EAST Rowing Challenge with a record four boats placing first ... The Irish varsity eight crew participates in the NCAAs for the second time in school history, earning an at-large berth, and finishes 16th in the final US Rowing/CRCA poll ... Natalie Ladine becomes program's second All-American and first first-team honoree ... Ladine and Alice Bartek, garner all-Central Region honors ... Ladine, Katie Chenoweth and Jacqueline Hazen receive the CRCA Scholar-Athlete awards ... Martin Stone is named BIG EAST Coach of the Year.

2005 – Notre Dame wins its second consecutive BIG EAST with victories in the second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity four and novice four ... The Irish finished seventh overall at the Central/South Region Championships ... Amanda Polk becomes the first freshman to earn CRCA All-America and all-Central Region honors as a second-team and first-team honoree, respectively ... Katie Chenoweth and Maureen Gibbons receive the CRCA Scholar-Athlete awards.

2006 – Notre Dame completes the most historic season in school history with a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Championships ... The Irish varsity eight boat wins the Petite Final and finishes seventh overall while the second varsity eight and varsity four garner 12th and 11th-place finishes, respectively ... The varsity boat begins the season unranked, but end the season fifth in the final CRCA/US Rowing Poll to post the highest finish in school history after winning gold medals at the Central/South Region Championships and BIG EAST ... The Irish win their third straight BIG EAST crown and finish a program-best third at the Central/South Region Championships ... Amanda Polk is named to the CRCA All-America first team (the second rower to earn first-team honors) and is joined by Sarah Palandech and Julie Sobolewski who earn second-team accolades ... Polk, Palandech and Sobolewski,

along with Maria Romano are named to the CRCA All-Central Region first team, while Melissa Felker garners second-team honors ... Martin Stone and his staff (Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl) are named the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year, while Stone is named the Central Region Coach of the Year.

2007 – Notre Dame earns its second consecutive team bid to the NCAA Championship and finishes 12th as the varsity eight and second varsity eight place 12th overall, while the varsity four places 11th ... Following five consecutive wins at mid-season against No. 5 California, No. 7 Stanford, No. 9 UCLA, No. 5 Virginia and No. 7 Princeton, Notre Dame's varsity eight crew climbs to third in the Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA)/USRowing Poll and earns a final ranking of sixth, its second straight top-10 final ranking ... The Irish win an unprecedented fourth straight BIG EAST crown with the varsity eight, varsity four and novice four crews all claiming gold medals ... Martin Stone, along with assistants along with assistants Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl are named the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year for the second time in as many seasons ... Five Notre Dame rowers are selected for CRCA all-Central Region honors ... Amanda Polk and Maria Romano are named to the first team for the second consecutive while Allison Marsh also earns a spot on the first team ... Laura Pearson and Meghan Boyle capture second-team honors ... Polk is tabbed as a first-team All-America selection for the second straight year and garners her third All-America accolade and Marsh is named to the second team.

2008 – Notre Dame celebrates its 10th season as a varsity sport by becoming the first team in BIG EAST history to sweep all six races at the conference championship en route to its fifth consecutive crown ... The current string is the second-longest active streak ... The Irish win gold medals in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity four, novice eight and novice races ... It was the first-ever gold medal for a novice eight boat at the BIG EAST Championships ... Martin Stone and his coaching staff of Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl are honored as the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year for the third consecutive year ... The Irish varsity eight crew finishes the season ranked 18th in the final CRCA/US Rowing poll, marking the third straight year the Irish are ranked in the final poll ... Amanda Polk becomes the program's first four-time All-American as she earns CRCA first-team honors for the third straight year and is tabbed as a first-team all-Central Region honoree for the fourth consecutive season ... Julie Sobolewski is named to the all-Central Region second team.



2007 NCAA Championships — 12th overall (team competition)

Varsity Eight - Petite Finalist (12th overall)

Maria Romano (c), Lauren Buck, Meghan Boyle, Christine Trezza, Allison Marsh, Laura Pearson, Mary Quinn, Amanda Polk, Julie Sobolewski

Preliminary Heat (2nd of six boats)	6:35.67
Semi-Final Heat (4th of six boats)	6:29.56
Petite Final (6th of six boats)	6:51.04

Second Varsity Eight - Petite Finalist (12th overall)

Stephanie Szegedi (c), Anni Nowhitney, Mallory Glass, Ankica Jedry, Lindsay McQuaid, Brittney Kelly, Jessica Guzik, Elli Greybar, Sarah Kate Hafner

Preliminary Heat (6th of six boats)	7:12.02
Repechage Heat (6th of six boats)	6:56.92
Petite Final (6th of six boats)	7:16.16

Varsity Four - Petite Finalist (11th overall)

Sarah Keithley (c), Laura Petnuch, Erica Copeland, Shannon Cassel, Mary Kate McNamara

Preliminary Heat (5th of six boats)	7:43.41
Repechage Heat (5th of six boats)	7:46.61
Petite Final (5th of six boats)	7:56.34



2006 NCAA Championships — 9th overall (team competition)

Varsity Eight - Petite Final Champion (7th overall)

Maria Romano (c), Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Meghan Boyle, Sarah Palandech

Preliminary Heat (4th of five boats)	6:51.00
Semi-Final Heat (5th of six boats)	6:36.93
Petite Final (1st of six boats)	6:47.54

Second Varsity Eight - Petite Finalist (12th overall)

Eileen Froehlke (c), Sarah Kate Hafner, Pamela Jefson, Elli Greybar, Jessica Guzik, Casey Fairbanks, Kendra Short, Andrea Doud, Danielle Stealy

Preliminary Heat (6th of six boats)	7:11.06
Repechage Heat (5th of six boats)	6:49.04
Petite Final (6th of six boats)	7:05.00



Varsity Four - Petite Finalist (11th overall)

Sarah Keithley (c), Ankica Jedry, Christine Trezza, Kristan Madison, Shannon Cassel

Preliminary Heat (6th of six boats)	7:45.06
Repechage Heat (4th of five boats)	7:34.00
Petite Final (5th of six boats)	8:01.96



2004 NCAA Championships — 11th overall (varsity eight)

Maureen Gibbons (c), Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Rachel Polinski, Melissa Felker, Katie Chenoweth, Danielle Protasewich, Jacqueline Hazen

Preliminary Heat (3rd of six boats)	6:48.70
Semi-Final Heat (6th of seven boats)	6:51.30
Petite Final (5th of six boats)	6:43.00

2002 NCAA Championships — 16th overall (varsity eight)

Cassie Markstahler (c), Jayme Szefc, Michelle Olsgard, Ashlee Warren, Becky Luckett, Diane Price, Natalie Ladine, Katie Besson, Katherine Burnett

Preliminary Heat (5th of five boats)	7:05.70
Repechage Heat (7th of seven boats)	6:52.56

2006 NCAA Championship Final Team Standings

1.	California	66
2.	Brown	66
3.	Princeton	56
4.	Washington State	52
5.	Ohio State	52
6.	Michigan State	52
7.	Washington	33
8.	Wisconsin	28
9.	NOTRE DAME	22
10.	Yale	21
11.	Stanford	21
12.	Tennessee	11

2007 NCAA Championship Final Team Standings

1.	Brown	58
2.	Virginia	54
3.	Ohio State	52
4.	Yale	51
5.	Southern California	48
6.	Minnesota	47
7.	California	38
8.	Princeton	34
9.	Tennessee	29
10.	Washington	25
11.	Harvard	19
12.	NOTRE DAME	13

BIG EAST Championship

Notre Dame's success at the BIG EAST Conference Championship has been unparalleled. In 2008, the Irish claimed their fifth consecutive crown in unprecedented fashion by winning gold medals in all six races. Notre Dame won the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity four, novice eight and novice four races. The Irish win by the novice eight crew marked that boat's first-ever gold medal at the conference championship.

Notre Dame's string of five consecutive BIG EAST titles is the second-longest current active streak. Only the Irish women's swimming and diving team — which claimed a record-setting 12th straight championship in February 2008 — has more consecutive league titles.

For the second consecutive year, Notre Dame's coach staff of head coach Martin Stone and assistant coaches Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl were honored as the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year.

Since the inaugural championship in 2001, Notre Dame has finished no lower than second at the BIG EAST Championship.



The Irish coaching staff of head coach Martin Stone, Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl were named the BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year for the third consecutive year.

IRISH



The Notre Dame rowing celebrated by winning its fifth consecutive BIG EAST championship in 2008 by sweeping all six races as the Irish won gold medals in the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four, second varsity four, novice eight and novice four races.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

2008		2006		2004		2002	
Team	Points	Team	Points	Team	Points	Team	Points
1. NOTRE DAME	123	1. NOTRE DAME	122	1. NOTRE DAME	116	1. Syracuse	117
2. Louisville	105	2. Louisville	103	2. Miami	92	2. NOTRE DAME	109
3. Syracuse	92	3. Syracuse	76	3. Syracuse	82	3. Boston College	87
4. Georgetown	85	4. Rutgers	73	4. Rutgers	74	4. Georgetown	67
5. Rutgers	67	5. Connecticut	63	5. Georgetown	73	5. Rutgers	64
6. Connecticut	64	6. Cincinnati	62	6. Boston College	70	6. Miami	61
7. Villanova	44	7. Georgetown	47	7. Connecticut	46	7. Villanova	49
8. West Virginia	28	8. Villanova	45	8. Villanova	40	8. Connecticut	47
		9. West Virginia	21	9. West Virginia	31	9. West Virginia	20
2007		2005		2003		2001	
Team	Points	Team	Points	Team	Points	Team	Points
1. NOTRE DAME	118	1. NOTRE DAME	116	1. Syracuse	112	1. Syracuse	107
2. Louisville	101	2. Boston College	92	2. NOTRE DAME	110	2. NOTRE DAME	93
3. Syracuse	101	3. Rutgers	90	3. Rutgers	89	3. Rutgers	79
4. Cincinnati	69	4. Connecticut	76	4. Boston College	77	4. Boston College	75
5. Rutgers	66	5. Syracuse	75	5. Georgetown	69	5. Georgetown	74
6. Connecticut	66	6. Georgetown	45	6. Miami	64	6. Miami	57
7. Georgetown	34	7. Villanova	44	7. West Virginia	52	7. Villanova	54
8. Villanova	29	8. West Virginia	40	8. Villanova	47	8. Connecticut	42
9. West Virginia	29			9. Connecticut	41	9. West Virginia	28