

Ashlee Warren became the first rower in school history to earn CRCA All-America honors when she was a second-team selection in 2002. Since then four Irish rowers have copped All-America honors on five different occasions.

Rowing

History





A first-team all-CRCA Central Region selection in 2006, Julie Sobolewski was one of a record five Irish rowers to earn all-region 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

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-American

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

2006 — Sarah Palandech (first team)
Amanda Polk (first team)
Maria Romano (first team)
Sarah Palandech (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

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

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

2005-06 — Megan 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-American honors after leading Notre Dame to the 2004 BIG EAST Rowing Challenge team title. She participated in two NCAA championships — 2002 and '04 — and was a three-time all-regional honoree and two-time recipient of the CRCA Scholar-Athlete award.



Academic All-BIG EAST

2006

Meghan Boyle
Shannon Cassel
Andrea Doud
Casey Fairbanks
Eileen Froehlke
Elli Greybar
Jessica Guzik
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 McCaffrey
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 McCalden
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 Luckett
Cassie Markstahler
Kacy McCaffrey
Courtney Mercer
Kerri Murphy
Michelle Olsgard
Diane Price
Danielle Protasewich
Jayme Szeffc
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 Luckett
Cassie Markstahler
Courtney Mercer
Kerri Murphy
Caitlin Murray
Kolleen Myers
Michelle Olsgard
Diane Price
Anne Starks
Jayme Szeffc
Ashlee Warren

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
Casey Buckstaff 2001, 2003
Claire Bula 1999, 2000, 2001
Katherine Burnett 2000, 2001, 2002
Brittany Burnhan 2005, 2006
Rebecca Campbell 2003
Angela Chaput 1999
Maureen Carr 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Shannon Cassel 2005, 2006
Kathleen Chenoweth 2003, 2004, 2005
Katie Cleary 2000
Alyssa Close 2005, 2006
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
Maureen Gibbons 2003, 2004, 2005
Elli Greybar 2006
Eileen Gribben 1999
Jessica Guzik 2004, 2005, 2006
Sarah Kate Hafner 2005, 2006
Kathryn Hammel 1999
Tricia Hale 2004, 2005
Jacqueline Hazen 2002, 2003, 2004
Devon Hegeman 2003, 2005
Kristin Henkel 2003, 2004
Kaitlin Jackson 2006
Ankica Jedry 2005, 2006

Pamela Jefson 2004, 2005, 2006
Sarah Keefer 2003, 2004
Sarah Keithley 2006
Erin Kiernicki 1999, 2000, 2001
Natalie Ladine 2002, 2003, 2004
Mary Lampe 2001
Shannan Lettieri 2005
Kathryn Long 2002, 2003, 2004
Becky Luckett 2001, 2002
Lauren Lyons 2000
Kristan Madison 2006
Caroline Marino 1999
Cassie Markstahler 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
Allison Marsh 2005, 2006
Kacy McCaffrey 2002, 2003, 2004
Katie McCalden 2001, 2003
Jeanette McKenna 1999
Lindsay McQuaid 2006
Courtney Mercer 2000, 2001, 2002
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
Katie O'Hara 2003, 2004
Michelle Olsgard 2000, 2001, 2002
Christine Padayhag 2006
Sarah Palandech 2005, 2006
Laura Pearson 2006
Sandra Peterson 2000
Rachel Polinski 2003, 2004, 2005
Amanda Polk 2005, 2006
Lezlie Potter 1999
Diane Price 2001, 2002
Danielle Protasewich 2002, 2003, 2004
Mary Quinn 2005, 2006
Caitlin Rackish 2004, 2005
Jenna Redgate 2004
Maria Romano 2005, 2006
Megan Sanders 2004
Kati Sedun 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

Kendra Short 2006
Julie Sobolewski 2006
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 Szeffc 2001, 2002
Cheryl Tanski 1999
Katrina Ten Eyck 1999, 2000
Christine Trezza 2006
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

Byron V. Kanaley Award

Perhaps the most prestigious honor awarded to Notre Dame student-athletes is the Byron 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**



Women's rowing became Notre Dame's 26th and newest varsity sport with the start of the 1998-99 school year.

In its eight-year history, the Irish have enjoyed success on both the national and regional levels. During the 2005-06 campaign, Notre Dame reached unprecedented success that culminated with a ninth-place finish in the team competition at the NCAA Championship after earning its first-ever bid as a team.

The past season also saw the Irish win their third consecutive BIG EAST title and finish a program-best third at the Central/South Region Championship. Notre Dame's varsity eight crew, after starting the year unranked, finished fifth in the final Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (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.

Martin Stone, following a successful stint as head coach of the women's rowing team at the U.S. Naval Academy, was named the school's first varsity head coach in the fall of 1997.

Team and individual accomplishments highlighted the most successful campaign



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.

in the program's history in '05-'06 with a record three rowers earning All-America honors and five rowers garnering all-Central Region accolades.

Sophomore Amanda 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, senior Sarah Palandech and classmate Julie 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.

Stone was named the Central Region Coach of the Year. He and his staff (assistants Joe Schlosberg and Marnie Stahl) copped BIG EAST Staff of the Year honors.

Notre Dame's ninth-place finish at the NCAA Championships was bolstered by the varsity eight winning the Petite Final to finish seventh overall. The Irish other two boats, the second varsity eight and varsity four, also advanced to the Petite Finals of their respective events and finished 12th and 11th overall, respectively.

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 2004-05, 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 and tied a 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 16th overall.

In her final collegiate season, 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 addition, Ladine, Katie Chenoweth and Jacqueline Hazen earned CRCA Scholar-Athlete awards.



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 finishing 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.

Academically, Ten Eyck and sophomore Katherine Burnett were also honored with the National Scholar-Athlete Award and Ten Eyck was one of five winners of the Byron Kanaley Award, the most prestigious honor given to a Notre Dame student-athlete.

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 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.

The Irish also had tremendous success off the water as senior Leah Ashe was named the program's first Academic All-American, receiving second-team honors. Also, 24 rowers were named to the BIG EAST Academic All-Star team. Katherine Burnett, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Becky Lockett and Warren won CRCA Scholar-Athlete honors. Lockett 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. Warren also made history, as she became the first rower in Notre Dame lore to earn Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association All-America honors when she was named to the second team.

In the classroom, Notre Dame broke a number of records as six women were named to the CRCA National Scholar-Athlete roster, including Burnett (a three-time winner), Katie Besson, Ladine, Lockett (a two-time winner), Cassie Markstahler and Diane Price. The Irish had 25 student-athletes earn BIG EAST Academic All-Star honors. For his efforts in 2002, Stone was also named one of six finalists for CRCA National Coach of Year honors and was the Central Region Coach of the 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, as over 100,000 people helped the University of Washington celebrate 100 years of rowing.

The Irish also had many award winners in 2003 as Warren earned all-region recognition for the third consecutive season, while Ladine was honored for the second straight year. Warren, Markstahler and Katie Chenoweth earned National Scholar-Athlete accolades, while Warren was named the 2003 BIG EAST/Aéropostale Notre Dame Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.



Martin Stone, the only coach in the eight-year history of the rowing program, has positioned Notre Dame as one of the top programs nationally.





Amanda Polk is the first rower in the program's history to earn CRCA All-America honors twice during her career. Only a sophomore, she was a first-team honoree in 2006 and second-team selection in 2005.

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 complement 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 NAAs and finished the season ranked 13th as a team ... Ashlee Warren becomes the program's 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 first gold medal of any kind for an Irish crew at that 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 NAAs 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.



Notre Dame's historic 2005-06 campaign culminated with the Irish earning the school's first-ever NCAA Championship team berth. Coach Martin Stone's squad finished with 22 points to finish ninth overall.

Notre Dame's varsity eight crew won the Petite Final and earned a seventh-place overall, while the second varsity eight and varsity four boats advanced to the Petite Finals and placed 12th and 11th overall respectively.

While '06 marked Notre Dame's first-ever appearance as a team, it was the third appearance by the Irish in NCAA competition. Previously in '02 and '04, the Irish varsity eight crew competed at the NAAs after earning at-large berths. The '02 boat finished, while the '04 crew finished 11th.



**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



Notre Dame won its third consecutive BIG EAST team title in 2006 as the Irish captured four of six races and finished with a record point-total of 122 points. All six of the Irish boats advanced to the Grand Final of their respective races with the varsity eight, second varsity eight, varsity four and second varsity four all winning gold medals, while the novice eight and novice four took second in their events.

The Irish's three straight conference crowns equals Syracuse's streak that Orange set from 2001-03

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. Stone also earned the coach-of-the-year accolades in 2004 for the first time in his career.

The 2005-06 Irish squad are all smiles after capturing its third straight BIG EAST title.



Notre Dame's coaching staff of Marnie Stahl, Martin Stone and Joe Schlosberg were honored as the 2006 BIG EAST Coaching Staff of the Year.

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

2006		2003	
Team	Points	Team	Points
1. NOTRE DAME	122	1. Syracuse	112
2. Louisville	103	2. NOTRE DAME	110
3. Syracuse	76	3. Rutgers	89
4. Rutgers	73	4. Boston College	77
5. Connecticut	63	5. Georgetown	69
6. Cincinnati	62	6. Miami	64
7. Georgetown	47	7. West Virginia	52
8. Villanova	45	8. Villanova	47
9. West Virginia	21	9. Connecticut	41

2005		2002	
Team	Points	Team	Points
1. NOTRE DAME	116	1. Syracuse	117
2. Boston College	92	2. NOTRE DAME	109
3. Rutgers	90	3. Boston College	87
4. Connecticut	76	4. Georgetown	67
5. Syracuse	75	5. Rutgers	64
6. Georgetown	45	6. Miami	61
7. Villanova	44	7. Villanova	49
8. West Virginia	40	8. Connecticut	47
		9. West Virginia	20

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Team	Points	Team	Points
1. NOTRE DAME	116	1. Syracuse	107
2. Miami	92	2. NOTRE DAME	93
3. Syracuse	82	3. Rutgers	79
4. Rutgers	74	4. Boston College	75
5. Georgetown	73	5. Georgetown	74
6. Boston College	70	6. Miami	57
7. Connecticut	46	7. Villanova	54
8. Villanova	40	8. Connecticut	42
9. West Virginia	31	9. West Virginia	28

