

POINTS OF PRIDE

The pride of Old Dominion University and its athletic programs reflects the...

Recognition of the excellence of our program...

- For more than 30 years, 90% of Old Dominion's student-athletes that have exhausted their eligibility have graduated, a percentage far above the national average.
- Old Dominion University athletic teams have captured 28 team national championships and four individual titles, including a men's basketball crown in Division II in 1975, three titles in women's basketball, nine in field hockey, 15 in sailing, and individual championships in wrestling and women's tennis.
- Old Dominion has been the site of five NCAA women's national championships including the 1982 and 1983 basketball "Final Four" and the 1985, 1986 & 2000 field hockey tournaments.
- Old Dominion was selected as one of 45 institutions nationally for the NCAA Pilot Certification Program, a pioneer program that looked at the athletic department's overall operations, including philosophy, academic requirements, competition, etc.
- Old Dominion was among one of the first institutions to implement a successful drug testing and education program, now entering its 13th year.
- The SACS Committee commended the University and the Athletic Department on its program of high integrity, honesty, fiscal soundness and effective management, noting that excellent people, facilities and services are in place
- Old Dominion University was the first institution in Virginia to offer grants-in-aid for women athletes, beginning in 1974.
- Old Dominion's nine national titles in field hockey are unprecedented in NCAA record books for most titles in that sport by the same school.
- Old Dominion has had 107 first team All-Americans and 124 Academic All-Americans since 1976.
- Old Dominion has been the host site of four ICSC Sailing national championships, including 1985 Team Race, Dinghy, Women 1993 Team Race, 2001 men's and women's singlehanded and the 2007 Women's Dinghy.

Reaching the pinnacle of achievement and honor within sport...

- Seven former Old Dominion coaches or athletes have been inducted into national sports halls of fame. Former Old Dominion basketball standout and three-time Olympian Anne Donovan was inducted into the GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-American Hall of Fame in May of 1994, was inducted into the Hall of Fame on May 15, 1995, and received the NCAA 25 year award in 2008. Nancy Lieberman-Cline was inducted into the Basketball Naismith Hall of Fame in 1996 and both Nancy and Anne were in the first class of inductees in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1998. In 2002, former women's basketball coach Marianne Stanley was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. Retired wrestling coach Gray Simons is an inductee of the U.S. Wrestling Hall of Fame, Beth Anders is enshrined in the U.S. Field Hockey Association Hall of Fame, and the late Bud Metheny is remembered in the Collegiate Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Sue Stahl, named Lacrosse Magazine's Coach of the Century, was inducted into Virginia Lacrosse Hall of Fame and the United States Lacrosse Hall of Fame.
- Twelve Monarch coaches and athletes have been enshrined in the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in Portsmouth, Va. - Bud Metheny, Paul Webb, Gray Simons, Dave Twardzik, Nancy Lieberman, Tom Scott, Anne Donovan, Yogi Hightower-Boothe, Joseph "Scrap" Chandler, Lou Plummer and Mark West and Kelli James.
- Three former Old Dominion University women's basketball players have been recognized as national players of the year; Nancy Lieberman - 1979 and 1980 Wade Trophy winner and Honda-Broderick Cup winner in 1980 (nation's top female athlete); Anne Donovan - 1983 Naismith Award winner; and Ticha Penicherio - 1998 Wade Trophy winner.
- Seven women athletes have earned the Honda award as the nation's top athlete in their sport. Nancy Lieberman won the award in 1979 and 1980 in women's basketball, Anne Donovan in 1983, while Yogi Hightower, Kelli James, Christy Morgan, Mimi Smith, Marina DiGiacomo and Tiffany Snow were named the Honda Award winners for field hockey in 1983, 1984, 1993, 1998, 2000 and 2002.
- In 2007, former sailor, Sally Barkow was named Rolex USA Sailor of the Year.
- Anna Tunnicliffe-Funk and Terry Hutchinson were named 2008 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswoman of the Year.



Accomplishments of our Student-Athletes in 2008-09...

- Wrestler Ryan Williams reached the NCAA Finals at 141-pounds
- Men's Basketball won the inaugural Collegeinsider.com Tournament
- 20 Student-Athletes named to National Academic All-American teams
- Alexander Seleznev named CAA Scholar Athlete of the Year
- Women's Lacrosse ranked in the top 20
- Wrestling placed 20th at NCAA Nationals
- Five Student athletes earned All-American honors
- Four Newcomers named CAA Rookie of the Year
- Four student athletes named CAA Players of the Year
- ODU teams won .614 percent of their contests which is second in the state.

The quality of our staff and coaches...

- Sue Stahl named CAA Coach of the Year
- Joe Pereira - U.S. Region I Virginia Youth Soccer Olympic Development Team Coach
- The University has one head coach who has competed as an Olympian: Beth Anders (1980 and 1984 U.S. Field Hockey)
- In 2006, Athletic Director Jim Jarrett was named recipient of the NAAD Lifetime Achievement award. In 2004, Dr. Jarrett was named recipient of the VASID Distinguished service award. In 2003, Dr. Jarrett was named Southeast Athletic Director of the year by NACDA (1AA/1AAA). He has served as a member of the NCAA Management Council and the NCAA Women's Committee on Athletics and the Basketball Issues Committee.
- Darryl Cummings is on the NCAA Tennis Committee.
- Mitch Brindley is a member of the ICSCA board.

And pride in representing the flag.

- The University has 30 alumni who have competed as Olympians.

Oliver Purnell '75	(U.S. - Basketball),
Chris Critelli '80	(Canada - Basketball),
Nancy Lieberman '80	(U.S. - Basketball),
Carina Benning '80	(The Netherlands - Field Hockey),
Jan Trombly '81	(U.S. - Team Handball),
Buddy Lee '82	(U.S. - Greco-Roman Wrestling),
Anne Donovan '83	(U.S. - Basketball),
Dana Wright '83	(Canada - Track and Field),
Ingrid Wolf '83	(The Netherlands - Field Hockey),
Yogi Hightower '83	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Willemien Aardenburg '84	(The Netherlands - Field Hockey),
Diane Bracalente '84	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Medina Dixon '85	(U.S. - Basketball),
Christy Morgan '85	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Cheryl Van Kuren '85	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Allen Kilgore	(U.S. - Sailing),
Charlie Ogletree '89	(U.S. - Sailing),
Macha van der Vaart '90	(The Netherlands - Field Hockey),
Jill Reeve '92	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Kelli James '92	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Todd Hudgins '92	(U.S. Virgin Islands - Sailing Coach),
Khemo Rivera '96	(U.S. Virgin Islands - Swimming),
Maria DiGiacomo '00	(Argentina - Field Hockey)
Sally Barkow '02	(U.S. - Sailing),
Debbie Capozzi '03	(U.S. - Sailing),
Tiffany Snow '03	(U.S. - Field Hockey)
Anna Tunnicliffe '05	(U.S. - Sailing),
Angie Loy '05	(U.S. - Field Hockey)
Dana Sensenig '06	(U.S. - Field Hockey),
Caroline Nichols '06	(U.S. - Field Hockey)