

Administration



ROBERT G. DRISCOLL, JR. ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Since Robert G. Driscoll was hired as the Associate Vice President for Athletics on November 2, 2001, Providence College athletics has experienced unprecedented growth in academic and athletic performance, fundraising, facilities and community involvement. Driscoll

has reinvigorated the Providence College Athletics program, leading the charge to create one of the most respected programs in the nation, where each student-athlete graduates and has the opportunity to compete for championships. Driscoll was recognized for his efforts on June 10, 2008 as he was named 2007-08 Astro Turf Athletics Director of the Year for Division I Northeast Region at the 43rd National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Annual Convention.

The 2007-08 season proved to be a banner year for Friar Athletics. In August of 2007, the Concannon Fitness Center, a state-of-the-art \$15 million facility, was opened. The Concannon Fitness Center houses the Friars' varsity weight room as well as administrative and coaching offices, conference rooms and locker rooms. The construction project also provides the department with a state-of-the-art sports medicine complex and a new ticket office. The Canavan Sports Medicine Facility, which was completed in July of 2008, is equipped with a hydrotherapy room, which includes a SwimEx rehab pool and two plunges for cold/hot therapy.

Many of these improvements were made possible through Driscoll's fundraising efforts. In each of the seven years that Driscoll has led the Friars, the athletic department has reached a new fundraising goal, including 2008 when he helped spearhead a campaign that raised a record of \$2.3 million.

Providence has experienced constant improvement during Driscoll's tenure and the 2006-07 season was no different. The athletics department raised a then-record of over \$2 million during the 2006-07 fiscal year, surpassing the previous record of \$1.7 million set in 2006. On May 12, the athletic department hosted one of the biggest events in the College's history - the 20th Anniversary of the 1987 Men's Basketball Final Four Friars. The event, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, attracted a sell-out crowd of over 1,200 people and generated over \$200,000. In addition, the College dedicated the "Helen Bert Student-Athlete Lounge," which serves as a computer/study area for all student-athletes.

In May of 2006, PC broke ground to construct a state-of-the-art \$15 million fitness center. During the 2006-07 season, two major renovations to Schneider Arena also were completed. All of the arena's 3,030 seats were replaced with silver and black seats to support the branding of the program. The women's hockey program received a new locker room, player's lounge and a training room. In August of 2005, Providence celebrated the opening of the Friar Field Hockey & Lacrosse Complex, a \$6 million artificial turf facility. The complex serves as home to PC's field hockey and lacrosse programs, as well as many of the College's intramural sports programs.

Driscoll has worked with lead officials in the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island to help spearhead a \$75 million renovation of the Dunkin' Donuts Center, which is home to the Friar men's basketball team. Renovations began in 2006 and were scheduled to be completed in 2008. The Dunkin' Donuts Center, is once again, a state-of-the-art facility. Renovations will enhance the PC fan/team experience with the addition of luxury boxes, new seats, a video scoreboard and sound system, updated concession stands, locker rooms and new weight training and fitness areas. The College, the City of Providence and the State of Rhode Island as Providence was awarded the first and second rounds of the 2010 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

Driscoll is currently a member of the NCAA Ice Hockey Championship Committee. He also represents the BIG EAST's Athletic Directors on the Student-Athlete Advisory Council, and serves on the HOCKEY EAST Television Negotiations Committee. He previously served on the NCAA Division I Management Council and was an NCAA Fellows Programs Executive Mentor.

Driscoll joined the Providence community after 14 years in athletic administration at the University of California, Berkeley. At Cal, Driscoll served as the director of athletic administration and was responsible for the day to day operations of the department as well as overseeing football, men's basketball, men's and women's swimming, men's and women's water polo, rugby, strength training, equipment and sports medicine programs.

Before arriving at Cal, Driscoll served six years (1981-87) as the athletic director and chair of the Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Intramural Sports at Mills College in Oakland, Calif. Prior to arriving at Mills, Driscoll was assistant athletic director and head baseball and hockey coach at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. from 1977-81. Driscoll was a stand-out hockey and baseball player at Ithaca College (N.Y.), where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education in 1974. He earned his Master's of Science in physical education/psychology of sports from Ithaca in 1975.

A native of Concord, Mass., Driscoll was inducted into the inaugural class of Concord Carlisle High School's Athletic Hall of Fame (football, ice hockey, and baseball) in 1993. He is the proud father of three children: Tara, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley; Kelly, a graduate of the University of Michigan; and Sean, currently a senior at Providence. He and his wife Cathy reside in North Kingstown.



REVEREND BRIAN J. SHANLEY, O.P. PRESIDENT

On February 1, 2005, Providence College announced the election of Reverend Brian J. Shanley, O.P., to serve as the 12th president of the College. Prior to his arrival at Providence, Father Shanley served as an associate professor in the School of Philosophy at The Catholic University of America

in Washington, D.C.

Father Shanley is a native of Warwick, Rhode Island. A parishioner at St. Gregory the Great Church, he attended local public schools, graduating from Toll Gate High School in 1976.

In 1980, Father Shanley earned his undergraduate degree in history at Providence College. He holds a doctorate degree in philosophy from the University of Toronto, where he completed the Collaborative Providence in Philosophy and Medieval Studies. He also holds a master of divinity degree (theology) and the Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.), both from the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. (Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception.)

Ordained to the priesthood in 1987, Father Shanley has devoted his entire career to teaching and administration in Catholic higher education. Following teaching assignments at Providence College and the University of Toronto, he began his tenure at The Catholic University of America in 1994, achieving the rank of associate professor in 2001. Father Shanley's first teaching assignment was at Providence College from 1988-91. He was an instructor of philosophy, and taught in the Development of Western Civilization Program.

Father Shanley spent the Fall 2002 semester as a visiting professor at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. He previously engaged in a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Notre Dame's Center for Philosophy of Religion in 1998-99.

As the Regent of Studies for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph, Father Shanley holds a seat on the Provincial Council, a body of 12 Dominican Friars serving as cabinet-level advisors to the Prior Provincial. He advises the Prior Provincial on all matters pertaining to the intellectual and academic life of the Province and oversees the academic endeavors of members of the Province, including those in preparation for the priesthood and those engaged in graduate studies.