



UMASS Announces Captains for 2008 Season

Julie Papaleo #11:

- Born on June 11, 1986 and lives in Manlius, NY with her parents Joe and Maureen and siblings L.J. and Lauren.
- Graduate from Fayetteville-Manlius High School and played lacrosse, soccer and volleyball. Guided the FM lacrosse team to the New York State Championship title in 2004.
- Named second-team all-league in lacrosse and volleyball as well as all-league honorable mention in soccer.
- Has attended UMass since 2004 and majors in Kinesiology.

Freshman Year

- Played in all 17 games making 13 starts.
- 16 groundballs, 10 caused turnovers and two draw controls on the year.

Sophomore Year

- She finished the season as one of the top defensive players on the team. She missed the first two games of the season, but started all 16 following.
- 25 groundballs and 15 caused turnovers. She caused a career-high three turnovers against Richmond in the A-10 Semifinals and had one groundball and collected a career-high five groundballs at Syracuse.

Junior Year

- She was named to the A-10 Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll and ranks 7th all-time at UMass with 46 career caused turnovers.
- Started 14 of 15 games played as one off the team's top defenders. She tallied two goals, notched a team-high 21 caused turnovers, had 27 groundballs and seven draw controls. The team defense was ranked third in the A-10 and 16th in the NCAA. And individually Julie was ranked third in the A-10 in caused turnovers and 47th in the NCAA.

Papaleo on the Season: I can say with confidence that this team has been the number one reason why I'm having such a memorable last year. Being able to walk onto the team as a freshman and automatically have best friends is something only a few people can say happened when they first entered college. The close relationships that I have made during these past three years have helped me grow as a person, and a lacrosse player. I have my teammates and family to thank for that. This year's team is something very special. From the talented, youthful passion of the freshman, to the experience and leadership of the upperclassman, I believe that This team can do anything we put our minds to. The unity, hard work, and drive of this team will lead us to a very successful spring season. "I am a member of a team, and I rely on the team, I defer to it and sacrifice for it, because the team, not the individual, is the ultimate champion."- Mia Hamm

Jeanette Villapiano #30:

- Born December 24, 1985 She lives in Ocean Township, N.J. with her parents John and Patricia Villapiano and siblings John, Joey and Jackie.
- Graduated from Ocean Township High School with letters in lacrosse, soc-



cer and basketball. Was a two-time Gatorade Will-To-Win Player of the Year, a two-time all-division selection and three-time All-Shore Conference honoree. She was selected as the Jersey Sport News Lacrosse Player of the Year in 2004.

- Was team captain as a junior and senior and led Spartans to a 64-13-3 record during her career. She also posted 159 goals and 36 assists career and tallied 76 goals and 18 assists as a senior.
- Has attended UMass since 2004 and is majoring in communications and a minor in art.

Freshman Year

- Played in 15 games, starting in five. She scored 10 points on eight goals and two assists on the team in draw controls (19).

- In the Atlantic 10 games, she averaged 2.14 groundballs per game which ranked fifth in the league.

Sophomore Year

- Named to the A-10 All-Tournament Team. She had a breakout season with 22 goals and five assists which ranked fourth on the team.
- She played in 16 games making 15 starts and finished the year with 33 groundballs, 23 draw controls and six caused turnovers.

Junior Year

- Played in 17 games making two starts. She finished the year with two goals and one assist for three points. She had five caused turnovers, five draw controls and four groundballs.

Villapiano on the Season:

This is my fourth year apart of the lacrosse program here at UMass and I can honestly say there has not been a season yet where the team chemistry, unity and positive moral has been as strong as it is this 2007-08 season. Each and everyday I am honored to share memories and build experiences with my teammates, my best friends. At practice, in games, even off the field, whenever I look into my teammates eyes I see a player that will fight with and for me, not matter the cost of the outcome. Being on the field and knowing I have 29 other girls, just like me, at my side and 3 outstanding coaches guiding us to our goals, is why I wake up and play lacrosse every morning. This rare, unbreakable team connection along with 33 attitudes passionate about the game of lacrosse will lead us to success.



Melynda Zwick #15

- Born on February 27, 1986 and lives in Council Rock with her parents Michelle and Matt Hynoski and brother Kevin.

- Graduated from Council Rock South High School and was a letterwinner in lacrosse and field hockey. Was three-time all-conference selection in lacrosse and two-time selection in field hockey. She was also three-time member of the Buck County Courier Times all-star teams in lacrosse.

- She was player of the Year (2003) and team MVP and captain as a junior and senior. Melynda set a state record with 129 goals in her junior season. She finished her career with 221 goals and 78 assists and was named the school's Best Female Student-Athlete in 2004.

- Has attended UMass since 2004 and is majoring in Geology.

Freshman Year

- Finished the year ranked sixth on the team with 17 points on 11 goals and six assists. She was the team's primary draw control specialist before missing the final seven games due to injury.
- She recorded 15 groundballs, four caused turnovers and 18 draw controls while playing in 10 games and making seven starts. She had two hat tricks on the season and six multi-point games in 10 games played. She scored 14 points in the last four games on the strength of 10 goals and four assists.

Sophomore Year

- Played in 15 games while making six starts. She scored five goals, added two assists, had 20 groundballs, eight draw controls and three caused turnovers.

Junior Year

- Started all 17 games on attack where she tied for second on the team in total points (41). She was the third leading scorer with 27 goals and second on the team in assists with 14 which were all career-best marks.
- She also had four draw controls, three caused turnovers and two groundballs. She tallied three hat tricks and eight multi-goal games. She finished the year ranked 9th in the Atlantic 10 in assists per game (0.82).

Zwick on the Season

I am truly honored to be a senior and a captain on this team. The girls on this team are some of the best players I have played with in my lacrosse career. These girls are also my best friends. UMass Lacrosse is a family and being apart of a family that works hard and spends everyday with each other attacking the same goal is why I wake up in the morning. I look forward to practices because they are what prepare us for our season and push us to be the best we can be. I want to look at the season game by game focusing on the immediate task at hand. Right now we are looking to Feb 19th our first game and are focusing on winning this game. Ending my lacrosse career with these 30 girls is very important to me because we are all truly focused on being the best this season. And with that being said I have so much trust in our coaches that they will lead, prepare and take us to having an incredible season.

Kathleen Typadis #33

- Born on October 17, 1985 and lives in Medfield MA with her parents Orestis and Angela Typadis and siblings James and Christine.

- Graduated from Medfield High School and played on the lacrosse, soccer and basketball teams. Was a was a Tri-Valley League All-



Star and a MetroWest First-Team All-Star. She was also the first Medfield HS lacrosse player to score 100 career goals.

- As a team captain senior year, she notched 77 goals and 14 assists and was lacrosse team MVP as a junior and senior.

- Has attending UMass since 2004 and majors in Sociology and Education.

Freshman Year

- Ranked second on the team in points with 43 (36g, 7a). She set the freshman scoring record with 43 points and took the record after scoring two goals and adding an assist in win over Longwood.

- She was two-time Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week. She led UMass in draw controls on the season with 36, had 25 groundballs and five caused turnovers as she started all 17 games of the season.

- She also ended the season with a six-game scoring streak, scoring in 14-of-17 games played. She tallied 11 multi-goal games, 12 multi-point games, six hat tricks and had seven games with three-or-more draw controls.

Sophomore Year

- Named to the 2006 IWLCA All-Northeast Region Second-Team. She earned A-10 All-Conference Second Team honors and All-Tournament accolades to close out the season.

- She finished the season with 43 goals and one assist, 31 groundballs, 22 draw controls, and three caused turnovers. Her 43 goals was the fifth-best single season total in UMass history and has scored in 24 consecutive games - the longest active scoring streak on the team. She has also started 35 consecutive games. She also received both A-10 Athlete of the Week and UMass Athlete of the Week honors.

Junior Year

- Selected to final tryout list for the U.S. Lacrosse Development/Elite Teams as one of 98 players. She earned a spot on the list after an outstanding showing in the first round tryouts in the Stars & Stripes Division at the U.S. Lacrosse Women's Division National Tournament held at Lehigh University (5/26-27). She was named to the IWLCA All-Region First Team becoming the first UMass attack named to the top regional team and to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference First Team.

- She started all 17 games of the season and led the team in goals (52) and points (60). She had a career-high eight assists for the season and broke the 23-year standing single-season scoring record at UMass. She had 10 hat tricks on the season including back-to-back five-goal games in the final two games of the season to set the season scoring record.

- She finished the season ranked 30th nationally in active career goals and will enter the 2008 season as the No. 3 active goal scorer in the country. She was also one of just 15 players nationally this season to break the 50-goal barrier in the regular-season. She ranked 18th nationally in goals per game (3.06) and 53rd in points per game (3.53) and ranked third in the Atlantic 10 in goals per game (3.06) and sixth in points per game (3.53). She has started 55 consecutive games and has scored a goal in 41 consecutive games which ranks third in the nation among active players. And ranks second all-time at UMass in career goals with 131, sixth for career points (147) and second all-time in draw controls with 87 ... needs just 40 goals to set the UMass career-record.

Typadis on the Season: Being a senior, I knew this year was going to be special. Everyday, whether we are at practice, running, hanging out or overeating at the DC, we have had the opportunity to become closer as a team. Having a large team of 30 girls gives us so many different personalities and strengths to work with. Because time has been rapidly passing us by, the other seniors and myself have definitely tried to make every practice and day enjoyable. I'm extremely excited for the season and believe 100% that we have the potential and heart to take down some great teams. We are continuing to work hard everyday and I look forward to making this year memorable. Go UMASSSSSS





How long have you been playing lacrosse?

Jeanette: I've been playing since freshman year of High School

Kath: I've been playing since 5th grade. I played boys lacrosse for 2 years, stopped and then started playing girls in 8th grade.

Julie: I've been playing since freshman year of High School.

Melynda: I've been playing since 7th grade.

Why did you choose to play lacrosse at UMass?

J: I choose to play at UMass because I liked the people that I meet on my official visit. And because I wanted to be apart of a positive and encouraging atmosphere.

K: I wanted to play for a big school and play against the most competitive teams. UMass is in a great league and the competition is fierce.

Ju: I decided to play at UMass because Amherst was perfect distance from home for me. And I picked lacrosse because I really fell in love in the sport in High School and couldn't imagine college without it.

M: I came here on my official visit and fell in love with the girls. And I decided that this, UMass, is where I felt most comfortable. I also choose here because the science department is very good and highly recognized.

What was your favorite moment freshman year?

J: My favorite moment was going sledding with my lacrosse girls using the dc trays as sleds.

K: My favorite moment was spending Halloween at UMass. I have never been exposed to that many people dressed in costume. I especially had fun because all 14 of us in the freshmen class dressed as the Rockford Peaches from A League of Their Own.

Ju: My favorite moments have been being together every day with the girls in my class (grad 08).

M: My favorite moment was meeting my freshman roommate, Whitney, and sitting at the dining commons for hours with friends.

What is your favorite thing about UMass and Amherst?

J: My favorite thing about UMass is Southwest Residential Area. I like this because at one point in time it had the largest population rate per square mile.

K: My favorite thing about Amherst is the uptown food selection. Right when I wake up I look forward to where I'm going to eat my dinner.

Ju: My favorite thing about Amherst and UMass is the food and the short walking distances between everything.

M: My favorite thing about Amherst and UMass is how everything is so close and you are able to walk from campus to the center of Amherst. I also enjoy living in the Pioneer Valley and living by the Connecticut River.

As a senior what is one piece of advice you would give to the underclassmen?

J: Don't overwhelm yourself thinking about picking a major and planning your future. Everything will fall into place.

K: Don't buy a dog online while living in the dorms.

Ju: Set aside a little time for yourself every day. And make sure you can look back at the end of the day and smile.

M: Don't have a plan in life, live day to day.

Are you ready to accept the challenge of being a senior captain?!?!

J: I think our team has great connections. We each bring a special part which makes it easy for us captains to lead the team to the places we want to go, the plans we have and the goals we want to achieve. And we've got BIG PLANS.

K: I am really looking forward to leading the team with my best friends. Leading the team with them helps bring comfort to the field and makes us work very cohesively.

Ju: I am looking forward to leading the team because I know we're here to have a good time and be successful because we are all on the same page.

M: Yes I am ready to accept the challenge because I see a lot of potential with this team and I believe myself and the other captains are the ones that are going to bring it out.