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VAN DEVENDER AWARDED NCAA POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



March 9, 2009 Washington and Lee senior forward Anne Van Devender (Jackson, Miss./Choate Rosemary Hall) has been awarded a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Postgraduate Scholarship. The award is a \$7,500 scholarship for academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a full-time or part-time graduate student.

Van Devender was one of 29 female student-athletes from all NCAA Divisions to receive the scholarship after participating in a fall sport. The NCAA awards 174 scholarships annually in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Van Devender's selection gives W&L nine winners in the last seven years and 28 W&L athletes have been so honored since 1970.

"It feels a little bittersweet to see the word 'Postgraduate' associated with an athletic award, but I am honored to be one of the selected athletes," said Van Devender. "The award is really a testament to the support of the W&L community. Student-athletes are able to thrive at W&L because of the cooperation of the athletic department and faculty. I would like to specifically thank Coach Neil Cunningham, Dr. Ellen Mayock, Jan Hathorn and Dr. Kenneth Lambert for their endorsement in the scholarship process."

A computer science major with a concentration in women's studies, Van Devender was a four-year letterwinner and a team captain for the W&L women's soccer team. She led the squad and finished fourth in

the ODAC in scoring during the 2008 season with 45 points on 17 goals and 11 assists. Van Devender was named the 2008 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was tabbed to the First Team CoSIDA Academic All-America squad.

A three-time First Team All-ODAC, All-State and All-Region honoree and a two-time All-America selection, Van Devender finished her career ranked second all-time at W&L in career goals (64), career assists (33) and career points (161).

Van Devender plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Computer Science following graduation from W&L.

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NEIL CUNNINGHAM PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Washington and Lee Director of Athletics Jan Hathorn has announced that Neil Cunningham has been promoted to assistant athletic director effective immediately. Cunningham will remain the school's women's soccer coach and director of physical education.

"I am pleased to offer this promotion to Neil," said Hathorn. "He is a top-notch educator and professional who, in addition to

his coaching duties, has performed exceptionally in the role as our director of physical education. I am excited about working with Neil in this new capacity."

Cunningham has served as W&L's women's soccer coach since 2001, compiling a 116-25-16 (.789) overall record and twice earning ODAC and NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year honors. He has guided

the Generals to a pair of ODAC titles and four NCAA Tournament appearances, including a trip to the NCAA "Elite Eight" in 2006. In addition to his soccer responsibilities, Cunningham was promoted to director of physical education in 2007.

"I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve W&L in this capacity," said Cunningham. "I am excited about this new challenge."

FIRST YEARS TRYING OUT:

Allison Beeman Summit, NJ, Goalkeeper

Lucy Boone Atlanta, GA, Forward

(UGA Transfer)

Caki Buckthal Amarillo, TX, Midfield

Ainsley Daigle Lafayette, LA, Midfield

Katie Howard Atherton, CA, Midfield

Julia McCormick Norfolk, MA, Defender

Jennifer Ritter Mariposa, CA, Midfield/Forward

Hannah Sackfield Louisville, KY, Midfield/Forward

Sarah Stiefvater Pelham, NY, Defender

Alex Todd New Orleans, LA, Defender

COACH'S CORNER

Finally there is a hint of spring in the air, and we are all looking forward to getting back out there to practice. Players have been working out hard in the off season, lifting weights and getting in some kind of physical shape for the upcoming spring season. It has been very encouraging, and in the next few months we will start to mold the returning players for their potential roles in the team for the 2009 season.

As I reflect on last season here are my favorite moments that always bring a smile:

1. A rainy day in September when the National Champions came to town.
2. The Allie Espina show versus Roanoke.
3. Sara Foster Reeves finally scoring a college goal.
4. Joos playing forward and missing from 2 inches.
5. 4 minutes 18 seconds: The time it took us to destroy Guilford on senior day.

UNOFFICIAL AWARDS

Player that eats the most candy in the locker room: **Taylor Joosten**

Person who has the messiest locker: **Anne Van Devender**

Most fashion conscious player: **Caroline Lamberti**

Person that imitates Coach the best: **A tie! Roz Klann & Maggie Sutherland**

Player most likely to run for political office: **Katie Kern**

Goal of the season: **Anne Van Devender: Messiah,**

Sara Foster Reeves: Career goal

Rookie of the Year: **Kat Barnes**

Best soccer memory of 2008: **Beating Roanoke and the Annual Croquet Tournament**

Funniest soccer player on the team: **Another tie! Roz Klann & Maggie Sutherland, "The Roommates"**

Their response on being named the funniest soccer player: **"Obviously."**

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Forward **Katie Kern** is a classics and politics major, with a concentration in the Shepherd Poverty Program, from Charleston, WV. "KK" will be starting law school at George Washington University in August.

Favorite Memories: "All of the croquet parties, chili dinners, and scavenger hunts. When we declared our class DYNASTY during freshman year pre-season, and then proceeded to own the name (and identity) for the next 4 seasons."

Advice: "Don't take it for granted. Work hard for your teammates and have fun everyday, because it's finished before you know it. Make the most of the little time you have left to play competitive sports and be a part of such a close team!"

Goalkeeper captain **Kiki Moreo** is an Economics and European History major from Westport, CT.

"My favorite memory from the past four years would have to be the sophomore year NCAA run. We had a fairy-tale season that resulted in breaking records and in reaching the elite eight. It was a great season, and with every game that we won made me feel like I was a part of something special and important. I will never forget the sophomore year NCAA run!"

SENIOR GENERALS REFLECT ON THEIR PAST FOUR YEARS



SENIOR CLASS 2004-2008

Sara Foster-Reeves, Marisa Van Brunt,
Katie Kern, Anne Van Devender and
Kiki Moreo

Forward captain **Anne Van Devender** is a computer science major, with a concentration in women's studies, from Jackson, MS. Anne will be starting a Ph.D. in Technology and Social Behavior at Northwestern University in the Fall.

Advice: "Don't look around for other people to step up and lead. I don't care what year you are. If you are on the field, you have the ability to change the game."

Defender **Sara Foster-Reeves** is a psychology major, with a concentration in education, from Charlottesville, VA. "SFR" will be student teaching next fall at Greer Elementary School in Charlottesville, VA.

"My favorite moment was going to the elite eight sophomore year! I hope the younger girls on the team will be able to experience what we did and take the Generals back to the NCAA's."

Defender **Marisa Van Brunt** is a Journalism major, with a concentration in Mass Communications and European History, from Sayville, NJ. Marisa is moving to New York City where she will pursue a career in Public Relations.

"My greatest piece of advice would be to get to know as many different people as you can at W&L. Because its a small school, with a big greek life, and it's easy to get stuck in the same circle of people for four years. Branch out and get involved with as much as you can. Also, take the off season seriously because before you know it your four years are up, and competitive soccer is over. Be the best you can possibly be so there are no regrets. My favorite memories are when I found my self hysterically laughing at practice, like the time I took a free kick into Roz's face."

The 2nd Annual Alumnae Soccer Game that took place on Saturday, May 2nd was a great success! A total of 36 players showed for the match, which included 18 Alumnae. Shana Oltmans notched a goal off of a penalty kick, though it wasn't enough for the Alumnae to prevail. The final score was 2-1, with the game going to the current W&L team.

Alumnae, what's new with you? Please take a moment to update your information here:

<https://www.frontrush.com/login.aspx?URL=Alumni&SportId=1033&iframe=1>

NICKOLS' NOTES

The coach's offices have kept busy since the close of season in November. The task of replacing this year's graduating seniors is something we've committed strongly to, with trips to tournaments in Baltimore, D.C., and the Richmond area. Neil and I have met with several recruits here on campus, too - both incoming first-years and transfer students - and are thrilled with the potential they possess. We are confident that the recruiting class of 2013 will make significant contributions to the winning tradition of our program.

In addition to team-related work, I found several opportunities to lace my cleats this off-season. I have been fortunate to act as instructor of soccer for PE 156 during the winter semester, and while my class met once-weekly, and was taught at a recreational level, it was exciting to help W&L students stay connected to soccer. In the evenings, I also assisted the Rockbridge High School girl's team. Despite these outlets, I can't wait to begin our spring season and undertake the hard weeks of training before the end of the academic year.



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2009 Fall Schedule

Methodist University Tournament

Sat 12 September	Greensboro	TBA	Neutral
Sun 13 September	Methodist	TBA	Away
Wed 16 September	Sweet Briar	5pm	Home
Sat 19 September	VA Wesleyan	3pm	Home
Tue 22 September	Hollins	4pm	Away
Sat 26 September	Messiah (PA)	1pm	Away
Wed 30 September	Roanoke	7pm	Away
Sat 3 October	Randolph Macon	Noon	Away
Sun 4 October	Randolph	2pm	Home
Wed 7 October	EMU	TBA	Away
Sat 10 October	Lynchburg	11am	Home
Thu 15 October	NC Wesleyan	4pm	Home
Mon 19 October	Transylvania	4pm	Home
Wed 21 October	Emory and Henry	6pm	Away
Sat 24 October	Guilford	6pm	Away
Sun 25 October	Ferrum	2pm	Away
Wed 28 October	Bridgewater	4pm	Home
Sat 31 October	ODAC First Round	TBA	TBA
Wed 4 November	ODAC Semi final	TBA	TBA

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