

# THE HORNET REPORT

SPRING 2024 SEASON



## **BROOME ATHLETICS SUPPORTERS,**

The Spring 2024 sports season has come to an end, one which was filled with many successes by our teams and individual student-athletes. The season culminated with

appearances at the NJCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field National Championships by our women's and men's track & field teams. It is Broome Athletics' joy to recap these successes with the Spring 2024 edition of the Hornet Report. Thank you all for your continued support of Broome Athletics!





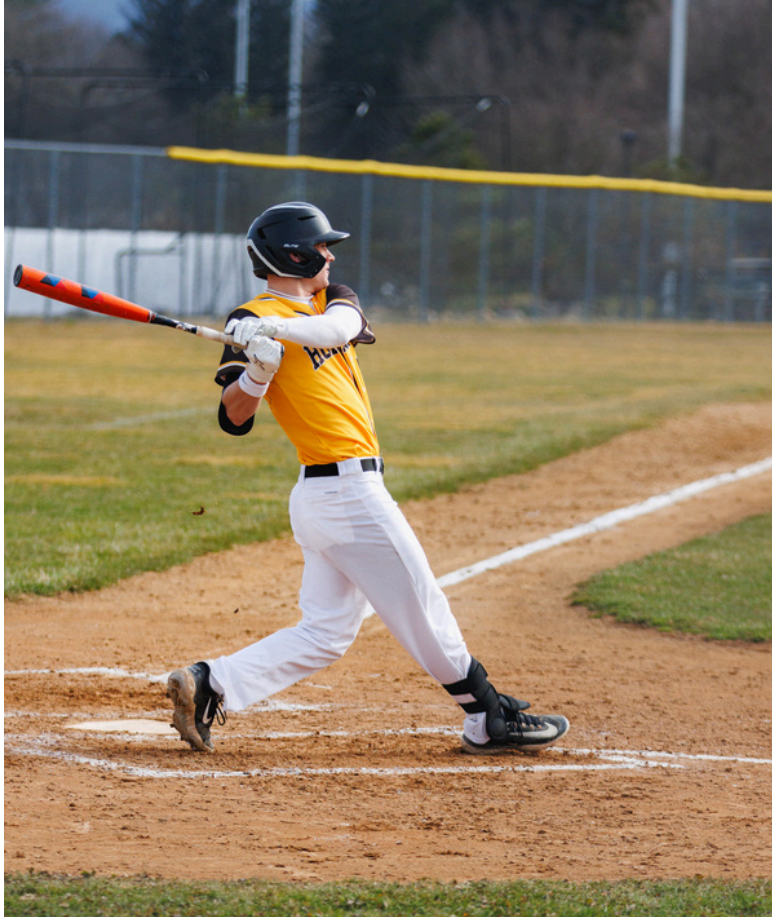
# MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team continued play of the 2023-2024 season throughout the Spring semester. At the conclusion of the season, the group registered an 11-14 record with a 7-7 mark in Mid-State Athletic Conference play. The 11 wins were the most in a season since 2016-17, and marked an 8-win improvement from last season.

With the 7-7 MSAC record, the Hornets finished .500 in conference play for the first time in over 12 seasons. Four players from the team averaged 10.0 or more points per game, highlighted by leading scorer Antonio Maria with 13.4 ppg. Jean Senatus led all NJCAA Division III basketball players in regular season field goal percentage at 70.9%. Three Hornets were recognized with All-Conference distinctions. Maria was named to the All-MSAC Second Team while Senatus and Connor Green were designated All-MSAC Honorable Mention. Under the leadership of Head Coach Brendan Doherty, the student-athletes continued to grow on and off the court as Conor Holland and Joseph Miller were named to the Dean's List for the Spring semester.







# BASEBALL

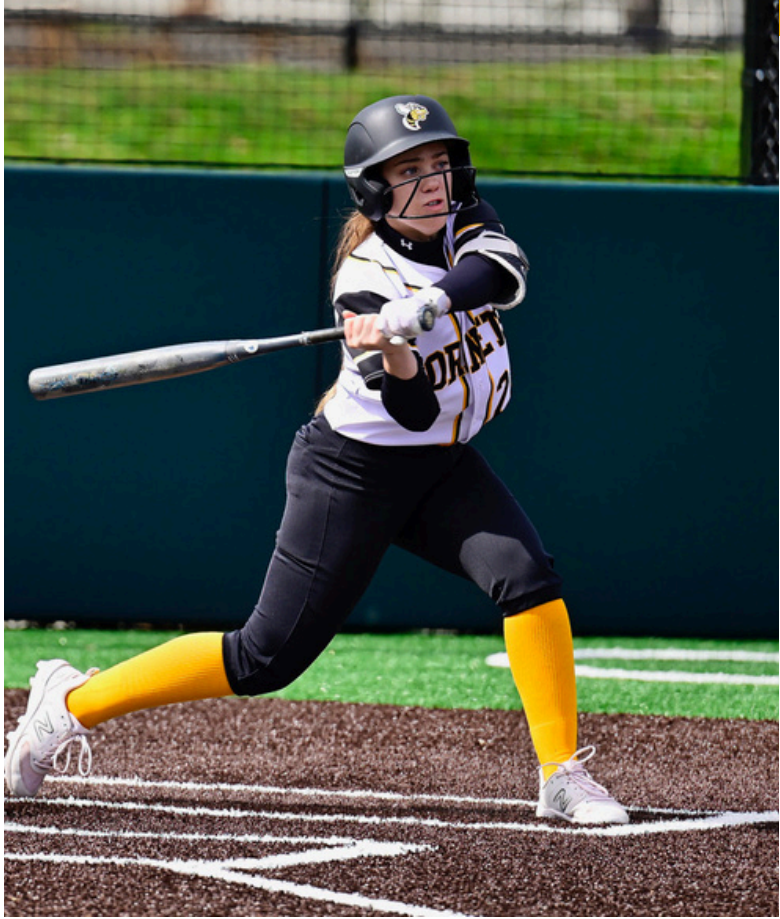
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Our new Head Coach, Seve Kowalski, brought with him an extensive playing career and a brief-yet-prosperous coaching history, and it translated to success in his first season with the Hornets. Broome won eight games, which was a 5-win improvement from last season, and the most in a season since 2014.



Remarkably, when the Hornets finished their season, they were ranked #10 nationally out of all teams in NJCAA Division III baseball in stolen bases, swiping 141 bags. Broome was ranked #1 in that statistic in NJCAA Region 3 and the MSAC for the majority of the season. A key highlight of the continued development by the program this season was when the Hornets notched a win over a Division II USCAA opponent. In Broome's season-opener, the Hornets beat Division II USCAA Penn State Wilkes-Barre 12-5 by way of a collective 1-hitter from the Hornet pitchers. Four players from the team received All-Conference recognition. Daniel Crowley was named to the MSAC All-Conference Team, while Jacob McTigue, Tyler Sienko, and Trevor Dennison were named MSAC All-Conference Honorable Mention. [@BROOMEATHLETICS ON X](#)





# SOFTBALL

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Jen Petteys- a decorated Head Coach at the NCAA Division III level and an experienced assistant at multiple NCAA Division I universities- guided the Hornets to four wins in her first season at the helm with Broome. Hannah Aton, Alana Espinoza, and Sarah Espe stood out as some of the key contributors to the Hornets' wins this season.



Aton was named to the MSAC All-Conference Team, and to the NJCAA Region 3 Second Team All-Region. She compiled a .516 batting average, collected 32 hits including a home run and six triples, drove in seven runs, and scored 23 runs. Aton posted a .552 on-base percentage and an .806 slugging percentage to go with an excellent .938 fielding percentage. Espinoza was named MSAC All-Conference Honorable Mention for her two-way success as a pitcher and hitter. Espinoza was second on the team in batting average with a .348 mark. She collected 16 hits including six doubles, two triples, and a home run, drove in 12 runs, and scored 16 runs. She had a .434 on-base percentage as well. Espinoza collected two wins and struck out 61 batters over 62.2 innings pitched, good for a mark of 6.81 strikeouts/7 innings. Espe batted .321 with 7 RBIs and 8 runs scored. She struck out 65 batters over 47.2 innings pitched, good for an exceptional mark of 9.55 strikeouts/7 innings.

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# MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The men's track & field team put together a tremendous resume over the course of seven meets this season, culminating with a trip to the NJCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field National Championships at Mohawk Valley CC. The team placed 12th out of 17 teams. On the year, the team set school records in nine events, including



some events where the initial record was broken and set again multiple times later in the season. David Akulis set the school record in the high jump. Yuri Brich set the school record in the 100 meter dash. The 4x100 meter and 4x400 meter relay teams set school records at the NJCAA Region 3 Championships. Nathaniel Wojcik set the school record in the 200 meter dash. Dandre James set the school record in the triple jump at the Regional meet and then broke it at the National meet. Connor Vredenburgh starred in the discus throw and javelin throw, setting a school record in both events and then continuing to break his own initial marks as the season progressed. Thomas Eccleston set the school record for 110 meter hurdles at Nationals and earned All-American status from the NJCAA. The USTFCCCA, meanwhile, tabbed Eccleston, Akulis, James, and Vredenburgh as All-Americans for their performances at the NJCAA National Championships.

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# WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Throughout a highly successful season where the group finished 13th out of 21 schools at the NJCAA Division III Outdoor Track & Field National Championships, each member of the women's track & field team showcased their versatility by competing in a plethora of events. Specifically, Riley Precourt registered results in a total of



six different events during the year: 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter run, shot put, javelin throw, and long jump. The do-it-all Ava Schiff registered results in a total of eight different events across the season: 100 meter hurdles, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, the long jump, the triple jump, the high jump, shot put, and the javelin throw. Aja Jackson was a terrific team leader, continuing her winning ways by setting three school records on the season. Jackson set the school record in the 10,000 meter run when she became the National Champion in the event for the second year in a row, and set the school record in the 5,000 meter run when she was the Runner-Up in the event at Nationals this season, earning All-American status from the NJCAA in both. Finally, Jackson set the school record in the 400 meter run. Precourt ended her season strong on the biggest of stages, notching personal bests in three events at the NJCAA Region 3 Championship meet. The USTFCCCA designated Jackson and Schiff as All-Americans for their performances at the NJCAA National Championships. Jackson was also recognized as the Spring 2024 and Overall 2023-24 SUNY Scholar Athlete of the Year for her academic and athletic excellence throughout the year.

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# LOOKING AHEAD

A strong Spring 2024 season on multiple fronts saw: the men's basketball team reach its most wins in a season since 2016-17, the baseball team reach its most wins in a season since 2014 and finish the season ranked #10 in all of NJCAA Division III in stolen bases, a player from the softball team bat over .500 and earn All-Region 3 honors, and the women's and men's track and field teams attain many personal and school records en route to an appearance at the National Championship meet.



SUNY Broome Athletics is hopeful for more of the same success when projecting ahead for the Fall 2024 sports season, where women's and men's soccer, women's and men's cross country, women's volleyball, and women's and men's basketball will be showcased. It is also with great excitement that a SUNY Broome competitive cheerleading program will be joining the other sports beginning in the Fall. Continued development and ascension from all teams could be in store, based on how Broome fared in 2023. The women's soccer team is coming off an 8-win season and an appearance in the NJCAA Region 3 District B Semifinal match. The men's soccer team improved on its 2022 season with a highly-competitive 2023 season in which it notched a win over a USCAA Division II and four-year school in SUNY ESF. The women's and men's cross country teams won a third straight and fourth straight MSAC Championship. The women's volleyball team advanced to the NJCAA Region III Championship game for the fifth straight year and finished as the Runner-Up for the second straight year.

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