Dear friends of Saint Anselm College,

While yesterday’s “April snow showers” made it tough for the Hawks home baseball and softball games, we want to thank our athletic staff, coaches, student-athletes and the Saint Anselm grounds crew for working tirelessly in recent days to get our fields ready for play!

During recent weeks, the ice hockey teams, men’s basketball and women’s skiing program all wrote some awesome Hawk Headlines! In perhaps one of the most exciting men’s ice hockey games ever hosted at Sullivan Arena, Coach Tortorella’s squad rallied from a three-goal deficit after two periods of the NE10 Championship game to score a thrilling 6-5 overtime win to secure its 10th NE10 Tournament title. The Hawks finished the 2017-18 campaign with eight straight wins, second-longest streak in program history.

The women’s ice hockey team earned the New England Women’s Hockey Alliance (NEWHA) regular-season championship and came up just short to Sacred Heart in the NEWHA Tournament final. Coach Matthews and the Hawks finished the year at 21-4-4 overall.

Women’s skiing, led by second-year coach Margot Cosentino, earned a trip to Lake Placid for the USCSA National Championships, where the Hawks finished tied for sixth overall.

Men’s basketball won the NE10 Northeast Division regular-season title and earned its sixth-straight trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament. NE10 Player of the Year Tim Guers led his team to a final record of 22-9 overall, the fifth time in six seasons the Hawks reached the 20-win plateau. Guers was also named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) First Team All-East Region team and tabbed as an NABC All-American.

Several spring sports are off to fantastic starts. Coach Jill Gagnon picked up her 100th win Monday and softball now stands at 20-8-1 overall (7-2-1 NE10), led by sophomore pitcher Morgan Perry (11-3, 2.18 ERA). Women’s lacrosse raced out to 6-3 overall (4-1 NE10) and is gearing up for several critical conference contests. Congratulations to seniors Meaghan Sheehy and Erica Mattila who scored their 100th career points earlier this season.

Men’s lacrosse, which began 2018 ranked in the Top 20 of NCAA Division II, sits at 3-2 on the year, with tough recent setbacks to two NE10 foes both ranked in the top 10. First-year skipper Nick Cenatiempo earned his first Hilltop home win last week when baseball downed Saint Mike’s 6-1, and his team currently posts a record of 7-11 on the spring season.

Last, but not least, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our a first-ever #HawksSoarHigher two-day fundraising initiative. As the featured sub-campaign of the College’s annual Days of Giving program, our student-athletes, coaches and staff members exceeded all expectations, when we collectively raised more than $100,000 on March 20-21! When the clock struck midnight on March 21, we had reached 1,688 donors (337% of the 500 athletics donor count goal) and $94,664. A $10,000 contribution from an anonymous donor (for eclipsing our gift goal) was a fitting finish! We are grateful for the outpouring of support that resulted in more than 60% of the overall number of gifts to Saint Anselm during the two-day span.

A special shout-out to the hundreds of Hawks student-athletes who attended individual team meetings as part of our targeted outreach to family, friends and alumni. As I shared with our staff and coaches, these results speak to the impact a vibrant and successful Athletics program will continue to have for our College!

On behalf of the entire Athletics program, we hope that our friends, family members and fans enjoyed a blessed Easter weekend. We look forward to seeing you soon on the Hilltop (in warmer weather!)

Go Hawks!

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