Hello, and welcome to the inaugural edition of the Eagle View Newsletter.

With summer upon us, I would like to take a moment and reflect upon an extremely successful and memorable 2017-18 school year. Emory Athletics strives for excellence and the fine young men and women who make up our 18 varsity sports, along with their dedicated coaches, are excellent ambassadors of the University through their never-ending pursuit of being the best they can be.

Emory placed fourth in the Division III Learfield Directors’ Cup, symbolic of overall athletic excellence, the 17th time in the past 18 years that we have finished in the top 10. A total of 14 teams were represented in NCAA postseason action, highlighted by the women's swimming and diving program capturing its ninth consecutive national crown. Both men's swimming and diving and women's tennis came away with national runner-up finishes while men's tennis earned third-place honors. Individually, Emory totaled 49 All-Americans.

Emory won University Athletic Association Championships in men's and women's swimming, golf, softball and women's tennis, bringing the total to 194 titles since 1987-88.

Away from the athletic arena, Emory student-athletes demonstrated their commitment to others, logging close to 3,500 hours of community service. The success that Emory has enjoyed with the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship continued with four awardees and one more hopefully to be announced in July. Eight student-athletes were selected as 100 Senior Honorary, recognizing their passion to their interests and their outstanding contributions to the Emory community.

We were extremely pleased with the results of the Eagle Edge program and look forward to its development in aiding our student-athletes reach their highest level in academics, personal growth and athletics during their Emory careers.

In closing, I would like to say thank you for your support of Emory Athletics and we look forward to many more successes in the future. Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you in the fall!

Dr. Michael Vienna
Clyde Partin, Sr., Director of Athletics

The Emory University women's outdoor track and field team turned in a NCAA Championship meet for the ages in La Crosse, Wisconsin, registering a fifth-place performance out of 80 schools that scored, the highest finish ever for an Emory team.

The Eagles recorded five All-America efforts including three national runner-up finishes. Senior Gabrielle Stravach in the 1500m and junior Dani Bland in the 100m posted individual second-place showings as did the 4x400m Relay of Bland, junior Dilya Osei, sophomore Kaitlyn Leonard and senior Erica Goldman. The 4x400m clocked a school record time of 3:42.97 in the finals, the 11th fastest time in Division III history, falling just shy of Nebraska Wesleyan's winning mark of 3:42.15.

Bland added All-America performances in the 200m Dash (3rd) and in the 4x100m Relay (4th) with Osei, Goldman and freshman Rebekah Bondi, giving her a total of four, the most by an Eagle in a single NCAA meet.
EMORY FOURTH IN DIRECTORS’ CUP STANDINGS

The final results for the 2017-18 Learfield Directors’ Cup are in, and once again the Emory Athletics Department ranks as one of the top overall Division III programs in the nation.

Emory finished fourth out of 329 schools that accumulated Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup points, the 17th time in the past 18 years that it finished in the top 10 — as well as the eighth top-five finish during that span. Emory notched 10 top-10 finishes in the Directors’ Cup, highlighted by the women's swimming and diving team's national championship. Bolstering Emory's final ranking were national runner-up finishes by men's swimming and diving and women's tennis, along with a third-place showing by the men's tennis squad.

The Directors’ Cup is a program that honors institutions maintaining a broad-based program, achieving success in many sports, both men's and women's. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 18 sports -- nine women's and nine men's.

WOMEN’S TENNIS TRIO COMPETE AT NCAA D-III INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Senior Bridget Harding, junior Daniela Lopez and freshman Ysabel Gonzalez-Rico represented the Eagles at the NCAA Division III Individual Championships in Claremont, California, with all three earning All-America honors.

In the doubles competition, Harding and Gonzalez-Rico posted wins over teams from Tufts (7-5, 7-6 (1)) and MIT (7-5, 6-4) before falling to Wesleyan's Eudice Chong and Victoria Yu, 6-2, 7-6 (4) in the national semifinals. Harding and Gonzalez-Rico established a school record for wins, finishing the season with a 34-7 record. Harding also became the program's all-time leader in doubles victories with the win over Tufts. She concluded her stellar career with 113 doubles wins.

Lopez advanced to the Round of 16 in singles, besting Kenyon's Diana Aboubakara in three sets (7-5, 0-6, 6-4) in her opening match before seeing her run end in the next round to MIT's Elysa Kohrs (6-4, 7-5).

WOMEN’S TENNIS REACHES SIXTH STRAIGHT NCAA DIVISION III TITLE MATCH

The Emory University women's tennis team under the guidance of Head Coach Amy Bryant continued its run as one of the premier programs in Division III, advancing to its sixth consecutive national championship match and 13th overall in team history.

The Eagles easily cruised to opening-round victories over Hanover College and Sewanee by 5-0 margins before topping the University of Chicago, 5-1, in the quarterfinals. In the semis, Emory battled Middlebury College in a thrilling match, coming out on top with a 5-4 decision. The Eagles saw their quest for a third title in five years thwarted as Claremont-Mudd-Scripps collected four singles victories to erase of 2-1 deficit to defeat Emory, 5-4. The Eagles ended their season with a 17-5 overall record.

WOMEN’S SWIMMING & DIVING EXTEND REIGN AT NCAA D-III CHAMPIONSHIPS

Back in March, the Emory University women's swimming and diving program, under the leadership of Head Coach Jon Howell, captured its ninth consecutive NCAA Division III National Championship and 11th overall in team history.

The Eagles used six event titles and 32 All-America finishes to win the crown by 103 points over second-place Kenyon College. Junior Fiona Muir paced the team with individual titles in the 50 and 100 Freestyles while senior Cindy Cheng added an individual championship in the 200 Freestyle. Emory tacked on national titles in the 400 and 800 Freestyle Relays as well as the 200 Medley Relay.

The men's team posted a runner-up finish at nationals, with senior Oliver Smith being named the D-III Men's Swimmer of the Year.

Howell was named the Collegiate Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Women's Swimming Coach of the Year for the third consecutive season and seventh time in his career.

EMORY MEN’S TENNIS STRONG AT NCAA D-III INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Emory men's tennis produced four All-Americans at the NCAA D-III Singles and Doubles Championships in Claremont, California.

The doubles team of senior Scott Rubinstein and junior James Spaulding won their three opening matches en route to earning a spot in the finals. The Emory tandem closed out the season with an overall mark of 23-13 while capturing All-America honors for the third straight season.

In singles, junior Jonathan Jemison advanced to the quarterfinals after winning his first two outings while freshman Hayden Cassone advanced to the Round of 16 following an opening-round triumph. Jemison and Cassone hammered out a combined 45 wins during the year, with Jemison finishing at 19-12 and Cassone at 26-7.
MEN’S TENNIS ADVANCES TO SEMIS OF NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Emory men’s tennis played its way to the semifinals of the 2018 NCAA D-III Championships in Claremont, California. It marked the 13th time in the past 17 years that the Eagles had advanced to the semifinal round or higher.

The Eagles of Head Coach John Browning began the postseason by hosting the opening rounds, where they defeated Washington and Lee (5-1) and North Carolina Wesleyan (5-0). The two victories closed out Emory’s home record on the year at 11-1.

In the quarterfinals, Emory blanked No. 4 Williams, 5-0, before seeing its quest for a second straight national crown halted when it came out on the short end of a 5-3 verdict to eventual titlist Middlebury, ending the season with a dual record of 19-5.

EMORY ATHLETICS AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Emory Athletics held its annual Awards Banquet in late April, recognizing a variety of student-athletes who distinguished themselves in the athletic arena, in the community and in the class room.

The following is a list of this year’s honorees.

ALIBERTI AWARD –
Male – Scott Rubinstein (Tennis)
Female – Julia Wawer (Swimming and Diving)

BRIDGES AWARD –
Male – Oliver Smith (Swimming and Diving)
Female – Cindy Cheng (Swimming and Diving) & Gabrielle Stravach (Cross Country/Track and Field)

McCORD AWARD –
Male – Jonathan Jenison (Tennis)
Female – Bridget Harding (Tennis)

McDONOUGH AWARD –
Male – Benjamin Regin (Track and Field)
Female – Anna Fuhr (Tennis)

PARTIN AWARD –
Male – Jason McCartney (Soccer)
Female – Morgan McNight (Volleyball)

EMORY SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD - Recipient – Jason McCartney (Soccer)

FRESHMAN IMPACT AWARD –
Male – Romin Williams (Basketball)
Female – Ysabel Gonzalez-Rico (Tennis)

DR. MICHAEL HUEY HONORED AT AWARDS BANQUET

At the Athletics Awards Banquet, Dr. Michael Huey, a fixture in Emory Athletics for over 16 years, was honored for his contributions as the department’s Director of Medical Services. Earlier in the year, he had announced his retirement from that position.

Huey came to Emory in January 2002 after serving as the Director of Student Health Care Center and Associate Clinical Professor of Community Health and Family Practice at the University of Florida (1994-2002). While at Florida, he was also one of the team physicians for the university’s athletics program.

Dr. Huey also serves as the Executive Director for Emory University’s Student Health and Counseling Services, a post he will hold until his retirement from that department on July 31 of this year.

Congratulations and a sincere thanks to Dr. Huey for his dedicated service to Emory Athletics!!!

EAGLE EDGE MAKES POSITIVE IMPACT

The 2017-18 academic year marked the debut of the Emory Athletics student-athlete success program, the Eagle Edge, and it has already begun to make a positive impact on the student-athlete experience.

The Eagle Edge provides comprehensive support for student-athletes to reach the highest levels of academic, personal, and athletic success during their time at Emory and beyond. The program focuses on four main areas: academic support, leadership and service, health and performance, and life skills. Some highlights from the inaugural year:

- Student-athletes tallied 3,471 community service hours under the leadership of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).
- Over 50 student-athletes participated in the Eagles Rising leadership workshop series hosted in conjunction with the Emory Integrity Project.
- The Eagle Edge provided supplemental advising for student-athletes to navigate their academic progress.
- Sports Medicine worked closely with Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) to implement mental health support best practices.

Student-athletes can look forward to expanded services and programming in the 2018-19 academic year as we all FLY HIGHER.

EMORY ADDS WOMEN’S GOLF AS 19TH VARSITY SPORT

In April, Emory Athletics announced that it was adding women’s golf to its list of varsity sports, beginning in the fall of 2019.

Emory’s first year of sponsoring women’s golf as an intercollegiate sport will coincide with the institution serving as the host of the 2020 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Championships, which will be held at the PGA National Resort Champions Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Emory will be joining fellow University Athletic Association members, Carnegie Mellon University, New York University and Washington University as schools sponsoring women’s golf. The Eagles are aiming to hire a head coach for the women’s program later this summer.
**Men’s Track & Field Competes at UAA Championships**

At the UAA Outdoor Championships, the Emory men’s track and field team captured two conference titles and registered six All-UAA honors as the team came in sixth place with 75 points.

Seniors Benjamin Rogin and Charlie Hu highlighted the Eagles at the meet, claiming conference championships in the 110m Hurdles and Long Jump events. Rogin earned All-UAA acclaim in the 110m Hurdles for the fourth time, including his third consecutive title, posting a winning time of 14.93. In the long jump, Hu won gold for the first time in the event with his winning jump of 6.78m.

Hu added All-UAA acclaim in the Triple Jump for the fourth consecutive season, placing second. Senior Christian Virgil earned the first All-UAA award of his career as he finished third in the Javelin.

The Eagles raced to All-UAA finishes in a pair of relay events as senior Max Brown, sophomore Samuel Branson and freshmen Thomas Perretta and Jacob Hedgepeth were the conference runners-up in the 4x800m, while Rogin and the sophomore trio of Dylan Boye, Aria Mohseni and Alex Rand placed third in the 4x100m.

**Baseball Posts Eighth-Straight 20-Win Season**

The Emory University baseball team posted its eighth straight and 26th overall 20-win season in 2018, finishing with a 20-18 record. 11 victories came against University Athletic Association foes as the Eagles finished second in the UAA standings with an 11-5 record.

Pitcher/Outfielder Richard Brereton emerged as one of the top dual threat players in the country as a sophomore, earning D3Baseball.com All-South Region Third Team and All-UAA First Team honors. In 38 games, Brereton led the Eagles’ offense with 48 hits, 37 runs, 10 doubles, three triples, 15 walks, 13 stolen bases, .467 slugging percentage while hitting for a .320 average and belting a pair of home runs. On the mound, he posted a 5-4 record in 12 appearances compiling a 3.60 ERA and a team-leading 66 strikeouts.

Senior Bubby Terp and sophomore Christopher Stern joined Brereton on the All-UAA First Team as the Eagles placed five players on the all-conference team. Terp batted a career-high .321 and tied for the team lead with 33 RBI in 38 games played. Stern had a breakthrough campaign in his second season, recording team highs in average (.328), home runs (3) and RBI (33).

Senior Nick Chambers and freshman Jack Rubenstein rounded out the Eagles on the All-UAA team, earning Second Team berths. Chambers was also named to the CoSIDA Google Cloud Academic All-District team for his performance on the field as well as in the classroom.

**Emory Softball Earns Postseason Berth**

After a one-year hiatus, the Emory softball team returned to the postseason, hosting the Atlanta D-III NCAA Regional. The Eagles played host to Berry College, Lynchburg College and Maryville College in the opening weekend of the national tournament.

The Eagles, who stood 7-7 after their opening 14 games, closed out the year with an overall record of 29-12 and rolled to the University Athletic Association title with a 15-1 performance. Emory registered four-game home sweeps of Case Western Reserve and New York University while coming through with a sweep on the road against Washington University. The Eagles finished the regular season with the highest strength-of-schedule rating among all D-III programs.

Emory had three players selected as First Team All-UAA, headlined by freshman Jacqueline Spizizen who was named both the league Rookie and Pitcher of the Year, chalkling up a won-lost slate of 17-6. Named the UAA Pitcher of the Week on five occasions, she compiled an ERA of 1.42 over 138 frames and paced the league with an average of 7.9 strikeouts per seven innings.

Joining Spizizen on the All-UAA First Team were juniors Jenna Wilson and Cassie Baca. An outfield starter in 36 of 41 games, Wilson notched a team-leading .451 mark at the plate, good for the No. 2 spot in the league, delivering a club-high 51 hits in 113 at-bats. In addition, she stole 22 bases in as many attempts. A lynchpin of the infield at her shortstop position, Baca hit .290 while producing a team-high 23 RBIs.

**Emory Athletics Well Represented on 100 Senior Honorary List**

Eight student-athletes were chosen as members of the prestigious Emory University Class of 2018 100 Senior Honorary.

The 100 Senior Honorary is an award and designation presented by the Emory Alumni Association and the Student Alumni Association. The honor is given to the most 100 outstanding seniors in the undergraduate schools. Graduates of Oxford College, Emory College, Goizueta Business School, and the School of Nursing are represented in the 100 Senior Honorary. The students selected made a significant impact on the Emory Community through academics, athletics, leadership, volunteerism, or through personal relationships such as mentoring or helping other students.

Representatives from Emory Athletics who were selected as 100 Senior Honorary include:

Megan Campbell – Women’s Swimming & Diving
Nick Chambers – Baseball
Cindy Cheung – Women’s Swimming & Diving
Anna Fuhr – Women’s Tennis
Bridget Harding – Women’s Tennis
Oliver Smith – Men’s Swimming & Diving
Gabrielle Stravach – Women’s Cross Country/Track & Field
Julia Wawer – Women’s Swimming & Diving