Connecticut College Field Hockey
2018-2019
Greetings from Camel Country!

As we flip the calendar from October to November, it is a natural time to reflect on our team accomplishments, recognize and thank our graduating seniors, and set new goals for improvement as our program moves forward into 2019.

Our 2018 team was led by a class of five seniors: Cara, Kaitlin, and team captains, Enya, Jamie and Lauren. This group of talented young women have been instrumental in the growth of our field hockey program on and off the field in their four years at Connecticut College.

Athletically, our senior class collectively played in 241 games, scoring or assisting on over half of our team’s goals, while earning two wins over top-10 opponents during that span (#3 Tufts & #8 Hamilton), as well as other NESCAC wins over Bates, Wesleyan, and Colby. They have also been superstars in the classroom, earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.535 through three years! I’m grateful for each of our senior’s commitment to building our culture and leaving our program with a higher set of expectations for the future.

The image of our team huddle, full of smiles, hugs, and tears, at the end of our final game is what I will remember most of our 2018 season. What the record book shows as a 3-2 double-overtime victory versus Wesleyan was much more than that for the nineteen players on our roster. In a game back-and-forth scoring game, we asked for contributions from more players than we ever had this season and every player stepped up. It was a game that required over eighty minutes to reach its deciding moment, and a game in which our team identity finally showed through. A NESCAC conference win earned as the result of playing for each other, not just alongside each other. For our seniors, I will be ever grateful for the heart and soul their teammates showed on that night a few weeks ago so that they could leave the field victorious. For our program, I am excited about what this defining moment could mean for Connecticut College Field Hockey as we prepare for the future.

Thank you to all of you, our network of Camel alumni, family and friends, for your support on the sidelines and behind-the-scenes this year. We hear all the cheers...in person, over the phone, via social media or email!

Go Camels!

Regards,

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Dromedaries Abroad

Conn students have the opportunity to study abroad through involvement in more than one hundred programs in over forty countries. Our CCFH members have taken full advantage of these amazing opportunities.

One of our senior captains, Enya McGarry spent her spring semester last year in Morocco:

“In the spring of 2018 as a junior at Connecticut College, I was able to study away in Morocco! At Conn I am an International Relations and Global Islamic Studies double major, in which one of the courses I study is Arabic Language. While in Morocco, I took courses in Arabic and studied Migration and Transnational Identity. Although I spent time in the classroom, some of the best experiences I had were outside the classroom. With other students we visited NGOs in Morocco and the UNHCR where we met with people who were a part of a growing and vibrant civil society in Morocco to bring attention to the issues surrounding migration. Also, we had some amazing experiences traveling throughout Morocco where we continued to learn about Morocco itself while seeing some beautiful sights, like the Atlas mountains and Sahara desert (we even got to ride camels to see the sunset in the desert!!!!!)...

…I think one of the best parts of my experience too was living with a host family! My host family was truly amazing and I had a host sister who was my age too! Although at times I struggled with my Arabic language skills, practicing with my host family enabled me to feel more comfortable speaking Arabic and helped be improve a lot!! My time in Morocco not only expanded my knowledge about another country, but allowed to grow as individual. After I graduate, I hope to work in the field of international law and work with an NGOs or non-profit to be a voice refugees! I am excited for what lies ahead knowing that the experiences and values that I gained from my time in Morocco will help me in my life and career in the future!”

-Enya McGarry ’18
Meet the Newest Camels!

This year we welcomed four new Camels to our pack! Each bringing their own, unique strengths to the program, we are looking forward to the contributions they will make in the years to come.

Let's get to know the members of the class of 2022...

Meghan Gazard #17 Ashland, MA: The Rivers School

Why Conn?

“I chose to come to Conn because I loved the small size of the school, and the idea of playing a sport in college. These things, along with getting a good education was exciting to me. What I love most about Conn is the campus environment, and being on the field hockey team. The people around campus are all so friendly which made it easy to feel at home within the first few weeks. Being on a team has also allowed me to meet some of my best friends and play the sport I love at a higher level. So far, I have loved my time at Conn, and am looking forward to what’s to come in my next 3 years here!”

Favorite class so far?

“My favorite class so far this fall has been psychology, and it is a subject I am considering minoring in.”

Colleen Raftery #7 Dover, MA: Dover-Sherborn High School

Why Conn?

“I chose Connecticut College because I loved the campus and the community of the school. When I came to visit, I was immediately welcomed by both the team and others, and knew that this is the place where I wanted to go. The sense of closeness with teammates and the possibility of playing field hockey was also very intriguing to me. What I love about it here so far is having a new family from my team, who is always there for me, and the different types of classes that I am able to take.”

Favorite class so far?

“I am not sure what I would like to major in yet, but so far my favorite class this fall has been Human Development.”
Logan Kilfoyle #10 Plymouth, NH: Holderness School

**Why Conn?**

“I chose Connecticut College because of the size, so that I would be able to connect with my professors and not just be a number. I also loved the campus and when I met the field hockey team I felt like it was the right fit for me. So far, I am loving my classes and being able to be in constant communication with my professors. I love having a team that is there to support me in anything I need, including guiding me through my academics.”

**Favorite class so far?**

“My favorite class so far is macroeconomics. I am currently considering a double major in economics and sociology and a minor in spanish.”

Jackie Mountford #99 New London, NH: Dover-Sherborn High School

**Why Conn?**

“I chose Conn because it allowed me to play field hockey while still being in a strong academic environment. I love the warm and inviting atmosphere both on the team and around the campus.”

**Favorite class so far?**

“My favorite class this fall is Geology because it’s a fascinating new subject to me. Although I am not positive yet, I think I want to study environmental science as a major.”
Camel Alumna... where are they now?

Former CCFH member, Nelle Andrews, led a successful career at Conn as a four year starter, senior co-captain and recipient of Division III Second Team All-American, team MVP and North-South Division III All-Star honors.

Following her success at Conn, Nelle coached field hockey and taught english for 19 years at Farmington High School, and was named Coach of the Year once by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association and twice by the Connecticut Field Hockey Coaches Association.

Additionally, Nelle served as a USA Field Hockey Futures Program site director and assistant coach for 10 years, while also serving on the board of HTC Youth!, Inc. and holding memberships in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association as well as the Connecticut Coaches Association, CIAC All-State Committee and Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame Committee.

Most notably, Nelle was inducted into the Connecticut Field Hockey Hall of Fame in September 2018. She now serves as the varsity field hockey coach and teaches english at Miss. Porter's School in Farmington, CT.

Nelle reflects on her time at Conn and how it has enriched her coaching philosophies since:

“As a student-athlete at Connecticut College, I took advantage of the opportunities I had to challenge myself in as many ways as possible. I participated in four years of field hockey and one of basketball, sang in the school choir and in an a-cappella group (the Shwiffs), played flute in the orchestra, worked two campus jobs, and majored in English, with a minor in Music and Education Certification. I had a lot to balance but I knew that being successful in the classroom and on the playing field required discipline, focus, and hard work. That said, my life at Conn wasn't always easy, and I had to develop the mental, emotional, and physical strength to push through the various challenges I faced...”

“...I greatly valued the role models I had surrounding me on campus, most notably, field hockey coach Anne Parmenter, who helped me to find the inner strength I needed to be successful on the field and in life. These experiences all have shaped me into the teacher and coach I am today...”
“...I have always held my players to high expectations, and I regularly play alongside them at practice to model the effort and discipline I seek in them, just as Anne did! I also always try to help my players see how the experiences they have on the field can help them in every other aspect of their lives – how they handle challenges, how they communicate and collaborate with their teammates, how they represent themselves and their team, and how they demonstrate sportsmanship and leadership on the field. These are vital lessons for my female student-athletes and they are lessons that I learned as a student-athlete at Connecticut College. I have had the fortune of being able to share these lessons with so many wonderful young women for 17 years at Farmington High School and I am excited that I can continue to do so as a field hockey coach and English teacher at Miss Porter's School.” – Nelle Andrews ’98

Nelle (#9) pictured above with the 1998 Connecticut College Field Hockey Team

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