Dear friends of Saint Anselm College,

It was exactly one year ago I was named Director of Athletics at Saint Anselm College! In our short time on the Hilltop, my family and I have learned what Anselmian hospitality is all about, and we are thankful to be part of this special community. As our coaches and staff members reflect on this past year for Hawks Athletics, there are many things to be grateful for!

Our fall sports teams had much to celebrate, with two teams in particular posting historic seasons. Field Hockey earned a bid into the NCAA Division II tournament for the first time... they hosted an NCAA game on campus and ultimately reached the national semifinals, where the Hawks lost a heartbreaker in overtime. Head Coach Carolyn King Robataille was named both NE10 Coach of the Year and NFHCA East Region Coach of the Year. Elizabeth Alie was selected as a First Team All-American (the first field hockey student-athlete in program history to earn the honor), with Katherine Sears and Erin Collins named Second Team All-Americans. A season to remember, and also one to build upon for Coach King’s Hawks.

The volleyball squad posted a 20-win season and made the NE10 conference playoffs for the first time since 2004, and the team was just one victory short of securing a share of the regular season title. Head Coach Braden Zamore’s netters hosted an NE10 tournament game for the first time in two decades and came up just short in a nailbiter to Adelphi in front of a raucous crowd at Stoutenburgh Gym. Great things lie ahead for Hawks Volleyball!

Our basketball and ice hockey seasons are well underway, with Head Coach Kerstin Matthews and her squad setting the pace. Women’s ice hockey stands at 8-1-2 heading into the holiday break. Congrats to Harrison Taggart who just yesterday was tabbed NE10 Men’s Basketball Player of the Week for the second time this season. Harrison scored a career-high 36 points in the Hawks road win on Dec. 19.

I want to acknowledge the tremendous work that Dr. David Guerra and Professor Kelly Lalonde have done for our athletics program this semester as new Faculty Athletics Representatives. They are fully committed to helping the Hawks soar higher both on the fields and in the classroom. We also recently welcomed Alejandro Andres (men's and women’s tennis) and Margot Adams Cosentino (men's and women's skiing) to the Hawks coaching family.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season.

Go Hawks!

Daron Montgomery
Athletic Director

P.S. – SAVE THE DATE
Our Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on Feb. 11, 2017. On that date, we will also celebrate 40 years of women’s athletics at the College. Check our website for updates!