Dear friends of Saint Anselm College,

Tomorrow will be my 500th day as the Director of Athletics at Saint Anselm College. More importantly, it will mark a signature moment in the lives of 88 student-athletes, when each walks across the stage as part of the 2017 Commencement exercises.

As we congratulate the Class of 2017 and reflect on the past academic year, there is much to celebrate for Hawks Athletics. In this edition of From the AD's Desk, I thought it would be fitting to review all the great things our Hawks student-athletes accomplished athletically during the past year, as there is so much to be proud of:

Field Hockey set the bar high for the 2016-17 academic year when our team won the NE10 regular season championship (led by Coach of the Year Carolyn King-Robitaille) and found itself just two wins from a NCAA national title. Volleyball matched a program record for wins in a season (20) and hosted a NE10 Postseason match for the first time in 20 years in front of a crazy crowd in Stoutenburgh. We welcomed two new soccer coaches to Saint Anselm College this year with Bruno Victal (men’s) and Joel Bancroft (women’s)... and watched junior Jess Perkins make history as runner up at the 2016 ITA Tennis regionals in New York!

Both basketball teams both had remarkable seasons... with the women’s team going 19-10 and the men’s team 20-9. The Coach Dickson led men’s squad won the program’s eighth NE10 Tournament Championship and made its fifth-straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

The women’s ice hockey program won both the NEHC regular season and tournament championships. The squad, led by Coach of the Year Kerstin Matthews laced up the skates 27 times and finished with an impressive ledger of 22-2-3. The men’s ice hockey team earned a share of the NE10 regular season championship and were led by Coach of the Year Ed Seney.

We also welcomed a new ski coach, Margot Adams Cosentino, to the Hilltop... she helped our men’s skiing Hawks soar higher as the team earned a post-season trip to USCSA National Championships in Bend, Oregon, where they finished 5th.

The men’s lacrosse team set a new program record for NE10 wins this season and came one overtime goal away from advancing in the postseason. The softball team earned the No. 2 seed in the Northeast Division during the regular season and qualified for the NE10 Tournament for the fourth time in the past five seasons.

We were also very proud of Stephen Hunt, a sophomore on the men’s golf team. Stephen was selected for the NCAA Regional Golf Championships and tied for seventh-place in a field of 107 golfers, firing a third round 70 (-2) to move up 30 spots on the final day.

While the official NE10 President’s Cup standings are not released until next month, our athletics program is on pace for its best finish in seven years as 2016-17 was one of the most successful in recent memory. Speaking of seven year marks, the 147 student-athletes who will arrive for their first year at Saint Anselm next fall are the largest number of recruited student-athletes since 2010. We can’t wait to welcome these Hawks to the Hilltop in August!

On behalf of our Athletic Department, congratulations to the entire Class of 2017...we look forward to seeing you all Soar Higher as Hawks in the years ahead as alumni!

Go Hawks!

Daron Montgomery
Athletic Director