Dear friends of Saint Anselm College,

A special note of congratulations to the recently announced Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018! We look forward to inducting the next seven former student-athletes: Jason Karalexis ’00 (men’s soccer), Cindy Lebel Tipping ’08 (women’s ice hockey), Todd Manuel ’02 and John O’Connell ’96 (men’s basketball), Geoff Raby ’02 (football), Jocelyn Savastano Aguilar ’07 (women’s soccer), and Kathleen Shippee ’95 (women’s basketball). Please consider joining us for the banquet and induction ceremony, scheduled for Jan. 27, 2018.

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday, we have much to celebrate! Our field hockey team won the Northeast-10 Conference regular season championship and made its second consecutive NCAA Division II tournament appearance. Our women’s ice hockey team is off to an impressive 9-0 start and sits atop the New England Women’s Hockey Alliance (NEWHA) standings.

Congratulations to two Hawks student-athletes who recently reached a milestone on the same day! Katy Teets reached 1,000 career kills on Senior Day (Nov. 11), and became the third volleyball student-athlete in school history to attain that individual mark. Junior Tim Guers joined the men’s basketball 1,000 point club in his team’s season opener vs. Concordia (NY) and has sparked his squad to a 4-1 start (3-0 NE10).

Earlier this week, the Hawks volleyball program earned an at-large berth into the NCAA Division II volleyball championship! This is the team’s first-ever appearance in the NCAA tourney, and the squad takes on Molloy next Thursday (Nov. 30) in the NCAA Volleyball East Regional hosted by the University of New Haven.

Also this week, our student-athletes, coaches and staff put the finishing touches on 30 Thanksgiving baskets that were delivered in the Manchester community to those in need. A special shout-out to our Sports Medicine colleagues who contributed two baskets of their own. What outstanding generosity and service!

Speaking of generosity, just yesterday we announced plans for the new Student-Athlete Success Center (construction underway)—including a fundraising effort driven by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee which resulted in 100 percent giving and participation from our 433 student-athletes.

There are so many wonderful people who work behind the scenes to help our Hawks Soar Higher, several of whom have received recognition in recent months. Congratulations to Fr. Benet Phillips, Renee Crawford, and our other awardees to date. We are grateful for not only those individuals, but also so many colleagues, faculty, staff and administrators across campus who play an important role in shaping the lives of our student-athletes.

On behalf of everyone in our Athletic Department, we hope you enjoy the next few days with family and friends... Happy Thanksgiving from the Hilltop!

Go Hawks!

Daron Montgomery
Athletic Director