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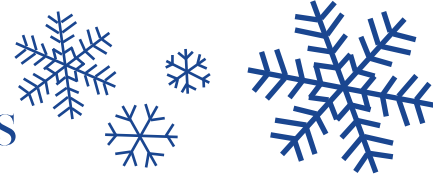
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January

Welcome back for the Spring Semester

Students came back rested from their winter break, ready to welcome the spring semester on campus.

Golden Alcove Disappeared

Students returned to Wismer to find the dining hall rearranged and the gold alcove absent.

February

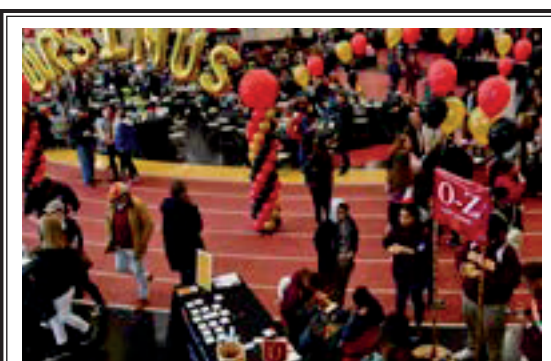
Eagles Super Bowl

The post-season and Super Bowl created a buzz on campus, as everyone rallied around the team. While they lost, it created valuable memories for students, from watching the big game in Reimert or the Olin Auditorium. Go Birds!

Spring Rush

Greek Life decided to shake things up in the Spring semester for the second year in a row and implement spring rush for sororities and fraternities.

Each Greek organization had the opportunity to organize rush events and gain new members, just as in the spring. This also brought in the second class of Pi Chi Poodles.



Admitted Students Day
Ursinus Archives

March

Dean Schneider Announces Departure

Beloved Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Mark Schneider's exit announcement shocked students and faculty alike.

Admitted Students Day

At the end of March, Admissions held its annual Admitted Students Day for the prospective class of 2027.

April

GoSA

Another annual event, the Celebration of Student Achievement (GoSA) occurred in April. This year, students across disciplines presented their research, performances, internships, and more.

URSPYS

Ursinus Athletics hosted its second annual awards for athletics, the URSPYS. Awards included Rookie and Athlete of the Year, Senior MVPs, and other honors.

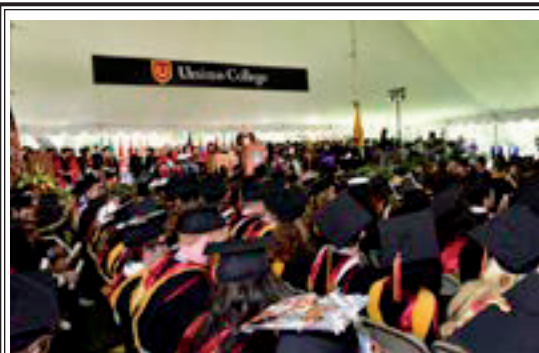
Rain Garden Opened

The Environmental Studies department launched its rain garden, located on the path between Wismer and the Kaleidoscope to grow native plants and assist with flooding.

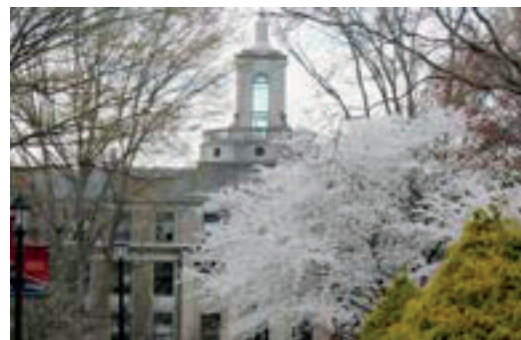
May

2023 Graduation

In May, we said farewell to graduating seniors at Baccalaureate and Graduation.



Graduation
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Pfahler Hall in Spring
Credit: Georgia Gardner



Fall 2023 Recap

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September

Handbook changes

September saw some shake-ups and changes around campus. The biggest contention was over handbook changes, including policy shifts regarding LED lights, the Good Samaritan Policy, and drinking games, all of which caused concern and conversation across the student body.

Wisner changes

More welcomed changes appeared in Wisner. Students rejoiced at the introduction of acai bowls at Naturals and Wawa coffee in Upper, among other improvements.

The Hive Opened

The Wellness Center expanded this fall with the introduction of The Hive. This is the new home to Counseling Services and Health Promotion Office along with a space for activities that align with the Okanagan Charter.

Welcomed New Professors

The campus welcomed new profes-

sors in many departments and excitedly signed up for their courses.

Recovery Friendly Workplace

To also assist with the Okanagan Charter, Ursinus became the first college campus that is a Recovery Friendly Workplace, creating new opportunities for faculty and staff mental health and wellness.

Gundolf Graml Named New Provost

The College selected Gundolf Graml as the new Vice President of Academic Affairs and first Provost at Ursinus. He will begin in February 2024.

October

Dorm vandalism

In October, a student left a message of hate speech on a white board in BPS. The incident left the campus community, especially LGBTQ+ and Jewish students, concerned.

Homecoming

Homecoming occurred during the last weekend of October. The treasured tra-

dition brought alumni back to celebrate their school and ushered in fun events for the campus, culminating in a football win.

November

Football Postseason

The football team's good fortune gained more momentum in November, when they secured their place in the postseason after a tense game against Dickinson.

December

Celebration of Lights

December brought in another annual event on campus, the Celebration of Lights. Students, including the Fullbright Fellows, shared their cultural holiday traditions.

We wish all Bears a happy, healthy, and safe Winter Break & start to 2024!



L-R: Beardwood, Paisley, Stauffer (BPS), Football, Marie Sykes, EIC at Homecoming
Credit: Ursinus Archives, Marie Sykes '24 (Editor-In-Chief)



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Farewell from the News Editor

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Readers,
It has been a privilege to write for *The Grizzly* for the past three years. When I first started writing, I would've never thought I'd be in the position I am today. As a whole, I'm so grateful for the people I've met, the things I've

learned, and everything else I've experienced through these (short and a bit strange) three and a half years on campus. It's surreal to be saying goodbye to Ursinus and to *The Grizzly*, but I'm excited to see what the future holds.

Best of luck to Chase Portaro '24 as the returning News Editor for Spring

– Erin Corcoran

Farewell from the Web Editor

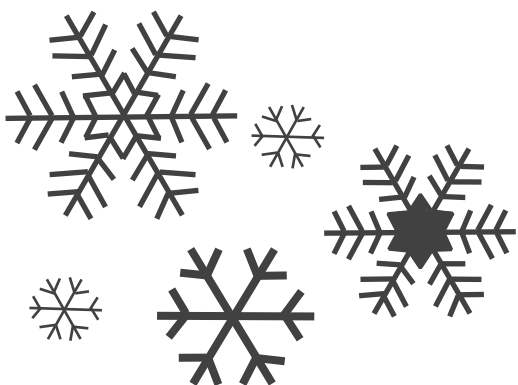
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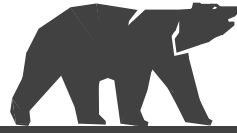
In my time as Website Editor for *The Grizzly*, I've learned a lot about all that goes into formatting and updating website pages. I'd like to thank Glif Davis in Library and IT for assisting me on numerous occasions with technical

difficulties and working collaboratively with me to update the website's appearance. Thanks also to Editor-in-chief Marie Sykes for bringing me onto the team and directing me in a constructive way. Best of luck to my successor, An-

drew J. Perez, '27. May your uploads be many and corrections for accuracy be few!

Best,
Hannah Gonley, '23





Students Surprise with Spotify Wrapped Lists

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We asked students to record their top five artists according to this year's Spotify Wrapped. Check out their responses below!

Marie Sykes '24

1. Taylor Swift
2. Maisie Peters
3. Olivia Rodrigo
4. Dylan
5. Jorge Rivera-Herrans

Libby Zalar '27

1. ASAP Rocky
2. Kid Cudi
3. Taylor Swift
4. Kanye West
5. Mac Miller

Ben Focht '27

1. Arctic Monkeys
2. Alice In Chains
3. Black Sabbath
4. Depeche Mode
5. Soundgarden

Chloe Rivera Montes '25

1. John Powell
2. Melanie Martinez
3. The Beatles
4. Olivia Rodrigo
5. Arctic Monkeys

Allia Proctor '25

1. SZA
2. Frank Ocean
3. Kali Uchis
4. Don Toliver
5. Harry Styles

Nicholas Marelli '26

1. Phish
2. Grateful Dead
3. My Morning Jacket
4. Billy Strings
5. Ramones

Ronnie Woods '27

1. Drake
2. Youngboy
3. Kanye West
4. Rod Wave
5. Lil Baby

William Cook '25

1. The Rolling Stones
2. Elvis Presley
3. Led Zeppelin
4. AG/DG
5. Badfinger

Mikayla Baker '27

1. Drake
2. Lil Durk
3. Lil Baby
4. Travis Scott
5. A Boogie

Abby Myren '26

1. Taylor Swift
2. Lana Del Rey
3. Phoebe Bridgers
4. Olivia Rodrigo
5. Billie Eilish

Andreas Cruz '27

1. Peach Pit
2. Bad Bunny
3. Lil Yachty
4. Drake
5. Joji

Raniya Burkett '27

1. SZA
2. Drake
3. Ariana Grande
4. Kanye West
5. Beyoncé

Lucy Bamford '26

1. Tyler the Creator
2. Mac DeMarco
3. Tame Impala
4. Fleetwood Mac
5. Faye Webster

Dimitri Cwynar '27

1. G418
2. King Gizzard
3. Gorillaz
4. Nujabes
5. Siouxsie and the Banshees

Sophia Bush '26

1. Ghost
2. Panic! At The Disco
3. Toby Fox
4. Greta Van Fleet
5. Mitski

Rachel Wascoe '27

1. Taylor Swift
2. Harry Styles
3. Miley Cyrus
4. Billy Joel
5. One Direction

Zach Curvan '27

1. Eve
2. Official High Dandism
3. Ado
4. Michael Jackson
5. Lisa

Anita Farrell '27

1. T*V Girl
2. Leo/need
3. Mitski
4. The Living Tombstone
5. Hatsune Miku

Alexa Alessandrini '24

1. Hozier
2. Noah Kahan
3. Taylor Swift
4. Gregory Alan Isakov
5. Mumford & Sons

Robert Scalia '25

1. Taylor Swift
2. Daughtry
3. Ariana Grande
4. Maroon 5
5. Dua Lipa

Sophia Kumar '26

1. Taylor Swift
2. Gigettes After Sex
3. Olivia Rodrigo
4. Leigh Ross
5. Lucy Dacus

Isabelle Son '27

1. Mother Mother
2. Nothing But Thieves
3. Arctic Monkeys
4. Muse
5. half alive

Emily Benning '24

1. Glass Animals
2. Gavetown
3. The Neighborhood
4. Tame Impala
5. Gorillaz

Isaac Rich '24

1. Gatalyst
2. Your Arms Are My Cocoon
3. Party Hats
4. Vs Self
5. widowdusk

Dylan Ford '25

1. D*BO*N*E
2. D*BO*N*E
3. D*BO*N*E
4. D*BO*N*E
5. D*BO*N*E

Miara Truog Sebouhian '25

1. Taylor Swift
2. Olivia Rodrigo
3. Noah Kahan
4. Selena Gomez
5. Billie Eilish

Gianna McCarthy '25

1. Suicideboy\$
2. Lil Peep
3. Pierce the Veil
4. Wage War
5. Motionless in White

Anna Robertson '25

1. Foo Fighters
2. Suicideboy\$
3. Drake
4. Bob Marley & The Wailers
5. The Weeknd

Rachel Brown '27

1. Pierce the Veil
2. My Chemical Romance
3. Ganja White Night
4. Subtronics
5. Aphex Twin

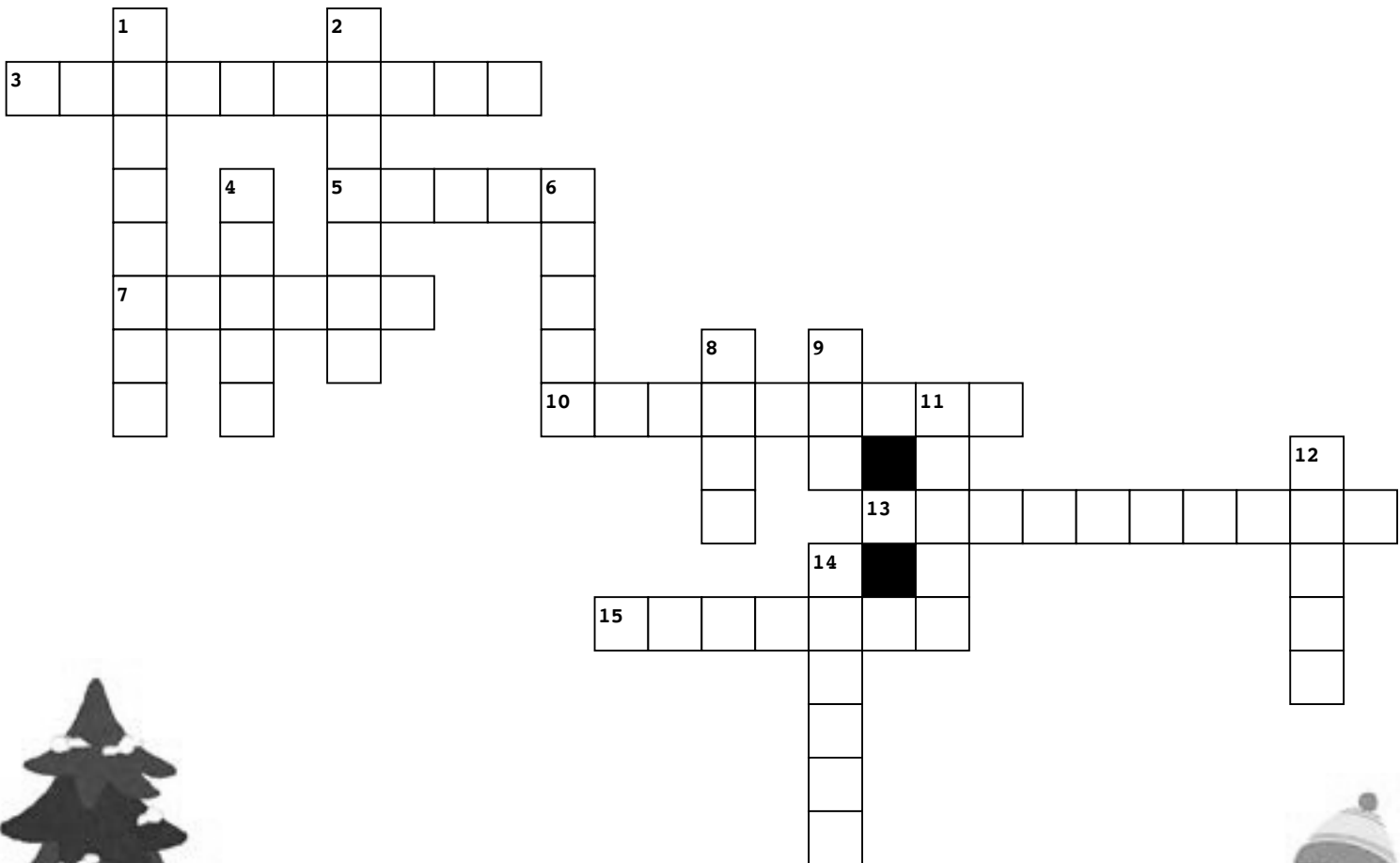
Tilly Dumaine '25

1. Megan Thee Stallion
2. Grateful Dead
3. Ashnikko
4. Taylor Swift
5. Steven Rodriguez



2023 Crossword

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Across

- 3. New type of professorial position
- 5. First provost of the college
- 7. # of *Grizzly* issues in a semester
- 10. The bowtie-wearing physicist who once inhabited the college
- 13. Ursinus Football Team won the _____ Bowl
- 15. New position created in place of Dean

Down

- 1. He very quietly hung his portrait this autumn
- 2. Director of Disabilities who stepped down in 2023
- 3. The foundations of an Ursinus education
- 6. Ursinus' first SAFE Project Fellow
- 8. _____ lands on top (and fell on campus Nov 28)
- 9. Every student takes this course
- 11. These types of houses have switched hands each year since the dissolution of "Squatter's Rights"
- 12. A consistent yet controversial staple of Upper Wisner dinner
- 14. The satire edition of *The Grizzly* that returned this year (and will continue)

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Reflections from Ursinus' December Graduates

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With several students graduating in December, a few members of *The Grizzly* staff took it upon themselves to reach out to these graduating seniors. All of the seniors were asked, "What is one thing you love on- or off-campus that you'd want others to do know about?" Their responses are recorded below:

Dora Zeibekis, Biology major and Spanish minor: "If I could live at Blossom Cafe year round, I would. They sell La Golombe coffee and have the GUTEST seating area that is perfect for hanging out with friends and doing work (or just for fun.) Also, they partner with animal shelter programs for adoption events and the owners love bringing in their own dog. All and all, the best off campus place to hang."

Amelia Kunko, Psychology major: "Phoenixville Farmer's Market! I love getting up on Saturday mornings in the fall and heading there with my friends. After the market we'll usually wander into town, grab coffee at Steel City, and window shop. If you ask me, this is the best way to kick off fall semester weekends. Phoenixville and the Farmer's Market have a special place in my heart and I'll miss going there with my best friends"



Photo Credit: Erin Corcoran

Sophie Louis, Psychology major, Biology minor, and Science and the Common Good minor: "The Phoenixville Farmer's Market! It happens each Saturday morning in downtown Phoenixville. I love perusing the stands while chatting with friends, buying cinnamon almond butter from Nutty Novelties (my favorite stand), and ending with a stop in one of the coffee shops."

Jess Schnur, Media and Communications Studies major, Film Studies minor, and Digital Studies minor: "Some faculty and friends made along the way really have made college worth it. I had been so focused on trying to get out of here as soon as possible, some days even feeling like it was all a mistake going to college at all, but some of my professors, advisors, and friends were what pushed me to keep going and to be the best version of myself. I don't think I would be where I am right now if it weren't for some of the wonderful people I've gotten to know here."

Hannah Conley, Physics major: "Joining Professor Tom Garroll's research team last summer and working with my classmates on physics problem sets during the semester have been the most rewarding experiences in my time at Ursinus. I would have never believed I was capable of doing so much physics and enjoying it so much had it not been for these uplifting communities. In our study group and in research, we laugh just as much as we get angry at code or hard problems. I am leaving Ursinus knowing I've gained valuable friendships and confidence that I can learn anything with the right support and discipline."

Erin Corcoran, Media and Communications Studies major, Digital Studies minor and English minor: "Student-run media! Whether it's WVOU, *The Lantern*, or, of course, *The Grizzly*, these made me grow out of my comfort zone in the best way possible during my time at Ursinus and get exposed to great people along the way. Carving my name into a small piece of Ursinus history by publishing in both *The Lantern* and *Grizzly* has created some of the most rewarding experiences during my time on campus as well."



Ursinus Athletics Fall 2023 Recap - Men's

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Cross Country: Despite finishing fifth in the Centennial Conference at the end of the 2023 season, there was an impressive number of smaller victories for the Bears this year. First and foremost, the program matched their best-ever finish at the NCAA Metro Regional Championships with two runners (Sophomore Liam Johnston, and Senior Tucker McGrath), earning all-region honors by placing in the top 35 of the race. Another impressive accolade the Bears took home this season was second place at the Dutchmen Invitational thanks to two more great performances from Johnston (5th place) and McGrath (7th place). Some other notable performances in 2023 include: Junior Christian Rosado who had quite an impressive season finishing 39th at Regionals and 13th at the Dutchmen Invitational; Sophomore Ryan Martin who made his presence felt at the Centennial Conference Championships placing 41st overall; and Junior Paul Faggioli who regularly kept the Bears on pace in important meets like the Dickinson Long-Short Invite and the Paul Short Run. Additionally, Ean Chasinoff was named to the Centennial Conference All-Sportsmanship Team, adding another accolade for the Bears to cap off 2023. Needless to say, there were a lot of positives for the Ursinus Men's Cross Country Team in 2023 that should be acknowledged in spite of their fifth place finish.

Football: The Ursinus College Football Bears saw a lot of NEW in their 2023 campaign. Following a very successful 2022 season in which the team finished 9-2 and graduated a large majority of its starters, there were many question marks surrounding how this team would perform in 2023. Additionally, the Centennial Conference made a

significant change with the departure of Susquehanna, Moravian, and Juniata, which returned to the Landmark Conference. Meaning that the Bears would have to play three more out-of-conference games in their schedule in order to fulfill a ten game season. To say that they handled the change well might be an understatement. Despite replacing six starters on offense, five starters on defense, and their starting kicker, this team handled adversity in incredible fashion. Finishing with an overall record of 8-3 and a perfect record out of conference at 5-0, these Bears were prepared to fill the roles of the seniors who graduated the year prior and it showed when the All-Centennial awards were presented. Ursinus Football had 14 All-Centennial selections at the end of this season featuring: Ryan Bodolus (First Team Defense and Defensive Player of the Year), Brett Gross (First Team Defense), Ryan Divergilis (First Team Defense), Anthony Esposito (First Team Defense), Tony Holden (First Team Offense), Trey Williams (First Team Offense), Billy Gook (First Team Offense), Justin Collier (Second Team Offense), Devin Gope (Second Team Offense), Dawson Fresses (Second Team Offense), Jordan Garr (Second Team Specialist), Deane Leader (Honorable Mention Offense), Connor Garter (Honorable Mention Defense), Gody House (Honorable Mention Specialist), Dom Tomaselli (Sportsmanship Team). Although the Bears' success this season was a surprise to many considering the circumstances, their resilience in the face of new competition and ability to replace established starters under short notice should be celebrated.

Soccer: Last but not least, Ursinus Men's Soccer started off the 2023

season with a dominating 5-0 record against their out-of-conference opponents. The offense seemed to be firing on all cylinders with Tommy Mollis and Julian Faust running the show, and their tenacious defense was pitching shut-outs left and right. Furthermore, in their second Centennial Conference matchup of the year, they upset Johns Hopkins in a 1-0 victory. Because of their success early, the team had high hopes and a lot of confidence heading into the second half of their season. Unfortunately, one of the best conferences in all of Division III soccer would present problems for the Bears. They finished the 2023 season with an in-conference record of 1-7-1, which was a stark contrast from their out of conference record of 7-0-1. Wins and losses aside, there were a multitude of players who made their mark on the field week in and week out, and received recognition for their efforts. Senior Midfielder Tommy Mollis and Sophomore Midfielder Julian Faust, who I previously mentioned for their performances on the offensive side of the ball, received All-Centennial Honors for their respective performances, with Mollis on the second team and Julian Faust as an honorable mention. Junior defensemen Joshua Goster received an Academic All-District Selection by the College Sports Communicators, who reward collegiate athletes for excellence on the field and in the classroom. Finally, first year defensemen Omar Dzombalic was named to the Centennial Conference All Sportsmanship Team. Overall, the 2023 Season for Ursinus Men's soccer was a roller coaster from beginning to end, but their highest moments have demonstrated a lot of hope for the future of the program.



Ursinus Athletics Fall 2023 Recap - Women's

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Cross Country: Perhaps the biggest story for Ursinus Women's Cross Country heading into the 2023 season was the departure of two important seniors who graduated in the spring, Holly Chambers who received All-Gentennial and All-Region notoriety during her time at Ursinus, and program legend Rachel Gonhoff who has achieved essentially every accolade for a Cross Country athlete. Needless to say, the Bears had some big shoes to fill and a lot of runners stepped up when the team needed it most. Sophomore Mia Sideris, and juniors Ryann Wauthier and Meghan Carroll were among the top finishers in essentially every race they competed in this season. Additionally, seniors Samantha Grubb and Kaia Berrio were fierce competitors in their own right and displayed a lot of leadership for this relatively young team. In terms of the team's placement within the Gentennial Conference and the NCAA Metro Region, they finished fifth in the conference this year and tenth at regionals thanks to two great performances from Wauthier and Carroll who were yet again, among the top performers in both of these meets. Additionally, at the Stockton Season Opener, the Bears set the tone that they mean business, placing third in the meet because of a top ten finish by Sideris. Although the team did not have any All-Gentennial runners this year, senior Maggie Stalter was named to the 2023 Gentennial Conference Sportsmanship Team. In totality, the 2023 season was a win for Ursinus Women's Cross Country. While filling the vacancy of Gonhoff and Chambers is certainly no easy task, this program has demonstrated that they can still hang with the best year in and year out.

Field Hockey: Considering the historical success of the program, Ursinus Field Hockey has big shoes to fill every time they step on the pitch. Finishing with a 10-8 record overall and a 5-5 record in conference, playing what many would consider to be one of the toughest field hockey schedules of any team in Division III, the Bears achieved a multitude of notable victories against ranked opponents. Namely: #20 William Smith College, #23 University of

Lynchburg, #18 The College of New Jersey, and #25 Swarthmore College. As a result of their record in-season, they were able to secure the sixth seed in the Gentennial Conference playoffs where they fell to Franklin and Marshall in the first round. In terms of individual performances and accolades, junior defender Maeve Montgomery and junior forward Mary Lauren Franz received first team All-Gentennial notoriety and All-Region honors. Additionally, senior midfielder Ellie Bruggeman and first year forward Marie Brainard received All-Gentennial Honorable Mentions. Meanwhile, Senior forward Regan Horting was named to the 2023 Gentennial Conference All-Sportsmanship Team. Looking forward, the team will be returning a majority of the starters from this season in 2024, building off of their success in 2023.

Soccer: In their 2023 campaign, Ursinus College Women's Soccer started the season 3-0 in out-of-conference play, featuring two shut-out victories against Delaware Valley University and Stevenson University. However, competing within the Gentennial Conference was a different story considering the talent they were going up against. The team finished the season with an in-conference record of 1-7-2 and an overall record of 5-9-3, but saw many positives to take away from their losses. Sophomore midfielder Adriana Gareless and junior midfielder Grace Senese were top performers on the offensive side of the ball, tying for the most goals on the team. Defensively, senior goalkeeper Maddie Nau and senior defender Izzy Allocco earned All-Gentennial honors with Nau on the second team and Allocco receiving an Honorable Mention. In addition, junior defender Carlie Shiller was named to the 2023 Gentennial Conference All-Sportsmanship Team. In terms of the future, the team will be graduating eight seniors this off-season, but there are many young players who have played significant minutes and are prepared to fill that vacancy on the pitch. Namely: sophomore forward Kalli Roskos, first year forward Madison Bjorndahl, first year defenders Maddie Jolie and Holly Joseph, and sophomore midfielders

Adriana Gareless and Paige Flaugh. Although their final record at the end of the season was not what they had hoped for, the Ursinus Women's Soccer program is creating a new identity under coach Galhoun and the future looks bright.

Volleyball: If there was one match this season that summarizes the mentality behind the 2023 Ursinus Women's Volleyball Team it was their contest on Wednesday, October 4th, in our very own Helffrich Hall against Muhlenberg College. The Bears lost two of their first three sets, which put them in a 2-1 deficit against the Mules. With the game on the line, they knew that they needed to rally in order to keep this contest alive. The Bears played neck-in-neck throughout the third and fourth sets, but clinched the win in the fifth set, ending the game in a 13-15 victory and securing the first win against Muhlenberg since 2003. While their overall record this season of 12-15 can certainly be improved upon, moments like this win against Muhlenberg show that this group of Bears has the ability to rally in the face of adversity. Which is necessary when you play in a conference as competitive as the Gentennial Conference. In terms of awards, two players received Gentennial Conference recognition: junior Caroline Sherman (Second Team All-Gentennial), and senior Megan Aube (2023 Gentennial Conference Sportsmanship Team). However, the roster features a lot of young players with a bright future. First year Daejah Bazemore played the fifth most sets on the team this year and made her presence felt with 163.5 total points on the season. Another first year player who saw significant time and production was Alonna McGummings who was seventh on the team in scoring. Lastly, sophomore Mel Eglington had an impressive season as well, being the second leading scorer for the Bears with 347.5 total points. Overall, Ursinus Women's Volleyball demonstrated at many points throughout the 2023 season that they have the aptitude and persistence to defeat the opponents in front of them. We'll see if they can build off of some of these wins from 2023 and have an even better record next fall.