



ROCKNE
ATHLETICS FUND

POWERING THE FIGHTING IRISH

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT





NATIONAL CHAMPION

2023
DIVISION I

NCAA
LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

NCAA
LACROSSE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

ACC
NOTRE DAME

THINGS MANAGER

Now, more than ever, we all need to “Be Irish!”

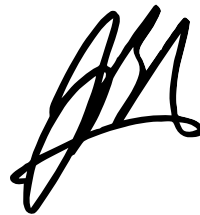
Notre Dame’s ability to uphold its commitment to fostering the athletic, intellectual, and personal growth of each student-athlete is fundamentally contingent on the quality of our coaching staff.

Our current team of coach-educators represents the finest we have had in my 16-year tenure at Notre Dame. They embody a rare combination of competitiveness and teaching skills and wholeheartedly embrace Notre Dame’s values. Additionally, they are steadfast in their commitment to the collegiate athletic model, putting education and experience at the forefront.

The ability to attract and retain these skilled coach-educators is greatly enhanced by the resources and support we provide, with the Rockne Athletics Fund being a critical part of this equation.

One of the great honors in my professional journey here at Our Lady’s University is getting to interact with individuals like you. Your ongoing dedication to Notre Dame Athletics and our exceptional student-athletes will make a difference for years to come.

Be Irish!



JACK SWARBICK

VICE PRESIDENT AND JAMES E.
ROHR DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



Athletics Culture

WE ARE CANDID

No evading. Be honest with yourself and others.
Confront the facts without bias.

WE ARE CREATIVE

No status quo. Innovate. Take risks.

WE ARE DISCIPLINED

No excuses. Commit. Honor your word.

WE ARE ETHICAL

No shortcuts. Morals, not convenience.
Play by the rules.

WE ARE INCLUSIVE

No cliques. Maximize input.
Value every teammate.

WE ARE PROUD

No indifference.
You are part of something greater than us all.

WE ARE SELFLESS

No ego. Focus on the students we educate,
the fans we engage, the university we serve,
and the community we build.

WE ARE TOUGH

No quitting. Win the next one.
Reflect the fight of our student-athletes.

WE ARE STEWARDS

No recklessness. Take ownership.
Cherish the resources entrusted to you.

WE ARE LEADERS

No deferring. Ignite change. Inspire others.



\$18.6 Million+

GIFTED BY ROCKNE ATHLETICS FUND MEMBERS
LAST FISCAL YEAR FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

\$15 Million+

COVERED OVER 180 STUDENT-ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$1.1 Million+

COVERED ESSENTIAL TRAVEL EXPENSES
FOR ALL FIGHTING IRISH ATHLETICS PROGRAMS

\$150,000

ENSURED SPORTS PERFORMANCE NEEDS WERE MET SUCH AS
PROPER NUTRITION TO MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING
TO RECOVERY EQUIPMENT

\$125,000

FUNDED WORLDWIDE RECRUITING EFFORTS



Rockne gifts fulfill many different needs across all 26 athletic programs. Below are examples illustrating how Rockne dollars were utilized for each sport.

- **BASEBALL** - Recovery Equipment
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL** - Maui Invitational Travel
- **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** - Locker Room Updates
- **CHEERLEADING** - Safety Training Camp
- **FENCING** - New Team Equipment
- **FOOTBALL** - Helmet Spider Pads (for player safety)
- **MEN'S GOLF** - Hosting of the Fighting Irish Golf Classic Tournament
- **WOMEN'S GOLF** - Team Practice Trip
- **HOCKEY** - Skate Sharpening Equipment (Elite Profiling Machine)
- **MEN'S LACROSSE** - Networking Trips
- **WOMEN'S LACROSSE** - Program Reunion
- **ROWING** - Four New Boats (singles)
- **MEN'S SOCCER** - Charter Travel (ACC Championships)
- **WOMEN'S SOCCER** - Charter Travel (NCAA Championships)
- **WOMEN'S SOFTBALL** - Athlete Assessments (Selking Consulting)
- **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING** - New Diving Equipment
- **MEN'S TENNIS** - Foreign Tour Trip
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS** - Student-Athlete Nutrition
- **CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK & FIELD** - Charter Flight (NCAA Championships)
- **VOLLEYBALL** - Reunion Weekend





Rockne Athletics Fund Builds Champions



FENCING

National Championship



MEN'S LACROSSE

National Championship



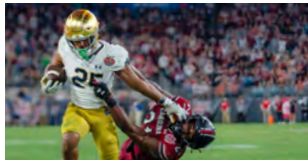
WOMEN'S SOCCER

NCAA Quarterfinals



WOMEN'S LACROSSE

NCAA Quarterfinals



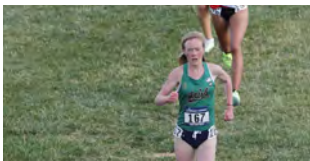
FOOTBALL

Gator Bowl Champions



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NCAA Sweet 16



CROSS-COUNTRY

NCAA: Women - 7th,
Men - 15th



SOFTBALL

NCAA Fayetteville Regional



SWIMMING & DIVING

NCAA: Men - 18th



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**NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Fencing
- Men's Lacrosse

3

**CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Women's Basketball
- Men's Fencing
- Women's Fencing

48

ALL-AMERICANS

121

ALL-CONFERENCE

1

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN

328

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE



Implemented in 2003 as part of an ambitious academic reform effort in Division I athletics, the Academic Progress Rate (APR) holds institutions accountable for the academic progress of their student-athletes through a team-based metric that accounts for the eligibility and retention of each student-athlete for each academic term.

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| Year | Teams with Perfect Score | Place* |
|---------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 2021-22 | 14 | 2nd |
| 2020-21 | 15 | 1st |
| 2019-20 | 13 | 1st (tie) |
| 2018-19 | 13 | 1st |
| 2017-18 | 12 | 2nd |
| 2016-17 | 12 | 2nd |

* Football Bowl Subdivision Schools

GSR

The NCAA's Graduation Success Rate measures the proportion of first-year, full-time student-athletes and transfers who entered a school on athletics aid and graduated within six years.

| Year | Graduation Success Rate | Place* |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2021-22 | 97% | 3rd (tie) |
| 2020-21 | 97% | 3rd (tie) |
| 2019-20 | 98% | 1st (tie) |
| 2018-19 | 98% | 1st (tie) |
| 2017-18 | 98% | 1st |
| 2016-17 | 98% | 1st |

* Football Bowl Subdivision Schools



JESSE HARPER COUNCIL \$50,000+

\$7.3M

RAISED

115

MEMBERS

ATHLETICS DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE \$25,000-\$49,999

\$3.4M

RAISED

134

MEMBERS

IRISH LEVEL - GOLD LEVEL \$500-\$24,999

\$6.5M

RAISED

1,700

MEMBERS

SHAMROCK LEVEL <\$500

\$1.4M

RAISED

11,882

CONTRIBUTORS





Bringing the most skilled fencers from around the globe to Notre Dame presents a significant challenge. It necessitates the funding required to nurture their talents and enable them to compete at the highest international levels. Thanks to the Rockne Fund and the incredible generosity of our donors, our students have access to the tools they need to chase their dreams, including the Olympics.



GIA KVARATSKHELIA, NOTRE DAME HEAD FENCING COACH



2023 Sports Summit

The 2023 Sports Summit took place in Colorado Springs, offering Jesse Harper Council and Athletics Director's Circle members an exclusive behind-the-scenes glimpse into the realm of Sports Performance. Participants delved deeper into how elite athletes harness the "High-Performance Model" to optimize their competitive prowess. The event featured interactive, hands-on experiences and educational sessions led by industry experts, equipping members with invaluable insights into the rigorous training and care that molds Olympians and world-class professional athletes. Topics covered encompassed physical, technical, tactical, and mental training.

Notable highlights of the event included the luxurious accommodations at the Broadmoor Resort and the unique opportunity to observe and learn from the cutting-edge work being carried out at the US Olympic & Paralympic Training Center.



The opportunity I had at the Notre Dame Sports Summit was incredibly special as I was able to meet many influential individuals within the Notre Dame Network. I was able to speak about my experiences here as an athlete on the Women's Volleyball Team at Notre Dame. I was also able to hear others' stories and their roles within the athletic community. This opportunity gave me an insight into how strong, vast, and impactful the Notre Dame network truly is beyond campus.



PARIS THOMPSON, JUNIOR, NOTRE DAME VOLLEYBALL



Each day, the Rockne team is honored to diligently work towards delivering the experience we have promised and that our student-athletes genuinely deserve. None of this would be possible without your invaluable support. We are deeply passionate about our mission because we understand how exceptional these young men and women are, and we believe you share that sentiment.

The heart of our joy comes from our close collaboration with and commitment to our student-athletes. Your kindness, enthusiasm, and dedication to investing in their futures inspire the Rockne team to strive for excellence. We sincerely hope that you recognize the transformative impact your contributions to Rockne have had—you've not only helped transform lives but also unlocked opportunities that would otherwise remain out of reach.

Looking forward, Notre Dame Athletics will continue to depend on Rockne to achieve excellence, which means we will continue to depend on your ongoing support; however, at this moment, please understand the depth of our appreciation and how truly special and thankful we are for your unwavering generosity.

Be well. Stay Strong. Go Irish!

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