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MEDIA POLICIES

All media requests for interviews with St. John's fencing players and coaches should be directed to Athletic Communications Assistant Ryan Gilbert 24 hours in advance.

The best time for in-season interviews, either in person or on the phone, is prior to or following practice. Interviews conducted prior to or following practice should be held to a brief Q & A session. With advanced notice, interviews with players can be arranged for other hours.

Calling players at home or on mobile phones without permission from the St. John's Athletic Communications office will not be allowed. Residence halls, training rooms and weight rooms are off limits to the media.

CREDENTIAL REQUESTS

Credential requests must be made by sports editors or sports directors on official letterhead no later than five days prior to an event. They should be sent to the Athletic Communications Office, Room 157 Carnesecca Arena, St. John's University, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439. They also may be faxed to 718-969-8468 or emailed to Ryan Gilbert at ryan.gilbert07@stjohns.edu. Credentials are not transferable and are subject to immediate revocation if transferred to non-working members of a media outlet.

St. John's University and the NCAA prohibit the issuance of credentials to representatives of an organization that regularly publishes gambling information, such as "tout sheets" or "tip sheets."

Web sites that sponsor "message boards" or "chat rooms" where people are allowed to post anonymous information or rumors are ineligible for credentials or access to media functions. If a news-gathering medium has an online site that sponsors these anonymous forums, they may continue to request credentials under their traditional medium, but will not be granted additional passes or access for online staff.

TELEPHONES

Telephones and working media spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are a limited number of telephones available in the Carnesecca Arena media room B-03.

2012-13 SCHEDULE

Fri.	Oct. 12	October NAC (Div. 1)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
Sat.	Oct. 13	October NAC (Div. 1)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
Sun.	Oct. 14	October NAC (Div. 1)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
Mon.	Oct. 15	October NAC (Div. 1)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
Fri.	Nov. 9	November NAC (Div. 1, Jr.)	Virginia Beach, Va.	All Day
Sat.	Nov. 10	November NAC (Div. 1, Jr.)	Virginia Beach, Va.	All Day
Sun.	Nov. 11	November NAC (Div. 1, Jr.)	Virginia Beach, Va.	All Day
Mon.	Nov. 12	November NAC (Div. 1, Jr.)	Virginia Beach, Va.	All Day
Sun.	Dec. 2	Brandeis Invitational	Waltham, Mass.	All Day
Fri.	Dec. 7	December NAC (Div. 1)	Milwaukee, Wis.	All Day
Sat.	Dec. 8	December NAC (Div. 1)	Milwaukee, Wis.	All Day
Sun.	Dec. 9	December NAC (Div. 1)	Milwaukee, Wis.	All Day
Mon.	Dec. 10	December NAC (Div. 1)	Milwaukee, Wis.	All Day
Fri.	Jan. 18	January NAC (Jr.)	Louisville, Ky.	All Day
Sat.	Jan. 19	January NAC (Jr.)	Louisville, Ky.	All Day
Sun.	Jan. 20	January NAC (Jr.)	Louisville, Ky.	All Day
Mon.	Jan. 21	January NAC (Jr.)	Louisville, Ky.	All Day
Sat.	Jan. 26	St. John's Invitational	Queens, N.Y.	All Day
Sun.	Jan. 27	NYU Invitational	New York, N.Y.	All Day
Sat.	Feb. 23	Temple Invitational	Philadelphia, Pa.	All Day
Sun.	Mar. 10	NCAA Northeast Regionals	Queens, N.Y.	All Day
Thurs.	Mar. 21	NCAA Championships	San Antonio, Texas	All Day
Fri.	Mar. 22	NCAA Championships	San Antonio, Texas	All Day
Sat.	Mar. 23	NCAA Championships	San Antonio, Texas	All Day
Sun.	Mar. 24	NCAA Championships	San Antonio, Texas	All Day

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Queens, N.Y.
Founded	1870
Enrollment	21,067
President	Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M.
Athletic Director	Chris Monasch
Nickname	Red Storm
Colors	Red and White
Home Venue	Carnesecca Arena
Athletics Department Phone	1-888-GO-STORM

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Yury Gelman
Alma Mater	Kiev Physical Education College '77
Highest Finish at St. John's	NCAA Championship (2001)
Assistant Coach	Mikhail Shimshovich
Alma Mater	Kiev Physical Education College '71
Assistant Coach	Boris Vaksman
Alma Mater	Ukraine '81
Office Phone	718-990-5027

TEAM INFORMATION

2012 Finish at NCAAs	4th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	17/10
Newcomers	7
Number of NCAA Titles	1 (2001)
Number of NCAA Runner-up Finishes	5

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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REV. DONALD J. HARRINGTON, C.M.

PRESIDENT, ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

Rev. Donald J. Harrington, C.M. assumed the Presidency of St. John's University in 1989. As the 15th President of one of the largest Catholic universities in the United States, he has provided leadership for an ambitious initiative that has positioned the institution as a leader in higher education for the 21st century.

His vision has resulted in an extraordinary transformation of the University into a "new" St. John's, with enhanced facilities, expanded academic initiatives, and an increasing global presence. The vision has been enabled by Fulfilling the Dream, a capital campaign that ended in May 2006, exceeding its goal and raising more than \$271 million, the largest amount ever realized by a Catholic institution in New York State. New buildings include: St. Thomas More Church, the gift of alumnus John V. Brennan and his wife, Anita, which stands at the center of the Queens campus; DaSilva Hall, a state-of-the-art classroom building, which opened in September 2004 on the Staten Island campus; and Taffner Field House, which is located adjacent to Lou Carnessecca Arena on the Queens campus and named for the late Donald and Eleanor Taffner. Most recently completed is the 127,000-square-foot D'Angelo Center, named for alumnus and Chair of the Board of Trustees Peter D'Angelo and his wife, Peg. This impressive edifice, with its 144-foot tower, provides both state-of-the-art classroom facilities as well as space for student activities and has become the hub for student life on the Queens campus.

Academic initiatives include new degree programs on both the graduate and undergraduate levels and curricular changes that incorporate service learning and global studies into academic preparation. Distance learning courses and programs provide flexibility in scheduling and are expected to enable non-traditional students, especially working adults, to take advantage of the University's broad spectrum of offerings. While expanding its outreach through technology, the University has also increased its physical presence within the metropolitan area and beyond. During Father Harrington's tenure, the University has opened a Graduate Center in Rome, Italy (1995), acquired an Extension Center in Oakdale at a 175-acre site on the Great South Bay (1999), gained a campus in Manhattan through consolidation with The College of Insurance (2000); and purchased facilities and acquired some academic programs formerly operated by St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center in Queens (2006). Through its unique global studies program, Discover the World, students have the opportunity to study on the University's campus in Rome as well as at a site opened by St. John's in Paris (2008). Consistent with the mission of the University as a Vincentian institution, founded in the spirit of St. Vincent DePaul, the patron saint of charity, students studying abroad not only combine classroom instruction with cultural activities but



engage in a unique component – service activities designed to provide them with direct contact to the poor.

Among the most transformative aspect of the University's impressive growth has been the transition to residence life. Six residence halls have been constructed on the Queens campus. The first three buildings, one of them named for John Cardinal O'Connor, the beloved prelate of the Archdiocese of New York, were completed in August 1999. Two more halls were opened in September 2000, and one additional building, named for alumnus, benefactor, and former Chairman of Mellon Bank Corporation Thomas Donovan, was opened in September 2002. Complementing the residence hall complex is a dining facility named for alumnus and former trustee William Montgoris, retired CFO of Bear, Stearns. The residence halls were supplemented in 2005 by acquisition of two complexes on Union Turnpike that provide off-campus housing in apartment style facilities. A townhouse complex, completed in 2008, was followed by signing of a longterm lease on a newly constructed apartment building close to the Queens campus. Apartment-style living accommodations are also available in buildings adjacent to the Staten Island campus.

Strategic planning has also been a focus of Father Harrington's Presidency. The 2008-2013 plan, the University's third, focuses on Mission, Student Engagement, and Global Education. Among the goals are fostering study abroad among both graduate and undergraduate students by developing new sites and programs in countries throughout the globe as well as increasing the numbers of students who participate; providing students with opportunities for experiential education, through

programs such as internships and service learning; and establishing the Vincentian Institute for Social Action (VISA), which, among other purposes, fosters collaboration between students and faculty to explore the causes of poverty and social injustice throughout the globe and develop solutions. In 2011, cognizant of external challenges to higher education, particularly society's perception of an increasing gap between the cost of higher education and its perceived value, the University developed a Strategic Repositioning Plan, focused on articulating, measuring, and marketing the value of a St. John's education.

Shortly after his ordination as a Vincentian priest in 1973, Father Harrington was assigned to Niagara University, which, like St. John's, is sponsored by the Vincentians. He served as Instructor in Religious Studies, Director of Student Activities, and Executive Vice President before being named the institution's 22nd president – at 38 years old, the youngest ever appointed.

Father Harrington has amassed a striking record of community and professional activity. He served as a trustee of DePaul University, completed three terms as a trustee of Niagara University, two terms on the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU), and six years on the Board of Trustees of Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York. He recently completed two terms on the Board of Directors of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU) within the State of New York. He was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Fidelis Care, the New York State Catholic Health Plan and will assume the chairmanship of that Board in 2012.

Born in Brooklyn, Father Harrington attended Our Lady Help of Christians elementary School in that borough, where he was educated by the Sisters of Charity (Halifax). He graduated from Manhattan's Regis High School in 1963. He then entered the junior college seminary of the Vincentian Fathers in Princeton, N.J., before completing his studies for the priesthood at Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, Penn. He pursued graduate studies at the Catholic University of America and the University of Toronto.

Father Harrington holds honorary doctorates from several colleges and universities in the United States, including Niagara University, St. Thomas Aquinas College, and The Catholic University of America and has also been honored by such international institutions as Fu Jen University in Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China; the American University in Rome, Italy; and Kokushikan University in Tokyo, Japan. He was awarded the honor Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice by His Holiness Pope John Paul II in 1989 and was named a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in 1999. He received the Order of Merit (Cavaliere) of the Republic of Italy in June 2003 and the Grand Ufficiale in October 2003.

CHRIS MONASCH

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



Now in the eighth year providing leadership for his alma mater's athletics program, Chris Monasch oversees St. John's 17 varsity sports programs and leads the University's Strategic Plan for Athletics,

including development, facilities, marketing, communications, corporate relations and NCAA compliance.

Monasch has made a considerable impact in every area of St. John's Department of Athletics during his tenure. He has overseen the hiring of men's basketball coach Steve Lavin and other key personnel in the Athletic Development, Sports Marketing and Athletic Communications areas. He also created several new assistant coaching positions for women's sports programs, in alignment with the University's commitment to gender equity.

Significant facility upgrades have been made during Monasch's tenure, including the construction of The Courts at St. John's and various improvements at Jack Kaiser Baseball Stadium, which honors one of Monasch's most distinguished predecessors. Monasch is currently spearheading the multi-phase fundraising and renovation plan for the modernization of venerable Carnesecca Arena – which received significant changes already in Phases I, II and III of the initiative, houses most of St. John's Athletics Department and serves as the on-campus home for the University's storied basketball programs. Phase II renovations in 2008 included a new playing surface, an overhauled seating bowl with 800 chairback seats, and enhanced ticketing and lobby areas. The installation of a high-resolution video scoreboard and sound system, a refurbishing of the arena ceiling, and a new high-definition lighting system are among the series of Phase III changes Red Storm fans enjoyed during the 2009-10 hardwood seasons.

Under Monasch's leadership, St. John's successfully completed the NCAA Certification process in 2009-10. Following a year long self-study to review the Department's governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, gender/diversity issues and student-athlete well being, the St. John's Department of Athletics received a designation of "certified," by the Division I Committee on Athletics Certification.

In 2009, Monasch also announced a new corporate marketing partnership with IMG College. IMG College, the country's foremost collegiate sports marketing company, serves as the exclusive sales and marketing representative for the Red Storm.

Monasch has implemented an athletics department philosophy of "Win, Graduate, Serve," which begins with an annual orientation program for all incoming student-athletes. St. John's Student Development staff provides academic support and guides community service and leadership efforts in Carnesecca Arena's five-year old, state-of-the-art Student-Athlete Center for Excellence.

Annual giving to St. John's Athletics and the number of members in the Red White Club have markedly increased since Monasch's arrival, with the addition of development events such as the annual Bullpen Winter Banquet, benefiting the Red Storm baseball team. He has overseen several special events related to the storied men's basketball program, such as Legacy Honors Weekend (2006), the Joe Lapchick Symposium (2006), the year-long 100 Years of St. John's Basketball celebration (2007-08) and the 25th Anniversary of St. John's 1985 Final Four Run (2009-10).

Monasch, 53, was named the fifth Athletic Director in St. John's University history on February 1, 2005. He has spent his entire career in collegiate athletics, serving in various leadership capacities for more than 25 years and has a résumé that touches some 30 institutions. He has served as commissioner of the America East and Northeast Conferences, as well as Assistant and Associate Athletic Director at Fordham and Seton Hall Universities, respectively. He has experience with complex issues such as NCAA governance, compliance, student development and academic support, and is known as a visionary administrator.

Monasch spent 1997-2004 as Commissioner of the America East Conference, leading that organization in implementing a NCAA compliance program, developing a marketing program and organizing the league's television network. Monasch created the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and restructured the league governance process to empower the member institutions' presidents as its chief governing body. Monasch also oversaw the addition of four new members to the

conference and brought the conference to the highest level of athletic success in its history.

Prior to his tenure at the AEC, Monasch served as the first full-time Commissioner of the Northeast Conference, a position he held for nine years. He extricated the league from the ECAC in the late 1980s, changing its name from the ECAC Metro Conference, expanded league membership, added Division I-AA football to its sports sponsorship list and developed its television network.

Monasch has been a member of several NCAA committees, including the NCAA Management Council, the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, the Recruiting Committee and the Division I Baseball Committee, on which he still serves. He has been an advocate for student-athletes, serving two terms as liaison with the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. He served as chair of the Division I Management Council during the 2004-05 academic year, and currently serves on the NACDA Sears Cup Board of Directors.

Monasch began his career as an Assistant Athletic Director at Fordham University, a role he filled for four years before serving as the school's interim athletic director in 1985, where he also started the school's first academic support program. As an Associate Athletic Director at Seton Hall University, Monasch was a key player in the athletic department's upgrade that led to a men's basketball Final Four appearance and the move of its games to the Meadowlands.

Monasch was recently the chair of the BIG EAST finance committee and currently serves on the Advisory Board of the National Consortium of Academics and Sports. He also contributes on the Advisory Board for the Sport Management program and the College of Professional Studies at St. John's. He has served as an adjunct professor at the Seton Hall University School of Law and St. John's University.

Monasch is a St. John's alumnus, graduating with a B.S. in athletic administration in 1981. In addition to his degree from St. John's, Monasch holds a M.A. in communications from Fordham University (1984) and a Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University (1993). He is a member of the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

Monasch currently resides in Manhattan.

FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Mission: a Catholic, Vincentian and metropolitan University that embraces the Judeo-Christian ideals of respect for the rights and dignity of every person, as well as each individual's responsibility for the world in which we live.

President: Donald J. Harrington, C.M.

ENROLLMENT

Total enrollment in 2012 of 21,087 full and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at campuses in Queens, Staten Island, and Manhattan, NYC; in Oakdale, NY and Rome, Italy. St. John's student body comprises 15,840 undergraduate and 5,247 graduate students from 48 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and 114 countries. 1,291 Non-Resident (International) students representing six percent of the total student population. 46% of enrolled students are African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaska Native or of two or more races. During the 2011-2012 academic year, 94% of undergraduates receive financial aid. \$477 million was distributed to St. John's students in financial assistance through scholarships, work-study programs, loans and grants in the 2011-2012 academic year.

Faculty: Faculty: 90% of our full-time faculty members hold their doctorate or other terminal degree in their field. The University offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs, including 10 doctoral programs. With our low 17:1 student-faculty ratio, St. John's offers personal attention for every student.

ST. JOHN'S LOCATIONS

Our wireless, 96.5-acre Queens, NY, campus features contemporary residence halls with state-of-the-art amenities such as cyber lounges, study rooms and fitness facilities. Options include three-story, townhouse-style residences and modern, centrally located apartment-style housing for graduate, law and select upper-class students. The 127,000-square-foot, five-story D'Angelo Center features banquet space, classrooms, club space, a food court, game rooms, lecture halls, a Starbucks café and a first-floor lounge with a fireplace. High-tech classroom and laboratory buildings — as well as the newly-renovated, 1.7-million volume Library — are all designed with student success in mind.

Nestled in the residential Grymes Hill section of Staten Island, the 16.5-acre Staten Island, NY, campus features blends traditional college buildings with strikingly modern facilities. The DaSilva Academic Center offers state-of-the-art computer and media labs. Students also benefit from such resources as the Loretto Memorial Library, a Fitness Center

and a Campus Center with a full-court gymnasium. Modern apartment-style student housing is adjacent to campus.

Situated in the heart of the financial district, the distinctive 10-story Manhattan, NY, campus offers students the excitement of being in the heart of the world's most dynamic city; and the scenic, 175-acre Oakdale, NY, campus, located on a magnificent former estate, is a center of graduate education on Long Island.

St. John's residential campus in Rome, Italy, is a modern facility situated in the historic Prati section of the Eternal City. The four-story, 75,000-square-foot facility includes classrooms, a student and faculty lounge, space for 200 resident students, a chapel, library, courtyard, Campus Ministry and administrative offices.

St. John's location in Paris, France, is at the Maison-Mere, a six-story facility with roughly 20,000 square feet of space including residences, classrooms, offices and support offices. Students enjoy convenient access to the wealth of cultural and artistic treasures available in the historic City of Lights.



FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS



All St. John's students have access to state-of-the-art digital resources. All new freshmen receive laptop computers and have full access to the University's award-winning wireless network and sophisticated computer labs.

COLLEGES AND MAJORS

Students choose from more than 100 bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs — as well as courses of study leading to professional certificates — in six schools and colleges:

- St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- The School of Education
- The Peter J. Tobin College of Business
- College of Professional Studies
- College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
- School of Law

EXCELLENCE, ETHICS, SUCCESS

The Princeton Review includes St. John's in its 2013 guide to "The Best 377 Colleges." This is the ninth consecutive year that St. John's has earned a place in the rankings — an honor accorded only 15 percent of America's 2,500 colleges and universities. In addition, five St. John's faculty were featured in The Princeton Review's "Best 300 Professors."

St. John's combines classroom instruction with innovative approaches to pedagogy, including Online Learning.

Students gain real-world experience through extensive Study Abroad opportunities and the University's focus on Academic Service-Learning. With an 18:1 student-faculty ratio, all students enjoy personal attention in the classroom.

This past year, seven St. John's students received prestigious Fulbright Grants to conduct research and teach overseas. It was the largest number of Fulbright Scholarships awarded to St. John's students in a single year. The University also had 13 Fulbright finalists, breaking previous records.

GLOBAL STUDIES

Discover the World: Europe allows all students to live and learn in three international cities for one semester, immersing them in the cultural, artistic and economic life of each city and providing them with insights and perspectives that will serve them well in their careers.

Last fall, students experienced life and learning in France and North Africa through a pilot program that added several days in historic Morocco to St. John's popular Discover France semester. Students gained a better understanding of the country's colonial history in North Africa with an increased awareness of the issues facing ethnic minorities.

Alumni success reflects the high quality of the St. John's experience. According to

a recent survey by The Wall Street Journal, St. John's is among 100 top colleges and universities that are "most likely to help students land a job in key careers and professions — areas that are growing, pay well and offer high levels of job satisfaction."

St. John's also earned high marks as an outstanding "return on investment" in the Bloomberg Business Week's "Payscale Survey" of 554 colleges and universities whose graduates are top earners.

ACADEMIC SERVICE-LEARNING

Course-related community service activities provide St. John's students the opportunity to make a positive difference and gain professional experience. These activities meet course objectives and, through reflection, students are able to examine issues pertaining to social justice and responsibility. Areas include hunger and homelessness, health care, education/ youth services and civic engagement.

FACULTY

Professors at St. John's have earned international reputations as leaders in their fields. Nearly 91 percent of our 1,513 full- and part-time professors hold a Ph.D. or other terminal degree in their field.

ST. JOHN'S CENTRAL

Reflecting the University's focus on technology, St. John's Central is a virtual campus community providing immediate, 24-hour access to numerous online resources, including e-mail, instant messaging, calendars, message boards and library resources, all through a single portal. Constantly evolving, St. John's Central has added Web CT functionality, giving professors and students even more access and freedom to teach and learn in an online environment.



YURY GELMAN

Head Coach • 18th Season At St. John's • Kiev, Ukraine

Yury Gelman is entering his 18th season at the helm of the Red Storm fencing teams. Over the last decade, Gelman has built a legacy as one of the top fencing coaches in the world, with success in both the United States and abroad. His collegiate teams consistently finish among the nation's elite and many of his athletes have collected world championship titles and Olympic medals. During Gelman's time at St. John's, his Red Storm has captured a national title (2001), has had over 100 All-Americans, and has won 20 individual NCAA Championships – more than any other school during that period.

On July 10, 2010, Gelman's great success in the sport was recognized when he was inducted into the United States Fencing Hall of Fame. As a professional coach for over 25 years, Gelman brings

a vast knowledge of fencing, as well as the necessary experience at the upper echelon of international competition to his student-athletes.

A four-time U.S. Olympic Coach (2000, 2004, 2008, 2012), Gelman recently led senior Daryl Homer and alum Dagmara Wozniak in their Olympic debuts at the London Games. Homer made a sixth place finish in men's individual saber, while Wozniak finished eighth in women's individual saber. To reach the quarterfinals, Homer upended Alexey Yakimenko (Russia), who was ranked No. 2 in the World at the time. Wozniak also pulled off an upset to reach the quarterfinals, defeating the No. 7 ranked women's saber fencer. Wozniak's quarterfinals bout aired live on MSNBC.

Gelman also led Homer and the U.S. men's saber squad to an eighth place

finish in the team event.

At the 2008 Summer Olympics, Gelman led the men's saber team to its best-ever finish and its first medal since 1984. The squad, which consisted of alumnus Keeth Smart, Tim Morehouse, James Williams, and Jason Rogers, captured the silver medal after defeating Hungary and Russia to advance to the gold medal match. The entire sabre team trained out of Gelman's Manhattan Fencing Center.

Gelman was present when Mayor Bloomberg honored New York's Olympic athletes two weeks after the Games were officially over. Ten New Yorkers and five coaches were presented with Tiffany's crystal apples, which represented the United States and New York City at the Summer Olympics in Beijing. Gelman and the 2008 U.S. Olympic teams that competed in Beijing, China also



met President George W. Bush at the White House to celebrate the teams' performances.

In addition, Gelman and St. John's University were honored with the U.S. Olympic Achievement Award in April of 2011 by the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC), the U.S. National Governing Bodies for Sport (NGBs), and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). The three organizations joined together to create the award, which recognizes the colleges and universities whose student-athletes and coaches have won Olympic medals.

Gelman also coached the United States men's saber team during the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. The squad, which consisted of Smart as well as fellow St. John's alumnus Ivan Lee, was guided to a fourth place finish by Gelman.

Gelman was the first coach for Lee, a two-time NCAA Champion, a gold and silver medal winner at the Junior World Championships, and a bronze medal winner at the Cadet World Championships. Lee was once ranked among the top 20 fencers in the world.

Smart, who was a two-time NCAA

Champion and the first American to gain fencing's number one international ranking for males, was also on Gelman's 2000 U.S. Olympic team in Sydney, Australia. He was joined by former teammate, Arlene Stevens, a four-time All-American at St. John's.

Stevens, Smart, and Lee were all members of Gelman's 2001 National Championship team, which featured a total of four former United States Olympians and seven individuals who won NCAA titles during their careers. During that season, the men's and women's teams posted records of 13-2 during the regular season, and went on to claim the Intercollegiate Fencing Association Championship and the NCAA Championship - St. John's University's second-ever NCAA title.

Under Gelman's leadership, St. John's has not finished lower than sixth place in the nation. In addition to its national title in 2001, the team has collected five second-place finishes at the NCAA Championships (1995, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2010).

In 2011, the Red Storm finished third as a team at the NAAs and collected two

more individual national championships. Marat Israelian and Daryl Homer, who won their first individual championships in 2010, repeated as men's epee and men's saber champions, respectively.

In 2012, St. John's picked up its 20th individual National Championship as Evgeniya Kirpicheva won the women's foil crown. As a team, St. John's placed fourth, which is the 20th-straight season it has placed sixth or better.

Gelman's coaching experience began at the Kiev Physical Education College, where he was coach from 1977-91. Gelman also served as coach of the Ukrainian Fencing Team from 1987-91.

Gelman is a 1977 graduate of Kiev Physical Education College, where he earned a degree in physical education and coaching of fencing. Gelman also earned his master's degree in physical education in 1981 from Kiev.

In September 2007, Gelman opened the Manhattan Fencing Center. The club includes elite fencers from the greater New York Area and serves as an Olympic training facility as well.

COACHES & STAFF



MIKHAIL SHIMSHOVICH

Assistant Coach
17th season at St. John's
Kiev, Ukraine

Mikhail Shimshovich will begin his 17th season as an assistant coach with the St. John's fencing program. Shimshovich helped coach the team to a fourth place finish in the 2012 NCAA Championships, extending the stretch of finishing sixth or better to 20 straight years.

Shimshovich has aided head coach Yuri Gelman as the Red Storm program has become one of the best in the country. He is a five-time gold medalist in the Ukrainian Senior National Championships and a former member of the U.S.S.R. National Team. Shimshovich has also been named Distinguished Fencing Coach of Ukraine.

From 1992-95, Shimshovich was the head coach of the Ukrainian fencing team in Kiev, Ukraine. He evaluated and recruited the best fencers from the Ukraine to train and compete in national, international and Olympic competitions. He created custom tailored training programs for each fencer based on their respective abilities. Shimshovich prepared former U.S.S.R. and Ukrainian National Team members for World Championships and Olympic Games.

Since 1998 he has produced a number of U.S. national champions and medalists in all age groups. Many collegiate students that have learned from his tutelage have won World University Games and NCAA Championship medals. He is also the International level Fencing Director representing the U.S. National fencing team.

Shimshovich has coached children, as well as junior and senior men and women who wish to compete on the local and national levels of the USFA. He focuses on teaching advanced techniques and strategies for winning national and international competitions. Many of his students have been on the USFA National Point Standing List and have been USFA medalists.

From 1967-71, Shimshovich attended Kiev Physical Education College in Kiev, Ukraine, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts in fencing training. He obtained a master's degree in physical education from Kiev in 1975 and served as the fencing coach for his alma mater from 1987-90.



TOMER OR

Assistant Coach
First season at St. John's
Haifa, Israel

Tomer Or joined the St. John's coaching staff last season, working mainly with the men's and women's foil squads. At the 2012 NCAA Championships, Or helped lead the team to a sixth place finish – extending the program's streaking of placing sixth or better to 20-straight years – and coached Evgeniya Kirpicheva to an individual National Championship – the 20th in program history.

Or began fencing at the age of eight years old and has been a professional fencer for 24 years. He is an 11-time Israeli Senior National Champion and a 2008 Olympian. He has also participated in 17 Cadet, Junior, and Senior World Championships.

At the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Or placed 17th in men's individual foil – a field that consisted of 26 fencers from 22 nations.

Or is also a four-time gold medalist in Senior World Cups – Havana (2007), Vancouver (2006), Copenhagen (2005), and Budapest (2002). Or also won a gold medal at the 1998 Junior World Championships in Valencia, Venezuela and a silver medal at the 1994 Juniors in Mexico City.

In 2005, Or received his coaching diploma from Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport in Netanya, Israel. Or also earned a LL.B in Law and Business from the Interdisciplinary Center Hertzliya. He started his coaching career in 2005 at the Haifa Fencing Club in Israel under the supervision of coach Udi Carmi – a fourth place finisher at the 1987 Senior World Championships.



BORIS VAKSMAN

Assistant Coach
Seventh season at St. John's
Odessa, Ukraine

Boris Vaksman is set to begin his seventh season as an assistant coach for St. John's. In 2012, Vaksman helped coach the Red Storm to a fourth place finish at the NCAA Championships, extending the program's streak of finishing sixth or better to 20 straight seasons. In addition, Vaksman has served as the coach for the United States junior national epee team since 2006. In 2007, Vaksman helped the junior national team compete in the Junior World Championships in Turkey and made an appearance in the 2008 Championships in Italy.

With more than 25 years of fencing experience, Vaksman has brought a wealth of knowledge to the Red Storm. Originally from the Ukraine, Vaksman is a four-time national epee champion and a four-time Soviet Union Champion. Other championship titles he has won include award-winning performances at the Socialist Republics, Moscow World Cup and Talin World Cup.

During the mid-1980s, Vaksman made the shift to coaching. He served as coach of the Pentathlon team in the Ukraine beginning in 1986 before moving to New York City in 1989. After moving to the U.S., Vaksman took a coaching position with the Sal Bardak fencing club in New York. Currently, he splits his time between St. John's and as the epee coach for the New York Fencers Athletic Club and the U.S. National Junior Men's Epee team.

Vaksman graduated from Odessa Polytechnical University in 1983.

2012-13 ROSTER

MEN

Name	HT.	Weapon	CL.	Hometown/Previous School
Max Blitzter	5-11	Foil	Jr.	Staten Island, N.Y./Stuyvesant
Sean Buckley	6'2	Saber	Sr.	Secaucus, N.J./ St. Peter's Preparatory School
Michele Caporizzi	5-11	Foil	Fr.	Milian, Italy/ Liceo Scientifico
Wilfred Curioso	5-9	Foil	Jr.	Barrington, R.I./Barrington
Andrew Dobbie	6-3	Epee	Jr.	Syracuse, N.Y./ The Dwight School
Daniel Goldfeder	6-2	Foil	Jr.	Woodmere, N.Y./Lawrence
Daryl Homer	5-8	Saber	RS-Sr.	Bronx, N.Y./Salesian
Zach Pepin	5-1	Foil	Jr.	Old Lyme, Conn./Lyme-Old Lyme
Eli Schenkel	5-8	Foil	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif./El Camino Real
Trevor Shepard	5-8	Epee	Fr.	Castaic, Calif./Victor Valley
Adam Watson	5-9	Epee	Sr.	Enosburg, Vt./Enosburg Falls

WOMEN

Name	HT.	Weapon	CL.	Hometown/Previous School
Naomi Cho	5-1	Saber	Fr.	Hewlett, N.Y./G.W. Hewlett
Melissa Corona	5-2	Foil	So.	Mexicali, Mexico/Vincent Memorial Catholic
Zsafia Fath	5-8	Epee	Jr.	Budapest, Hungary/Il Rakoczi Ferenc Gimnazium
Alina Ferdman	5-4	Epee	Jr.	Ma'a lot, Israel/Ort Ma'alot
Marta Hausman	5-5	Foil	Fr.	Torun, Poland
Evgeniya Kirpicheva	5-8	Foil	Sr.	Ufa, Russia
Irinia Koroleva	5-2	Foil	Sr.	Khimki, Russia
Anna Limbach	5-8	Saber	Jr.	Cologne, Germany/Norbert Gymnasium Knechtsteden
Margaret McDonald	5-9	Saber	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Grady
Alexandra Tannous	5-5	Saber	Jr.	Providence, R.I./St. Mary Academy-Bay View
Situ Wang	5-6	Epee	Fr.	Great Neck, N.Y./Great Neck North
Isis Washington	5-9	Epee	So.	Parsippany, N.J./Butler

HEAD COACH

Yury Gelman (18th season)

ASSISTANT COACH

Mikhail Shimshovich (17th season)

ASSISTANT COACH

Boris Vaksman (7th season)

ASSISTANT COACH

Tomer Or (2nd season)



MAX BLITZER

Men's Foil • Junior • Staten Island, N.Y. • Stuyvesant • 5-11 Height: 5'2



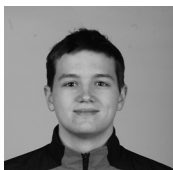
2011-12: Posted a 66-35 record on the season ... Placed 14th at NCAA Championships with a 10-13 mark ... Won bronze at the Northeast Regionals, combining with squadmates Wilfred Curioso and Eli Schenkel to sweep the podium ... Helped lead the men's foil squad to a bronze medal at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Had the most wins on the men's team at the Temple Invitational with a 10-2 record ... Went 11-4 at the St. John's Invitational, tying for the second-most wins on the men's team ... Placed 44th in the junior event of the January North American Cup in Portland Ore. and placed 40th in the Division I event ... Finished in 42nd place of the

December NAC (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Tied for most wins on the men's team at the Brandies Invitational with a perfect 14-0 record ... Placed 11th at the November North American Cup (Junior) in Austin, Texas.

2010-11: Posted a 33-29 record on the year ... Posted a 6-5 record at the NCAA Northeast Regionals ... Went 4-5 at the Temple Invitational ... Had a 5-10 record at the St. John's Invitational ... Posted a 9-6 record at the NYU Invitational ... Went 9-3 at the Brandeis Invitational ... Took home the bronze medal at the Junior Nationals in Reno, Nev.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for New York Fencers Club ... Took home a silver medal in the 2010 Danny Bukantz Open, earning an A10 rating in the process ... Helped lead Stuyvesant fencing team to three consecutive PSAL championships (2007, 2008, 2009) ... Also won the New York City individual championship in 2009.

PERSONAL: Son of Martha Blitzer.



SEAN BUCKLEY

Senior • Secaucus, N.J. • St. Peter's Preparatory School • Men's Saber • 6'2



2011-12: Posted a 71-32 record on the season ... Led the entire men's team in wins ... Placed 10th at the NCAA Championships with a 13-10 record, becoming a Third Team All-American in the process ... Also went 13-10 at the Northeastern Regionals and finished seventh ... Helped lead the men's saber team to a bronze medal at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Led the men's team in wins at both St. John's Invitational and the NYU Invitational, posting a 12-3 mark at both events ... Placed seventh at the December North American Cup (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Tied for the most wins on the men's team at the Brandeis Invitational, posting a 14-1 record.

2010-11: Posted a 56-26 record on the year ... Went 14-9 at the NCAA Championships, placing eighth and earning Second Team All-America honors for a second straight season ... Went 16-7 at the NCAA Northeast Regionals ... Placed eighth at the Div. 1 North American Cup in Dallas, Texas ... Won 12 bouts at the NYU Invitational, tying for most wins on the men's team.

2009-10: Posted a 87-34 record on the year ... Won the second-most bouts on the team, finishing just six wins shy of squadmate Daryl Homer ... Was one of just three men's team members to win 10 or more bouts in five different events ... Went 14-9 at the NCAA Championships, placing eighth and earning Second Team All-America honors ... Placed second at

the NCAA Northeast Regionals with a 19-4 record ... Went 10-2 at the Brandeis Invitational.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for the Manhattan Fencing Center ... Fenced for the St. Peter's Preparatory team for four years, captaining the squad every year ... Finished second in the individual men's saber event in both the 2008 and 2009 State Championships ... Won the individual District 3 men's saber title in 2007.

PERSONAL: Favorite book is Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury ... Favorite movie is Jaws ... Favorite pro team is the Baltimore Ravens ... Majoring in History ... Son of John and Teresa Buckley ... Has one younger sister, Sarah.



MELISSA CORONA

Sophomore • Mexicali, Mexico • Vincent Memorial Catholic • Women's Foil

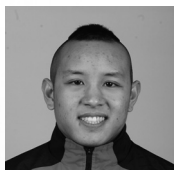


2011-12: Posted a 38-42 record on the season ... Finished 11th at the Northeast Regionals with 10-13 record ... Helped the women's foil squad capture bronze at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Placed 37th in the junior event of the January North American Cup in Portland, Ore. and finished in 31st place of the Division I event ... Posted a 7-8 record at the NYU Invitational ... Went 13-3 at the Brandeis Invitational ... Placed 34th at the November NAC (Junior) in Austin, Texas.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for the Mexicali Esgrima fencing club ... Team took first place at the 2010 Mexican Cadet Nationals ... Won the Blade Runner Championship in November 2010 at UC San Diego ... Earned an E09 rating.

PERSONAL: Born in San Diego, Calif. ... Most thrilling moment in her athletic career was when she scored the winning touch in overtime at the 2010 Mexican Cadet Nationals to win the team championship ... Came to St. John's for the athletics program and the academics ... Aspires to compete for the U.S. or

Mexican Olympic team ... Participated as a tutor and was an AP Scholar at Vincent Memorial Catholic High School ... Majoring in Legal Studies ... Favorite quote is: "Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising up every time we fall" ... Favorite book is Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini ... Daughter of Elva Regina Jimenez and Gabriel Teodulo Corona ... Niece of Eduardo Jimenez, a member of the Tomateros de Culiacan, a baseball team in the Mexican Pacific League ... has one older sister, Ivette, and one younger sister, Elizabeth.



WILFRED CURIOSO

Junior • Barrington, R.I. • Barrington • Men's Foil • 5-9



2011-12: Posted a 42-37 record on the season ... Won gold at the Northeastern Regionals with a 16-6 record, combining with teammates Eli Schenkel and Max Blitzer to sweep the podium ... Helped lead men's foil to a bronze medal at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Posted an 8-7 record at the NYU Invitational ... Placed ninth in the junior event of the January North American Cup in Portland, Ore. and finished in 34th place in the Division I event ... Placed 18th at the December NAC (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Posted a 10-5 record at the Brandeis Invitational ... Finished in 24th place at the November NAC (Junior) in Austin, Texas.

2010-11: Posted a 36-38 record on the year ... Had a 9-14 record at the Northeast Regionals ... Posted a 6-3 record at the Temple Invitational ... Recorded a 7-8 record at the NYU Invitational ... Won a season-high nine bouts at the Brandeis Invitational, recording a 9-3 mark. Before St. John's: Competed for the Rhode Island Fencing Club in Warren, R.I. from 2007-10 ... Was a member of the 2009 U.S. Cadet World Championship Team ... Placed twelfth in the 2009 World Fencing Championships in Belfast, Ireland ... Took fifth place at the 2009 Cadet World Cup in Budapest, Hungary ... Finished fifth in the 2009 Warsaw World Cup ... Placed ninth in the 2009 Cabries World Cup ... Finished seventh at the North American Cup (Junior Division) in St. Louis, Mo. ... Took third place in the 2007 and 2008 Budapest World Cups ... Finished first in the 2007 Paris International Cup.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment in his athletic career was winning the Paris International Cup his freshman year of high school. It was also his first time out of the country ... Most influential person in his athletic career is his fencing coach Alex Ripa ... Aspires to compete in the Olympics ... Favorite book is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay ... Favorite song is "Monster" by Kanye West ... Favorite movie is *Miracle* ... Favorite pro athlete is Michael Jordan ... Favorite pro sports team is the Boston Celtics ... Favorite athlete at St. John's is Daryl Homer ... Majoring in Biology ... Parents are Dr. Wilfredo and Celeste Curioso ... Has one younger sister, Melissa, and one older brother, Wilfred, who attends the Rhode Island School of Design.



ANDREW DOBBIE

Junior • Syracuse, N.Y. • The Dwight School • Men's Epee • 6-3



2011-12: Posted a 20-20 record on the year ... Finished the season with a 5-7 record and 15th place finish at the Northeastern Regionals ... Recorded a 5-4 mark at the Temple Invitational ... Posted a season-high for wins at the NYU Invitational, recording an 8-3 mark ... Placed 100th at the January North American Cup (Division I) ... Finished in 106th place at the December NAC (Division I) ... Went 2-6 at the Brandeis Invitational.

2010-11: Posted a 15-23 record on the year ... Saw action at four events ... Recorded a season-high six wins at the NYU Invitational.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for the Atlantic Fencing Academy in Tinton Falls, N.J. ... Placed 27th in the 2008 Montreal Junior World Cup.

PERSONAL: Parents are Robert and Mary Dobbie ... Loves making and eating quesadillas ... Majoring in Anthropology with a minor in English.



ZSOFIA FATH

Junior • Budapest, Hungary • Garden City • Women's Epee • 5-8



2011-12: Posted a 62-32 record on the year ... Sustained an injury during the NCAA Championships, but competed in all 23 bouts, winning seven of them ... Went 19-4 and won a bronze medal at the Northeast Regionals for the second-straight year ... Led the women's epee squad in wins at the NYU Invitational, posting an 11-3 record ... Went 8-5 at the St. John's Invitational ... Posted a perfect 11-0 record at the Brandeis Invitational.

2010-11: Posted a 47-40 record on the year ... Placed 16th at the NCAA Championships with a 10-13 record ... Had an 18-23 record before going an outstanding 19-4 at the NCAA Northeast Regionals to win a bronze medal ... Went 7-5 at the Temple Invitational. Before St. John's: Competed for the Honved Fencing Academy in Budapest, Hungary ... Finished ninth in the 2010 Bristol Open Fencing Tournament in England.

PERSONAL: Lists horseback riding as a hobby ... Favorite book is *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden ... Favorite song is "Yesterday" by the Beatles ... Majoring in Advertising ... Daughter of Monika and Ferenc ... Has one younger sister, Gabriella.



ALINA FERDMAN

Junior • Ma'alot, Israel • Ort Ma'alot • Women's Epee • 5-4

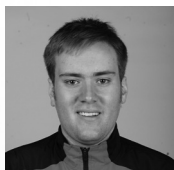


2011-12: Posted a 78-25 record on the year ... Went 16-7 at the NCAA Championships en route to a sixth place finish and Second Team All-American honors ... Also finished sixth at the Northeast Regionals with a 17-6 record ... Led the women's epee team in wins at the Temple Invitational with a 9-2 record ... Posted an 11-4 record at the NYU Invitational ... Tied for the second-most wins on the women's team at the St. John's Invitational with a 10-4 record ... Posted the most wins on the entire St. John's team at the Brandeis Invitational, recording a 16-2 mark.

2010-11: Posted a 72-34 record on the year ... Won 10 or more bouts four times (Brandeis Invitational, Temple Invitational, NCAA Regional, NCAA Championship) ... Went 12-11 at the NCAA Championships en route to a 13th place finish ... Qualified for the NAAs by going 17-6 and winning a silver medal at the NCAA Northeast Regionals.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Fenced for the Israeli Junior National Team ... Won the 2009 Coupe de la Paix in Ma'alot, Israel ... Placed 38th at the 2009 Junior World Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland ... Finished 33rd in the 2008 Junior World Championships in Catania, Italy.

PERSONAL: Born in Poltsk, Belarus ... Most influential people in her athletic career are her father, who is also her fencing coach, and her sister, who was a fencer at Penn State ... Majoring in Accounting and Finance ... Favorite book is Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini ... Favorite movie is Law Abiding Citizen ... Daughter of Ya'aqove ... Has one older sister, Anastasia.



DANIEL GOLDFEDER

Junior • Woodmere, N.Y. • Lawrence • Men's Foil • 6'2



2011-12: Did not compete.

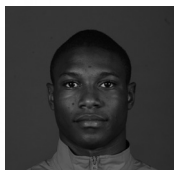
2010-11: Did not compete.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for Five Towns Fencers Club in Hewlett, N.Y. for five years ... Represented Lawrence as an independent fencer for three years ... Also played for the Tornadoes soccer team for one year... Received All-Long

Island honors in both 2008-09 and 2009-10 ... Finished with a number one ranking in Long Island for the 2008-09 season ... Named to the All-Nassau County Second-Team in 2007-08 ... Received a D08 ranking.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment in his athletic career was when he finished first in Long Island for the 2008-09 sea-

son ... Came to St. John's for the fencing team as well as the sports management program ... Favorite song is "Country Roads" by John Denver ... Favorite book is The Bad Guys Won by Jeff Pearlman ... Favorite pro team is the New York Jets ... Parents are Allan and Anne Goldfeder ... Has one brother, Josh, who attends SUNY-Buffalo



DARYL HOMER

RS Senior • Bronx, N.Y. • Salesian • 5'8 • Men's Saber



2011-12: Redshirted the season to train for the 2012 Olympics in London ... Placed sixth in the Olympics men's individual saber event, which was the highest finish by an American ... To reach the quarterfinals, he defeated the World's No. 2 ranked fencer Alexey Yakimenko of Team Russia ... Placed eighth in the Olympics men's team saber event ... Ranked No. 1 in the U.S. and No. 12 in the World after Olympic play ... Prior to qualifying for the Olympics, he won gold at the December North American Cup in Kansas City, Mo. ... Earned a gold medal with Team USA at the Pan American Championships ... won bronze as a team at the Moscow World Cup ... Placed eighth as a team at the Senior World Championships and finished 34th individually ... Made six top-20 individual finishes during the international season.

2010-11: Posted a 75-13 record on the year ... Repeated as national men's saber champion and earned First Team All-America honors by going 21-3 at the NCAA Championships ... Went 22-1 to win gold at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship ... Won 10 or more bouts in all of his competitions, the only mem-

ber of the men's squad to do so ... Went 11-4 at the St. John's Invitational ... Won two gold medals at the Pan American Championships — one individually and one as team ... Finished 12th individually and 13th as a team at the Senior World Championships ... Won bronze as a team at the Junior World Championships and placed seventh individually ... Earned bronze at the North American Cup A ... Won silver at the Dormagen Junior World Cup for the second-straight year. 2009-10: Posted a 93-9 record on the year ... His 93 wins were a program best for the season ... Did not lose a bout until his third competition ... Won the NCAA Championship and earned First Team All-America Honors in men's saber at the NCAA Championships ... Claimed the NCAA Northeast Regional Title with a 22-1 record ... Finished 12-3 at the St. John's Invitational ... Won gold as a team at the Pan American Championships ... Earned the gold at the North American Cup F ... Won silver at the Dormagen Junior World Cup ... Earned bronze at the Junior World Championships and placed seventh individually ... Placed seventh as a team and 23rd individually at the Senior World Championships.

2008-09: Won the silver medal at the NCAA Championships, losing by a 15-14 score in the gold medal bout ... Earned 49 points at NCAA Northeast Regional by winning 17 of 21 bouts to finish first ... Finished seventh at NAC Juniors ... Went 11-1 at the St. John's Invitational ... Placed fourth as a team at the Junior World Championships and finished 28th individually ... Won bronze at the Montreal Junior World Cup ... Finished fifth at the Sosnowiec Junior World Cup.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Fenced for the Peter Westbrook Foundation ... Won bronze in the 2007 Cadet World championships ... Placed 20th at the Montreal Junior World Cup ... Made a 27th place finish at the Dormagen World Cup ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Silver Eagle Award winner.

PERSONAL: Currently a member of the Manhattan Fencing Center ... Born in the Virgin Islands ... Son of Juliette Smith and Daryl Homer ... Sister, D'Meca, is a foil fencer for Columbia ... Majoring in marketing ... Role model is Keeth Smart, a three-time Olympian and former St. John's fencer.



EVGENIYA KIRPICHEVA

Senior • Ufa, Russia • Women's Foil • 5'8



2011-12: Posted an 86-17 record on the year ... Led St. John's in wins for the second-straight season ... Recorded the most wins on the women's foil squad in every event ... Won her first-career national title and earned First Team All-America honors for the third-straight year with a 17-6 record at the NCAA Championships ... Earned gold at the Northeast Regionals with a 22-1 record ... Went 10-2 at Temple Invitational, posting the most wins on women's squad and tying Max Blitzer for the most wins on the team ... Helped lead women's foil to a bronze medal at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Went 12-2 at the NYU Invitational, tying for the second-most wins on the team ... Recorded a 10-5 mark at the St. John's Invitational ... Went 15-1 at the Brandies Invitational, posting the most wins on the women's team.

2010-11: Posted an 84-23 record on the year ... Led all St. John's fencers in wins ... Went 17-7 at the NCAA Championships to win bronze and earn First Team All-America honors for the second-straight season ... Also won bronze for a second-straight year at the NCAA Northeast Regionals with a 18-5 record ... Collected a team-high 14 victories at the NYU Invitational ... Won 10 or more bouts five times.

2009-10: Posted an 80-15 record on the year ... Her 80 wins trailed only Dagmara Wozniak for most on the women's team ... Went 19-5 at the NCAA Championships en route to earning a bronze medal and First Team All-America honors ... Won bronze at the NCAA Northeast Regionals with a 19-4 record ... Went 13-2 at the St. John's Invitational to help the women's squad capture Best Team honors at the event.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Finished seventh at the 2008 Budapest Junior World Cup ... Placed fifth at the 2008 Bochum Junior World Cup ... Finished 29th at the 2009 Junior World Cup.

PERSONAL: Names former St. John's fencer and two-time NCAA Champion Marat Israelian, as the most influential person in her athletic career ... Majoring in Public Relations ... Favorite book is the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling ... Favorite movie is Inception ... Daughter of Marina and Anatoly Kirpecheva.



IRINA KOROLEVA

Senior • Khimki, Russia • Women's Foil • 5'2



2011-12: Posted a 66-37 record on the year ... Finished ninth at the NCAA Championships with a 15-8 mark, earning Third Team All-America honors ... Went 14-9 at the Northeast Regionals, placing eighth ... Helped women's foil earn bronze at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Went 9-3 at the Temple Invitational, tying with Alina Ferdman for the second-most wins on the women's team ... Posted an 8-6 record at the NYU Invitational ... Collected a regular season-high 14 victories at the Brandies Invitational.

2010-11: Posted a 64-36 record on the year ... Went 16-7 at the NCAA Championships, placing fifth place finish and earning Second Team All-America honors ... Won silver for the second-straight season at the NCAA Northeast Regionals with an 18-5 record ... Collected 16 victories at the Brandeis Invitational.

2009-10: Posted a 57-28 record on the year ... Went 12-11 at the NCAA Championships en route to a ninth place finish and Third Team All-America honors ... Won silver at the NCAA Northeast Regionals with a 17-6 record ... Went 10-5

at both the St. John's Invitational and NYU Invitational.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Finished seventh at the 2007 Bochum Junior World Cup ... Placed tenth at the 2008 Bochum Junior World Cup ... Finished 24th at the 2009 Budapest Junior World Cup.

PERSONAL: Majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Photojournalism ... An avid photographer ... Daughter of Natalia and Eugeniy ... Has one brother, Sergey.



ANNA LIMBACH

Junior • Cologne, Germany • Norbert Gymnasium Knechtsteden • Women's Saber • 5'8



2011-12: Posted a 79-15 record on the year ... Went 16-6 at the NCAA Championships to win bronze and earn First Team All-America honors ... Won gold at the Northeast Regionals with a 20-4 mark ... Led the team in wins with a perfect 15-0 record at the NYU Invitational ... Also led the team in wins at the St. John's Invitational, recording a 13-2 mark ... Won bronze at the December North American Cup (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Went 15-3 at the Brandies Invitational, tying for the second most wins on the team.

2010-11: Posted a 68-25 record on the year ... Went 14-9 at the NCAA Championships en route to an eighth place finish and Second Team All-America honors ... Won 10 or more bouts in all five of her competitions ... Posted a 12-3 record at the St. John's Invitational ... Went 13-2 at the NYU Invitational ... Won a season-high 16 bouts in the Brandeis Invitational.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Has been a member of the German National Team since 2006 ... Placed 11th individually at the 2009 Senior World Championships ... Led the German National Team to a seventh place finish at the 2009 European Championships ... Won a bronze medal

at the Junior European Championships in Prague ... Highest career individual international finish came at the 2006 Koblenz World Cup where she took home the silver medal.

PERSONAL: Born in Eupen, Belgium ... Lists volleyball, zumba, and dancing as her hobbies ... Favorite book is Desert Flower by Waris Dirie and Cathleen Miller ... Majoring in Marketing ... Most influential people in her athletic career are her parents ... Daughter of Alfred and Catherine Limbach ... Has one older brother, Nicolas, who is a two-time Olympian as a member of the German men's saber team.



ZACH PEPIN

Junior • Old Lyme, Conn. • Lyme-Old Lyme • Men's Foil • 5'1

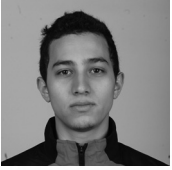


2011-12: Posted a 4-3 record on the year ... Saw action at the Temple Invitational, winning one bout ... Lost one bout at the St. John's Invitational ... Placed 110th at the December North American Cup (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Recorded a 3-2 mark at the Brandeis Invitational.

2010-11: Posted a 2-5 record on the year ... Competed in the Brandeis Invitational.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed at the Fencers School of Connecticut in Guilford, Conn. ... Fenced for Lyme-Old Lyme for four years, captaining the team for one season ... Also played one year of soccer and spent four years on the crew team ... Was named a Scholar-Athlete in 2009 and 2010 ... Received All-State honors in 2009 and 2010 ... Won the gold medal in the Junior event at the North Atlantic Sectionals in 2010, earning an A10 ranking.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment in his athletic career was earning his A10 ranking ... Listens to J.Cole on his iPod on match-day ... Came to St. John's on academic scholarship ... If he weren't fencing, he'd be on a college rowing team ... Has donated his time as a volunteer firefighter ... Favorite book is Lord of the Flies by William Golding ... Favorite TV show is Family Guy ... Favorite pro team is Manchester United ... Majoring in Legal Studies ... Parents are David and Kathleen Pepin ... Has one younger sister, Elizabeth.



ELI SCHENKEL

Junior • Los Angeles, Calif. • El Camino Real • 5-8 • Men's Foil



2011-12: Posted a 67-29 record on the year ... Placed ninth and earned Third Team All-America honors at the NCAA Championships ... Recorded a 17-5 mark at the Northeast Regionals, winning the silver medal and combining with teammates Wilfred Curioso and Max Blitzer to sweep the podium ... Went 7-4 at the Temple Invitational ... Tied for the third-most wins on the men's squad with an 8-7 record at the NYU Invitational ... Posted a 10-4 mark at the St. John's Invitational ... Finished 13th in the junior event of the January North American Cup in Portland, Ore. and placed 34th in the Division I event ... Finished in 18th place at the December NAC (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Recorded a perfect 11-0 mark at the Brandeis Invitational ... Won bronze at the November NAC (Junior) in Austin, Texas.

2010-11: Posted a 60-38 record on the year ... Won the most bouts of any freshman on the men's team ... Went 10-13 at the NCAA Championships en route to a 13th place finish ... Won gold at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championship with a 20-2 record ... Placed sixth at the Junior Olympics in Dallas, Texas in February of 2011.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for the Los Angeles International Fencing Center ... Placed first at the 2009 Los Angeles International Fencing Center Invitational ... Placed eighth at the 2006 USC Invitational ... earned an A09 rating.

PERSONAL: Lists drawing, sculpting, shoe collecting, and dancing as his hobbies ... Lists his brother as the most influential person in his athletic career because: "If it weren't for constant competition with him I would not be the fencer I am today" ... Came to St. John's for the New York location and to attend school on scholarship ... Since coming to St. John's he's learned that: "Cooking is fun and fencers can be the highest quality of people" ... Favorite book is *The Picture of Dorian Grey* by Oscar Wilde ... Majoring in Economics with a minor in Philosophy ... Parents are Mark and Elizabeth Schenkel ... Has one older brother, Joseph.



ALEXANDRA TANNOUS

Providence, R.I. • St. Mary Academy-Bay View • Women's Saber • 5'5



2011-2012: Posted a 41-42 record on the year ... Placed 10th at the Northeast Regionals with a 11-12 mark ... Went 10-5 at the St. John's Invitational, tying for the second-most wins on the women's team ... Finished 31st in the junior event of the January North American Cup in Portland, Ore. and placed 98th in the Division I event ... Finished in 66th place at the December NAC (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Started the NCAA season off strong, posting a 12-6 mark at the Brandies Invitational ... Placed 37th at the November NAC (Junior) in Austin, Texas.

2010-2011: Posted a 39-33 record on the year ... Went 7-5 at the Northeast Regionals ... Recorded a 4-8 mark at the Temple Invitational ... Posted a 7-8 record at the St. John's Invitational ... Went 6-9 at the NYU Invitational ... Recorded a season-high for wins at the Brandeis Invitational, posting a 15-3 mark.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Member of the Lebanese National Team ... Competed for the Manhattan Fencing Club ... Played soccer for the Bay View Bengals for four years and was a member of the track and field team for one year ... Won the Division 1A Summer National Fencing Championship in 2009 ... Earned an A09 ranking.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment in her athletic career was when she won the Division 1A National Title with a torn hamstring ... Chose to come to St. John's because of the coaches, the fencing team, and the New York City location ... Majoring in Biology ... Favorite quote is: "Winners never quit and quitters never win" ... Favorite pro sports team is the New England Patriots and her favorite athlete is Tom Brady ... Daughter of Dib and Jeane Tannous ... Has one younger sister, Dominique, who also competes for Lebanon.



ISIS WASHINGTON

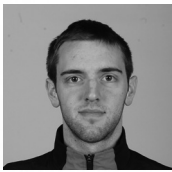
Sophomore • Parsippany, N.J. • Butler • Women's Epee • 5'9



2011-12: Posted a 51-23 record on the year ... Won the silver medal at the Northeast Regionals with an 18-5 record ... Went 6-3 at the Temple Invitational ... Posted an 8-3 record at the NYU Invitational ... Went 5-10 at the St. John's Invitational ... Captured the silver medal in the junior event of the January North American Cup in Portland, Ore. and placed 62nd in the Division I event ... Placed 10th at the December NAC (Division I) in Kansas City Mo. ... Posted a 14-2 record at the Brandies Invitational ... Finished in 14th place at the November NAC (Junior) in Austin, Texas.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed on the Peter Westbrook Foundation fencing team, helping lead them to a bronze medal finish at the Junior Olympics in February 2011 ... Also fenced for the Butler Bulldogs from 2007-10 ... Named to the All-New Jersey First-Team in 2010 ... Also received Independent All-Conference Academic Team honors in 2010 ... Named to the All-New Jersey Second-Team in 2009 ... Placed eighth at the 2011 North American Cup (Division I) in Portland, Oregon ... Captured a bronze medal at the 2011 Junior North American Cup in Dallas, Texas.

PERSONAL: Most influential people in her athletic career are Benjamin Bratton, Ibtihaj Muhammad, Peter Westbrook, and Dwight Smith because, "They always push me to work harder" ... If she weren't fencing, she'd be playing field hockey ... Nicknamed "Ice" ... Majoring in Public Relations ... Daughter of Dana and Latanya Washington ... Has one older brother, Al, and one older sister, Joi, who is a foil fencer at Penn State.



ADAM WATSON

Senior • Enosburg, Vt. • Enosburg Falls • Men's Epee • 5'9



2011-12: Posted a 50-23 record on the season ... Placed sixth at the Northeast Regionals with a 16-7 mark ... Helped the men's epee squad capture a gold medal at the U.S. Collegiate Squad Championships ... Had an 8-1 mark at the Temple Invitational, tying for the second most wins on the men's team ... Also tied for the second most wins on the men's team at the NYU Invitational with a 9-3 record ... Had an 8-7 record at the St. John's Invitational ... Placed 78th at the January North American Cup (Division I) in Portland, Ore. ... Finished in 36th place at the December NAC (Division I) in Kansas City, Mo. ... Posted a 9-5 record at the Brandeis Invitational.

2010-11: Posted a 42-14 record on the year ... Switched over to the men's epee squad ... Went 10-2 at the Northeast Regionals ... Went 6-3 at the Temple Invitational ... Posted a 10-5 record at the St. John's Invitational ... Had an 11-4 mark at the NYU Invitational ... Went 5-0 at the Brandeis Invitational ... Finished 11th at the North American Cup C (Division I).

2009-10: Posted a 50-44 record on the year as a member of the men's foil squad ... Was the only member of the men's foil squad to qualify for the NCAA Championships, where he placed 15th with a 10-13 record ... Went 13-10 at the Northeast Regionals ... Had a 1-5 record at the Temple Invitational ... Posted an 8-7 mark at the St. John's Invitational ... Went 9-6 at the NYU Invitational ... Had a 9-3 mark at the Brandeis Invitational.

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Was a member of the U.S. Junior National Team from 2006-2009, helping lead the squad to championships in 2008 and 2009 ... Won the gold medal at the Junior World Championships in Goteborg, Sweden in 2006 ... Finished in the top-16 in the Senior World Cup in Bern, Switzerland in 2007 ... Has also competed for the New York Athletic Club fencing team ... Placed fifth at the 2009 Pomme de Terre, earning an A09 ranking in the process.

PERSONAL: Born in Cowansville, Quebec, Canada, he is a Canadian, American, and Swiss citizen ... Majoring in Government ... Favorite movie is Man on Fire ... Favorite pro team is the New York Jets ... Favorite TV show is How I Met your Mother ... Parents are Susan and Doug Watson ... has one sister, Sarah, and two brothers, Josh and Tim.

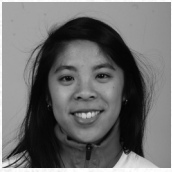


MICHELE CAPORIZZI

Freshman • Milan, Italy • Liceo Scientifico • Men's Foil • 5'11

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Member of the Italian Junior National Team ... Competed for the Mangiarotti Milano fencing club ... Previously attended Bocconi University in Milan.

PERSONAL: Most influential person in his athletic career is his longtime coach, Aldo Zanobini ... Came to St. John's for its fencing team and to live in New York ... Lists playing soccer and watching movies as hobbies ... Favorite athlete is Roger Federer ... Favorite pro team is F.C. Internazionale, Milano ... Favorite food is lasagna ... Favorite movie is Forrest Gump ... Majoring in economics ... Son of Fabio and Elisa Caporizzi ... Has one sister, Claudia.



NAOMI CHO

Hewlett, N.Y. • G.W. Hewlett • Women's Saber • 5'1

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Earned four letters in fencing, captaining the squad for two years ... also earned a letter in track and field ... Placed fourth at the 2012 Nassau County Individuals ... Named Second Team All-Nassau County in 2011 ... Tabbed as an honorable mention to the 2010 and 2012 All-Nassau County Teams ... Named to the National Honors Society and the National Art Honors Society.

PERSONAL: Lists reading, drawing, photography, cinema, and writing as hobbies ... Came to St. John's on a Full Arts Scholarship ... If she weren't fencing, she'd be delving deeper in her art career ... Fine arts major, art history minor ... Favorite book is After Dark by Haruki Murakami ... Favorite movie is The King's Speech ... Most influential person in her athletic career is her brother Nathaniel ... Daughter of Wayne and Drina Cho ... Has four brothers: Nathaniel, Zachary, Emmanuel, and Matthias.



MARTA HAUSMAN

Freshman • Torun, Poland • Women's Foil • 5'5

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Member of the Polish Junior National Team ... Placed ninth at the 2012 Junior European Championship ... Won silver at the 2011 Leszno Junior World Cup ... Placed fifth at the 2011 Luxembourg Junior World Cup.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment of her athletic career was defeating the Russian Team during the 2011 Junior European Championships ... Most influential person in her athletic career is six-time Olympic gold medalist Valentina Vezzali ... Favorite quote is: "There's no next time, it's now or never" ... Lists traveling as her hobby ... Aspires to become a lawyer ... Majoring in criminal justice ... Favorite pro team is Manchester United ... Favorite pro athlete is Usain Bolt ... Favorite St. John's athlete is Dagmara Wozniak ... Plays Eminem on her iPod during match day ... Daughter of Hanna Hausman ... Has one sister, Karol.

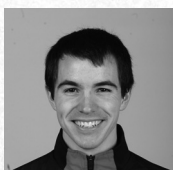


MARGARET MCDONALD

Freshman • Atlanta, Ga. • Grady • Women's Saber • 5'9

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for Nellya Fencers ... Member of the 2012 U.S. Junior National Team ... Snagged silver at the 2012 Budapest Junior World Cup ... Also won silver two weeks earlier at the Sunstate Mechanical Junior World Cup in Phoenix, Ariz. ... Won a bronze medal at the 2012 January North American Cup (Junior) in Portland, Ore. ... Earned an A12 ranking ... Named to the National Honor Society ... Member of the Thespian Society.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment of her athletic career was making the 2012 U.S. Junior National Team ... Lists drawing, reading, and thrift shopping as her hobbies ... Majoring in fine arts ... Daughter of Augusta and Geoffrey.



TREVOR SHEPARD

Freshman • Castaic, Calif. • Victor Valley • Men's Epee • 5'8

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed for the Swords Fencing Studio ... Won gold in the Cadet Division of the 2011 Junior Olympics ... Placed 21st at the 2011 Vigor Challenge in Gothenburg, Sweden, making the second-highest U.S. finish at the event.

PERSONAL: Most thrilling moment of his athletic career was winning the 2011 Junior Olympics, because: "I was the best in the nation for at least one day" ... Most influential person in his ca-

reer is his fencing coach, Tigran Shaginian ... Came to St. John's for its fencing program ... Lists Wilfred Curioso as the teammate who inspires him, because of his intensity ... Favorite pro athlete is Eric Shepard ... Favorite St. John's athlete is Adam Watson ... Favorite pro team is the Los Angeles Lakers ... Favorite book is Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy ... Favorite movie is Galaxy Quest ... Majoring in psychology ... Son of Lori and Scott Shepard ... Has three brothers: Brian, David, and Eric.



SITU WANG

Freshman • Great Neck, N.Y. • Great Neck North • Women's Epee • 5'6

BEFORE ST. JOHN'S: Competed on the Blazers fencing team ... Named to the 2012 All-Nassau County Second Team ... Recipient of the AP Scholar Award ... Publisher Chair of the Asian Awareness Club ... President of the Anime Manga Club ... S.O. representative of TV North ... Member of the Chinese Culture Association, Otaku Brigade, and LEAD.

PERSONAL: Born in Dalian, China ... Lists video editing, animation, programming, traditional Chinese dance, and Korean techno as hobbies ... Has taken both ballet and piano lessons for five years ... Majoring in pharmacy ... Names Trevor Shepard as the teammate that inspires her ... Favorite movie is Empire of the Sun ... Favorite show is The Daily Show ... Favorite song is Lightning Theme FFXIII ... Daughter of Yunyan Gao and Hengchao Gu ... Has one sibling, Andersen.

ALL-AMERICANS

NCAA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Men

Andre Deladrier	1942	Saber
Keeth Smart	1997	Saber
George Hentea	1998	Epee
Alex Royblat	1999	Epee
Keeth Smart	1999	Saber
Ivan Lee	2001	Saber
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Arpad Horvath	2002	Epee
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Sergey Isayenko	2005	Saber
Daryl Homer	2010	Saber
Marat Israelian	2010	Epee
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Marat Israelian	2011	Epee

Women

Tina Loven	1995	Epee
Nicole Dygert	1996	Epee
Emses Takacs	2001	Epee
Erzsebet Garay	2006	Foil
Monika Golebiewski	2008	Foil
Evgeniya Kirpicheva	2012	Foil

ALL-AMERICANS (since 1995)

Men

Keeth Smart	1997-2000	Saber
George Hentea	1998	Epee
Alex Royblat	1998-2001	Epee
Jon Tiomkin	1999-2000, 02	Foil
Ivan Lee	2000-03	Saber
Anton Gurevich	2001, 2003	Saber
Arpad Horvath	2002-05	Epee
Sergey Isayenko	2003-05	Saber
Nitai Kfir	2003-05	Foil

Ben Bratton	2004-07	Epee
Luther Clement	2007-08	Saber
Henry Kennard	2007-08	Foil
Mykhaylo Mokretsov	2007-08	Epee
Stan Vaksman	2007-08	Epee
Daryl Homer*	2009-11	Saber
Alexis Landreville	2010	Foil
Sean Buckley*	2010-12	Saber
Marat Israelian	2010-12	Epee
Nicholas Vomero	2010-12	Epee
Alejandro Rojas	2012	Saber
Eli Schenkel*	2012	Foil

Women

Tina Loven	1995	Epee
Nicole Dygert	1996	Epee
Marisa Mustilli	1999-2001	Saber
Meghan Kates	2000-01	Saber
Arlene Stevens	2000-03	Epee
Emses Takacs	2001	Epee
Liz Thottam	2001-02	Foil
Julia Gelman	2002-03	Saber
Christina Crane	2002-05	Saber
Irina Khouade	2002-03	Foil
Erzsebet Garay	2004-06	Foil
Joanna Guy	2004-06	Epee
Reke Szele	2006-08	Epee
Monika Golebiewski	2007-08	Foil
Katia Larchanka	2007-08	Foil
Tanya Novakovska	2007-09	Epee
Dagmara Wozniak	2007, 09-11	Saber
Martyna Wieczorek	2008, 10, 12	Saber
Dora Varga	2009	Saber
Sanne Gars	2010	Epee
Evgeniya Kirpicheva*	2010-12	Foil
Irina Koroleva*	2010-12	Foil
Anna Limbach*	2011-12	Saber
Alina Ferdman*	2012	Epee

* denotes an active fencer