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Athletics at a Glance

Affiliations: NCAA Division III, ECAC

Conference: Skyline

Mascot: Gator

Colors: Sage Green and White

Varsity Sport Offerings:

Women: Basketball, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Volleyball

Men:

Golf, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball

Future offerings in 2010-11:

Men's Cross Country and Men's Soccer

Facilities

Sage student-athletes have access to three separate facilities in various locations throughout The Sage Colleges. The Jeanne H. Neff Athletic Center, located approximately one half mile from the Russell Sage College campus, is the new home for Sage Athletics. It includes two gymnasiums as well as state of the art strength and conditioning rooms.

The conditioning room includes a complete stability and weighted ball collection, and several cardio machines. The strength room features two squat racks, two multifunction machines, several plate-loading machines, as well as a complete free weight selection.



Construction of the Robison Softball Field and complex was completed in the summer of 2008.

There are two additional facilities available on both campuses for student-athletes to use. The Ellis H. and Doris B. Robison Athletic Center and the Gator Pit Weight and Fitness Center are available for use on the Russell Sage Campus.

On the Sage College of Albany campus student-athletes can utilize the Kahl Gymnasium and The Fit Stop.

For varsity athletic schedules and directions, visit: www.sagegators.com or call (518) 244-2283.

Any Student-Athletes interested in competing for Sage Athletics should contact either the Head Coach of the respective sport or Recruiting Coordinator, **Lindsay Sawyer**.



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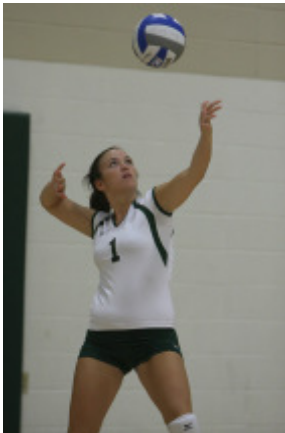


Intercollegiate Athletics

Women's Volleyball

As the 2009 Gators take to the court, expectations are high once again as the team returns as the two-time reigning champions of the Skyline Conference. Sage earned back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances in both 2007 and 2008.

The team was once again picked to capture the Skyline Conference Championship by the league's coaches in the preseason poll. Since joining the conference in the fall of 2007, the Gators have never lost a conference regular-season match and through September of 2009, the Gators have watched that streak grow to 21 matches.



Over the summer, Sage's women's volleyball team was once again cited by the AVCA with a selection to the 2008-2009 AVCA Team Academic, marking the program's fifth consecutive selection to the prestigious academic team.

Individual honors were earned last fall by the team's senior Most Valuable Player, **Kaitlin Olmstead**, who was named the Skyline Conference Women's Volleyball Player of the Year, while also earning a prestigious selection as the 2008-2009 Skyline Conference

Woman of the Year and was a candidate for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award for her outstanding accomplishments both on the court and in the classroom. Olmstead graduated as the program's all-time assist leader with 4,479, while averaging 9.07 assists per game and racking up 280 services aces, both Sage career records.

Now in her ninth season at the helm of the program, **Lisa Gallagher** returned seven letterwinners from last year's NCAA team, including senior outside hitter **Kellie Jones (Troy, NY/Troy)** and 2008 Skyline Conference First-Team all-star, **Nicole Corbett (East Greenbush, NY/Columbia)**.

Gallagher, who already holds the College's record for career winning percentage and most victories, started the

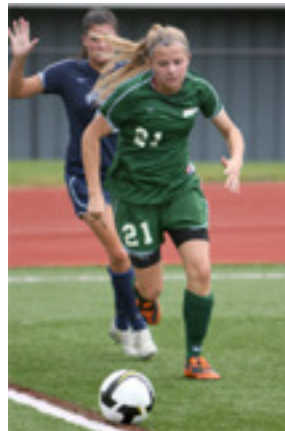


2009 campaign with a 154-122 record with The Sage Colleges.

Women's Soccer

Head Coach **Barry Balkwell** returns a lineup from 2008 that earned a repeat selection to the Skyline Conference Tournament as well as the program's first-ever appearance in the ECAC Division III Tournament. By year's end, the team had posted a 7-8-3 overall record, while going 5-4-1 in Skyline Conference play. The 2009 campaign marks the ninth year for the veteran coach who started the season with a 40-34-13 mark at the helm of the program.

Among the many highlights from the previous season, Balkwell's charges earned post-season acclaim from the league. As a sophomore, midfielder **Ashley Allain**



(Stillwater, NY/Stillwater) earned a spot on the 2008 Skyline Conference All-Star First-Team. She was the team's second-leading scorer after tallying 11 points on three goals and five assists. In her rookie season, **Rebecca Marszalek (Adams, MA/Hoosac Valley)** would add her name to the program's record book after a five-goal outing in the team's 9-0 win over the College of Mount Saint Vincent. By season's end, she led the team with 14 goals and three assists,

good enough for 31 points, which was fourth-highest amongst the league's players last year.

Already on a tear, Marszalek has a team-high eight goals to start the month of October with an assists. She is closing in on the 50-point plateau on her career.

Junior **Nicole Killeen (Petersburgh, NY/Berlin)** is a candidate this fall for the 2009 CoSIDA-ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District College Division Soccer Team for her excellence in the classroom and on the pitch.

Another player earning acclaim with the women's soccer program is junior goalie, **Brittany McDonald (Schenectady, NY/Schalmont)**. The talented keeper earned a selection as the conference's Women's Soccer Player of the Week in late September for her outstanding play and was subsequently honored as the ECAC Division III Metro Defensive Player of the Week.

The Gators are looking for a third straight Skyline Conference tournament appearance as they make a push down the stretch in October in league play.



Women's Tennis

The 2009 women's tennis squad will look to once again return to the Skyline Conference playoffs again this year.

The 2008 Gators earned a spot in the league

tournament, before falling in the semifinals. Over the course of the year, the team earned numerous acclaim for their play as they were named the recipient of the 2008 Skyline Conference Sportsmanship Award, while Head Coach **Cedric Gaddis** was selected as the league's Women's Tennis Coach of the Year.



Now in his third season, Gaddis returns a lineup that features the league's returning Women's Tennis Player of the Year, **Christina Gray (Clifton Park, NY/ Shenendehowa)**. Gray is an accomplished player with numerous awards and acclaim having boasted several player of the week selections the past two seasons with Sage. She also sported a singles win streak that spanned two seasons of play and grew to 18 matches before she fell in the 2009 ITA Small College East Championships.

Gray and sophomore **Erica Fitzgerald (Queensbury, NY/Queensbury)** competed at the 2009 ITA East Championship in both singles and doubles competition, which is a program first for Sage.

Among the returning performers this fall on the Sage roster are junior captain **Kathryn Saulsbery (Colonie, NY/ Colonie Central)**, who was a 2007 Skyline Conference Second Team pick as a rookie.

Softball

Sage's softball team will be anxious to return to action when the 2010 season rolls along as they are under the guidance of third-year Head Coach, **Lindsay Sawyer**.

As a rookie head coach in 2008, Sawyer guided the Gators to an 8-25 record as the team showed dramatic improvement throughout the course of the season and just missed a playoff berth for the Skyline Conference. The Gators made dramatic strides in 2009 and by year's end placed three student-athletes on the Skyline Conference Second Team.

Among the players honored were rookie **Jen Ahearn (2B; Cohoes, NY/Cohoes)**, junior **Kellie Jones (SS; Troy, NY/Troy)**, and senior **Maria Pasquarelli (C; Amsterdam, NY/Amsterdam)**.

Jones led Sage at the plate batting .410 on the season, with a slugging percentage of .695. She hit four home runs, 14 doubles, and had 23 RBI's. She was also aggressive on the base paths stealing 12 bases on 13 tries. Ahearn was also a



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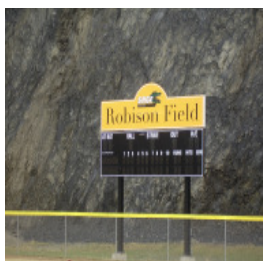
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perfect 11-11 on stolen bases.

Jones also received an honorable mention for the 2009 NFCA Atlantic Region Team and was the lone member of the Skyline Conference to be honored.

With the group of athletes returning in 2010 and a talented incoming class, Sawyer hopes the Gators will continue to be competitive in the Skyline. Last season, the Gators also opened a new playing facility, the Robison Softball Field, located behind the Neff Center in Troy.



Women's Basketball

A larger roster with more experience brought higher expectations for the 2008-2009 Gators. Sage would finish with a 4-21 overall record and lost four contests by 10 or fewer points. With nine returnees from last year's team slated to return, Head Coach **Jackie Luszczek** is excited about the coming season.



Two years ago, the team finished the regular season tied for seventh place in the conference. The 2007-2008 squad also earned the Skyline Sportsmanship Award along the way. Sage will replace four starters from the 2008-2009 season, but Luszczek is confident the returning and incoming student-athletes will pick up right where last season's team

left off and keep moving forward.

Among the players expected to fill those graduation losses will be junior guard **Liz Donk (Phelps, NY/Midlakes)** who averaged 8.9 ppg and 5.8 rpg last year and was the team's high scorer on seven occasions, including 24 points in the season finale.

Lacrosse

Andrea Hanley became the head women's lacrosse coach in 2008 and directed the program from its start as a club team to the beginning of the varsity program in 2009. In the first varsity season, the Gators posted a 1-9 record and competed in the Skyline Conference. By year's end, the Gators had captured the Skyline Sportsmanship Award and rookie **Brianna Thompson (Mason, OH/William Mason)** had earned a spot on the Skyline Second Team for her play.

With their first season under their belts, the Gators are confident that the new season will be a successful one since they have been busy recruiting and training in the off-season.



Men's Sports

The 2008-2009 seasons brought several new men's athletic teams to the Sage community.

Men's Golf

In the Fall of 2008, the first athletic event for a men's sports team occurred when the men's golf team competed. Now in his second season with the Gators, **Luke Scala** has helped the Gators with his experience as they are gaining ground and competing in the Skyline. The team will participate in tournaments in both the fall and spring with hopes of garnering the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship some day soon.



Men's Soccer

During the summer of 2009, **Kyle Clancy** was named the first men's soccer coach at The Sage Colleges. The Gators will take to the pitch in the fall of 2010 and will play in the Skyline Conference. Clancy, a former assistant coach for SUNY New Paltz, has extensive experience having served since 2006 as the assistant men's coach for the Hawks.

Men's Basketball

Hired in 2008 to direct the men's basketball program, **Brian Barnes** has done just that. With some 20 plus recruits ready for tryouts this fall, the Gators will open play on November 15 hosting cross-town rival, RPI in the newly refurbished Kahl Campus Center in the first NCAA Division III Men's Basketball contest.

Men's Tennis



Cedric Gaddis serves as the head coach for both Sages' women's and men's programs. A year ago, the Gators commenced varsity competition and will make their entrance into the Skyline Conference with the start of the 2010 campaign.

Men's Cross Country

The Gators will also field a men's cross country team in the fall of 2010 and **Jim Bowles**, was hired as the program's first coach. An area legend in running circles, Bowles comes to Sage after ten years of coaching Division I student-athletes at Siena College, while also coaching numerous athletes that have competed in such prestigious marathons as the New York City and Boston Marathons.

Men's Volleyball

Another of the new men's programs to commence play will be men's volleyball. SUNY Cortland graduate, **Andy Smith** was hired last year to direct the men's program. The team will take to the court officially in January of 2010 and will compete as a member of the Skyline Conference as well as the NEVCA. Smith, who also serves as an assistant coach for Sage's highly successful women's volleyball team was hired in the summer of 2008 and has been very active in building the program in preparation for the first varsity campaign.