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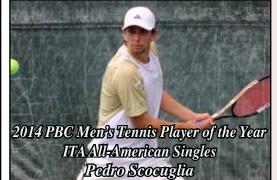
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# ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC STATE UNIVERSITY 2013-2014 ATHLETICS YEAR IN REVIEW

PIRATES CAPTURE THIRD STRAIGHT PBC COMMISSIONER'S CUP ALSO CAPTURE SECOND STRAIGHT PBC PRESIDENTS AWARD EIGHT TEAMS EARN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BERTHS SIX TEAMS ADVANCE TO "SWEET 16" OR FARTHER NINETEEN STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN ALL-AMERICA HONORS









2014 PBC Softball Player of the Year Consensus First-Team DII All-American Alexis Mercer



2014 PBC Women's Tennis Player of the Year ITA All-American Singles & Doubles Aleksandra Filipovski

## ARMSTRONG'S 2013-14 ALL-AMERICA HONORS

### NSCAA Soccer All-American Sophomore Taylor Russell (2nd Team)

AVCA Volleyball All-American Senior Jessica Santaniello (3rd Team) Senior Kristen Holmes (3rd Team) Senior Megan Pando (Honorable Mention)

Daktronics/CoSIDA Volleyball All-American Senior Jessica Santaniello (Honorable Mention)

Daktronics/CoSIDA Softball All-American Junior Alexis Mercer (1st Team Shortstop) Junior Lacye Walker (2nd Team DP)

### ITA Tennis All-America Honors Women

Senior Barbora Krtickova (Sgls, Dbls) Senior Aleksandra Filipovski (Sgls, Dbls) Senior Marlen Hacke (Sgls, Dbls) Senior Olga Kalodzitsa (Dbls) *Men* Sophomore Jaan Kononov (Sgls, Dbls)

Sophomore Jaan Kononov (Sgls, Dbls) Senior Pedro Scocuglia (Sgls, Dbls)

NFCA Softball All-American Junior Alexis Mercer (1st Team Shortstop) Junior Lacye Walker (2nd Team DP) ABCA Baseball All-American Senior Ethan Bader (3rd Team)

NCBWA Baseball All-American Senior Ethan Bader (Honorable Mention)

WGCA Women's Golf All-American Senior Jenna Birch (Honorable Mention)

GCAA Men's Golf All-American Senior Shad Tuten (1st Team) Travis Williamson (3rd Team)

Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American Senior Andye Dawson (1st Team - Soccer) Senior Barbora Krtickova (2nd Team - At-Large)

# 2013-2014 Armstrong Athletics Year In Review Academics

## PBC PRESIDENTIAL HONOR ROLL HONOREES

BASEBALL	BASKETBALL	Soccer	SOFTBALL	VOLLEYBALL
Corey Crunk (2)	Brigitta Barta	Erin Berube	Tori Bates	Kayla Berns (2)
RJ Dennard (3)	Hichem Benayad-Cherif (2)	Maggie Carson (3)	Andrea Dalton	Katie Broderick
Mitchell Dolan	Hanna Bognar (2)	Candace Cosby (2)	Haley Ellis (2)	Christina Chow
Ryan Esenwein	George Brown	Andye Dawson (4)	Heather Ellis (2)	Paige Gocke
Tyler Green (2)	Tyler Carlson (2)	Mary Davis (2)	Savanna Gladue	Brittany Hereth
Mason Hart	Nichole Findura	Casey Dixon (2)	Ollivia McLemore	Morgan Hill (2)
Zach Lance	Deanne Hayward (2)	Kailey Goins	Alexis Mercer	Caitlynn King
Joey Lupus (3)	Adoniah Lewis	Rachel Hatch (2)	Kacie Patterson (2)	Megan Pando (3)
Clayton Miller (3)	Tori Klewicki-McNutt (2)	Kennedi Herrmann	Treslyn Reese	Taylor Permenter (3)
Ryan Patterson	Morgan Mitchell (5)	Stephanie James (4)	Rachel Reynolds (2)	Jessica Santaniello (3)
Cody Sherlin (2)	Shema Sabiiti	Erica Laurens	Peyton Roth (2)	Stephanie Sfara (3)
Matt Wisniewski	Men's Golf	Allison Litchfield	Jane Trzaska	Rachel Thompson
	Hunter Arnold (2)	Morgan Luckie	Kat Vogler (2)	WOMEN'S TENNIS
WOMEN'S GOLF	Cory Griffin (2)	Brianne Matarazzo (2)	Lacye Walker	Dora Andrejszki
Jenna Birch (3)	Howard Hickey	Jordan Otto (4)	Men's Tennis	Alexandra Filipovski (3)
Molly Molyneaux	Travis Williamson (4)	Taylor Russell (2)	Luca Cerin	Marlen Hacke (3)
Pamela Mosley	MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY	Taylor Schultz (2)	Pablo Gor	Olga Kalodzitsa
Kristen Sammarco (2)	Matus Mydla (3)	Taylor Valley (2)	Ignacio Hernandez	Barbora Krtickova (4)
			Jaan Kononov	Clara Perez (3)
			Pedro Scocuglia (2)	Carolina Prats-Millan

# COMMISSIONER'S CUP

Armstrong captured its third-straight Commissioner's Cup in program history in 2013-14, earning 93.5 points out of a possible 129 for a .725 percentage. The Pirates won three Peach Belt championships in 2013-14 with volleyball, men's tennis and women's tennis all capturing league titles. Softball finished second while women's soccer and women's basketball each finished third. Columbus State finished second while Lander finished third.

### Armstrong student-athletes continued to excel in the classroom in the 2013-14 academic year. Sixty percent of the 150 student-athletes carried grade-point averages of 3.0 or better. A stellar 89 of Armstrong student-athletes were named to the PBC Presidential Honor Roll. Five student-athletes - men's golfer Travis Williamson, women's tennis player Barbora Krtickova and women's soccer players Stephanie James, Jordan Otto and Andye Dawson - were named to the Honor Roll for the fourth time in their careers while women's basketball player Morgan Mitchell was named to the Honor Roll for a fifth year. Fifty-five student-athletes were named to the Dean's List during the 2013-14 academic year.

Five student-athletes carried perfect 4.0 GPAs for 2013-14 – baseball player Clayton Miller, volleyball player Taylor Permenter, softball player Treslyn Reese and women's soccer players Stephanie James and Jordan Otto. Overall, 26 student-athletes carried a 4.0 GPA during the year - 12 in the Fall and 14 in the Spring.

Two student-athletes earned Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors - Dawson and Krtickova. It was the second consecutive Academic All-America for both players.

Dawson and Miller were the 2013 President's Cup winners, given by the Savannah Exchange Club to the top female and male student-athlete of the year.

# 2013-14 Commissioner's Cup Final Standings

	MXC	WXC	MSO	WSO	VB	MBB	WBB		SB	MT	WT	MGF		MTK			Total	
School	(10)	(12)	(10)	(12)	(10)	(14)	(14)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(14)	(12)	(8)	(7)	(8)	Pts*	Pts	Rating
Armstrong	5	-	-	10	10	2	11.5	8	11	10	14	8	4	-	-	129	93.5	0.7248
Columbus	9.5	11	-	11	7.5	6.5	10	12	7	10	13	4.5	3	1	4	156	110	0.7051
Lander	-	-	9	9	4	10	5.5	13	1	10	9	6	5	-	-	129	81.5	0.6318
Clayton St	. 2	10	6.5	12	-	4.5	14	-	-	-	4	7	-	3	3	112	66	0.5893
Ga. Colleg	e 6	5	-	7	1.5	4.5	7.5	10	8.5	7	10.5	10	-	-	-	133	77.5	0.5827
USC Aiker	1 -	2	2	4.5	5	14	7.5	11	10	2.5	7.5	11	-	-	-	133	77	0.5789
Flagler	7	12	8	3	9	2	9	3.5	8.5	5.5	12	1	6	-	-	151	86.5	0.5728
Montevalle	o 4	8	4	4.5	6	12.5	3	6	-	-	7.5	3	7	-	2	136	67.5	0.4963
UNCP	8	9	5	6	3	2	3	9	2	-	3	9	8	4	5	155	76	0.4903
GRUA	9.5	7	-	-	1.5	12.5	3	3.5	5	8	6	-	-	2	1	125	59	0.4720
North Ga.	-	6	3	8	-	8	13	2	12	4	5	2	2	-	-	141	65	0.4610
Fr. Marion	1	1	6.5	-	7.5	6.5	5.5	5	5	5.5	10.5	-	-	-	-	120	54	0.4500
YHC	3	4	10	2	-	10	11.5	7	3	2.5	1	-	1	-	-	133	77	0.4154
Ga. Swstrm	ı -	3	1	1	-	10	1	1	5	1	2	4.5	-	-	-	123	29.5	0.2398

\*Numbers in parentheses indicate maximum number of points that can be awarded for each sport. Ratings are determined by taking the maximum number of points available to each school, depending on how many sports each has, and dividing by the number of points won, based on conference finish through the regular season (except golf and cross country where place is determined by conference tournament finish).

# NACDA Director's Cup

Armstrong finished 19th in the nation in the Learfield Sports Directors Cup, sponsored by NACDA, accumulating 489.50 points from its seven sports that performed well enough in NCAA competition.

The Pirates also finished second among all schools in points per sport sponsored, earning 44.50 points per sport. Schools earn points by placing in seven men's and seven women's sports qualifying for the NCAA Championships. The Pirates earned 90 points for women's tennis, 83 points for softball, 67.5 points for men's golf, 64 points for women's basketball, 64 points for volleyball and 43 points for women's golf.

The Pirates were the top school out of the Peach Belt Conference in the standings and it is a third straight year in which Armstrong has finished in the Top 25.

# 2013-14 Armstrong Athletics Year In Review Armstrong Notches Third Straight PBC Commissioner's Cup Second Straight And Fourth Overall President's Academic Award



**SAVANNAH, Ga.** (May 12) - The Armstrong Atlantic State University athletic department was presented with their third consecutive PBC Commissioner's Cup following the 2013-14 season at the league's annual meetings in Hilton Head, S.C. Armstrong becomes the first program since Columbus State in 2005-08 to win three straight cups. The award is presented annually to the best overall athletic department in the conference, as determined by regular-season league standings.

Armstrong captured PBC regular-season championships in volleyball and women's tennis and was tied atop the league standings in men's tennis. The Pirates also finished in the top three in women's soccer, women's basketball and softball. Armstrong accumulated 93.5 points out of a possible 129 due to them, a .7248 percentage.

The Pirates also won the league's Presidents' Academic Award, the second straight year that Armstrong has won both cups.

At the end of the academic school year the Peach Belt Conference asked each of the league's 14 members to submit an average GPA for the undergraduate student body and a GPA for all student-athletes. These two numbers were used to determine each institutions' GPA ratio that identifies which school's athletes are performing most ahead of the curve in comparison to the student body. The schools are not measured against one another, just their athletes to their students. Armstrong had the highest ratio at 1.153, and 12 of the 14 PBC member institutions the student-athletes had, on average, a better GPA than the general student body.

"I could not be more proud of our student-athletes for all the hard work they put into their sport and their academics," Armstrong athletic director Lisa Sweany said of winning both awards. "These trophies represent hard work and determination. It is a well-deserved honor for each and every Pirate."

Columbus State was the only other PBC program to crack the 70% mark in the Commissioner's Cup standings after finishing tied for first in men's cross country and men's tennis. Lander was third in the standings with Clayton State in fourth.

The PBC Commissioner's Cup is determined by calculating the number of points possible to each school, given the number of sports they participate in, divided by the number of points earned during the year. Points are determined by placement in the final regular-season standings in each of the PBC's 15 championship sports.





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# 2013-2014 Armstrong Athletics Year In Review Volleyball

#### FINAL PBC STANDINGS PBC <u>School</u> <u>All</u> 18-0 Armstrong 32-2 21-13 Flagler 13-5 12-6 21-9 Francis Marion Columbus State 12-6 20-11 Montevallo 11-7 20-11 USC Aiken 9\_9 19-13 7-11 18-13 Lander 16-21 **UNC** Pembroke 4-14 GRU Augusta 2-16 8-25 Georgia College 2-16 6-23

### PBC Championships (Florence, S.C.)

Armstrong def. UNCP 3-0 (25-9, 25-15, 25-16) Armstrong def. Montevallo 3-0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-9) Armstrong def. USC Aiken 3-0 (25-23, 25-22, 25-12)

NCAA Southeast Regional (Wingate, N.C.) Armstrong def. Newberry 3-1 (21-25, 25-18, 25-15, 25-23) Armstrong def. Flagler 3-2 (25-19, 23-25, 18-25, 26-24, 15-12) Wingate def. Armstrong 3-1 (20-25, 26-24, 25-20, 25-18)

**PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS** Kristen Holmes - First Team Megan Pando - First Team, PBC Setter of the Year Jessica Santaniello - First Team, PBC Player of the Year Stephanie Sfara - Second Team

ALL-PBC T OURNAMENT T EAM Megan Pando Stephanie Sfara (MVP)

**AVCA ALL-AMERICAN HONORS** Kristen Holmes - Third Team Megan Pando - Honorable Mention Jessica Santaniello - Third Team

#### AVCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS Kristen Holmes Megan Pando Jessica Santaniello

Stephanie Sfara Emily Wylie - Freshman of the Year **DAKTRONICS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS** Jessica Santaniello - Honorable Mention

DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS Kristen Holmes - First Team Megan Pando - First Team Jessica Santaniello - First Team

**PBC ALL-ACADEMIC T EAM** Morgan Hill Kristen Holmes Stephanie Sfara

**PBC SPECIALIST OF THE WEEK** Megan Pando (Sept. 30, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 11 & 18)

**PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK** Kristen Holmes (Oct. 21) Taylor Permenter (Nov. 4) Jessica Santaniello (Sept. 23) Emily Wylie (Oct. 14)

NCAA Southeast REGION ALI-TOURNAMENT TEAMKristen HolmesMegan PandoJessica SantanielloFINAL AVCA RANKEmily WylieNo. 20

The Armstrong Atlantic State University volleyball squad captured the Peach Belt Conference's regular season and tournament titles for a second straight season, while advancing to the NCAA Southeast Region championship match for a second time.

Armstrong finished the year with a 32-2 overall record while going an unblemished 18-0 in PBC play, earning the program's sixth PBC regular season title. The .941 winning percentage was the best in school history and was the second-best in NCAA Division II. The Pirates did not drop a set in capturing their fourth PBC Tournament title and downed Newberry and Flagler en route to a region title match appearance, where they fell to No. 9-ranked Wingate in Wingate

Senior outside hitter Jessica Santaniello earned PBC Player of the Year honors while becoming Armstrong's all-time kills leader during the season. She also earned third-team AVCA All-American honors.

Senior Kristen Holmes led the Peach Belt in hitting and ranked third nationally, earning All-PBC, All-Southeast Region and third-team AVCA All-America honors, while senior Megan Pando was named the PBC's Setter of the Year for leading the league in assists per set. She also earned All-Region and honorable mention AVCA All-American honors. Senior Christina Chow set career highs in service aces in digs in her final season with the Pirates.

As a team, the Pirates led the PBC in hitting percentage, assists per set and kills per set. The Pirates return 11 players for the 2014 season, including PBC Tournament MVP Stephanie Sfara and AVCA Region Freshman of the Year Emily Wylie.



INDIVIDUAL LEADERS Hitting Percentage Kristen Holmes, .389 (1st PBC, 3rd NCAA) Taylor Permenter, .306 (3rd PBC) Jessica Santaniello, .255 (8th PBC) Emily Wylie, .251 (9th PBC) Assists Per Set Megan Pando 11.09 (1st PBC, 19th NCAA) Kills Per Set Jessica Santaniello, 3.24 (5th PBC) Service Aces Per Set Jessica Santaniello, 0.36 (4th PBC) Caitlynn King, 0.31 (8th PBC) Blocks Per Set Taylor Permenter, 0.90 (3rd PBC) Kristen Holmes, 0.85 (5th PBC) Digs Per Set Morgan Hill, 3.89 (8th PBC) T EAM STATISTICS Hitting Percentage .253 (1st PBC, 14th NCAA) Assists Per Set 12.79 (1st PBC, 23rd NCAA) <u>Kills Per Set</u> 13.62 (1st PBC, 25th NCAA) Service Aces Per Set 1.56 (4th PBC) Blocks Per Set 2.00 (2nd PBC) Winning Percentage .941 (2nd NCAA)



Megan Pando (top) was the PBC's Setter of the Year in 2013, earning honorable mention AVCA All-American honors. Jessica Santaniello (above) was the PBC's Player of the Year in 2013, earning third-team AVCA All-American honors and becoming Armstrong's all-time kills leader. Kristen Holmes (top left) led the PBC in hitting and ranked third in NCAA DII, also earning third-team AVCA All-American honors.

# Soccer

FINAL PBC	STAND	INGS
School	PBC	All
Clayton State	8-0-3	12-4-6
Columbus State	9-2	15-6-1
Armstrong	8-2-1	<i>11-4-3</i>
Lander	8-3	13-5
North Georgia	7-3-1	12-5-1
Georgia College	5-4-2	10-7-3
UNC Pembroke	4-5-2	7-10-2
USC Aiken	3-6-2	8-8-2
Montevallo	3-6-2	3-8-5
Flagler	2-7-2	6-10-2
Young Harris	1-10	4-13
Ga. Southwestern	0-10-1	0-17-1
USC Aiken Montevallo Flagler Young Harris	3-6-2 3-6-2 2-7-2 1-10	8-8-2 3-8-5 6-10-2 4-13

PBC Tournament 1st Round (Savannah) Georgia College def. Armstrong, 2-1

### **PBC** ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Morgan Luckie - First Team Brianne Matarazzo - Second Team Taylor Russell - First Team Taylor Valley - Second Team PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Kennedi Herrmann PBC ALL-ACADEMIC T EAM Maggie Carson Candace Cosby

Andye Dawson Rachel Hatch

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK Taylor Valley (Oct. 7)

PBC DEFENDER OF THE WEEK Taylor Russell (Sept. 9, Nov. 4)

PBC GOALKEEPER OF THE WEEK Maggie Carson (Sept. 30) Morgan Luckie (Sept. 9, Nov. 4)

DISNEY SOCCER/NSCAA DII N ATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK Taylor Russell (Sept. 10)

DAKTRONICS/COSIDA ALL-SOUTHEAST **R** EGION

Morgan Luckie - First Team Taylor Russell - First Team

NSCAA ALL-AMERICAN Taylor Russell - Second Team

NSCAA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION Morgan Luckie - First Team Taylor Russell - First Team

NSCAA SCHOLAR ALL-REGION Andye Dawson - Third Team

CAPITAL ONE/COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN Andye Dawson - First Team

CAPITAL ONE/COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III Candace Cosby Andye Dawson Stephanie James

The Armstrong Atlantic State University women's soccer team finished third in the Peach Belt Conference standings in 2013, finishing the year with an 11-4-3 overall record and an 8-2-1 mark in the league.

The Pirates opened the season by hosting the "Clash on the Coast," which featured top-ranked West Florida and No. 2-ranked Grand Valley State, as well as No. 13-ranked Columbus State. Armstrong notched draws with the top-ranked Argos and second-ranked Lakers as both of the Pirates' opponents that weekend would go on to play in the NCAA Division II title match to finish the season. Armstrong would also overcome a two-goal first-half deficit to upend No. 6-ranked North Georgia, 3-2, on October 5th while also drawing, 0-0, with PBC regular season champion Clayton State on October 9th.

Sophomore defender Taylor Russell was the first recipient of the Disney Soccer/NSCAA DII National Player of the Week honors on Sept. 10th for helping the Pirates draw against the top two ranked teams in the nation. She would end the season as a second-team NSCAA All-American. Sophomore Morgan Luckie was named a first-team All-Region and All-Conference goalkeeper, while sophomore Taylor Valley and junior Brianne Matarazzo also earned All-Conference honors.

Senior Andye Dawson wrapped up her four-year career with the Pirates by earning first-team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-American honors, just the third Armstrong soccer player to be a multiple Academic All-American from CoSIDA. Senior Stephanie James earned Academic All-District honors for a second straight year, while senior Rachel Hatch was a PBC All-Academic Team honoree. Seniors Taylor Schultz and A'shanae Monroe also wrapped up their Armstrong careers in 2013.

The Pirates return 14 players for the 2014 season.





Taylor Russell (top left) was the inaugural recipient of the NSCAA's DI National Player of the Week award in September and also earned NSCAA Second-Team All-America honors. Andye Dawson (left) earned first-team Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, only the third women's soccer player to earn multiple Academic All-America honors in a career. Morgan Luckie (above) was an All-PBC and All-Southeast Region first team goalkeeper, leading the league in GAA.

# MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

PBC C HAMPIONSHIPS $(AMERICUS, GA.)$									
SCHOOL SCORE									
1 Columbus State	47								
2 GRU Augusta	47								
3 UNC Pembroke	98								
4 Flagler	124								
5 Georgia College	127								
6 Armstrong	139								
7 Montevallo	165								
8 Young Harris	201								
9 Clayton State	207								
10 Francis Marion	319								

PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS Pablo Salcedo Castro - Second Team

PBC ALL-SPORTSMANSHIP T EAM Matus Mydla

PBC RUNNER OF THE WEEK Pablo Salcedo Castro (Sept. 16)



The Armstrong men's cross country team, in its fifth season since reinstatement of the sport in 2009-10, achieved a sixth-place finish at the PBC Championships, four spots better than the previous year under second-year head coach Michael Sergi, and featured its first All-Conference performer in freshman Pablo Salcedo Castro. The Pirates also competed at the NCAA Championships and ran 12th in the 28-team field.

Castro finished 11th at the PBC Championships, earning second-team All-Conference honors. He also became the first Armstrong runner to win a race since the reinstatement of the program, winning the GC Bobcat Invitational on Sept. 13.

Senior Matus Mydla competed as a fifth-year senior after finishing up his four-year tennis career and earned PBC All-Sportsmanship Team honors.

Armstrong returns a pair of runners - redshirt sophomore Christian Davis and sophomore Alex Martinez - for the 2014 season.

## T EAM RESULTS

- at GC Bobcat Invitational Milledgeville, Ga. Sept. 13 Sept. 21 Sept. 28 at CIU Invitational Columbia, S.C. Macon, Ga. at Mercer Invitational at Royal Cross Country Challenge Oct. 11 Charlotte, N.C. Oct. 26 2013 PBC Championships Americus, Ga. Nov. 9 2013 NCAA Southeast Regional Charlotte, N.C
- 3rd of 6 2nd of 7 3rd of 13 6th of 10 6th of 10 12th of 28



# 2013-2014 Armstrong Student-Athlete Awards Banquet

SAVANNAH, Ga. - The Armstrong Atlantic State University athletic department held its annual Student-Athlete Awards Banquet on Monday, April 28, at the Armstrong Center.

Individual team and academic awards were awarded as well as a highlight video shown of the 11 sports from the 2013-14 athletic year at Armstrong. For a sixth straight year, WJCL-TV Sports Director Frank Sulkowski served as emcee of the festivities.

The highlights of the evening included the awarding of the 2013-14 Male and Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the Armstrong Athletic Department. Senior women's tennis player Aleksandra Filipovski and junior softball player Alexis Mercer were named the co-Female Student-Athletes of the Year, while senior baseball player Ethan Bader was named the Male Student-Athlete of the Year. Both were presented their awards by University President Dr. Linda Bleicken.

Armstrong also awarded the Dr. Donald Anderson Scholar-Athlete Awards for a second straight year, given to the top male and female academic student-athlete. Named for longtime Armstrong supporter and student services consultant Dr. Donald Anderson, the winners were senior baseball player Clayton Miller and senior women's soccer player Andye Dawson.

In all, more than 80 student-athletes earned awards on the evening.



# 2013-2014 Armstrong Athletics Year In Review Men's Basketball

FINAL PBC STANDINGS							
East Division							
School	PBC	All					
USC Aiken	18-1	33-4					
GRU Augusta	15-4	24-8					
Lander	11-8	16-12					
Francis Marion	8-11	12-15					
UNC Pembroke	5-14	14-15					
Flagler	5-14	11-15					
Armstrong	5-14	8-18					
West Division							
School	PBC	All					
Montevallo	15-4	26-6					
Young Harris	11-8	17-9					
Ga. Southwestern	11-8	20-11					
North Georgia	9-10	12-14					
Columbus State	8-11	14-13					
Clayton State	6-13	10-16					
Georgia College	6-13	10-16					

### **PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK** Hichem Benayad-Cherif (Nov. 12) Emmanuel Tiluscar (Feb. 3)

### ASHLEY DEARING AWARD WINNER Montel Baines

Senior Hichem Benayad-Cherif (right) averaged a team-best 15.6 points per game for the Pirates, including scoring 38 vs. Southern Wesleyan in the first game of the season. Senior Eric Eversley (far right) led the PBC in rebounding and double-doubles, becoming the first Pirate to average a double-double for the season since 1981-82, averaging 11.8 points and 10.4 rebounds per game. The Armstrong men's basketball squad finished the 2013-14 season with a 8-18 overall record and a 5-14 record in the Peach Belt Conference, tying for fifth in the East Division standings.

Head coach Jeremy Luther resigned his position in August of 2013, leaving assistant coach Evans Davis to serve as the head coach on an interim basis during the 2013-14 season. Armstrong began the year with a 5-5 mark, picking up key Peach Belt Conference wins at North Georgia, 84-79, on December 14th and a thrilling 87-83 overtime win at home against Clayton State on January 2nd.

The Pirates also notched an 84-73 win over Francis Marion on January 16th and overcame a double-digit second-half deficit to knock off UNC Pembroke, 84-83, on February 1st thanks to junior Emmanuel Tiluscar's career-high 39 points.

Tiluscar was the PBC's Player of the Week on February 3rd and senior Hichem Benayad-Cherif was the league's first Player of the Week honoree on November 12th, in large part to his career-high 38 points in a 106-94 win over Southern Wesleyan on November 8th.

Benayad-Cherif led the Pirates in scoring, ranking 11th in the Peach Belt with a 15.6 ppg scoring average. He reached double digit scoring in 21 contests, including the last 11 games of the season. Senior Eric Eversley led the Peach Belt in rebounding and ranked 14th in NCAA Division II, averaging 10.4 boards per game. He notched a league-leading 12 double-doubles and, combined with his 11.8 ppg scoring average, became the first player to average a double-double a game since Ray Smith in 1981-82. Fellow seniors Darius Morales (7.0 ppg, 1.7 bpg), Kenny Bellinger II (8.9 ppg) and Kelcey Walker (4.2 ppg) also wrapped up their Armstrong careers.

The Pirates return five players for the 2014-15 season.



## EVANS DAVIS NAMED HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong Atlantic State University named Evans Davis the head men's basketball coach for the Pirates on May 2nd, lifting the interim tag that he has served under since taking over the program in August of 2013. Davis becomes the 11th head men's basketball coach in Armstrong history.

Davis was hired after a national coaching search that began after the conclusion of the 2013-14 men's basketball season. He served as the assistant coach at Armstrong for four seasons, from 2009-13, before serving as the interim head coach in 2013-14 after Jeremy Luther resigned in August of 2013.

"After an extensive search process, it was clear that Evans was the best man for the job," Armstrong athletic director Lisa Sweany said. "His loyalty to Armstrong, commitment to developing young men and tireless work ethic set him apart during the interview process. I look forward to working with Evans as we

move forward with creating a culture of winning, not only in the classroom, but on the court as well with Pirate basketball."

"I am honored and humbled, while also being appreciative of the opportunity that Armstrong, University President Dr. Bleicken and Athletic Director Lisa Sweany have given me to lead this program into the future," Davis said. "I will work diligently and with passion to take this program to new heights and I look forward to this challenge." T EAM STATISTICS Scoring Offense 75.2 (9th PBC) Scoring Defense 82.0 (12th PBC) Rebounding Margin +6.3 (2nd PBC, 23rd NCAA) Offensive Rebounds Per Game 17.27 (1st PBC, 1st NCAA) Assists Per Game 15.0 (5th PBC, 57th NCAA) Blocked Shots 3.6 (6th PBC)

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring Per Game Hichem Benayad-Cherif, 15.6 (11th PBC) Rebounding Per Game Eric Eversley, 10.4 (1st PBC, 14th NCAA) Assists Per Game Kyle Callanan, 6.1 (2nd PBC, 17th NCAA) Assist/Turnover Ratio Kyle Callanan, 2.93 (2nd PBC, 18th NCAA) Blocked Shots Darius Morales, 1.71 (4th PBC, 67th NCAA) Double-Doubles Eric Eversley, 12 (1st PBC, 21st NCAA)



# 2013-2014 Armstrong Athletics Year In Review Women's Basketball

FINAL PBC STANDINGS							
East Division							
School	PBC	All					
Armstrong	14-5	21-8					
Flagler	10-9	12-15					
USC Aiken	9-10	11-18					
Francis Marion	7-12	13-13					
Lander	7-12	12-17					
GRU Augusta	5-14	9-17					
UNC Pembroke	5-14	9-17					
West Division							
School	PBC	All					
Clayton State	16-3	22-7					
North Georgia	15-4	23-7					
Young Harris	14-5	19-7					
Columbus State	13-6	21-8					
Georgia College	18-11	9-10					
Montevallo	5-14	8-18					
Ga. Southwestern	4-15	9-17					

## PBC Championships (Columbus, Ga.)

Georgia College def. Armstrong, 84-67 NCAA Southeast Regional (Hickory, N.C.) Armstrong def. Lenoir-Rhyne, 64-56 Armstrong def. North Georgia, 72-70 Limestone def. Armstrong, 74-55

### PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Brigitta Barta - Third Team, Freshman of the Year Bryonna Davis - Second Team Fala Bullock - Co-Coach of the Year

**PBC ALL-ACADEMIC T EAM** Tyler Carlson

**PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK** Brigitta Barta (Feb. 3)

Bryonna Davis (Dec. 23, Feb. 17)

NCAA SOUTHEAST REGION ALL-T MT T EAM Brigitta Barta Bryonna Davis

Individual Leaders

Scoring

T EAM STATISTICS Scoring Offense 73.3 (3rd PBC, 68th NCAA) Scoring Defense 68.6 (8th PBC) Free Throw Percentage .743 (2nd PBC, 54th NCAA) FG Percentage .418 (3rd PBC, 85th NCAA) FG Percentage Defense .395 (6th PBC) Rebounding Margin +2.3 (2nd PBC) Assists Per Game 15.0 (3rd PBC, 54th NCAA) Blocked Shots 4.0 (3rd PBC, 41st NCAA) Assist/Turnover Ratio 0.92 (4th PBC, 79th NCAA) Won-Lost Percentage .724 (3rd PBC, 38th NCAA)

The Armstrong Atlantic State University women's basketball squad made a run for the ages, advancing to the NCAA Southeast Region title game while finishing first in the Peach Belt Conference's East Division standings. The Pirates went 21-8 overall and 14-5 in the league under first-year head coach Fala Bullock.

The Pirates opened up the season with a thrilling 73-66 overtime win at Benedict on November 9th, then picked up an 82-77 win at No. 17 Limestone on November 23rd - the 11th season out of the last 14 in which Armstrong has defeated a nationally-ranked team.

That momentum carried into the Peach Belt schedule, where the Pirates reeled off a 10-game winning streak, it's longest winning streak since 2002-03, to finish first in the East Division.

Despite an opening-round loss in the PBC Tournament, Armstrong received its third NCAA Championships bid, receiving an at-large bid as the No. 8 seed. The Pirates went to Hickory, N.C., and immediately upset top seed and host Lenoir-Rhyne, 64-56, in the first round. Brigitta Barta's two free throws with 5.3 seconds left lifted the Pirates to a 72-70 win over North Georgia in the region semifinals, earning Armstrong's first appearance in a region championship game. Armstrong fell to Limestone, 74-55, in that game.

Senior Bryonna Davis earned second-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors, averaging 14.4 points per game to highlight a stellar senior class that helped Armstrong reach new heights in 2013-14. Senior Hanna Bognar recorded the first triple-double in Armstrong women's basketball history with 11 points, 13 rebounds and 10 blocked shots at Eckerd on December 21st and also set the single-game blocked shot record with 12 vs. Columbia (SC) on November 13th. Senior Tyler Carlson set the single-season free throw percentage mark at Armstrong, hitting 84.9 percent, while senior Stephenie Coney ranked second in the PBC in assists per game and third in assist/turnover ratio. Senior Mauri Wells finished her career as the second-leading rebounder in Armstrong history with 982 rebounds and senior Morgan Mitchell wrapped up her five-year Armstrong athletics career, playing four years of soccer and women's basketball.

Freshman Brigitta Barta highlighted the underclassmen by becoming just the third Armstrong player to earn PBC Freshman of the Year honors, while also earning a spot on the DII Bulletin's All-Freshman Team.

Armstrong returns five players for the 2014-15 season.

#### **DII BULLETIN ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM** Brigitta Barta

Freshman Brigitta Barta (right) averaged 15.1 points per game, becoming the third Armstrong player to earn PBC Freshman of the Year honors. Senior Bryonna Davis (below) earned second-team All-PBC honors and both players were named to the Southeast Region All-Tournament team for helping the Pirates reach the NCAA Region title game. Senior Mauri Wells (below, right) finished her career as the second-leading rebounder in Armstrong women's basketball history with 982.



Brigitta Barta, 15.1 (8th PBC) Bryonna Davis, 14.1 (12th PBC) Rebounding Mauri Wells, 7.4 (12th PBC) Field Goal Percentage Brigitta Barta, .567 (1st PBC, 14th NCAA) 3-Point FG Made Bryonna Davis, 1.83 (6th PBC) Tyler Carlson, 1.76 (7th PBC) Assist/TO Ratio Stephenie Coney, 1.51 (3rd PBC) **Blocked Shots** Hanna Bognar, 2.41 (3rd PBC, 18th NCAA) Assists Per Game Stephenie Coney, 4.0 (2nd PBC) Free Throw Percentage Tyler Carlson, .849 (2nd PBC, 52nd NCAA) Brigitta Barta, .796 (5th PBC)

Bryonna Davis, .778 (9th PBC)

# BASEBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS							
School	PBC	All					
Lander	24-6	52-9					
Columbus State	23-7	40-17					
USC Aiken	20-10	36-17					
Georgia College	19-10	35-17					
UNC Pembroke	17-13	33-18					
Armstrong	15-15	28-20					
Young Harris	13-17	25-25					
Montevallo	12-16	31-21					
Francis Marion	12-17	28-22					
Flagler	11-19	23-25					
GRU Augusta	11-19	19-31					
North Georgia	10-20	22-27					
Ga. Southwestern	6-24	11-33					
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### PBC Tournament (Aiken, S.C.)

Armstrong def. USC Aiken, 11-7 Montevallo def. Armstrong, 8-4

**PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS** Ethan Bader - First Team (Pitcher of the Year) R.J. Dennard - Second Team

**PBC ALL-T OURNAMENT T EAM** R.J. Dennard Matt Wisniewski

**PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK** R.J. Dennard (April 22)

**PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK** Ethan Bader (Feb. 11, April 7, April 14, May 5)

**PBC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK** Ryan Patterson (Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 4)

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC T EAM Clayton Miller

NCBWA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION Ethan Bader - First Team

NCBWA ALL-AMERICAN Ethan Bader - Honorable Mention DAKTRONICS ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS Ethan Bader - First Team

ABCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION Ethan Bader - First Team R.J. Dennard - Second Team

ABCA ALL-AMERICAN Ethan Bader - Third Team



The Armstrong Atlantic State baseball squad, under first-year head coach Calvain Culberson, advanced to the Peach Belt Conference tournament semifinals while going 28-20 overall and 15-15 in the PBC regular season standings.

Named the interim head coach after Joe Roberts' retirement in May of 2013, Culberson had the interim label lifted in January and led the Pirates to the semifinals of the PBC Tournament for the second time in the last three seasons. A key 10-game winning streak in April culminated with an 8-2 win over UNC Pembroke on April 20th, clinching a berth into the PBC Tournament. In Aiken, S.C., the Pirates upset third-seeded USC Aiken, 11-7, before falling to Montevallo in the semis.

Armstrong senior Ethan Bader was named the Peach Belt Conference's Pitcher of the Year for going 11-1 with a 3.45 ERA and a league-leading 121 strikeouts in 114.2 innings of work, also earning third-team ABCA All-American honors as well as NCBWA honorable mention All-America honors. He set new all-time marks for wins (31) and strikeouts (293) record during the season and was also a four-time PBC Pitcher of the Week honoree during the season.

Senior Clayton Miller capped a fantastic four-year career by hitting .339 with five home runs and 44 RBIs, finishing his career with 213 hits, which ranks tied for eighth all-time in Armstrong history, while also earning PBC All-Academic Team honors. Fellow seniors Dalton Johnson (.333, 2 HR, 25 RBI) and Mitchell Dolan (2-6, 6.64 ERA) also wrapped up their Armstrong careers.

Junior R.J. Dennard hit .402 with 15 doubles, 11 home runs and 47 RBIs - all team-leading numbers - and also passed the 200 hit plateau while earning second-team All-Conference and ABCA All-Southeast Region honors. Freshman Ryan Patterson was a three-time PBC Freshman of the Week honoree.

Armstrong returns 18 players for the 2014-15 season.

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Strikeouts Ethan Bader, 121 (1st PBC, 4th NCAA) Strikeouts Per 9 Innings Ethan Bader, 9.5 (2nd PBC, 51st NCAA) <u>Wins</u> Ethan Bader, 11 (t2nd PBC, t3rd NCAA) Home Runs R.J. Dennard, 11 (5th PBC, 18th NCAA) Home Runs Per Game R.J. Dennard, 0.23 (5th PBC, 22nd NCAA) **Batting Average** R.J. Dennard, .402 (2nd PBC, 27th NCAA) Slugging Percentage R.J. Dennard, .667 (4th PBC, 16th NCAA) Total Bases R.J. Dennard, 126 (8th PBC, 16th NCAA) Sacrifice Hits Cody Sherlin, 13 (2nd PBC, 13th NCAA) Sacrifice Hits Per Game Cody Sherlin, 0.27 (2nd PBC, 22nd NCAA) T EAM STATISTICS

Batting Average292 (9th PBC, 86th NCAA)Runs Per Game6.3 (9th PBC, 51st NCAA)Earned Run Average4.84 (5th PBC)Fielding Percentage971 (2nd PBC, 17th NCAA)Sacrifice Hits49 (1st PBC, 25th NCAA)Strikeouts Per 9 Innings7.6 (5th PBC, 29th NCAA)Walks Allowed Per 9 Innings3.37 (2nd PBC)

Senior Ethan Bader (top right) became the alltime wins and strikeouts leader at Armstrong, earning third-team All-America honors. Senior Clayton Miller (left) passed the 200-hit plateau, finishing eighth all-time with 213 career hits. Junior R.J. Dennard (right) earned All-PBC, All-PBC Tournament and All-Region honors, leading the Pirates in hitting at .402 while also collecting his 200th career hit.



# SOFTBALL

FINAL PBC STANDINGS								
SCHOOL	PBC	ALL						
North Georgia	20-2	47-11						
Armstrong	14-6	36-15						
USC Aiken	15-7	34-16						
Georgia College	13-9	34-17						
Flagler	13-9	28-26						
Columbus State	10-12	31-20						
Ga. Southwestern	9-13	26-26						
Francis Marion	9-13	23-28						
GRU Augusta	9-13	22-34						
Young Harris	8-12	20-33						
UNC Pembroke	8-14	22-24						
Lander	2-20	8-42						

### PBC Championships (Columbus, Ga.)

Armstrong def. Francis Marion, 4-1 Columbus State def. Armstrong, 8-5 (9 inn.) **NCAA Southeast Regional (Anderson, S.C)** Armstrong def. USC Aiken, 6-0 Armstrong def. Anderson, 7-6 Armstrong def. USC Aiken, 6-1 **NCAA Southeast Super Regional (Dahlonega, Ga.)** Armstrong def. North Georgia, 3-2 (8 inn.) North Georgia def. Armstrong, 7-5 Armstrong def. North Georgia, 12-10 **NCAA DII Championships (Salem, Va.)** Armstrong def. West Chester, 4-1 West Texas A&M def. Armstrong, 6-5 Southeastern Oklahoma def. Armstrong, 9-3

**PBC** ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS Alexis Mercer - First Team (Player of the Year) Kacie Patterson - Second Team Hannah Reppert - Second Team Lacye Walker - First Team PBC ALL-TOURNAMENT HONORS Haley Ellis Kacie Patterson NCAA ALL-T OURNAMENT T EAM Alexis Mercer Hannah Reppert PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK Haley Ellis (Feb. 18) Alexis Mercer (March 11, April 14) Hannah Reppert (April 10) Lacye Walker (March 17) PBC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK Jane Trzaska (March 17) PBC PITCHER OF THE WEEK Ollivia McLemore (Feb. 18, March 4) PBC ALL-ACADEMIC T EAM Peyton Roth NFCA ALL-AMERICAN T EAM Alexis Mercer - First Team Lacye Walker - Second Team NFCA ALL-SOUTHEAST REGION Alexis Mercer - First Team Lacye Walker - First Team DAKTRONICS/COSIDA ALL-AMERICAN Alexis Mercer - First Team Lacye Walker - Second Team DAKTRONICS/COSIDA ALL-SE REGION Alexis Mercer - First Team Lacye Walker - First Team NFCA REGION COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR Ted Evans Shelly Tait FINAL NFCA NATIONAL RANKING No. 5

The Armstrong Atlantic State University softball team notched its second consecutive NCAA Southeast Region championship, making a return trip to the NCAA DII Softball World Series. The Pirates tied for fifth at the championships while finishing the 2014 season with a 36-15 overall record, a 14-6 mark in the Peach Belt Conference and a No. 5 national ranking.

The Pirates earned their 12th appearance in the NCAA tournament in the last 14 seasons by claiming an at-large berth, traveling to Anderson, S.C., as the No. 3 seed. The Pirates went unbeaten in Anderson, knocking off USC Aiken twice and the host Trojans to advance to the Super Regional in Dahlonega. Armstrong bested the No. 2-ranked Saints in the best-of-three Super Regional format, winning the third and decisive game, 12-10.

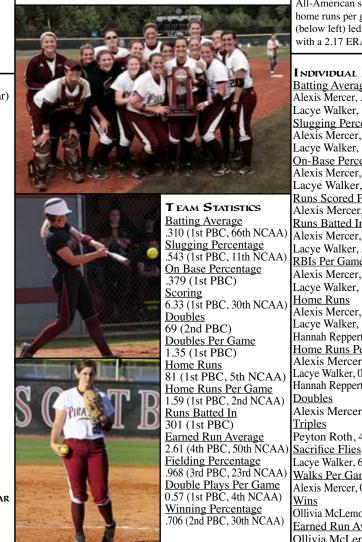
At the NCAA Championships, the Pirates notched an opening-game win over West Chester, 4-1, and took top-ranked Texas A&M to the limit in falling by one run, 6-5, to the eventual national champions. At Salem, junior Alexis Mercer clubbed four home runs, tying an NCAA Championships record for the finals site, putting a cap on a tremendous season for the PBC Player of the Year.

Mercer set the single-season Armstrong and Peach Belt home run mark with 26 round trippers, leading the nation in home runs per game. She was a consensus first-team All-American shortstop pick after hitting .434 with a PBC-record 1.098 slugging percentage, ranking second in the nation.

Junior designated player Lacye Walker hit .424 with 15 home runs and 54 RBIs to earn second-team All-American honors, while junior pitcher Ollivia McLemore went 25-8 with a 2.17 ERA, leading the PBC in wins.

Outfielder Andrea Dalton (.287, 10 HR, 32 RBI), All-PBC third baseman Kacie Patterson (.281, 4 HR, 21 RBI) and second baseman Kat Vogler (.295, 4 HR, 29 RBI) wrapped up their Armstrong softball careers with solid final seasons for the Pirates.

Armstrong returns 10 players for 2015, including Mercer and All-PBC first baseman Hannah Reppert.



The Pirates (left) won their second straight NCAA region championship with a thrilling 12-10 win over No. 2 North Georgia. Alexis Mercer (middle left) was a consensus first-team All-American shortstop, leading the nation in home runs per game, while Ollivia McLemore (below left) led the PBC in wins, going 25-8 with a 2.17 ERA.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS Batting Average Alexis Mercer, .434 (2nd PBC, 37th NCAA) Lacve Walker, .424 (3rd PBC, 49th NCAA) Slugging Percentage Alexis Mercer, 1.098 (1st PBC, 2nd NCAA) Lacye Walker, .776 (2nd PBC, 33rd NCAA) **On-Base** Percentage Alexis Mercer, .552 (1st PBC, 10th NCAA) Lacye Walker, .446 (4th PBC) Runs Scored Per Game Alexis Mercer, 1.30 (1st PBC, 6th NCAA) Runs Batted In Alexis Mercer, 55 (1st PBC, 51st NCAA) Lacye Walker, 54 (2nd PBC, 57th NCAA) **RBIs** Per Game Alexis Mercer, 1.17 (1st PBC, 51st NCAA) Lacye Walker, 1.06 (2nd PBC, 54th NCAA) Home Runs Alexis Mercer, 26 (1st PBC, t2nd NCAA) Lacye Walker, 15 (2nd PBC, 25th NCAA) Hannah Reppert, 13 (4th PBC, 48th NCAA) Home Runs Per Game Alexis Mercer, 0.55 (1st PBC, 1st NCAA) Lacye Walker, 0.29 (2nd PBC, 29th NCAA) Hannah Reppert, 0.26 (4th PBC, 51st NCAA) **Doubles** Alexis Mercer, 15 (t1st PBC) **Triples** Peyton Roth, 4 (t2nd PBC) Lacye Walker, 6 (1st PBC, 7th NCAA) Walks Per Game Alexis Mercer, 0.81 (1st PBC, 8th NCAA) Wins Ollivia McLemore, 25 (t1st PBC, 12th NCAA) Earned Run Average Ollivia McLemore, 2.17 (5th PBC)

# Men's Tennis

FINAL PBC STANDINGS							
SCHOOL	PBC	ALL					
Armstrong	9-1	20-7					
Lander	9-1	17-5					
Columbus State	9-1	20-6					
GRU Augusta	6-3	19-7					
Georgia College	6-4	14-8					
Francis Marion	4-6	7-9					
Flagler	4-6	8-17					
North Georgia	3-7	11-10					
USC Aiken	2-8	11-10					
Young Harris	2-8	11-10					
Ga. Southwestern	0-9	3-11					
PBC Championsh	ips (Flor	ence, S.C.)					
Armstrong def. Fla	gler, 5-0						
Armstrong def. La	nder, 5-0						
Championship Ma		d Out					
NCAA II Southeast							
Armstrong def. US	0	. , ,					
Armstrong def. GR	,						
NCAA II Champions	-						
Armstrong def. NY		nonce oprings, r ia.)					
Armstrong def. No		lissouri Stata 5 1					
West Florida def. A	Amstrong	, 5-2					
PBC ALL-CONI	FERENCE	Honors					
Pablo Gor (Singles	/Doubles)						
Jaan Kononov (Sin	gles/Doul	oles)					

Pablo Gor (Singles/Doubles) Jaan Kononov (Singles/Doubles) Pedro Scocuglia (Singles) (Player of the Year) **PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK** Pablo Gor (March 17) Pedro Scocuglia (April 14)

PBC TOURNAMENT MVP

Jaan Kononov (Singles)

**ITA SOUTHEAST REGION "SENIOR OF THE YEAR"** Pedro Scocuglia

**ITA ALL-AMERICA HONORS** Jaan Kononov (Singles/Doubles) Pedro Scocuglia (Singles/Doubles) The Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team advanced to the NCAA DII Men's Tennis semifinals, finishing the 2014 season with a 20-7 overall record. It was the Pirates' seventh trip to the semifinals in program history.

The Pirates also earned a share of its 10th Peach Belt Conference regular season title, tying atop the league standings with Lander and Columbus State. Armstrong finished runner-up in the PBC Tournament as the final match was rained out.

Armstrong blanked USC Aiken and GRU Augusta at the NCAA Southeast Regional, then headed to the NCAA DII Tennis Championships in Altamonte Springs, Fla., in May. The Pirates knocked off NYIT in the first round, then downed Northwest Missouri State to advance to the semifinals. The Pirates fell behind early, 3-0, to eventual national champion West Florida, and trailed 4-0 before winning a pair of singles matches and extending the other remaining singles matches to three sets. More than four hours into the match, UWF finally prevailed, 5-2. The semifinal performance was the fifth in the last seven seasons for the Pirates.

Senior Pedro Scocuglia, the lone senior on the squad, captured the ITA Southeast Region singles title in the Fall, then followed that up with an unbeaten campaign in Peach Belt Conference play to earn PBC Player of the Year honors. Scocuglia finished the year with a career-best No. 6 singles ranking and also earned ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles.

Sophomore Jaan Kononov teamed with Scocuglia to finish the season ranked No. 6 in doubles while also earning a No. 12 national ranking in singles to also earn ITA All-American honors. Sophomore Pablo Gor earned All-PBC honors in singles and doubles as well.

In May, head men's and women's tennis coach Simon Earnshaw accepted the head women's tennis coaching position at North Carolina State University, leaving the program he had led to nine combined national championships in 15 seasons.

Armstrong returns five players for the 2014-15 season.

# FINAL ITA DII NATIONAL RANK

Pedro Scocuglia

ITA SOUTHEAST REGION SINGLES CHAMPION





Senior Pedro Scocuglia (above) was the Peach Belt Conference's Player of the Year in 2014 and earned ITA All-American honors in singles and doubles, as did sophomore Jaan Kononov (above left). Head men's and women's tennis coach Simon Earnshaw (top) resigned his position in May to accept the head women's tennis coaching position at North Carolina State University after 15 seasons and nine combined national titles with the Pirates.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Singles										
Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC	Fall	Overall
Pedro Scocuglia #6	15-4	2-0					17-4	10-0	8-3	25-7
Jaan Kononov #12	0-2	14-1	8-0				22-3	9-1	7-3	29-6
Pablo Gor <b>#21</b>	0-1	6-1	5-2	8-0			19-4	9-1	10-2	29-6
Ignacio Hernandez #25		1-0	5-1	10-5			16-6	10-0	8-3	24-9
Luca Cerin			1-0		16-6	1-0	18-6	9-1	6-2	24-8
Damian Okrutny				0-1	0-1	12-7	12-9	7-3		12-9
Totals	15-7	23-2	19-3	18-6	16-8	13-8	104-34	54-6	39-13	143-47
Doubles										
Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record			
Kononov/Scocuglia #6	9-2			9-2	3-0	0-1	9-3			
Gor/Kononov	11-4			11-4	6-1	2-1	13-5			
Cerin/Kononov	0-1			0-1			0-1			
Hernandez/Okrutny		12-6	4-1	16-7	7-1		16-7			
Cerin/Scocuglia		2-3	3-3	5-6	3-2		5-6			
Okrutny/Scocuglia		1-3		1-3	1-1		1-3			
Cerin/Gor			10-1	10-1	3-0		10-1			
Cerin/Hernandez			2-2	2-2	2-0	3-0	5-2			
Other teams						9-4	9-4			
Totals	20-7	15-12	19-8	54-27	25-5	14-6	68-33			

# WOMEN'S TENNIS

FINAL P	BC S	TANDINGS						
SCHOOL	PBC	ALL						
Armstrong	<i>13-0</i>	28-2						
Columbus State	12-1	22-5						
Flagler	11-2	16-5						
Georgia College	9-4	19-8						
Francis Marion	9-4	15-7						
Lander	8-5	16-7						
USC Aiken	6-7	13-10						
Montevallo	6-7	9-10						
GRU Augusta	5-7	10-9						
North Georgia	5-8	12-9						
Clayton State	2-10	3-15						
UNC Pembroke	2-11	11-11						
Ga. Southwestern	1-10	6-12						
Young Harris	0-13	2-17						
PBC Championshi	PBC Championships (Florence, S.C)							

C Championships (Florence, S.C) Armstrong def. USC Aiken, 5-0 Armstrong def. Francis Marion, 6-0 Championship Match Rained Out NCAA II Southeast Regional (Savannah, Ga.) Armstrong def. Tusculum, 5-0 Armstrong def. Francis Marion, 5-0 NCAA II Championships (Altamonte Springs, Fla.) Armstrong def. Wayne State (Mich.), 5-0 Armstrong def. NYIT, 5-0 Armstrong def. Saint Leo, 5-0 Barry def. Armstrong, 5-4

## PBC ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

Aleksandra Filipovski (Singles/Doubles) (Player of the Year) Barbora Krtickova Marlen Hacke (Singles/Doubles) Olga Kalodzitsa (Doubles) Barbora Krtickova (Singles/Doubles) Clara Perez (Singles/Doubles) Carolina Prats-Millan (Singles/Doubles) Simon Earnshaw (Co-Coach of the Year)

PBC TOURNAMENT MVP Dora Andrejszki (Singles)

PBC PLAYER OF THE WEEK Aleksandra Filipovski (Feb. 25, March 24, Apr. 7, 14) Carolina Prats-Millan (March 17, Apr. 1)

## ITA NATIONAL "PLAYER TO WATCH"

Carolina Prats-Millan

**COSIDA** ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN Barbora Krtickova - Second Team

The Armstrong Atlantic State women's tennis team advanced to its 14th NCAA DII National Championship match, pushing top-ranked Barry to the limit in a 5-4 loss to the Bucs to finish as the national runner-up for the sixth time in program history.

The Pirates blitzed through the regular season, dropping only one point to Peach Belt opponents in capturing their 11th straight regular season league title. Armstrong did not drop a point through regionals and the NCAA Championships until meeting up with Barry in the final in Altamonte Springs, Fla. Armstrong fell behind, 3-0, after doubles to the Bucs but rallied to win four singles matches and bringing the title match down to a final singles contest at No. 6 singles, where Kimmy Twelker outlasted Olga Kalodzitsa, 6-3, 6-7 (9), 7-6 (4), for the match. Armstrong fought off 14 match points at various points through singles play to have a chance at the end.

Senior Aleksandra Filipovski was named the Peach Belt Conference's Player of the Year, finishing the campaign ranked No. 2 in the nation in singles and No. 2 in doubles with partner Barbora Krtickova. Krtickova finished the season ranked No. 7 in singles and both players earned ITA All-American singles and doubles honors. Krtickova became the first Armstrong tennis player - men or women - to win 300 combined matches in a career.

Seniors Marlen Hacke and Olga Kalodzitsa also earned ITA All-American honors for finishing the season ranked No. 8 in the nation in doubles, while Hacke added ITA All-American singles honors as well for earning a career-best No. 11 singles ranking at the end of the year.

Junior Carolina Prats-Millan enjoyed a fine debut season for the Pirates, going 24-1 during the dual match season in singles and earning ITA National "Player To Watch" honors. Junior Clara Perez earned All-PBC honors along with Prats-Millan in both singles and doubles.

Freshman Dora Andrejszki was named the PBC Tournament Singles MVP as Armstrong was declared the tournament winner as the top remaining seed when rains washed out the tournament final. The tournament title was the 11th straight for the Pirates.

Armstrong returns four players for the 2014-15 season.

COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT III

PBC ALL-ACADEMIC T EAM Aleksandra Filipovski Barbora Krtickova

ITA DIVISION II ALL-AMERICA HONORS Aleksandra Filipovski (Singles/Doubles) Marlen Hacke (Singles/Doubles) Olga Kalodzitsa (Doubles) Barbora Krtickova (Singles/Doubles)

FINAL ITA DII NATIONAL RANK No. 2



## **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Singles									
Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	PBC Fall	Overall
Aleksandra Filipovski #2	24-1						24-1	11-0 9-3	33-4
Barbora Krtickova #7	1-0	20-0					21-0	11-0 12-2	33-2
Marlen Hacke #11	1-0	3-0	15-3				19-3	10-0 12-2	31-5
Carolina Prats-Millan #41			4-0	20-1			24-1	12-0 8-1	32-2
Clara Perez <b>#30</b>			3-0	4-0	14-1		21-1	12-0 6-4	27-5
Olga Kalodzitsa				1-0	4-1	16-1	21-2	10-1 8-2	29-4
Dora Andrejszki					4-0	9-1	13-1	10-0 12-2	25-3
Totals	26-1	23-0	22-3	25-1	22-2	26-2	144-9	77-1 67-16	5 211-25
Doubles								G · D	
Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	PBC	Fall	Record		bora Krtickova and Aleksandra Filipovski (top) finishe
Filipovski/Krtickova #2	26-2			26-2	11-0	11-2	37-4		ason ranked No. 2 in the nation in doubles, while Fili-
Hacke/Kalodzitsa #8	2-0	26-1		28-1	12-0	7-3	35-4	1	ranked No. 2 in singles. Krtickova finished the season
Perez/Prats-Millan		3-0	24-2	27-2	12-0	3-0	30-2		7 and became the first Armstrong tennis player, men
Andrejszki/Krtickova			1-0	1-0	1-0		1-0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	to win 300 matches in a career. Senior Marlen Hacke
Andrejszki/Filipovski			1-0	1-0	1-0		1-0		shed the season with a career-best No. 11 national
Andrejszki/Kalodzitsa			1-0	1-0	1-0		1-0	0	singles and teamed with senior Olga Kalodzitsa to finisl
Other Fall Duos						7-2	7-2	the year No	. 8 in doubles. Filipovski, Krtickova and Kalodzitsa all
Totals	28-2	29-1	28-2	85-5	39-0	28-7	113-12	earned ITA	All-American honors in both singles and doubles.

# 2013-2014 Armstrong Athletics Year In Review MEN'S GOLF

PBC CHAMPIONSHIP				
( Pine Mountain	N, GA.)			
SCHOOL				
1 USC Aiken	291 +3			
2 Georgia College 3 UNC Pembroke 4 Armstrong 5 Clayton State	293 +5			
3 UNC Pembroke	295 +7			
4 Armstrong	296 +8			
5 Clayton State	301 +13			
<ul><li>6 Lander</li><li>7 Columbus State</li></ul>	302 +14			
7 Columbus State	304 +16			
Georgia Southwestern 9 Montevallo	304 +16 305 +17			
10 North Georgia	305 + 17 306 + 18			
11 Flagler	300 + 18 307 + 19			
NCAA South/Southeast				
(Pooler, G				
SCHOOL				
1 Dormu	<u>SCORE</u> 868 +4			
1 Barry 2 Nova Southeastern	874 +10			
3 Armstrong	876 +12			
USC Aiken	876 +12			
5 Lynn	877 +13			
6 Delta State	877 +13 881 +17			
North Alabama	881 +17 882 +18			
8 Florida Tech	882 +18			
9 Flagler	888 +24 888 +24			
Saint Leo	888 +24			
11 Erskine	892 +28 897 +33			
12 Florida Southern	897 +33			
13 West Florida	898 +34 899 +35			
14 Clayton State	899 +35			
15 Columbus State 16 Georgia College	907 + 43 011 + 47			
Rollins	911 + 47 911 + 47			
18 Limestone	907 +43 911 +47 911 +47 913 +49			
19 Queens (NC)	918 +54			
20 Carson-Newman	941 +77			
NCAA DII NATIONAL CH	TAMPIONSHIPS			
(Allendale, M	``			
	SCORE			
1 Nova Southeastern	863 +11			
<ol> <li>Nova Southeastern</li> <li>**Barry</li> <li>Chico State</li> <li>Central Missouri</li> </ol>	877 +25			
3 Chico State	881 +29			
4 Central Missouri	890 +38			
Malone	890 +38			
6 Lynn	893 +41			
7 CSU Monterey Bay	895 +43			
Indiana (Pa.)	895 +43			
9 North Alabama	896 +44			
10 Armstrong	<b>898 +46</b>			
11 St. Edward's 12 USC Aiken	899 +47 905 +53			
13 Hawaii - Hilo	907 +55			
14 Western New Mexico	913 +61			
15 Central Oklahoma	917 +65			
St. Thomas Aquinas	917 +65			
17 Simon Fraser	918 +66			
18 Delta State	924 +72			
19 Saginaw Valley State	927 +75			
20 Charleston (W. Va.)	954 +102			
** Barry won title after match play				
Senior Shad Tuten (far right	) became Arm-			
strong's third first-team GC.	AA All-Amer-			
ican in 2013-14. His 72.58 s	stroke average			
was the second-best single-s				
in school history. Junior Tra				
son (above) earned third-tea				

Scholar All-American honors.

The Armstrong Atlantic State University men's golf team returned to the NCAA Championships, advancing out of the regional for the first time since 2005 and finishing 10th in the nation, its best national finish since 2005.

The Pirates were solid all year long, not finishing below sixth in any tournament during the campaign. Armstrong led wire-to-wire in claiming the Rollins McDonough Cup in October and also finished second at its own tournament, the Armstrong Pirate Invitational, in February.

Armstrong hosted the NCAA South/Southeast Regional in May at Savannah Quarters, finishing third to qualify for the NCAA Championships for the third time since reinstatement of the program in 2000-01. The Pirates were in contention to make the top eight and qualify for match play right down to the final hole, but were edged out by three strokes.

Senior Shad Tuten became just the third Armstrong golfer to earn first-team GCAA All-American honors, carding a 72.58 stroke average that ranks as the second-best single-season stroke average in Pirate golf history. Senior Justin Wylie also closed out his career as a Pirate by setting new bests in rounds played and stroke average.

Junior Travis Williamson earned third-team GCAA All-America honors as well as All-PBC honors, giving Armstrong two GCAA All-Americans for the first time since 2005. Junior Cory Griffin also earned All-PBC and GCAA All-Region honors.

Armstrong returns seven golfers for 2014-15.

9/16-17

9/23-24

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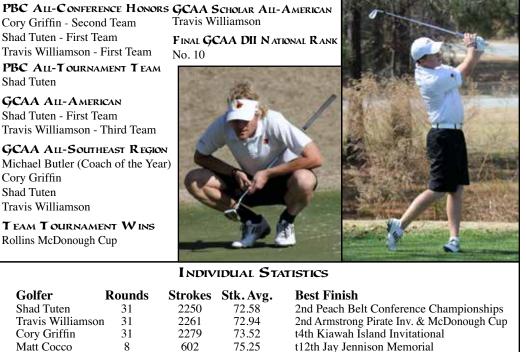
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10/7-8



Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Shad Tuten	31	2250	72.58	2nd Peach Belt Conference Championships
Travis Williamso	on 31	2261	72.94	2nd Armstrong Pirate Inv. & McDonough Cup
Cory Griffin	31	2279	73.52	t4th Kiawah Island Invitational
Matt Cocco	8	602	75.25	t12th Jay Jennison Memorial
Howard Hickey	28	2107	75.25	t20th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Justin Wylie	24	1836	76.50	t17th Matlock Collegiate Classic
Steven Mencia	3	237	79.00	t69th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Joseph Jarrard	10	795	79.50	46th Grub Mart Intercollegiate
Alex Berg-Capin	. 3	245	81.67	t81st Armstrong Pirate Invitational
Matt Mell	3	248	82.67	t86th Armstrong Pirate Invitational
TEAM	31	9089	293.19	1st Rollins McDonough Cup

### T EAM RESULTS

Kiawah Island Invitational	Kiawah Island, S.C.	4th of 17	589 (+13)
Jay Jennison Memorial	St. Augustine, Fla.	6th of 17	886 (+22)
Guy Harvey Invitational	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla	1.6th of 16	880 (+16)
The McDonough Cup	Orlando, Fla.	1st of 16	857 (-7)
Matlock Collegiate Classic	Lakeland, Fla.	3rd of 15	863 (-1)
Armstrong Pirate Invitational	Pooler, Ga.	2nd of 17	858 (+6)
Southeastern Collegiate	Valdosta, Ga.	3rd of 18	878 (+14)
Bobcat Invitational	Eatonton, Ga.	6th of 17	598 (+38)
Grub Mart Intercollegiate	Jacksonville, Ala.	6th of 8	610 (+34)
Peach Belt Championships	Pine Mountain, Ga.	4th of 11	296 (+8)
NCAA South/Southeast Regional	Pooler, Ga.	3rd of 20	876 (+12)
NCAA National Championships	Allendale, Mich.	10th of 20	898 (+46)

# WOMEN'S GOLF

<b>PBC C</b> HAMPIONSHIP $(P \text{ ine Mountain}, Ga.)$					
SCHOOL	SCORE				
1 UNC Pembroke	306 +22				
2 Montevallo	311 +27				
3 Flagler	313 +29				
4 Lander	316 +32				
5 Armstrong	320 +36				
6 Columbus State	321 +37				
7 North Georgia	344 +59				
8 Young Harris	373 +89				
NCAA SOUTH REGIONAL (SAINT LEO, FLA.)					
SCHOOL	SCORE				
1 Lynn	881 +17				
2 Barry	896 +32				
3 Rollins	901 +37				
4 Florida Tech	906 +42				
5 West Florida	923 +59				

 a Honda Tech
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 5 West Florida
 923 +59

 6 Saint Leo
 926 +62

 7 Nova Southeastern
 931 +67

 8 Armstrong
 935 +71

 Flagler
 935 +71

PBC All-Conference Honors

Jenna Birch - First Team Kiley Mettler - First Team Kristen Sammarco - Second Team

**PBC** All-ACADEMIC **T** EAM Jenna Birch

**WGCA ALL-AMERICAN** Jenna Birch - Honorable Mention

WGCA SCHOLAR ALL-AMERICA Jenna Birch

**PBC GOIFER OF THE WEEK** Jenna Birch (March 27) Kiley Mettler (March 6)

INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT WINS Jenna Birch (Wingate Pinehurst Challenge) Kiley Mettler (Armstrong Women's Invitational)

**T EAM T OLIRNAMENT W INS** Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational Wingate Pinehurst Challenge

FINAL WGCA DII NATIONAL RANK No. 14

Senior Jenna Birch (right) became the first three-time All-American in Armstrong women's golf history, earning honorable mention honors while also winning her third career tournament in 2013-14. Senior Kiley Mettler (middle right) earned first-team All-Peach Belt Conference honors while also capturing her first collegiate tournament, winning the Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational. Senior Kristen Sammarco (far right) earned All-Conference honors for the Pirates, earning a pair of Top 10 finishes. Armstrong finished the year ranked No. 14 in the nation, the highest ever national ranking for Pirate women's golf. The Armstrong Atlantic State University women's golf team fashioned a second-straight appearance at the NCAA Championships in 2013-14, while also achieving the program's highest national ranking at the end of the season at No. 14.

The Pirates were regionally ranked all season long and played their way into the tournament with an especially strong spring, winning back-to-back tournaments. Armstrong captured its home tournament, the Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational, at Savannah Quarters on March 3-4, successfully defending its title from the previous season. Armstrong then traveled to Pinehurst, N.C., and notched a win at the Wingate Pinehurst Challenge. It was just the second year in which Armstrong has won multiple tournaments, joining the 2011-12 team that also won twice.

The Pirates earned an at-large berth into the NCAA South Regional in Saint Leo, Fla., and finished tied for eighth out of the nine teams competing. Armstrong, ranked No. 14, was the lowest nationally-ranked team in the nine-team regional, which has produced the NCAA national champion in each year that the championship has been played.

Senior Jenna Birch earned first-team All-PBC honors and WGCA honorable mention All-America honors, becoming the first three-time All-American in Armstrong women's golf history. Senior Kiley Mettler enjoyed a career season, also earning first-team All-Peach Belt honors and notching her first collegiate tournament win by capturing the Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational crown. Senior Kristen Sammarco also wrapped up a stellar Armstrong career by earning second-team All-Peach Belt honors.

The Pirates will return three players - sophomores Brendie Rockholt and Pamela Mosley, along with freshman Molly Molyneaux - for the 2014-15 season.

## **INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Golfer	Rounds	Strokes	Stk. Avg.	Best Finish
Jenna Birch	21	1620	77.14	1st Wingate Pinehurst Challenge
Kiley Mettler	21	1641	78.14	1st Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational
Kristen Sammarco	o 21	1642	78.19	2nd Wingate Pinehurst Challenge
Brendie Rockholt	21	1689	80.43	t9th Tusculum/Kiawah Island Invitational
Pamela Mosley	21	1723	82.05	t21st PBC Championships
Molly Molyneaux	4	343	85.75	t51st Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational
TEAM	21	6563	312.52	1st Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational
Pamela Mosley Molly Molyneaux	21 4	1723 343	85.75	t21st PBC Championships t51st Armstrong Pirate Women's Inv

## T EAM RESULTS

9/28-29 10/7-8 10/21-22 10/28-29 2/1-2 2/17-18 3/3-4 3/23-24	Lander Bearcat Invitational Guy Harvey Invitational Saint Leo Invitational Flagler College Fall Slam Tusculum/Kiawah Island Inv. FSC Lady Moc Classic Armstrong Pirate Women's Invitational Wingate Pinehurst Challenge	Pinehurst, N.C.	7th of 19 t4th of 14 4th of 18 11th of 18 1st of 16 1st of 18	621 (+45) 626 (+50) 626 (+50) 627 (+51) 613 (+37) 938 (+74) 619 (+43) 638 (+62) 230 (-26)
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