

NJIT has a rich athletic tradition that complements and balances its rigorous academic program. In nearly four decades at the university, I had the privilege of coaching several generations of outstanding athletes, including the 1960 National Soccer Champions. All my students have been true scholar-athletes who have combined excellence in sports with achievement in a challenging academic environment. Many have stayed in touch with me and with their teammates, and I have had the pleasure of watching them translate the skills they learned on the playing field and the knowledge they gained in the classroom into successful careers in business and public service.



Now the university is taking it up a notch, expanding and upgrading its athletics programs in a transition to Division I status, as part of NJIT's quest to take its place among the nation's top public research universities. More than ever, the talented young people on our teams need your encouragement and support. I hope you will consider becoming a member of the Highlander Athletic Fund. Join us in cheering our athletes on at games, funding the scholarships and facilities improvements that build a top-ranked team, and generally spreading the word about NJIT.

**Mal Simon**  
Professor Emeritus of Physical Education  
and Director (ret.) of Athletics

## APPRECIATING OUR PAST

[Coach Mal Simon, Soccer] "has been a great deal more than a soccer coach to those of us who were fortunate enough to benefit from his instruction and guidance. He has been a positive influence that helped to set each of us on a path for success in adult life. Even today, he is the linchpin that connects me to NCE and to my former teammates."

*William A. Morris, Jr. '82, '93*

"I always felt Coach [Paul Hausser, baseball and fencing] cared more for his players than for the game itself. That human approach to athletics is a spirit I will always carry with me."

*John Walsh '66*

"Being involved with soccer has been key in developing the interpersonal skills needed for effective teamwork and taking on life's challenges off the playing field."

*John Rozemberksy '72*

Highlander Athletics on the Web: [njithighlanders.com](http://njithighlanders.com)

## ABOUT SPORTS AT NJIT AND THE HIGHLANDER ATHLETIC FUND

### What is the Highlander Athletic Fund?

The Highlander Athletic Fund is an annual giving program for NJIT's Department of Athletics. It is supported by an elite group of alumni and friends of the university who work to enhance the academic and athletic experience of student-athletes at New Jersey Institute of Technology through financial support, attendance at athletic events, and increased awareness of the intercollegiate athletics program. Through contributions and annual dues to the Highlander Athletic Fund, members play an essential role in the growth and development of the university's intercollegiate athletics program. This support is particularly important now, as the university transitions its sports programs to Division I status.

### What will your gift to the Highlander Athletic Fund support?

Financial contributions designated for the Highlander Athletic Fund are used to support the university's more than 200 student-athletes who compete in varsity sports by providing funding support for individual sports, for new athletics scholarships, and for renovations and expansion of athletics facilities. Funding is used to:

- Increase athletic scholarships
- Recruit the best and brightest student-athletes from around the globe
- Renovate and enhance athletics facilities also used for intramural sports, personal physical fitness and events other than athletics
- Augment current team budgets, ensuring that each team has the appropriate and necessary resources to be successful

In a larger sense, your gifts also support increased visibility for NJIT. You are helping the university to achieve its goal of recognition as one of the premier state technological universities, and enhancing its ability

"In addition to all the benefits that athletics provides for individuals, a Division I program can really help to put a school on the map."  
*Bernard Lubetkin '49*

to play a central role in the region's technological, economic, workforce and intellectual development.

### What activities are sponsored by the Highlander Athletic Fund members?

Highlander Athletic Fund members sponsor activities that bring together alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the university for athletic contests, special events and social occasions.

### What are the benefits of membership?

Benefits of membership in the Highlander Athletic Fund include:

- Invitations to special events and social occasions: Athletic Awards Banquet, Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Scholarship Breakfast, Annual Golf Outing
- Invitations to reunions for specific sports
- Updates on all Highlander teams, announcements of upcoming events and other activities
- A Highlander lapel pin that will identify you as a special supporter of NJIT
- Other benefits specific to your giving level

### Does the Highlander Athletic Fund accept corporate matching gifts?

Yes, many corporations have programs that can double or even triple the impact of your gift. Please check with your employer to file the appropriate documentation.

### Can I designate my gift to a particular area?

Yes, gifts can be designated to:

- General support of athletics
- Highlander Athletic Scholarships
- Specific gifts to varsity sports: Gifts to our varsity sports teams supplement the respective coach's budget, such as spring break trips

## BENEFACTOR LEVELS

### CHAMPIONS CLUB: \$25,000

- Dinner with NJIT's president and director of athletics
- Highlander blazer \*
- Two complimentary invitations to Hall of Fame Dinner and Athletic Awards Banquet
- Reserved parking for athletic events

### WINNERS CIRCLE CLUB: \$10,000

- Varsity Jacket \*
- Two complimentary invitations to Hall of Fame Dinner and Athletic Awards Banquet
- Reserved parking for athletic events

### ALL-STAR CLUB: \$5,000

- NJIT Jacket \*
- Two complimentary invitations to Hall of Fame Dinner and Athletic Awards Banquet
- Reserved parking for athletic events

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CLUB: \$2,500

- One complimentary invitation to Hall of Fame Dinner, Athletic Awards Banquet
- Highlander sweater vest\*
- Lunch with NJIT's director of athletics

### TEAM CAPTAIN: \$1,000

- One complimentary invitation to Hall of Fame Dinner, Athletic Awards Banquet
- NJIT tie or scarf \*

Each of the gift levels includes membership.

\* First-time members only

\*\* Federal tax law requires that the value of any benefits received be deducted from your contribution. Please consult your tax advisor for additional information.

Annual membership includes a Highlander lapel pin.



## ENSURING OUR FUTURE



"My biggest goal is to do as much as I can during my college experience, so that I have no regrets. I want to be a member of an athletic team; I want to have the opportunity to excel through my classes; I want to be a member of various campus communities. NJIT gives me every opportunity to succeed."

**Erika Taugher '08**  
*Mechanical Engineering  
Albert Dorman Honors College  
Member, Portugese National  
Soccer Team*



"Playing basketball at NJIT is one of the toughest things I've done. Time management is a big issue. But it's good experience. NJIT shows you the right thing to do and prepares you for success. When you graduate from NJIT, you'll be ready for anything."

**Kraig Peters '08**  
*Management  
Basketball Team*



"My first semester was not easy at all. With a double major and some honors courses, as well as cross country, I had to learn how to balance my academics and sports. There were many long nights of studying followed by exhausting early-morning practices. NJIT has made me realize I can achieve success at any level."

**Babatunde Busari '09**  
*Mechanical Engineering and  
Mathematical Sciences  
(double major)  
Albert Dorman Honors College  
Cross-Country Track Team*



"When I tell people I'm an architecture major and captain of the soccer team, they cannot figure out how I do it. In reality, the two complement each other. The competitiveness I receive from playing a Division I sport carries over to my work in studio. I am very competitive and I strive to outwork and outdo the other students. Plus, NJIT coaches and athletic department staff are willing to work with our hours and difficult schedule."

**Robert Herrera, '08**  
*Architecture  
Albert Dorman Honors College  
Men's Soccer Team Captain in  
2005-2007*



2006-07 is a landmark year in NJIT's reclassification of its intercollegiate athletic program to the NCAA Division I level. For the first time, all of our teams are playing full Division I schedules.



The transition to Division I began in 2003 when the NCAA approved NJIT's plan to reclassify our Highlanders men's soccer program to Division I.

In 2005-06, NJIT continued the process of moving the remainder of our athletic program into Division I. The reclassification is expected to be completed prior to the 2009-10 academic year.

We inaugurated the Highlander Athletic Fund in the fall of 2005 to help our transition to Division I and support our efforts to be competitive at this level in the years to come. We look forward to your support and attendance at athletic events.

**Lenny Kaplan**  
*Director of Athletics*

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