ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014
Dear Friends,

As I proudly approach my seventh year as Drew's athletic director, I am still amazed by the legacies left behind by the athletes, administrators and teams that came before me. The Athletics Hall of Fame induction process, which culminates in tonight’s event, remains an incredible opportunity for me to become even more deeply rooted in Drew's athletic history.

At tonight's 2014 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, Rangers past and present gather to honor four individuals and one legendary team who have contributed so much to Drew’s athletic legacy: swimmer Timothy Lawlor C’99, soccer player Justin Bonura C’03, field hockey and lacrosse player Kara Fetter Carola C’04, former Director of Athletics Connee Zotos, and the legendary 1969 Men’s Soccer team.

Through this ceremony we also pay tribute to the important role athletics plays in a true liberal arts education. Students’ academic and athletic experiences at Drew enrich and inform each other. The opportunity for student-athletes to practice self-discipline, teamwork, and the development of the body while they pursue rigorous academic study and the development of the mind epitomizes all that is good about Division III athletics.

I do not exaggerate when I say that Drew student-athletes, past and present, are academic and athletic powerhouses, which is a continual source of pride and excitement to me. The talent and sustained effort of Drew’s student-athletes brings distinction to them and to their alma mater, which lasts far beyond their graduation.

I warmly congratulate our alumni-athletes and all of those who contribute so much to the ongoing vitality of our university. Go Rangers!

Sincerely,

Jason Fein

Director of Athletics
WELCOME
MaryAnn Baenninger
President

ATHLETICS UPDATE
Jason Fein
Director of Athletics

INVOCATION
The Rev. Dr. Tanya Linn Bennett T’00, T’11, G’05
University Chaplain and Director of the Chapel & Religious Life

OPENING REMARKS
Nora McMahon Boyer C’79, P’04
Master of Ceremonies and Hall of Fame Committee Chair

DINNER

INDUCTION
2014 Team of Distinction
1969 Men’s Soccer
John Reeves

Individual Inductees
Timothy Lawlor C’99
Colin Lynch C’01

Kara Fetter Carola C’04
Kim Christos

Justin Bonura C’03
Kevin Doherty C’04

Connee Zotos
Mike McKitish

CLOSING REMARKS
Jason Fein
Many of the members of the 1969 Men’s soccer “family”—managers, cheerleaders, players and publicists—refer to their experience 45 years ago as “a magic carpet ride.”

Coming off a modest 5-5 season in 1968, a well-coached group of maturing players mentored by Drew graduate Bob Bannon were uncertain about their prospects for the upcoming season, their first under a brand new coach named John Reeves.

Game by game, confidence built as wins mounted despite a plethora of injuries and nailbiting come-from-behind performances. When the dust settled and the regular season was over, the team stood undefeated with a record of 12-0. The local post-season followed and with it came two more victories, both against recent National Champions in Trenton State and Pratt Institute.

With their record standing at 14-0, it was off to the 8-team NAIA National Championship hosted by Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Back home in Madison the Drew community was ecstatic. The 1969 team had earned the respect of the entire University for its on-field successes and off-the-field demeanor.

At the National Championship Tournament, Drew faced a formidable foe in Westmont College from California. A very evenly matched contest went into overtime and Drew prevailed, 2-1, by way of a rocket cross into goal.

The team’s first loss came at the hands of Eastern Illinois University in the national semi-finals. The team recovered, however, spurred on by an enthusiastic practice session on Thanksgiving day, and defeated Spring Arbor Michigan 4-3 in the consolation game. The Drew soccer team had finished the season third in the nation.

What a ride it was—and they have stayed together and shared their memories for forty-five great years.
When a Drew University men’s swimmer enters the F.M. Kirby Pool in the Simon Forum or any other NCAA sanctioned body of water, chances are they will be chasing a school record or otherwise speedy precedence set by Tim Lawlor C’99.

Fifteen years after graduation, Lawlor still holds the Drew record in the 500-yard, 1,000-yard and 1,650-yard free style events, and the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medley races.

Lawlor’s love affair with swimming began about as early as his family would allow him to enter the water on his own. He was swimming at age 3 and competed in his first race at the local summer swim club at age 5. The sport swiftly became part of his life. It was that passion for the sport planted at an early age that bred the most decorated men’s swimmer in Drew history.

Lawlor’s name graces the Top 15 Times list in the Rangers record book in 12 different events. He was a two-time David B. Eavenson Award winner, presented to the Mid-Atlantic Conference’s most outstanding male swimmer. His success translated well from the F.M. Kirby pool to the MAC Championships, where he was a conference champion in nine individual events during his four-year Drew career. His conference dominance earned Lawlor a spot on the prestigious MAC All-Century Team for men’s swimming during the 1994-2003 period.

A two-year captain for the Rangers, Lawlor was not the type to lead with a boisterous voice, but rather by quiet example and hard work. The Drew swimming team was never large in roster numbers, but the gentlemen on head coach Pat Mead’s squad would drive each other to outsized success by training harder than the other teams. Mead taught Lawlor a lifelong lesson that he carried with him after Drew: sports are not just about playing games; dedication, hard work and the willingness to selflessly give to teammates define who you are as a person.

The Bergenfield native always remembers his roots and how he was able to achieve such a high level of success at Drew University. With undying support from his family, he was able to compete during seemingly endless weekends and make his 4:00 a.m. practice times.

Following graduation from Drew, Lawlor earned a Masters of Arts in forensic science from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He worked as an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, until he found his way back to the water by accepting a position with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service as a Special Agent in September of 2001. Since then, he has traveled extensively and worked all across the United States and in over 25 countries. He currently works as the Personal Security Advisor to the Chief of Naval Operations and lives with his wife, Erin, in Arlington, Va.
Nearly a decade after Kara (Fetter) Carola C’04 graduated, she still serves as a gold standard of what it means to be a Division III student-athlete. Carola’s statistics speak loudly on what kind of player she was on the field, and the fact that she graduated Magna Cum Laude and with four All-America honors in two separate sports make her a shining example for generations of current and future Rangers.

She played 81 games for head coaches Maureen Horan-Pease and Kelly Ford in field hockey and 76 games for head coach Kim Christos in women’s lacrosse. Carola still holds the Drew women’s lacrosse record for career goals with 271 and is second all-time in career points with 357. Her 141 career field hockey points rank fourth in the Rangers record book. Kara led her two programs to a combined 107-54 record and five conference championships during her time in Madison.

By the spring of 2001, the MAC already knew her name well. Carola was named the 2000 MAC Freedom Conference Field Hockey Rookie of the Year, and he followed that up in the with another Rookie of the Year accolade, this one honoring a 61-goal campaign for the women’s lacrosse squad. The year 2001 was also the first of seven consecutive First Team All-Conference awards and All-ECAC honors, and four IWLCA Regional All-America selections in a row.

By 2002, Carola had already entered the national discussion. Her 63 goals and 14 assists for women’s lacrosse garnered her first National All-America selection. The following fall, Carola became a two-sport All-American when the NFHCA named her to the National All-America Second Team. She would graduate a four-time All-American after making the women’s lacrosse Second Team in 2003 and the Third Team in 2004. Carola added to her honors with MAC Player of the Year nods in field hockey for the 2002 and 2003 season, and in women’s lacrosse after the 2004 campaign.

Carola’s phenomenal two-sport career came to an end in 2004, but not before receiving one of the top honors in collegiate women’s lacrosse. The WLCSJ named her the 2004 College Division III Offensive Player of the Year after she scored 76 goals – a school record that stood for nine years and was just broken in 2013 – and added 31 assists for 107 total points, a mark that ranks fourth all-time for a single season at Drew.

In 2003, she was named the NJAIAW Woman of the Year and the New Jersey Division III Student-Athlete of the Year. She made the MAC All-Academic Team six times, and was a member of the 2001 NFHCA National Academic Squad. Carola carried that sharp academic focus to graduate school, where she earned a Masters of Arts in mental health counseling and applied psychology from Rowan University.

Carola is now a Licensed Professional Counselor and has served as the Program Director for a non-profit treatment foster care agency called Community Treatment Solutions since 2001. She currently lives in Glassboro with her husband, Dave, their two-year old daughter, Samantha Ray, and their mini-goldendoodle, Riley.
At the turn of the century, the Drew University men’s soccer program was growing rapidly on the national stage. At the heart of that rise to NCAA Division III prominence was a midfielder with a nose for goal, an eye for playmaking, and an unbridled desire to win.

Justin Bonura arrived on the campus of Drew University in the summer of 1999, which is now considered the beginning of the most successful era of Rangers men’s soccer. The highly-touted prospect from Don Bosco Prep was a First Team All-State, All-County and All-League selection coming out of high school, and the Hasbrouck Heights native was ready for the next level. Bonura fit right into head coach Lenny Armuth’s system. The flashy freshman impressed immediately with two goals and five assists during his rookie campaign in 1999, which culminated in a trip to the NCAA Tournament, something that would become commonplace for Bonura and the Rangers during his four years in Madison.

Armuth’s Rangers compiled a 68-16-3 record from 1999-2002 with Bonura roaming the midfield. The period from 2000-02, in which Bonura served as the team captain, featured three MAC Freedom Conference championships, three trips to the NCAA Tournament and a trip to the NCAA Elite 8 in 2002. Bonura’s college eligibility was used up by the fall of 2003, but his role in creating a championship culture was still evident as the Rangers made it all the way to the NCAA Championship Game in 2003.

Bonura and successful soccer went hand-in-hand throughout his playing career. He was part of the two-time Bergen County championships teams at Don Bosco Prep, including the state semifinalist team in 1998 that went 23-1. His club teams, the North Jersey Rangers and Machfit Academy, were just as successful with Bonura serving as the field general. The Rangers were four-time state champions and Machfit Academy were state and regional champs before a loss in the National Championship game.

The dynamic and durable midfielder played 84 games during his collegiate career at Drew. His illustrious statistical career included 24 goals and 21 assists for 69 career points. His assist mark still ranks sixth in the Rangers record book, while his goal and point totals both rank in the top 15 all-time at Drew. He was named the MAC Freedom Conference Player of the Year three consecutive years from 2000-02, and earned the honor of 2002-03 Drew University Male Athlete of the Year. His junior and senior postseasons also included Second Team Regional All-America accolades.

Bonura’s success on the soccer pitch seamlessly transitioned into the professional world after earning a Bachelor of Arts in economics and business management. He began working as an NASD registered client associate for Merrill Lynch & Co. in 2004 and planted the seeds for becoming an accomplished loan officer and mortgage loan originator. He currently serves as a division manager for New Jersey Lenders Corporation in Little Falls.

Bonura currently resides in Parsippany with his wife Gianna and their two-year old son, Luca.
Dr. Connee Zotos’ tenure as Director of Athletics at Drew University has gone down as the most successful period in the storied history of the Rangers’ Intercollegiate Athletics program. She served from 1994-2008 and while the list of on-field accomplishments under her watch is extensive, her administrative work to spearhead the formation of the Landmark Conference and advance that stature of women in sports is just as important and impressive.

Under Dr. Zotos’ leadership, Drew won 51 conference or league championships in 10 different sports, 28 players were selected as All-Americans, 15 student-athletes were named conference Player of the Year, 39 staff members were named Coach of the Year, and her facilities hosted three NCAA Championships. An average of 72 student-athletes were selected to All-Academic teams per year during her tenure.

Dr. Zotos’ career as a college coach and athletics administrator spans 33 years. She had the unique opportunity of working in university athletics departments across all three NCAA Divisions including The University of Texas, The University of Colorado, Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, Hobart and William Smith Colleges and Drew University. She served two terms on the NCAA Management Council and is a noted speaker and author on gender equity, coach evaluation, coaches’ employment and compensation systems, and creating tiered athletics program models.

Dr. Zotos’ experience in sport goes beyond higher education. She was employed as a college basketball television commentator for Home Sports Entertainment and Austin Cablevision. For several years, she co-owned and operated ALI Sports Clinics, a business that provided softball and track coaching clinics in nine states. She is currently a Senior Associate for Sports Management Resources, a consulting firm that specializes in issues related to high school and college athletics.

Throughout her career, Dr. Zotos has championed the rights of girls and women in sports. She has served on the Advisory Board of the Women’s Sports Foundation, the NACWAA Board of Directors, chaired numerous Title IX Committees, and was the Executive Director of Project Fair Play. She has also authored three educational guides for the Women’s Sport Foundation.

Dr. Zotos has been recognized as a NACWAA District and National Division III Athletic Director of the Year and a New Jersey AIAW Outstanding Leader in Sports. She is a member of the Glassboro State College/Rowan University Sports Hall of Fame and is included in the Encyclopedia of Women in Sport in America. In 2011, she received the Garden State Award for enduring leadership in college sports nationally, regionally and in the State of New Jersey, as well as a Teaching Excellence Award from New York University’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Dr. Zotos received a bachelor’s degree in Physical Education from Glassboro State College, a master’s degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Sports Management from the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Texas at Austin. She is currently employed as a Clinical Associate Professor of Sports Management in the Preston Robert Tisch Center for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management at New York University.
Daffin “Swede” Backstrom C’40
Bob Bannon CC’48
Danielle Baraty CC’93
Emma Bascom CC’96
Monica Bradley CC’99
Colleen Hewlett Bednarik C’86
Bonnie Ethridge Beneducci C88
Joe Berhman C’38
Frank Brady C’75
Beth Cacossa-Madsen C’85
James Castaneda C’54
John R. Champlin C’49
William “Biffs” Clark C’69
Matthew Cooper C’91
Kathy Cottingham C’90
Archibald Cox III C’91
Judy Cavalli Cromwell C’85
David DeRiso C’00
Meredith Lynne Doll C’97
Mike Doyle C’76
Sally Gromley Dreyer C’88
Denise Browne Driscoll C’85
William M. Dunn C’87
Cara Williams Gizzi C’95
Chandra Lynch Graves C’97
Keith Camp Havens C’74
George Hayward C’60
Maureen T. Horan
John E. Horner C’43
Larry Horner C’40
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David Shaw C’93
Timothy Shaw C’97
Harry Simester
Robert G. Smith C’36
Ray Stan C’41
Everett W. Stanert Jr. C’47
Stephen A. Szlasa C’87
Mike Talarico C’01
George Toepfer C’51
Karen Townsend C’00
Doug Trott C’71
Llewellyn Watts III C’43
Timothy Weber Wheaton C’83
Milton L. Winch C’41
Kathleen A. Woods C’01
Sherman Plato Young
T’27 C’29 C’30
Stefan L. Zorich C’93
Sidney Zwerling C’56

Gold “D” Recipients
C. Rory Corrigan C’72
Dean T. Criares C’85
George M. Eberhardt
Donald Jones T’61, G’69
Eleanor Mason
Mike McKitish
Helen Simester
Jake Speers
JASON FEIN
Director of Athletics

The 2008–09 season featured the beginning of Jason Fein’s tenure as the director of athletics at Drew University. Previously, Fein served in the same position at the College of Staten Island, culminating nine years of work at the school. In his years at Drew, he has brought a renewed energy and vision to the Ranger program, overseeing several new initiatives including the drafting of an athletic facilities master plan. Two initial pieces of the puzzle have been completed, including the new turf field at Ranger Stadium (summer 2011) and the renovated Varsity Locker Room in the Simon Forum (fall 2012). Fein also worked with University Advancement to re-envision the Rangers’ development initiatives and start the Blue & Green Club, the official fundraising arm of Drew University Athletics. The cornerstone of these efforts culminates each year with the Blue & Green Golf Outing, a first-class golf experience for alumni, parents and friends of Drew Athletics.

An active member of the national athletic administrative scene, Fein currently serves on the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee as well as the NCAA Woman of the Year Selection Committee. He is also the vice president of the College Athletic Administrators of New Jersey (CAANJ). He has previously served on the board of directors for the ECAC Sports Information Directors Association (ECAC-SIDA), also serving as the organization's president. In addition, he co-chaired the 2003 ECAC-SIDA workshop in Staten Island. He has served as a member of the NCAA regional soccer selection committee as well as the ECAC regional basketball selection committee.

Fein has worked media relations and press operations for the 1996 Atlanta and 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Games, the 1998 Goodwill Games and baseball playoffs with the New York Yankees since 1996. In 2006, Fein was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) with their Inaugural Rising Star Award, given annually to a trailblazer among sports information professionals.

Fein received his bachelor’s degree in athletic training and his master’s in sports management from Brooklyn College.

A NOTE ABOUT THE ARTIST

Since 1998, the Athletic Hall of Fame Awards have been produced by nationally recognized artist James Fiorentino C’99. Fiorentino’s work has been commissioned by some of the sports legends of our time, including Ted Williams, Cal Ripken, Muhammed Ali and Brett Favre.

His work has appeared in numerous publications—including the cover of Yankee Magazine—and has been on display in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The recipient of many honors, Fiorentino was inducted into the New York Society of Illustrators in 2000, the youngest artist ever accepted into this prestigious organization. In 2004, Fiorentino was featured as a presenter in the Traphagen Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series and received the Drew Young Alumni Award.
NORA McMAMHON BOYER C’79, P’04
Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee

Nora Boyer came to Drew from West Hartford, Conn., and majored in biochemistry. As a student, she played varsity field hockey and was co-captain of the basketball team for three years. In addition, she participated in the intramural softball program. Following graduation, in the early ‘80s, Boyer spent one season as an assistant for the Drew women’s basketball team and served for two years as head coach of the original women’s club softball program. Boyer went on to receive her master of science in chemistry from Rutgers University in 1999.

She recently left the Dalton School in New York City where she served as the science department chairperson (K–12) for 10 years and taught chemistry and other applied science courses for 19 years. Boyer still plays basketball and is a nationally rated field hockey umpire. She is married to Dan Boyer C’69 and is the mother to three children, including Peter Boyer C’04, and a step-daughter.

2014 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE HALL OF FAME

Faculty, staff and alumni are invited to nominate an alumnus/a for the Drew University Athletic Hall of Fame at drew.edu/halloffame. The committee, made up of representatives from the College Alumni Association, Drew University Athletics staff and those from the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, reviews nominations and selects the inductees based on available information.