

Athletic Task Force Update

Board of Trustees
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Members

- Nicholas Chiaravalloti, Vice President, External Affairs, Strategic Directions, and Senior Counsel to the President
- David Clark, Dean, Student Affairs
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- Raffi Manjikian, Instructor, Chemistry
- June Barrier, Administrative Assistant, Student Affairs
- Matt Fessler, Dean, Enrollment
- John Urgola, Director, Institutional Research and Planning
- Madeline Rivera, Executive Administrative Assistant
- Abdessamad Belqueli, Student Representative



Timeline and Process



Athletics Task Force created June 2022



HCCC hires consultant February 2023



Conducted eleven Zoom Meetings, two on campus meetings with seven different groups – Cabinet, Enrollment Management, Student Government Association, President’s Executive Council, athletic directors at New Jersey City University and Saint Peter’s University, Board members, and County Executive Office.



Participated in April 2023 Town Hall discussion.



Submit Final Report June 2023

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Strengths

- Large feeder populations from which to recruit
- Enthusiastic campus community
- Supportive and motivated administration
- Supportive community
- Supportive elected officials
- President's experience with collegiate athletics

Weaknesses

- No recent institutional athletics history
- Unfamiliarity with Community College athletics culture
- Lack of outdoor athletics facilities
- Incomplete plan for ancillary/support athletics facilities in new Tower

Opportunities

- Large recruitment market for student-athletes
- Increased enrollment of Hudson County student-athletes
- Increased opportunity to recruit international student-athletes
- Community outreach via programs and facilities
- Corporate sponsorships, Facility naming opportunities, and Fund-raising
- School pride!

Threats

- Competition from established JUCO programs in Northern Region 19 colleges: Bergen, Passaic, Union, Essex, Morris, Sussex
- Facilities spread apart geographically creating logistical problems
- Difficulty in recruitment of female student-athletes
- Inability to obtain consistent access to college-quality outdoor facilities



Proposed Sports Timeline

2026-27 Men's Basketball

Women's Basketball

2027-28 Men's Volleyball

Women's Volleyball

Men's Cross Country/Track &
Field

Women's Cross Country/Track
& Field

2028-29 Men's Soccer

Women's Soccer

2029-30 Baseball

Softball

Key Dates

Spring 2024 Apply for membership in NJCAA, Region 19, Garden State Athletic Conference

Announcement of Reintroduction of Intercollegiate Athletics

Fall 2024 Hire Director of Athletics

Fall/Spring 2024-25

Gain membership in NJCAA, Region 19, Garden State Athletic Conference

Confirm selection of sports and schedule for reintroduction

Spring 2025 Hire Head Basketball Coaches

Fall 2026 Introduce Men's and Women's Basketball

DID YOU KNOW...

- Athletics increases enrollment and graduation rates;
 - Athletics contributes to higher student engagement and community involvement;
 - Student-athletes exemplify diversity;
 - Athletics leads to increased brand recognition.
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- <https://www.ccdaily.com/2022/05/how-athletics-benefit-your-college/>