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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

CULTURE WINS

It's an exciting time for Grove City College athletics. It seems that historic firsts are happening nearly every week: the first women's soccer All-American, first bowl victory in football, the first ECAC tournament victory for men's basketball and first for women's since 2005, to name just a few. This year, every one of our varsity teams has either won a conference championship, come close to doing so, or is on a clear path for such success in the near future. The Presidents' Athletics Conference All-Sports Trophy is a real possibility for both the men and women.

Winning is certainly fun. But there's much more to this exciting story about Grove City College athletics than victories and school records. We're building strong team cultures. There's a heightened emphasis on character, accountability and fellowship as coaches and athletes strive to connect varsity athletics in a very clear way to the holistic educational mission of the College. That's what "Wolverines Together" is all about – strong athletic culture that transforms student-athletes into talented, self-sacrificing citizens with life-long devotion to their families and communities. Quite simply, we believe culture wins.

The vision of Grove City College is to be the best Christian liberal arts college in the country. Mindful of this inspiring goal and our core value of excellence, we've been significantly enhancing our athletics department. We've hired more coaches to recruit, train, and mentor our athletes. Talented and enthusiastic strength and conditioning personnel are making an enormous difference, including in the prevention of injuries. Attractive branding initiatives have transformed our athletic facilities. We now have an assistant athletics director devoted to spiritual formation. (See page 14 for more on this.) Facilities are being upgraded to improve playing conditions. (Did you know that an old racquetball court makes a great golf training room?) And under the exemplary leadership of Athletic Director Todd Gibson, campus support for our teams is growing as we discover new ways to build school spirit.

While an increasing number of liberal arts colleges are relying on varsity sports to keep their doors open, athletics is just one important component of our Christ-centered academically excellent mission. Our teams, through their unique cultivation of great virtues, offer students an extraordinary pathway towards life-long fulfillment. It should come as no surprise that a large portion of our most successful alums began their lives as student-athletes. Wolverines Together offers real hope that this legacy will be even truer in the years to come.

To fulfill our bold vision, we need your help. Much of what we hope to accomplish will be financed through your generous donations to the College. Please consider supporting one of our many vital projects, such as a new field house, soccer field turf and lights, and baseball field renovations. Donations to endowed scholarships and the annual Full Circle effort also assists all of our students, including student-athletes. With your support and the engagement of our current students, we will truly be Wolverines Together.

Go Wolverines!



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