Reinhardt Sport Studies Majors

Top Row (L-R): Sarah Hewett and Channing Hoyt (Turner Field), Tom Wilson, Robert Roddie, Zack Schultze, and Jack Coulton (Turner Field), Danielle Phillips

Middle Row (L-R): David Lawson, Haley Williams, Kelsey Carl and Elizabeth Waite (Georgia Dome)

Bottom Row (L-R): Sarah Richards (Georgia Dome), Katelyn Prester, Kyle Edwards (Falcons Locker Room Georgia Dome)

At Right: Erin Courington and Jessie Clark (Georgia Tech)
Welcome to the Spring 2012 Reinhardt University Sport Studies Program newsletter.

Published annually, the newsletter provides information about the Sport Studies Program (SSP) and the Physical Education Department (PED) to majors and alumni, and to Reinhardt faculty, staff, students, and friends of the University.

Sport Studies Update

Since our last issue, thirteen Sport Studies graduates walked at 2011 Commencement and approximately fifteen majors are scheduled to do so this year. In a challenging economy, those most recent graduates landed full-time jobs with Mizuno Sports, Battlefield Golf Club, Syracuse University Football, Lee Sports Inc, Blue Sombrero Soccer Club Management, Reinhardt Athletics (Softball), Canton Golf Club, Qiigo Search Engine Marketing, and others. These alumni are fine representatives of the program and institution.

Our students also continued a Sport Studies tradition of identifying and landing excellent internship placements. Students gained authentic experience at sites that included Mizuno Sports, Norcross (GA), United Futbol Academy in Cumming (GA), Bench Mark Physical Therapy in Athens (TN), Chattahoochee Country Club in Gainesville (GA), All-Tournament Players Park in Marietta (GA), Atlanta Beat Soccer Club in Kennesaw (GA), West Pines Golf Club in Douglasville (GA), Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters of Murphy (NC), and Andrews Sports Medicine in Birmingham (AL).

Among the several academic achievements of SSP majors in the past year, two are of particular note. At the 2011 Honor’s Day ceremony, Kelsey Galyon of Knoxville (TN) was named Reinhardt University Undergraduate Student of the Year – the first Sport Studies major awarded that distinction. Twin sister Kinsey Galyon was named an Undergraduate Scholar Award winner by the American Kinesiology Association, making her one of fewer than thirty students nationwide so recognized. Congratulations to Kelsey, Kinsey, and all Sport Studies Program majors who pursue academic excellence.

Physical Education Update

In addition to the Sport Studies degree program, our academic area also includes the Physical Education Department (PED). This department serves every student at Reinhardt through a required health and wellness course in which students have the opportunity to assess personal fitness levels ... and to enhance health by completing personal fitness programs during the semester. Activity course offerings such as camping, golf, tennis, weight training (and several others), provide students the option of enjoying physical activity while also earning academic credit. Having fun, improving health, and learning ... a nice combination.

Thanks for reading. If you are an alumnus, a prospective major, or just have an interest in what we are doing in Sport Studies, please contact me anytime at the email below. Enjoy the rest of the 2012 newsletter.

Kind regards,

Bobby Epling
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Congratulations!
Sport Studies Class of 2012

- Bailey Arnaud
- Monique Blanding
- Kelsey Carl
- Erin Courington
- Kyle Edwards
- David Lawson
- Katelyn Prester
- Sarah Richards
- Zack Schultze
- Dallas Smith
- Ethan Starr
- Andrea Thibaudeau
- Elizabeth Waite
- Haley Williams
- Ben Willingham

2012 Reinhardt Commencement ... April 28th

Kelsey Carl
Senior – Canton, Georgia
2012 Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities
NAIA Scholar Athlete (Soccer)

Major-Minor

While pursuing a Major in Sport Studies, many students also complete requirements for a Minor in another academic discipline. Students should check current academic catalog for minor expectations.

Elizabeth Waite
Senior – Cumming, Georgia
2012 Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges & Universities
NAIA Scholar Athlete (Soccer)

NEW COURSES FOR 2012

The following new courses will be offered for SSP majors (and other students) as early as Fall 2012

- Advanced Weight Training
- Athletics and Media Relations
- Baseball and American Culture
- Coaching Principles of Strength and Conditioning
- Introduction to Athletic Training
- Introduction to Kinesiology and Sport Studies
- Sport Facilities and Event Management
- Sport Marketing and Research
- The Olympics
About Sport Studies

Sport Studies is an undergraduate degree program within the Price School of Education at Reinhardt University. Majors earn a Bachelor of Science in Sport Studies; currently the program includes options in Sport Administration or Sport Media.

What students major in Sport Studies?

Sport Studies combines aspects of a traditional liberal arts degree with the practical applications of professional degree programs.

From the liberal arts perspective, the SSP is designed for students who may not seek a specific career path, but are interested in the scholarly study of sport (just as other students might be interested in studying history, literature, religion, or various academic disciplines). Simply put, we believe sport is an aspect of life worthy of scholarly study.

From a professional preparation perspective, the SSP attracts students interested in pursuing sport-related career opportunities. Work in college athletic administration, professional sport management, coaching and teaching (although ours is not a teacher education program), recreation and youth sport, exercise and fitness management, golf course management, and several others are popular fields.

So … students interested in the scholarly study of sport and/or students interested in pursuing sport-related careers. Those are the students who major in Sport Studies.

Is the degree only for student-athletes?

No. While many of our majors are on intercollegiate teams, we also have plenty of students interested in the degree for the reasons cited above who are not on Reinhardt teams. Pursuing internship and practicum placements is sometimes easier for students not on teams because schedules tend to be more flexible.

How can I find more information about Sport Studies?

The Reinhardt website (http://reinhardt.edu) is a good place to start. Follow the “Academics” tab to Education and then to Sport Studies. At the program site, begin with “A Must Read for Sport Studies Majors” and then follow other links of interest. You can also contact Dr. Epling by phone (770.720.5615) or email (rte@reinhardt.edu) for more information.
Senior Spotlight

Andrea Thibaudeau
(Sport Studies Class of 2012)

My name is Andrea Thibaudeau and I am a senior Sport Studies major from Cartersville, Ga. I came to Reinhardt in the fall of 2008. I was interested in a number of schools before deciding to come to Reinhardt, and one of the factors that made me choose to become part of the Reinhardt community (in addition to softball and the campus) was the opportunity to pursue a degree in a field I loved: Sports.

I came to Reinhardt on a softball scholarship and have been a part of the program all four years. Since I started playing organized sports in middle school I knew that I always wanted sports to be part of my life. So, when I found out that Reinhardt had a degree called Sport Studies, I knew it was for me. I decided to go with the Sport Administration side of the major and to minor in Business.

Since day one of classes I have loved being a part of the Sport Studies program. In classes and on trips, I learned so much about the history of all different kinds of sports and how to work in the sporting industry. For my Practicum - with the Bartow County Recreation Department (as a Camp Counselor) - I worked with different ages of children in multiple sports. It was a great experience for me, especially since I would love to coach someday.

I am currently working on setting up an Internship with a few different sites after my senior softball season (possibly with the USSSA Pride professional softball franchise in Florida). Whether I end up as a coach or owning my own recreational facility, I know joining the Sport Studies Program was one of the best decisions I have made!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

David Lawson (SSP Class of 2012)

- Hometown: Philadelphia, PA
- Major: Sport Studies
- Concentration: Sport Administration
- Practicum: Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta
- Extracurricular
  - 2012 Basketball 1st Team All-AAC
  - 2012 Basketball RU Leading Scorer
    - 17 ppg
    - 42% 3-Point Shooting

Andrea Thibaudeau
Sport Studies Class of 2012

2011 AAC Softball All-Academic Team
2011 All-AAC Softball Team
Member of 2011 AAC Regular Season and Tournament Championship Softball Team
Sport Studies British Invasion

They may not sport those 1960s haircuts like the Lads from Liverpool, but another band of Brits brings international flavor to the Sport Studies Program and the soccer pitch at Reinhardt University.

Sport is truly a worldwide enterprise, its global reach reflected even in the classrooms of the Sport Studies Program at Reinhardt University. A band of five Brits (to be more precise, a Scotsman and four Englishmen) ventured to Reinhardt on athletic scholarships and found an academic home as well. Sport is the common link.

In our Sport and Society course, junior Robert Roddie (Glasgow, Scotland), introduced his American classmates to a film about sectarian violence associated with fans of his hometown Glasgow Rangers and their rival the Glasgow Celtic soccer club (Scotland’s Secret Shame). Those who thought the Alabama-Auburn rivalry was intense learned quite a lesson.

Freshman Dan Carpenter hails from Essex (about forty miles outside London) and enjoys the small campus atmosphere and the small classes at Reinhardt. His favorite experience so far was getting a true taste of southern living when he accompanied a friend home to Cairo, Georgia, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sophomore Adam Reakes, from Colchester in Essex, chose RU due to the soccer program and British students already on the squad, and plans to pursue a career in coaching. Adam enjoys the laid-back and polite southern culture at Reinhardt.

While he cannot bring himself to enjoy NASCAR, junior Tom Wilson of Tadcaster (in northeast England about four hours from London) is a fan of the South and of the many opportunities available in America. After participating with a soccer agency that showcases players, Tom was contacted by Coach Dan Farnham (like the other fellows) and chose Reinhardt from among several institutions.

Junior Jack Coulton hails from Coventry (a couple of hours northeast of London and almost smack in the middle of England). Jack completed a practicum with Cherokee Impact soccer coaching an Under-12 squad, and also coached for two years back home. He enjoyed both settings, and notes that American parents are more involved (for good and bad). Jack also has an entrepreneurial spirit, recently helping launch a soccer apparel company.

“The Brits” add a different accent and a fresh and international perspective to the Sport Studies Program and to Reinhardt University. Say hello to the mates should you see them around campus.

“The Brits” (the ones on the left)
(L-R) Robert Roddie, Tom Wilson, Jack Coulton, Adam Reakes, Dan Carpenter
GETTING TO KNOW THE MAJORS

ERIN COURINGTON
SENIOR-REMLAP (AL)
FAV TEAM-NORTH CAROLINA
FAV SONG-HEADLINES
FAV MEAL-BURGERS & FRIES
FAV ATHLETE-LINDSAY WHALEN

VICTOR SHELL
JUNIOR-MEMPHIS (TN)
FAV TEAM-MEMPHIS TIGERS
FAV MUSIC ARTIST-YO GOTTI
FAV RESTAURANT-FRIDAY’S
FAV ATHLETE-BLAKE GRIFFIN

CHRIS MAGILL
JUNIOR-ATLANTA (GA)
FAV TV SHOW-ESPN SPORTSCENTER
FAV TEAM-ARIZONA WILDCATS
FAV RESTAURANT-IN-N-OUT BURGER
FAV ATHLETE-JOE MONTANA

MALLORY OBERHOLTZER
FRESHMAN-MARIETTA (GA)
FAV SONG-WE GOT US (CANAAN SMITH)
FAV MEAL-SUSHI
FAV ACTRESS-ANN HATHAWAY
FAV RESTAURANT-BAHAMA BREEZE

ASHLEY GONGAS
JUNIOR-PORTE JEFFERSON (NY)
FAV TV SHOW-CRIMINAL MINDS
FAV MEAL-PIZZA
FAV TEAMS-PATRIOTS AND RED SOX
EXTRACURRICULAR-PLAY LACROSSE AT RU

HEATHER SHERMAN
SOPHOMORE-CANTON (GA)
FAV MUSIC ARTIST-RIHANNA
FAV TV SHOW-HOW I MET YOUR MOTHER
FAV FOOD-CHICKEN ALFREDO
FAV ATHLETE-ABBY WAMBACH

<<<<Sarah Hewett
- Junior – Savannah (GA)
- Dean’s List Multiple Semesters
- AAC All-Academic Team
  (2010-11, 2011-12) (Basketball)

Bailey Arnaud>>>>
- Senior – Kennesaw (GA)
- Dean’s List Multiple Semesters
- AAC All-Academic Team 2010-11

In action for Reinhardt softball team -
defending AAC champions

CARRIE BLACKWELL
SOPHOMORE-BALL GROUND (GA)
FAV TV SHOW-BONES
FAV MEAL-BACON AND EGGS
FAV TEAMS-ATLANTA FALCONS
FAV ATHLETE-STEVE PREFONTAINE

GARRICK SANFORD
JUNIOR-CHATSWORTH (GA)
FAV MUSIC ARTIST-JASON ALDEAN
FAV TEAM-GEORGIA BULLDOGS
FAV MOVIE-THE HANGOVER
FAV ATHLETE-JOHN ISNER

KATELYN PRESTER
SENIOR-KENNESAW (GA)
FAV MUSIC ARTIST-TAYLOR SWIFT
FAV TEAM-NEW YORK GIANTS
FAV ACTRESS-SANDRA BULLOCK
FAV MOVIE-THE PROPOSAL

Zach Lindsey
- Junior- Kennesaw (GA)
- 1st-Team NAIA All American (Golf)
- Reinhardt Golden Eagle Award

KAREEN ABLING
SOPHOMORE-MURPHY (NC)
FAV MUSIC ARTIST-JEREMY CAMP
FAV TV SHOW-PRETTY LITTLE LIARS
FAV RESTAURANT-OLIVE GARDEN
FAV ACTOR-JOHNNY DEPP

TYLER SPINNENWEBER
SOPHOMORE-WOODBINE (GA)
FAV SONG-JUKEBOX HERO
FAV MOVIE-THE FIGHTER
FAV TEAM-JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
FAV ACTOR-WILL FERRELL
THE BOOK SHELF

Sport Studies majors are expected to develop a broad and deep knowledge of the cultural aspects of sport. Excellent sports books and video documentaries aid in this development.

Visit a local library and “Check Out” the examples on this page for a terrific selection of sport materials ... and consider adding them to your collection!
DR. AKERS TO RETIRE

A professor for more than forty years, Dr. Ronnie Akers (shown at right accepting the Jason Gamel “Blue and Gold Spirit” Award) has announced his retirement effective at the end of the 2011-12 academic year.

After earning academic degrees from his beloved University of Alabama, Akers served on the faculty at Jacksonville State University for over two decades, before spending another eight years at the University of West Georgia. Ron arrived at Reinhardt in the fall of 2003, and during his time with us played an integral role in the Physical Education Department and the Price School of Education Teacher Education programs by teaching general education and teacher preparation courses. His dance classes were a popular activity choice for students, the gym often echoing to the beat of his incredible library of songs.

Dr. Akers will enjoy spending more time with wife Shirley and the grandchildren, but will also stay active tending to and riding his horses, following the Crimson Tide, and with his work as a DJ for weddings, dances, and other social events. His kindness, positive attitude, and good cheer will be missed on campus.

SPORT STUDIES MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Sport Studies Program is to develop graduates with a broad cultural perspective of sport, with practical skills suitable for employment in sport-related settings, and with ethical and moral characteristics suitable for assuming leadership roles in contemporary society.

SPORT STUDIES PROGRAM GOALS

*Sport Studies graduates should be able to:*

1. **communicate effectively** in a sport agency and in academic courses as evidenced by written, spoken, and visual examples.

2. **exhibit personal integrity and leadership skills** as evidenced by documented experiences in academic courses and sport agency settings.

3. **recognize moral and ethical issues** associated with sport (from contemporary and historical perspectives).

4. **analyze social, cultural, and historical factors** influencing the development of sport agencies and the decision-making processes for sport managers in those agencies.

5. **work collaboratively and in leadership roles** in a sport-related professional career setting.
Current Sport Studies

The following list includes currently registered Sport Studies Majors
(Please excuse any omissions or errors)

Abling, Kareen
Aiken, Kayla
Alverson, Chandler
Arencibia, Bart
Arnaud, Bailey
Bell, Justin
Berry, Jansen
Blackwell, Carrie
Blanding, Monique
Bradshaw, Andrew
Bryant, Sam
Butler, Jalen
Carl, Kelsey
Carmichael, Jerome
Carpenter, Dan
Clark, Jessie
Connell, Casey
Cook, Kenny
Coulton, Jack
Courington, Erin
Eaddy, Stephen
Edmondson, Corey
Edwards, Kyle
Felt, Sean
Gongas, Ashley
Gonzalez, Jean
Hewett, Sarah
Hobbs, Gabe
Hoyt, Channing
Johnson, Miles
Lacy, Darius
Lawson, David
Lindsay, Zach
Magill, Chris
Mathis, Gabe
McDaniel, Jordan
Patterson, Tyler
Peters, Kristyn
Pettibone, Erica
Phillips, Danielle
Pitts, Jessica
Polhill, Deross
Prester, Katelyn
Pringle, Andy
Reakes, Adam
Richards, Sarah
Roach, Tareek
Robinson, Ashley
Roddie, Robert
Sanford, Garrick
Schultze, Zack
Sheffield, Trent
Shell, Victor
Sherman, Heather
Smith, Bradley
Smith, Dallas
Smith, Kayla
Solomon, Anna
Sparks, Ben
Spinnenweber, Tyler
Starr, Ethan
Stevens, Christian
Strickland, Cody
Thibodeau, Andrea
Tidwell, Danielle
Toups, Nate
Waite, Elizabeth
Williams, Haley
Williams, Raven
Willingham, Ben
Wilson, Tom
Wood, Quinton
York, Alex

Ashley Robinson
Junior
Trussville (AL)

Kayla Aiken
Sophomore
Woodstock (GA)

Ben Willingham
Senior
Duluth (GA)

Monique Blanding
Senior
Newnan (GA)

André Pringle
Sophomore
Evans, Georgia
with Dr. Bob Pearson of Berry College

Patterson, Tyler

**Alumni Updates**

*Drew McDaniel* ('09) and *Justin Slead* ('11) work at Mizuno USA. Both completed internships at the North American corporate headquarters in Norcross and then accepted full-time positions. They also enjoy bumping into *Ryan McDowell* ('11) on occasion; Ryan is in the midst of the same internship Drew and Justin filled.

After wrapping up an internship at Twin Creeks Park within the Cherokee Recreation and Parks Agency, *Cali Lovett* ('11) returned to the alma mater as an assistant softball coach at Reinhardt University. While a player, Cali helped the squad to an AAC title last year, and she will try and do so again in 2012 from outside the foul lines.

*Kristin Travis* ('02) and husband *Jacob* (a Reinhardt middle grades education alum) have two children ... *Noah* (5) and *Kate* (almost 2). Kristin teaches special education at Woodland Middle in Cartersville (GA), while Jacob is the head boys basketball coach and head softball coach at Adairsville High.

After concluding an internship with the Syracuse University football program in Fall of 2010 (which included a trip to the Pinstripe Bowl), *Cole Dial* ('11) took a full-time position with the Orange as a Quality Control Assistant Coach. His job includes on and off-field duties, a great deal of film breakdown (mainly of opponent special teams), and assisting with recruiting planning and hosting.

*Jeff Holt* ('05) earned dual degrees in Sport Studies and Business Management at Reinhardt, along with Minors in Accounting and History. Having interned with the United States Golf Association (as a prestigious PJ Boatwright intern) and serving as Executive Director of the Atlanta Junior Golf Association, Jeff decided to pursue a law degree ... and is now doing so at Georgia State.

Summer trips are a staple for many Americans, but *Mark Mashburn* ('08) expects a unique one this summer. Mark plans to hike the Appalachian Trail (North to South) from Maine to Georgia; his journey begins in July with a target arrival date back in the Peach State in December. Good luck Mark!

Alumni please stay in touch!

SEND ALUMNI NEWS TO (rte@reinhardt.edu)
Regular, moderate physical activity provides many health benefits … including:

- Reduced risk of heart disease
- Reduced risk of Type 2 Diabetes
- Weight control
- Strengthening of muscles, bones, and joints
- Reduces risk for some types of cancers
- Improves mental health
- Increases chances of living longer & healthier
- Improves ability to carry out daily activities