



William Paterson University Excellence in Education and Hockey





Ice Hockey ACHA D2

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Dear Perspective Student Athlete,

Thank you for your interest in William Paterson University and the ACHA D2 hockey team. It is the intent of the entire Ice Hockey Club and Coaching Staff to become a leader in the college experience for all WPU hockey players. We believe that our program at WPU combines all the necessary elements to make our ice hockey team a worthwhile and fulfilling experience.

Over the past four seasons we have made significant strides towards reaching our goals of becoming a contender for the national title. We have won over 100 games the past 4 years, participated in the ACHA Showcases; made road trips to Ohio, Florida, Michigan, and Atlanta to name a few. We were ranked #1 in the northeast for a majority of the season last year, made it to the ACHA National Tournament in Grand Rapids Michigan, and won the regular season SECHL Title. Our first class facilities at the Ice Vault in Wayne include our own locker room. We as a coaching staff have a commitment to coaching concepts that are natured and developed with other Junior A and NCAA Staffs'.

The educational experience is at the core of what is of interest to the Club. Academically WPU offers many accredited majors with most players focusing on Business, Sales, Criminal Justice, Educational Teaching, and Nursing majors to name a few. We have seen many of our players graduate and move on to the real world with an accredited degree and athletic experience that employers look for. We at WPU feel that we have a program that can compete with any ACHA program in the country.

If I can be of help please feel free to reach me at my email above or at the phone number listed below. And please check out our website at www.wpuhockey.com. Good Luck in all of your future educational endeavors. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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▶ **The University**

Founded in the city of Wayne in 1855, William Paterson is one of the nine state colleges and universities in New Jersey.

▶ **Campus Size and Location**

Set on 370 wooded acres in northeast New Jersey, the campus is located just 20 miles west of New York City.

▶ **Students**

The University has nearly 10,300 students. During the Fall 2008 semester, 8,741 undergraduate students and 1,515 graduate students were enrolled.

▶ **Employees/ Faculty**

1,129 full-time employees, including 379 full-time faculty members.

▶ **Average Undergraduate Class Size/ Student Faculty Ratio**

The average class size is 20.4, the student to faculty ratio is 15.0 to 1.

▶ **Costs**

Annual tuition (including fees) for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$10,492 for full-time (12 credits or more) students who are New Jersey residents and \$17,050 for full-time nonresident students. Room and board cost is approximately \$9,780 per year. Tuition (including fees) for graduate students who are New Jersey residents is \$569 per credit and \$883 per credit for nonresidents.

▶ **Financial Aid**

Available through a number of federal and state grant, loan, scholarship, and work-study programs. Both the University and the Alumni Association award competitive scholarships based on academic merit to entering freshmen.

▶ **Housing on Campus**

There are ten residence halls on campus with a housing capacity of 2,620 to meet growing student demand for a 24/7 campus experience.



► **Majors and Degrees**

William Paterson University offers 43 undergraduate and 20 graduate programs through its five colleges: Arts and Communication, Cotsakos College of Business, Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Science and Health. Certification is available in early childhood, elementary, secondary, and special education. Pre-professional programs in dentistry, law, medicine, and veterinary medicine are arranged at the request of students.

► **Academic Facilities**

William Paterson University's more than 38 major buildings include, Rec Center, art galleries, Shea Center for Performing Arts, Machuga Student Center, Wightman Memorial Gym, and the state-of-the-art facility at 1600 Valley Road, which includes interactive classrooms, the Global Financial Services Institute, and the Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales with its professional sales laboratory. The University also features other sophisticated laboratories devoted to arts and sciences, acres of property for environmental research, and many specialized facilities such as its radio and TV broadcast studios. Students can gather in the newly renovated University Commons Complex that includes the redesigned John Victor Machuga Student Center, Wayne Hall, and a new conference center. The complex also contains an art gallery lounge, recreational areas, an ATM, a bookstore, and several auxiliary dining areas.



Sports

The University has 12 intercollegiate sports teams, five for men and seven for women, including successful NCAA teams in men's baseball and women's softball. Campus facilities include a competition-size indoor pool, outdoor tennis courts, and a lighted athletics field complex.

Alumni

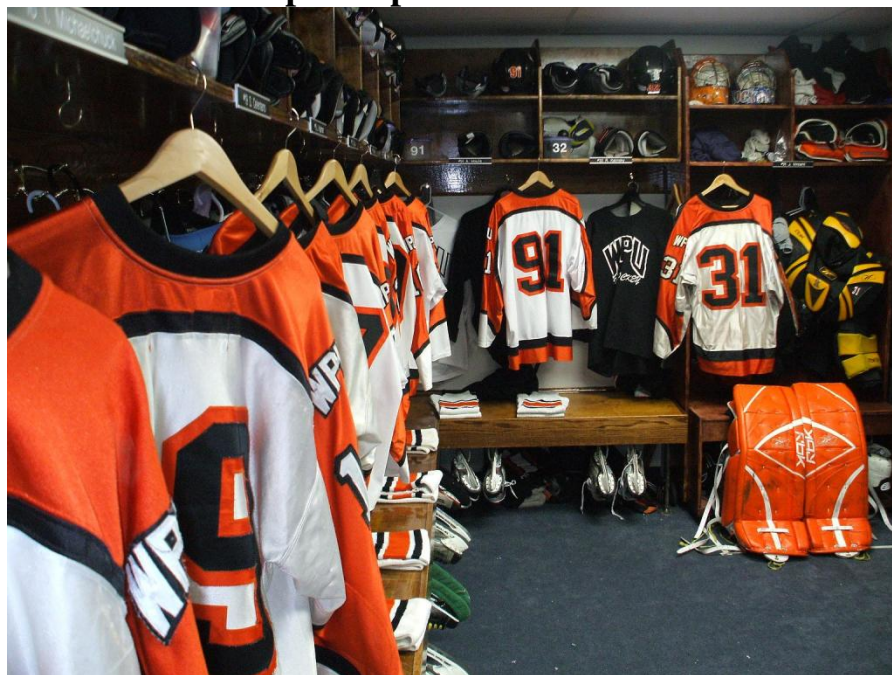
Nearly 62,788 alumni live in all 50 states, and 33 countries from Australia to Turkey.





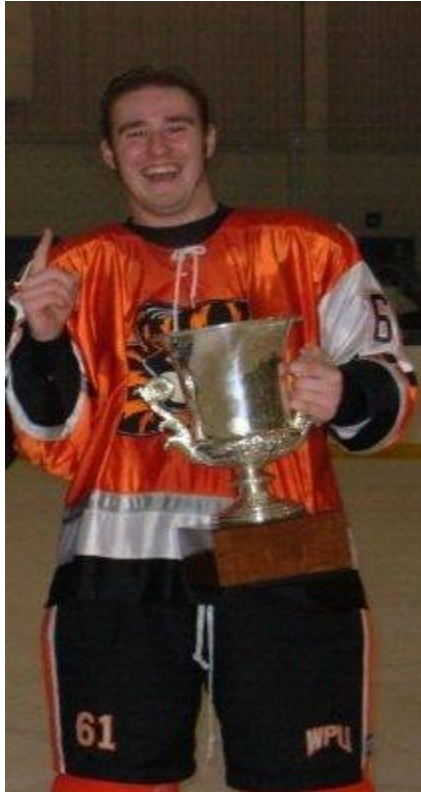
Ice Hockey Program Overview

- **Nationally Ranked for 2008-09**
- **Super East regular season champion**
- **ACHA D2 National Birth last season**
- **34 Game Schedule**
- **Ice Vault Home Rink (1 mile from school)**
- **Practice Twice a week at 9:30 PM (never conflicts with classes)**
- **Private Locker Room**
- **Currently ranked in Top 10**
- **Paid Coaching Staff (Staff is also involved as mentor with WPU Business School and in Alumni Association)**
- **Cost is \$1750 per season (cost can be offset by fundraising)**
- **Home, Away, Alternate Jersey, Team Gloves, and team warm ups.**
- **Summer sessions vs. Junior teams**
- **Blueline Club supports team (Parental involvement)**
- **ACHA Showcase participant**





PLAYER TESTIMONIALS



NAME: Shaun McTigue
YEAR/MAJOR: Junior/Business Management

“Before I came to WPU I played Junior hockey for the HITMEN of the EJHL and the Junior Titans. When I started looking at schools WPU became an easy choice for a number of reasons. I wanted to play somewhere close to home so my friends and family could see me play, but I also wanted to travel the country playing hockey as well. WPU has provided me with both opportunities, not only do we play 18 -22 games in front of our awesome fans at home but we also have traveled to play teams in Florida, Atlanta, Michigan, Rochester, Ohio, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New Hampshire, and New York City. I am going to play over in Europe this upcoming season for the ACHA D2 Select team during my Winter Break. Playing hockey at WPU has exceeded all of my expectations and I love being a part of the success we have had over the past 2 seasons.”



PLAYER TESTIMONIALS



NAME: Daniel Galella

YEAR/MAJOR: Senior/Communication: Media Production

“Before coming to WPU I attended Salisbury Prep School and then went on to play Junior Hockey for the Oswego Admirals Jr. A of the OPHL. When I was looking at schools I checked out mostly NCAA D3 programs in the New England Area. But after seeing the prices of these private institutions, 20 game schedules, and the small size of some of those colleges, I decided to come home to New Jersey and play for WPU. The instate tuition along with the 40+ games we play a year helped make my decision. I was excited that WPU had such a great program in media production, an area those smaller schools didn’t offer. Along with going to such a great school I really like my coaches and fellow teammates. As soon as I arrived and picked up my warm up that first day everyone was so friendly. The older guys showed me around campus and helped me pick my schedule for the following semester. The coaches went out of their way to make sure I was adjusting to college life and put an emphasis on how important my academics are. After my first day I felt like I joined a family. For the amount of money I pay in tuition and to be able to play this level of hockey I know that WPU was the best choice for me. I even got my old friend Matt Gillen to come join the team when I heard he aged out of the AJHL, this is a great place to be.”



PLAYER TESTIMONIALS



NAME: John Gomez
YEAR/MAJOR: Senior/ Business Management

“Before I decided to come to WPU, I played 18UAA hockey for the NJ Bandits and I also won a public state championship at West Essex Regional High School. I played in a couple junior tournaments my senior year and decided that financially it made more sense for me to go to college right away rather than play junior hockey. When I was looking at schools I wanted to make sure the school I chose had a great reputation for its academics as well as its hockey program. WPU seemed to be a great fit since their business degree is accredited and their hockey program was on the rise. I chose WPU and it has been such a great experience for me. I have had great success in both the classroom and the ice. I made the MACHA all-star team in 2006 and I am on pace to score the 100th goal of my collegiate career this year. As the president of the team the past 2 years I have gained valuable experience balancing the team budget, getting quotes for our travel, and representing the team at school functions. I have also been able to maintain a 3.0 GPA. WPU has a great mix of players from all walks of life. A lot of guys come in as 21 year old freshmen after playing 2-3 years of junior hockey, but we also have players who came straight from high school and have been able to contribute. Being on this team has given me the opportunity to continue playing hockey while receiving a great education.”



PLAYER TESTIMONIALS



NAME: Ian Michaelchuck

YEAR/MAJOR: 2007/Finance

“When I graduated from WPU in 2007 and started going on interviews, the job market began to crash. If it wasn’t for my experience at WPU I’m not sure if I would have been so lucky to get a job right away. William Paterson University helped me land 3 different internships that gave me an edge over the other job candidates. I was able to work as an intern for Bank of America Securities in the summer of 2005, Sovereign Bank Capital Markets in 2006, and Summit Financial Resources in the spring of 2007. In addition to my internships I was awarded the “Master Negotiator Award” by the sales department and I graduated with a finance degree that is accredited by the AACSB (Advance Collegiate Schools of Business). WPU does a great job of providing its students with job fairs and Academic competitions where many job recruiters attend. After placing 3rd in a sales competition held on campus, I was able to land a job with a top sales firm in Manhattan upon graduation. When interviewing I was often asked, “What it was like balancing both school and hockey at WPU?” I had no problem since the coaches made sure we knew that school comes first. I graduated with a 3.46 GPA in finance and have 4 great years of hockey memories with friends I’ll have the rest of my life. It’s all about value, WPU is a state school so you may pay a half or even a 3rd of what some people are paying to go to some small private school. The tuition is much less but the degree and experience you receive are worth much more. The WPU hockey program is all about making sure the players graduate with a great foundation that will help them achieve success in their future careers.”

COLLEGE HOCKEY SPOTLIGHT



Rising in the ranks

William Paterson University brings in junior talent, claims top poll position

By Joshua Boyd

Traveling in airplanes to games, playing in front of 200-plus fans per game in a first-class facility, games broadcast over the internet, attaining high poll rankings.

William Paterson University hockey coach Ken Scarpa said that all these factors are helping the Pioneers bring in some good talent from the Jr. B and Jr. A ranks. It may not be NCAA Division 1 or Division 3, but in some ways, Scarpa believes the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) can provide a better opportunity for players in the junior ranks looking to play college hockey.

The players currently on the team helped the Pioneers to an ACHA Division 2 No. 1 ranking in late November. The Pioneers, who went 35-6 last season, were 14-4 when they received the top ranking spot.

"We play in Michigan, we play in Florida, we start after Labor Day and we play a 38-game schedule," said Scarpa. "Some ACHA teams have beaten NCAA Division 3 teams, and I believe that trend will continue."

Scheduling games against Division 3 NCAA teams is the next stage for WPU, which has on its roster former players from the Eastern, Atlantic, Empire and defunct America East junior leagues.

William Paterson University is located in Wayne, N.J., so there are a lot of students to draw from for its student body, and its ACHA team. But Scarpa has taken a real liking to those who have played in junior leagues.

"We do draw mostly from the junior ranks," he added. "We use the internet as a scouting tool, but we also scout directly. We keep tabs on kids from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, but we've also had a couple kids from Canada who want to come down. The key is to get a quality education and play for a highly competitive hockey program."

Presenting a good cross-section of players on the 2008-09 WPU Pioneers team are Atlantic Junior League alumni Ryan Lacorte, Shaun McTigue and Matt Gillen, Empire alumnus Albert Campbell and Canadian Jr. A alumnus Rob Carroll, as well as former South Jersey Raptors player Justin Hoch.

Player power

Shaun McTigue is a former player for the Jersey Hitmen and New Jersey Jr. Titans, and Scarpa is proud to have a player of his caliber on the team.

"He's an ACHA All-American, no doubt about it," said Scarpa, of the Middletown, N.J., resident who was born in Mississauga, Ont. "I'm not sure I've seen a guy able to possess the puck better than he has. His ability to change his direction with the puck, and his lateral movement – those are the greatest strengths in his game. He's a great guy to have in the locker room, he expresses his enthusiasm and is one of the guys who leads this team."

Through 18 games this season, Gillen had registered 38 points. In his AJHL years, Gillen played for the Bobcats, Jr. Wolfpack and the Walpole Express. He also played in one AJHL All-Star game.

"He got caught up with some injuries in his final year, but this kid is a really good player," said Scarpa. "I've never seen somebody operate behind the net like he does. He's another class leader in the locker room, and he's a freshman."

Most players on the Pioneers are freshmen and sophomores – there are only two seniors on the whole team, in fact. One of these sophomores is Roselle Park, N.J.'s Rob Carroll.

"He was playing up in the Ontario Provincial Jr. A League, but had an important concern that required him to come home, and we wanted him," said Scarpa, of the defenseman. "He was 20 years old and figured it was time to stop kicking around the NCAA dream, and since then, he's been an outstanding player and person for us. He's got a cannon from the point, and he's become a



calming influence on the defensive side."

Albert Campbell is a Wayne, N.J., resident and has already been named an All-American once for his hometown college team, scoring 74 points in 39 games in 2007-08.

"Campbell was one of the top guys in the Empire League [with the Jersey Wildcats], and he shows that you don't have to play juniors after high school to be a successful college hockey player, if you work hard enough. There are guys who come right to us as true freshmen. His hands and ability to find open areas on the ice are the amazing things about him."

Ryan Lacorte, from Pompton Plains, N.J., was more of a support player for the New Jersey Rockets when he played in the Atlantic Junior League.

"Now he is becoming the guy who wants the puck," said Scarpa. "We've asked him to be more selfish and shoot the puck. On a couple of plays, he just overpowered [his opponents] and scored on sheer determination and will. He's a source of energy for us."

Lacorte is a 21-year-old sophomore for the Pioneers.

"Hoch is a very good player, and I think at the very least, he would've been a low-end [Eastern Junior Hockey League] guy. He saw that there wasn't any NCAA Division 3 or Division 1 opportunities, and he came to us," said Scarpa, who is fine with bringing in those who have worn out all their NCAA opportunities first.

Strength all around

Other players like forwards Steve Celentano, captain Jason Fortino, John Gomez and Brian Peacock came to WPU in the traditional way, right from high school without playing juniors.

"Look at what these guys have put up statistically over the last two years," Scarpa said. "Although they choose to play college immediately and not juniors, it doesn't take much awareness to understand that they are talented enough to have been successful at that level had they chosen that route."

"We understand where our place lies – we're not going to get a NCAA D-1 candidate," he added. "We know what our place is in the hockey world. There are so many kids who wind up with no place to go. If you give me all the third-and fourth-liners from the top junior teams we will have a very good team. It's a shame when these guys pursue opportunities that don't exist and waste valuable time and money, but now they know we're here when they pick up the pieces."

There are some small differences in ACHA D-1 and D-2.

"In Division 2, a player can carry just nine credits and play, though all of our players carry 12," Scarpa added. "Also, there is a minimum dollar amount that has to be spent on your program, and [WPU] exceeds the ACHA D-1 amount by 200 percent. It is important to note that players in ACHA Division 2 have five years of eligibility, which includes time as Graduate School students. I believe the top teams in ACHA D-2 are extremely competitive with most of the top ACHA D-1 teams. In fact, if you research that fact there are many examples that support that statement over the last few years."

For all those junior players who see few options or have seen teammates moving on and wondering when their time will come, that time could be now. William Paterson University is a good educational option. Most of the players are School of Business majors, and Criminal Justice and teaching certification majors are also prominent on the team.

"We use our Web site as a major tool for our team and prospective players. We think a player with his eyes open will consider us when they see what we do as a team," Scarpa added.

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WPU students test skills at business competition

The Record

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By PATRICK TUOHEY
STAFF WRITER

WAYNE – Ice Hockey Captain Raymond Katinsky pulled out all the stops Friday, trying to close the deal on a Web-based product with a wary, prospective buyer.

Dressed in a suit, the William Paterson University student came prepared with quick answers to troublesome questions posed by a faux company executive scrutinizing him from behind a desk.

Katinsky was rewarded for poise under pressure, placing first in the championship round of "role-play selling" -- a contest going on all week at the Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales, a part of WPU's business college.

On Monday, about 80 "professional sales" students began the grueling competition. On Friday, it took more than an hour for the four finalists to deliver their spiels. At an evening dinner, Katinsky was honored for his "ability to open a conversation, present information, provide solutions and gain a commitment."

That wasn't all. The students also took part in mock job interviews, trying to sell themselves in two minutes to prospective employers -- played by area businesspeople and WPU staff.

Finalists in Friday afternoon's role plays were observed giving their 15-minute pitches via remote broadcast to professors, sales professionals and fellow students -- all watching on wide screens at a nearby auditorium. Each misstep in a presentation was greeted with groans -- and hearty laughter.

