Two thousand and sixteen graduate, Elyse Andrews is a Wilmington, Delaware native who chose UD because it was a place she could achieve academic and athletic success. From commencement to graduation, Elyse strived to be her best and give her best to others. Undoubtedly, she maximized her leadership opportunity.

In the fifty-third minute of the final game of her senior year, Elyse scored a goal she will remember celebrating the rest of her life. It happen during the second game of a two-game swing at home where we hosted James Madison and William and Mary. Thrilled to make an impact play in a must-win game, Elyse caught the ball and buried the assisted goal in the back of the net. While she looked deep into the cage to make sure the goal counted, her teammates crashed upon her with hugs and high-fives. It was not the most important goal she scored because it was the last goal of her career, but because it was a goal symbolic to both Elyse and her teammates of the victory against cancer. That goal was in honor of our Hero, Hayden, and all of our family members and friends who have fought or continue to fight cancer.

The team dedicated our season to the universal battle against cancer, the one that touches the life or lives of those we know best: our moms, dads, siblings, aunts, uncles and friends. Motivated to be an impact player in the fight to beat cancer and in the Delaware community at large, Elyse organized 900 hours of service for our team and inspired other teams to join us in our efforts. As a member of the Be Positive executive board, Elyse helped run UDance a12-hour dance-a-thon which raised money to support childhood cancer research as well as families impacted by the disease. As a leader on our Student-Athlete Advisory Counsel, she coordinated “Reps for Kids” and the Polar Bear Plunge which raised awareness and funds for the work done by the Be Positive Foundation and Special Olympics respectively.

Elyse’s effort showed in her academic pursuits as well. An honor student majoring in Exercise Science with a Pre-Med interest, she garnered a 4.0 GPA the last three semesters. Her academic performance coupled with Delaware’s partnership with the Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, set Elyse up to achieve another goal - acceptance into Jefferson medical school. It was her top choice and the next step to make her dream of becoming a doctor come true!

Hard work creates opportunities. Recognized by her college for her commitment to excellence, Elyse was asked to give the commencement speech. Elyse reflected on her experience:

“Welcome to the real world. It sucks. You’re gonna love it.” Quoting Monica from the TV show Friends, I then highlighted some of the major struggles we will face in the “real world” and how we are prepared to face them all. We have found and will continue to find success and achieve our goals because of the people in our lives. I tried two majors before I settled into Exercise Science and am so grateful I picked the major. The people I met were so supportive and cared so much about how I was doing. The opportunity to represent all of them in front of a crowd of over 600 people meant the world to me.

Seek success, but also take time to be a difference maker in the lives of others. Elyse’s Delaware story is one that reminds us we maximize our leadership potential by serving others.
Erin Wein became the first Blue Hen to clinch the CAA Defensive Player of the Year award while also receiving First Team All-CAA, IWLCA All-Mid Atlantic Region First Team, First Team All-ECAC and Mid-Major Lacrosse All-American Honorable Mention.

Casey Lyons, a steadfast attacker and good student, garnered First Team All-CAA and IWLCA All-Mid Atlantic Region Second Team for the third time and CAA Honor Roll for the first time in her career. Recently named to Team Canada’s Top 40, she is vying for a roster spot on the national team destined to compete for gold in the 2017 World Cup.

Taylor Carpentier’s teammates voted her Most Valuable Player for her game-changing performance in cage during her first season at UD. Ranked 19th in the nation for her save percentage, the sophomore goalie was also named Second Team All-CAA.

Jamie Schwartz continued to find success in the Blue and Gold uniform and collected Second Team All–CAA honors in back to back years. The recipient of the Irv Wisniewski Sports/Engineering Scholarship, she was also named to the CAA and IWLCA Honor Roll. Jamie was one of 101 elite players selected to tryout for the US National team this summer.

Kara Dattellas consistently proved to be a top performer on and off the field, garnering Second Team All-CAA and CAA Honor Roll recognition.

Ali Karwoski’s ability to make impact plays led her teammates to nominate her for our program’s prestigious Janet Smith Grit Award. Ali ended her career competing in the North South Senior All-Star game and being named to the CAA Honor Roll.

Caroline Farley became an impact player on our draw unit during her inaugural campaign and earned CAA All-Rookie team honors.

Sara Laudermilch, Megan Santoleri and Maggie McCarthy were voted Most Improved by their teammates for their commitment to working hard every day, improving their skills through extra work, and preparing our team for success on game days.

Senior captain, Abby Wheble was the recipient of the UD Team Sportsmanship Award for the second time in her career. Her passion for the game and for being a great teammate was unparalleled and contagious. She was also the recipient of the Edgar Johnson Scholarship and named to the IWLCA Honor Roll and National College Athlete Honor Society.

A distinguished student, Elyse Andrews garnered CAA All-Academic Team and CAA and IWLCA Academic Honor Roll for the second year in a row. She was also the recipient of the Miles Powell Scholarship and named a National College Athlete Honor Society member.

Three additional Hens, Emily Pollard, McKenzie Rafferty and Devyn Heidelbaugh maintained a 3.5 or better cumulative GPA and thus were named to the IWLCA Honor Roll and National College Athlete Honor Society.

Twenty team members posted a 3.2 or better GPA this spring and were recognized on the CAA Honor Roll. Additional honor roll members included Mary Abram, Sarah Ashwood, Sarah Comstock, Becky Gohsler, Kirsten Hale, Shannon Hawley, Alie Kamm, Sara Laudermilch, Coley Ricci, Megan Santoleri, Isabelle Schmitt, and Chantae Simms.

Together, the team posted a program best 3.3 GPA and collected IWLCA Academic Squad honors for the fourth consecutive year.

Together the Hens set new milestones for our program that included posting the highest team GPA in program history, recording double-digit wins in four consecutive seasons and breaking into the Top 20 conversation for six straight weeks.
This fall Emily is beginning a dietetic internship to continue her journey toward becoming a registered dietitian. This internship includes four clinical rotations and 1200 plus hours of supervised practice in community nutrition, food service management, research, and medical cases. The experience offers valuable and unique clinical opportunities with well-known dietitians. Emily is excited to work with the Connecticut community. She believes it will be a broadening and rewarding opportunity.

This fall the University of Denver will become a new home for McKenzie. The Downingtown, Pennsylvania native has decided to spread her wings and travel to Colorado to study Sport and Performance Psychology. Her dream is to provide college and professional athletes with the tools they need to overcome adversity and consistently perform at an elite level.

Tori decided to attend law school because she always loved reading, writing, and problem-solving and felt that a career in law could be the perfect combination of all her interests. Her favorite part about school is constantly being challenged to think creatively on her feet. She hopes to work in business law with a focus in finance and restructuring. Her ultimate goal is to one-day work as an in-house counsel for a professional sports team.

Mackenzie Worthington graduates with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy this spring. As a competitive athlete, Mackenzie developed an interest in rehabilitation and injury prevention and that grew into a professional passion. She is excited to work with athletes as well as the general population upon graduation. She loves to help people stay healthy, injury free, and active.
TOP CITIES AFTER GRADUATION

- Wilmington, DE: 12 mi.
- Philadelphia, PA: 45 mi.
- Baltimore, MD: 55 mi.
- Washington, DC: 85 mi.
- New York City, NY: 120 mi.

HOME STATE OF OUR CURRENT BLUE HENS:

- 1 Delaware
- 8 Pennsylvania
- 7 Maryland
- 5 New Jersey
- 1 New York
- 1 New Hampshire
- 1 North Carolina
- 1 Florida

RANKED 29TH AMONGST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

MOST POPULAR MAJORS

- Business
- Engineering
- Education
- Health Sciences
- Marketing
- Social Sciences

NATIONALLY RANKED TOP 10

- Chemical Engineering Program

15:1 Student to Professor Ratio

A TOP 50 BEST VALUE SCHOOL
Dear Delaware Alumnae, Families, and Fans,

We all know that Delaware is the prettiest campus on the East coast, which is one reason our Blue Hens like to call UD their home. Another reason our student-athletes are proud to go to Delaware is because they can pursue excellence at a nationally acclaimed institution of higher education known for diverse academic offerings and an exceptional lacrosse experience.

We believe Delaware is a talent magnet. After all, we are attracting, committing, developing and graduating national and international team members from up and down the East coast. Talented, hardworking student-athletes like Elyse, Emily, McKenzie, Tori and Mackenzie are choosing to come to UD to make their dreams of becoming outstanding student-athletes and future doctors, dietitians, sports psychologists, lawyers, physical therapists and business women come true.

The Delaware lacrosse story is simple - we love working together to achieve at the highest level! The class of 2016 revelled in that challenge. They graduated as the first class since 1999 to record a winning record four consecutive seasons and are a big reason we posted the highest team GPA in program history. They established a winning culture on and off the field with their talent and competitive spirit and positively impacted the Delaware community with their servant leadership. Our Hens are not only prepared to leave the nest for the “real world”, but also confident they can soar to new heights.

Ask the team why they chose Delaware and most will say to be part of something that is bigger than them. They know the Delaware lacrosse legacy boasts three national and seven conference championships. They also know they have the opportunity to do something that has never been done before – clinch UD’s first CAA and NCAA championship in the same year. They are energized by that challenge. Equally important, they are inspired to pursue greatness with a talented group of girls who they can call teammates for the rest of their lives.

We can’t wait to have all of our Blue Hens flock home this fall to start the school year, compete in the Vintage Blue Gold game, and cheer us on to victory!

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