



# TALES from the DOGHOUSE

## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, Dec. 1

Swimming at ECAC Championships - All Day  
Women's Basketball at Rutgers-Newark - 5:30 p.m.  
Men's Basketball at Rutgers-Newark - 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 2

Swimming at ECAC Championships - All Day

### Tuesday, Dec. 4

Homecoming  
Women's Basketball vs. Baruch - 5 p.m.  
Men's Basketball vs. Baruch - 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Dec. 5

Swimming vs. Lehman - 6 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 7

Women's Basketball at Hunter - 5:30 p.m.  
Men's Basketball at Hunter - 8:20 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 8

Men's Basketball at SUNY New Paltz - 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, Dec. 11

Swimming vs. U.S. Merchant Marines - 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, Dec. 12

Women's Basketball at N.J. City Univ. - 6 p.m.  
Men's Basketball at N.J. City Univ. - 8 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 27

Women's Basketball vs. Pitt-Greensburg - 4 p.m.

### Saturday, Dec. 29

Men's Basketball vs. Drew (NYU Tournament) - 3 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 30

Men's Basketball vs. NYU or Denison  
(NYU Tournament) - 1 or 3 p.m.

## From Iraq to John Jay, Jaeger Goes From Boy to Man



Chris Jaeger's road to the John Jay men's basketball team is quite untraditional. The 2003 graduate of Hicksville High School enrolled in the United States Army upon his high school graduation.

An infantry soldier for 12 months (Aug. 2004 to Aug. 05) Jaeger described events such as losing his best friend to sniper fire and days filled with little sleep and no hot meals. Now back in the states, Jaeger is on a

quest to return to normal life, starting where he left off, with college and basketball. The story on the Army Veteran turned student-athlete has been highlighted on prominent media outlets such as the New York Daily News and WWOR-TV. To read the complete article, visit [http://www.nydailynews.com/sports/more\\_sports/2007/11/11/2007-11-11\\_from\\_iraq\\_to\\_john\\_jay\\_jaeger\\_has\\_gone\\_fr.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/sports/more_sports/2007/11/11/2007-11-11_from_iraq_to_john_jay_jaeger_has_gone_fr.html).



Phillips & Rosales



Karahashi



Garcia

## Fall Student-Athletes Awarded CUNYAC Honors

John Jay athletics enjoyed a great deal of success in conference play this fall. Not only did teams finish high in the CUNYAC, which included one team (men's cross country) winning the championship, but many individuals endured great seasons resulting in a vast number of postseason honors.

Men's cross country coach Tony Phillips was named the 2007 CUNYAC Coach of the Year, while men's cross country standout Dario Rosales was named the Runner of the Year. Men's soccer players Hiromi Karahashi and Oscar Garcia were named CUNYAC first team All-Stars, while Christopher Tapia was named a second team All-Star. In addition, women's volleyball

player Sara Altamirano was named a second team All-Star as were women's tennis players Daisy Rivera and Ariadna DiFabrizio.

Phillips garnered the top men's cross country coaching award after leading the Bloodhounds to their second consecutive men's cross country championship. During the season he also coached the team to three other meet wins. Rosales had a standout season, winning the New York City Tech Invitational and finishing first for John Jay in all the races he competed in.

Karahashi and Garcia earned first team honors after helping John Jay improve from eighth place in CUNYAC regular season play in 2006 to third place in 2007. Karahashi led the Bloodhounds in

goals (8) and points (17), while Garcia, a freshman who was second in the voting for Rookie of the Year, led the Bloodhounds in shots (48). He was also second on the team in goals (6) and points (14). Tapia, a junior, earned conference honors for the first time after recording two goals and a team-best five assists.

Altamirano, a senior, led the team in kills (350), attack percentage (.123), service aces (78) and digs (350) while guiding the Bloodhounds to a sixth place finish in conference play.

Rivera, a senior, earned second team honors after going 10-4 in first flight singles, including a 6-2 record against CUNYAC foes. DiFabrizio went 7-5 overall in singles, including 4-2 in the CUNYAC.

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## Bloodhounds Help the Hungry



Led by the John Jay Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), a number of John Jay student athletes delivered canned goods to a local shelter.

SAAC members including Francis Collado, Michelle Cordero, Jennifer Gonzalez, Christopher Tapia, Katie Koepfel, Adeola Alao, Ermir Aliaj, Ashley Stewart, Christian Aulbach, Stephen Wilson, and Gerardo Canela helped collect over 350 canned goods

and non-perishable food items to Maria's Kitchen at St. Paul the Apostle Church located on Ninth Avenue and West 59th Street.

"It was a lot of fun and a great experience to work together for a great reason and bond with the other SAAC members," said Alao, who chaired the drive committee. "We got the chance to meet some people from the church who were happy to see us and that's also a great feeling."

## Winter Sports In Full Swing

The John Jay athletics winter schedule is now in full swing and the Bloodhounds have picked up critical wins against strong competition.

The men's basketball is 3-3 having scored wins against highly competitive teams around the region including Montclair State, Ramapo College and the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Through the first six games this season John Jay has been led in scoring by Vaughn Mason at 14.5 per game.

The women's basketball team has shown a promising future is on the horizon. John Jay is 1-6 under first year head coach Steve Fagan, and earned a win over Newbery College in the opening weekend of the season. Parker Griffin leads John Jay in scoring at 11.7 per game and rebounding at 18.6 a contest.

The women's swimming team opened the 2007-08 season by winning its first three meets against the College of St. Elizabeth, Lehman College and York College. Most recently, Amanda Garcia and Rachael

Spellman competed against the area's best swimmers after qualifying for the ECAC Championship meet.

The rifle team is making its mark once again as the Bloodhounds picked up wins in small bore and air rifle against Virginia Military Mixed and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, while scoring a win in small bore against Hofstra University and an air rifle win over SUNY Maritime. Stephen Wilson has fired team-highs in small bore and air rifle, firing a 560 and 546, respectively.



**Sophomore Vaughn Mason**

## Credits

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## The Coach's Corner

Q&A with Coach Katz,  
Head Coach of Swimming



Jane Katz, a life-long swimmer, has been employed at John Jay since 1989 when she started the aquatics program at the college. She has been the Bloodhounds's only head swimming coach since the program became a varsity in 2001.

### How did you get into swimming?

I have been swimming practically since before I can walk. I started when I was about two years old. My dad made sure I knew the importance of knowing how to swim at an early age. He almost drowned when he was 14 so he learned to swim after that and then when I was born I was in the water at an early age.

### What is your favorite thing about coaching the swimming team at John Jay?

The passion and enthusiasm the girls have about swimming. Seeing the girls interact with each other, even years later after they have graduated. Also the fact that I can celebrate their victories with them and can help them with their struggles is a great thing since I have gone through them too.

### What is the most frustrating thing about coaching swimming at John Jay?

Since we are a commuter school and many of the swimmers multitask it is tough to structure practices all the time. Many of the swimmers have jobs during the season and take classes at different hours, so getting them all together can be a challenge.

### What advice would you give to someone who is looking to get into swimming?

Get your feet wet for sure. Take a swimming class and practice. Don't underestimate or overestimate your ability, just get in the water and get started.

### What would you say is the biggest benefit of swimming?

It is a safe skill. You really don't get injured and it is very forgiving to your body. It is a great aerobic exercise as well.