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Where College Meets Career

Medaille students learn by doing. You do more than read about how to treat illnesses, you administer treatments on live animals in a state-of-the-art laboratory. You don't just write a script for a television broadcast, you produce one live in a studio. Medaille has interactive labs that provide you with invaluable hands-on experience.

What better way to prepare for your future career than by learning out in the workplace alongside real professionals? Experiential learning is at the heart of The Medaille Advantage as you're placed in the field with internships, preceptorships and student teaching assignments. Further enrichment comes from speaker series, team and cohort learning environments and observations. The capstone project is your opportunity to sum it all up and create meaningful solutions to real issues in your field. You are going to be better prepared to land your dream job than your competition because you've experienced what's it like in the workplace and know how solve real world problems.

14 Different Majors to Chose From

Accounting (BS/MS)	Education (BSEd) Adolescent Ed w/ Students w/ Disabilities
Biology (BS)	English (BA)
Business Administration (BS)	Liberal Studies (AS/BS)
B.A. - Management Information Systems (BS)	Psychology (BA)
Communication (BS)	Sport Management (BS)
Criminal Justice (BS)	Veterinary Technology (AS/BS)
Education (BSEd) Early Childhood/Childhood (B-6)	Veterinary Technology (AAS, Rochester Campus)

15 Different Sports to Chose From

Women's Basketball	Baseball
Women's Bowling	Men's Basketball
Women's Cross Country	Men's Cross Country
Women's Lacrosse	Men's Golf
Women's Soccer	Men's Lacrosse
Softball	Men's Soccer
Women's Tennis	Men's Volleyball
Women's Volleyball	



Mike Blaine

Head Coach

Mike Blaine enters his second season as the Head Coach of the Medaille Mavericks Men's Basketball team.

"Mike Blaine comes to Medaille with significant coaching experience at quality institutions of higher education," DeKay said. "His playing experience at Johns Hopkins combined with his coaching experiences at Cornell, UMES, Hampden-Sydney and Radford makes him an ideal candidate at this point in the history of the Medaille program. He has extensive athletic administrative experience from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as well. He enters Medaille as the Mavericks came off a conference playoff appearance last year and past NCAA tournament appearances. His experience and coaching combined with the team's talent will continue to make them a force in the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference."

Blaine comes to Medaille College with over ten years of experience working for NCAA basketball programs. Most recently he was an assistant coach on the Cornell University staff. While at Cornell, Blaine played a large role in player skill development and was able to help in the growth of several All-Ivy League honorees. Blaine was able to develop Eitan Chemerinski, who played sparingly his first two years in the program, graduated as the school's career field goal percentage leader, while (2011-12) Ivy League Rookie of the Year Shonn Miller earned first-team all-conference accolades in (2012-13) as one of the league's top defensive players. He also worked with young big man David Onuorah, whose (28) blocked shots, ranks second all-time at Cornell as a freshman.


"Mike is more than ready to lead the program at Medaille College" said Bill Courtney, Cornell's Head Basketball coach. "His enthusiasm and positive energy will be infectious with his players and throughout the Medaille community. He is an excellent teacher and a terrific role model."

Prior to working at Cornell, Blaine spent the previous two seasons assisting the turnaround of the Maryland-Eastern Shore program. UMES won (11) games and went (8-8) in the MEAC conference to finish fifth in 2010-11, nearly tripling the program's win total from the season before Blaine arrived. Junior Hillary Haley led the team in scoring (12.4 ppg) and was named to the all-tournament team in the backcourt. Blaine's responsibilities included working with the backcourt players, as well as scouting and recruiting.

Prior to Blaine's stint at UMES, he spent one season at both Radford (2006-07) and Hampden-Sydney College (2007-08). He also worked as a Director of Basketball Operations at Army (2004-06) and James Madison (2003-04), leading the administrative efforts, as well as film exchange, academic progress of the players and team travel.

A 2003 graduate of Johns Hopkins with a degree in political science and sociology, Blaine was a standout for the Blue Jays. He currently ranks among the school's top 20 players in field goal percentage (seventh, .572), blocked shots (13th, 50) and offensive rebounds (17th, 105). He was part of teams that compiled (67) career victories, including a win over Navy that served as Johns Hopkins' first-ever over a Division I opponent. Blaine received the Robert H. Scott Award, given to the senior student-athlete who best demonstrates excellence in athletics, scholarship and extracurricular activities.

Blaine and his wife Kara were married in August 2014. The couple resides in Buffalo, NY.



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George Alexander

Assistant Coach

Coach George Alexander is entering his second season as an Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at Medaille.

Alexander grew up right down the street from Medaille’s campus, where he worked as an intern in the athletic department as a senior at City Honors.

Following his graduation from City Honors, Alexander attended Syracuse University where he worked as a student-manager for the Men’s Basketball Team under Hall of Fame Coach Jim Boeheim, for four years, graduating in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and minoring in coaching. During his time with the team, the Orange enjoyed their winningest four-year span in school history, going a combined (121-26).

While at Syracuse, Alexander became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. He also worked for the London Lions of the British Basketball League as an intern in the Fall of 2012.

After graduating from Syracuse, he enrolled at the United States Sports Academy, finishing the very next year with a Master of Sport Science in Sport Coaching with an Emphasis on NCAA Compliance, while also working as an assistant coach of Varsity Boys Basketball at Nichols School in Buffalo, which won the Manhattan Cup and finished as state semi-finalists in his one year there.

In his first season as an Assistant Coach, the Mavericks compiled a 19-8 overall record and 14-4 conference record. Entering the AMCC postseason as the number two seed, the Mavericks would win their fourth AMCC Championship in seven seasons, returning to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

George is a native of Buffalo, NY



Gregory Bean

Assistant Coach

Greg Bean hails from Clarion, Pennsylvania and this will be his first year coaching at the collegiate level. He graduated from Clarion University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies, with a minor in Sports Management and Coaching.

Bean started his coaching journey in 2005 when he was hired as the Head Coach for the Clarion Area High School boy’s Junior Varsity team. In addition to being the JV Head Coach he also served as the First Assistant Coach on the varsity squad. He held those duties until 2010 when he was hired as the Head Boys’ Varsity Coach at Redbank Valley High School in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In his four years as the bench boss of Redbank, Bean coached the school to unprecedented success. In 2013-14 Redbank reached the PIAA ClassAA, District IX title game for the first time in 23 years, and in 2014-15 Bean lead the team to their first PIAA ClassAA, District IX championship since 1980.

In his last to season at the helm, Redbank also won the Keystone Shortway Athletic Conference South Division crowns, finishing as the KSAC runner-up both years. He was named Tri-County/Courier Express Coach of the year and All American Awards & Engraving/D9sports.com Coach of the Year in 2014-15, as he helped his team to the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Class AA Quarterfinal round.

“Greg Bean is an incredibly successful coach who did a tremendous job building a program from the ground up at Redbank Valley,” said Coach Blaine. “In just five years he took a program from a 1 win season to a deep run in the Pennsylvania state tournament. Greg is well respected throughout the region. We are fortunate to have him with us.”



Daniel Jones

Assistant Coach

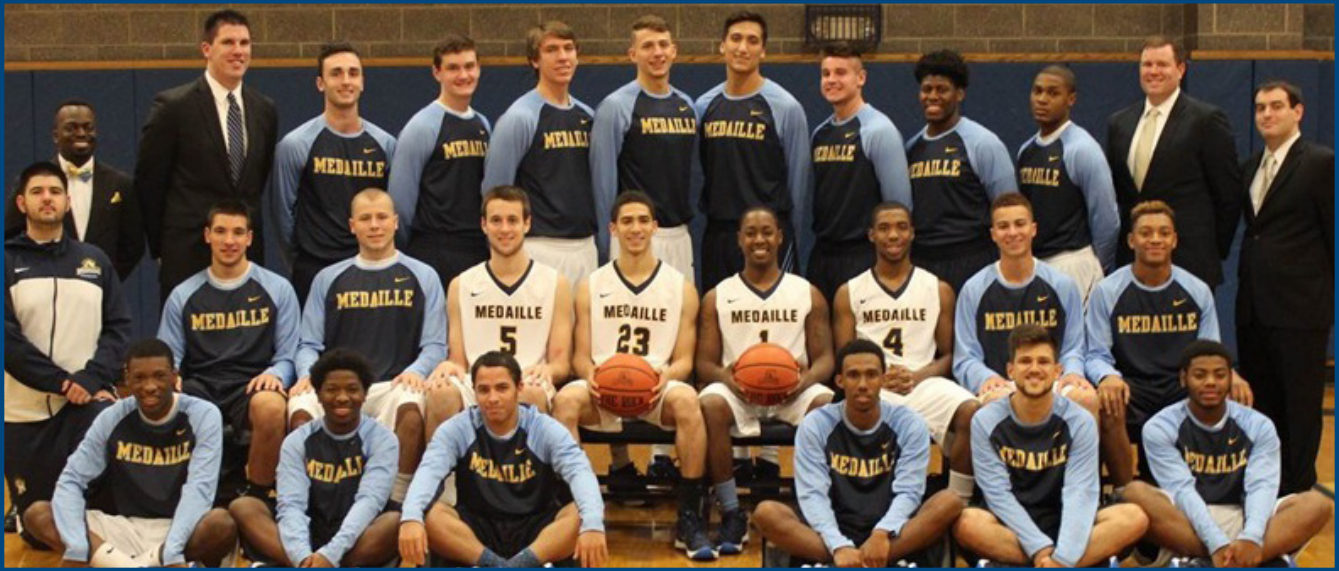
Daniel Jones hails from Great Neck, New York entering his first season coaching at the collegiate level. He has his Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education & American Studies, and his Masters of Science in Education: Secondary Special Education both from Hofstra University in Hempstead, New York.

From 2010-2015 he held a number of positions as a member of the Hofstra Men’s Basketball student staff. Some of his titles included Head Student Manager, as well as Graduate Manager.

While at Hofstra, Jones prepared written scouting reports on opponents; aided in individual and team workouts; facilitated on-campus recruiting efforts; and assisted the coaching staff with team operations.

In addition, Jones has worked a number of basketball clinics including the Carmelo Anthony Basketball Camp in 2014.

“Daniel Jones comes strongly recommended from the coaching staff at Hofstra University, who I hold in high regard,” said Coach Blaine. “He is an extremely energetic worker. DJ has a great passion for the game and is willing to do whatever it takes to help our program succeed.”



First Row (L-R): Dorian Billups, Darius Denmark, Jordan Heine, Najee Kemp, David Estrada, Meghale Ford
Second Row (L-R): Pat Lamattina, Colin Gemerek, Joe Piotrowski, Jake Denz, Miles Newcomb, Erik Simmons, Chris Willingham, Justice Fagan, Devon Camel
Third Row (L-R): George Alexander, Mike Blaine, Jeremy Guillaud, Sean Wilson, Matt Sadowy, Mike Hollenbeck, Bill Brooks, Ben Erickson, RayShawn Palmer, Johnathan Belton, Greg Bean, Daniel Jones

2015-16 Men’s Basketball Numerical Roster

#	Player Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	Erik Simmons	G	5-8	Sr.	Buffalo, NY/St. Mary’s of Lancaster
2	Justice Fagan	G	6-1	So.	Batavia, NY/Batavia
3	Meghale Ford	G	5-10	Fr.	Laurel, MD/Theodore Roosevelt (DC)
4	Chris Willingham	G	5-9	Sr.	Nashville, TN/East Literature
5	Jake Denz	F	6-4	Sr.	East Aurora, NY/St. Mary’s of Lancaster
10	Johnathan Belton	G	6-0	Jr.	Amherst, NY/Amherst
11	Najee Kemp	G	5-10	Fr.	Atlanta, GA/Lakeside
15	Ben Erickson	G/F	6-3	Fr.	Franklinville, NY/Ten Broeck Academy
21	Joe Piotrowski	G	6-1	So.	North Tonawanda, NY/N. Tonawanda HS
22	Corey Jacques	G	6-1	So.	Franklin Square, NY/Valley Stream North
23	Miles Newcomb	G	6-1	Sr.	Oklahoma City, OK/Bishop McGuiness
30	Colin Gemerek	G/F	6-1	Fr.	Cheektowaga, NY/Depew
31	Devon Camel	G/F	6-0	Fr.	Buffalo, NY/Cheektowaga
33	Mike Hollenbeck	F	6-7	So.	Ontario, NY/Wayne Central
42	Matthew Sadowy	F/C	6-6	Fr.	Clarence, NY/Clarence
44	Sean Wilson	F/C	6-5	Fr.	East Aurora, NY/St. Mary’s of Lancaster

Head Coach: Mike Blaine (2nd year)

Assistant Coaches: George Alexander, Greg Bean, Daniel Jones

Head Athletic Trainer: Brenda Dean (5th year)



1 - Erik Simmons

Senior

AS A JUNIOR (2014-15): Appeared in all 27 games for Medaille as a junior. Averaged 16.1 minutes per game during the 2014-15 season, scoring a total of 100 points for a 3.7 points per game average. Scored a season high 14 points on January 27 against Fredonia

State, where he went 4-5 from the field, including 4-4 from beyond the three-point line.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2013-14): Simmons appeared in (26) games, making (3) starts. He average (16.5) minutes per game and (3.7) points per game. Simmons had a season high (10) points off the bench against SUNY Geneseo on November 25th.

AS A FRESHMAN (2012-13): Simmons appeared in (28) games as a freshman. He averaged (1.8) points per game off the bench.

HIGH SCHOOL: Named a Super 7 Player of the Week by WKBW, and was named team MVP. Selected to All-Catholic 1st Team in 2012.

PERSONAL: Son of Erika Williamson and James Simmons. Has one brother named Tevon. Born on February 4, 1994 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of St. Mary's in Lancaster, NY, majoring in Liberal Studies.



4 - Chris Willingham

Senior

AS A JUNIOR (2014-15): Appeared and started in all 27 games for Medaille as a junior. Finished the season first in assists (89), assists per game (3.3), steals (53) and steals per game (2.0), while finishing second on the team in total points (340), points per game (12.6), and

field goals made (118). He also paced the team in three-point field goals attempted (147) and made (58). Scored a season-high 25 points on 8-11 shooting against Morrisville State on December 15. He was a catalyst for the Mavericks down the stretch, netting double-digit points in six of the team's final nine contests, including the AMCC semifinals and NCAA opening round.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2013-14): Willingham appeared in (26) games, starting in (24) of them. He averaged (8.5) points and (3.2) assists per game. Willingham posted double digit points in (12) contests, including a season high (19) against Hilbert on December 4th in a (82-73) victory. He had a season high (8) assists against Cazenovia on November 30th.

AS A FRESHMAN (2012-13): Willingham appeared in (29) games and averaged (4.0) points and (1.6) assists per game, primarily off the bench.

HIGH SCHOOL: Letter winner in basketball. Was named to All-Region, District, and State Tournament teams. Eclipsed 1,000 points during high school career.

PERSONAL: Son of TaJon and Gwen Willingham. Has two brothers named Eric and Jon-Michael. Born on May 23, 1994 in Nashville, TN. A graduate of East Literature Magnet High School, majoring in Sports Management.



5 - Jacob Denz

Senior

AS A JUNIOR (2014-15): Appeared in all 27 games for Medaille during his junior season, making seven starts. Averaged 2.0 points per game, while grabbing 2.5 rebounds per contest. 13 of his 20 field goals were from beyond the three-point line,

finishing the season with a 32.5 three-point percentage. Scored a season-high 9 points against Buffalo State, going 3-5 from beyond the arc.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2013-14): Denz appeared in (11) games off the bench. Jake was an Academic All Conference Selection again.

AS A FRESHMAN (2012-13): Denz appeared in (18) games off the bench. Jake was on the deans list his entire freshman year and an Academic All Conference Selection.

HIGH SCHOOL: Letter winner in volleyball and basketball. Two-time captain of the basketball team.

PERSONAL: Son of Bill and Donna Denz. Has four siblings named Billy, Aaron, Josh, and Noah. Born on March 31, 1994 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lancaster, NY, majoring in Business Administration.



23 - Miles Newcomb

Senior

AS A JUNIOR (2014-15): Appeared in 21 games during his junior season, making one start. Newcomb played a season-high 20 minutes in back-to-back games against Penn State-Altoona and SUNY Geneseo, scoring a total of 10 points in the two

contests. Made his only start of the season against Marietta College, in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

AS A SOPHOMORE (2013-14): Newcomb averaged (0.9) points coming off the bench, appearing in (16) games. Newcomb posted a season high (9) points on December 30th against Alfred State.

AS A FRESHMAN (2012-13): Newcomb appeared in (15) games, averaging (0.7) points per game off the bench.

HIGH SCHOOL: State Champion in basketball and High Jump.

PERSONAL: Son of Dagne and Michael Newcomb. Has one sibling named Mason. Born on July 6, 1994 in Oklahoma City, OK. A graduate of Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School, majoring in Sports Management.





10 - Johnathan Belton

Junior

AS A SOPHOMORE (2014-15): Appeared and started in 26 games for Medaille last season as a sophomore. He finished fourth on the team in scoring last season with (260) total points, and 10.0 points per game, while ending the 2014-15 campaign second on the team in assists (56) and assists per game (2.2). Belton scored double-digit points on 13 separate occasions last season, including a season-high 23 in the AMCC championship game on February 28 against Hilbert College.

BEFORE MEDAILLE: AS A FRESHMAN (2013-14): Johnathan Belton played at Buffalo State as a freshmen appearing in (19) games, making (1) start. On November 23rd against John Carroll he scored a career high (10) points.

HIGH SCHOOL: 2013 All-WNY 3rd Team and NTSSWA All-State 7th Team. Earned Amherst Bee Most Valuable Player during senior year. 1st Team All-ECIC, as well as ECIC III Player of the Year in 2013.

PERSONAL: Son of Michelle and Glenn Belton. Has two siblings named Cierra and Glenn. Born on November 17, 1995 in Hawaii. A graduate of Amherst High School, majoring in Criminal Justice.



2 - Justice Fagan

Sophomore

AS A FRESHMAN (2014-15): Appeared in 16 games for Medaille as a freshman. Fagan scored his first collegiate points on January 3 against SUNY Cortland, going 2-2 from the free-throw line. Finished the season going a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe.

HIGH SCHOOL: Was named to the Section V class A2 All-Tournament team. Also selected to Monroe County Division 4 All-County team and All-Greater Rochester Honorable Mention team. Played in the Monroe County Exceptional Senior All-Star game during senior season.

PERSONAL: Son of Sharon Henderson and Lorenzo Fagan. Has two siblings named Jillian and TJ. Born on November 2, 1995 in Rochester, NY. A graduate of Batavia High School, majoring in Sports Management.



21 - Joe Pitrowski

Sophomore

AS A FRESHMAN (2014-15): Appeared in 9 games for Medaille as a freshman. Pitrowski scored his first collegiate point on a three-point shot against Penn State-Altoona on January 24. Played a season-high 12 minutes against D'Youville College on January 7.

HIGH SCHOOL: Letter winner in basketball. Elected to the All-Niagara Frontier League Second Team. Appeared in Butler Mitchell and PAL/ACE All-Star games.

PERSONAL: Son of Daryle and Karen Pitrowski. Has one sister named Lindsay. Born on June 9, 1996 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of North Tonawanda High School, majoring in Criminal Justice.



22 - Corey Jacques

Sophomore

AS A FRESHMAN (2014-15): Appeared in three games as a freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL: Jacques was voted one of the top 40 players in Nassau County during his junior and senior seasons. Was named 1st team All-Conference, as well as one of the top 100 in Nassau County.

PERSONAL: Son of Marie Paul. Has one sibling named Stanley. Born on September 6, 1994, in Long Island, NY. A graduate of Valley Stream North High School, majoring in Sport Management.



33 - Mike Hollenbeck

Sophomore

AS A FRESHMAN (2014-15): Appeared in 25 games for Medaille during his freshman season. Hollenbeck averaged 10.2 minutes per game off the bench, chipping in 2.8 points and 1.9 rebounds per game. He scored the first points of his career in his collegiate debut, going 1-2 from the floor and 1-2 from the free-throw line for 3 points. Scored a career-high 9 points in a victory over Mount Aloysius on December 13.

HIGH SCHOOL: All-Greater Rochester Honorable Mention in basketball and football. Participated in Eddie Meath All-Star game for football and Finger Lakes Exceptional Senior All-Star game in basketball.

PERSONAL: Son of Bill and Laura Hollenbeck. Has two brothers named Pat and Connor, and one sister named Kait. Born on February 29, 1996 in Rochester, NY. A graduate of Wayne Central High School, majoring in Sports Management.

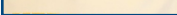




3 - Meghale Ford

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Member of the 2013-14 DCIAA and DCSAA District of Columbia State Championship teams. All-DCIAA Honorable mention.



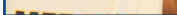
PERSONAL: Son of Meghale and Arnica Ford. Has four siblings named Kiare, Kyeon, Takkia, and Shauna. Born on April 12, 1997 in Washington, DC. A graduate of Theodore Roosevelt High School, majoring in Sports Management.



11 - Najee Kemp

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Named 2nd Team All-Region in basketball. Was named Dekalb County Player of the week.



PERSONAL: Son of Selena and Darryl Kemp. Has one brother named Malik. Born on June 4, 1997, in Long Island, New York. A graduate of Lakeside High School in Atlanta, GA, majoring in Psychology.



15 - Ben Erickson

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Member of the National Honor Society.



PERSONAL: Son of Steve and Karie Erickson. Has one sibling named Sam. Born on June 23, 1997 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of Franklinville Central high School, majoring in Sports Management.



30 - Colin Gemerek

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Was named to the All-ECIC Division IV 1st Team.



PERSONAL: Son of Steve and Brenda Gemerek. Has one brother named Jonathon. Born on February 17, 1997 in Cheektowaga, NY. A graduate of Depew High School, majoring in Business Administration.



31 - Devon Camel

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Two-time sectional champion in football and basketball. All-Centercourt Defenders 2nd team in 2015.



PERSONAL: Son of Waynette Tinch. Has two brothers named Raekwon and Tariq, and one sister named Ta'Leah. Born on December 7, 1997 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of Cheektowaga High School, majoring in Sports Management.



42 - Matthew Sadowy

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Lettered in basketball. Won League Championship, and was Section runner-up in 2013-2014.



PERSONAL: Son of Jean and Mike Sadowy. Has two brothers named Andrew and Patrick. Born on April 29, 1997 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of Clarence High School, majoring in Business Administration – Management Information Systems.



44 - Sean Wilson

Freshman

HIGH SCHOOL: Named to All-Catholic 1st team, and was a member of the National Honor Society.



PERSONAL: Son of Sue and Ken Wilson. Has two siblings named Mary Kate and Patrick. Born on July 31, 1997 in Buffalo, NY. A graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lancaster, NY, majoring in Business Administration.



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Opponent	Date	Score	w/l	TOTAL		3-PTS		REBOUNDS		POINTS	
				fgm-fga	pct	3fg-fga	pct	ftm-fa	pct	tot	avg
at Buffalo State	11/15/14	86-102	L	25-60	.417	7-24	.292	29-35	.829	15	22
at St. John Fisher Coll	11/29/14	68-67	W	26-67	.388	3-23	.130	13-16	.813	10	28
at Hilbert College	12/03/14	84-90	L	29-70	.414	7-20	.350	19-26	.731	14	19
at Penn State Altoona	12/06/14	64-63	W	24-59	.407	7-18	.389	9-14	.643	13	14
at Geneseo	12/08/14	77-80	L	26-57	.456	14-27	.519	11-13	.846	9	17
MT. ALOYSIUS	12/13/14	82-72	W	27-70	.386	6-26	.231	22-29	.759	10	24
MORRISVILLE STATE	12/15/14	97-85	W	34-58	.586	15-24	.625	14-26	.538	7	18
at SUNY Cortland	01/03/15	48-76	L	16-48	.333	2-16	.125	14-19	.737	6	28
D'YOUVILLE	01/07/15	103-52	W	36-80	.450	11-24	.458	20-26	.769	18	41
at Pitt-Greensburg	01/10/15	82-79	W	30-63	.476	4-12	.333	18-26	.692	11	29
at La Roche College	01/11/15	73-58	W	26-46	.565	5-14	.357	16-23	.696	5	19
PENN ST.-BEHREND	01/14/15	76-88	L	30-58	.517	3-12	.250	13-16	.813	7	16
FRIM	01/17/15	68-51	W	19-44	.432	4-15	.267	26-34	.765	7	24
at Pitt-Bradford	01/19/15	80-71	W	26-58	.448	7-18	.389	21-29	.724	12	29
HILBERT COLLEGE	01/22/15	70-61	W	25-63	.397	7-14	.500	13-21	.619	14	28
PENN STATE ALTOONA	01/24/15	72-49	W	27-60	.450	5-21	.238	13-17	.765	6	21
FREDONIA	01/27/15	85-75	W	24-51	.471	8-18	.444	29-39	.744	6	26
at Mt. Aloysius	01/31/15	77-74	W	27-58	.466	9-20	.450	14-19	.737	11	25
at D'Youville College	02/04/15	77-63	W	27-59	.458	7-22	.318	16-22	.727	14	23
PITT-GREENSBURG	02/07/15	94-80	W	34-63	.540	8-20	.400	18-22	.818	8	29
at Penn St.-Behrend	02/11/15	60-89	L	23-66	.348	8-22	.364	6-9	.667	9	13
at Franciscan	02/14/15	71-57	W	21-50	.420	6-17	.353	23-30	.767	5	24
PITT-BRADFORD	02/18/15	54-69	L	21-52	.404	2-17	.118	10-14	.714	5	19
LA ROCHE COLLEGE	02/21/15	74-67	W	28-57	.491	4-17	.235	14-21	.667	10	23
vs Pitt-Greensburg	02/27/15	79-73	W	27-62	.435	7-26	.269	18-24	.750	7	25
vs Hilbert College	02/28/15	81-76	Wot	24-59	.407	4-17	.235	29-46	.630	10	24
vs Marietta	03/06/15	81-120	L	26-67	.388	10-24	.417	19-30	.633	10	26
Medaille	2063	708-1605	.441	180-528	.341	467-646	.723	259	634	893	33.1
Opponents	1987	721-1615	.446	179-524	.342	366-521	.702	319	711	1030	38.1
Games played: 27 Rebounds/game: 33.1											
Points/game: 76.4 Assists/game: 12.3											
FG Pct: 44.1 Turnovers/game: 12.5											
3FG Pct: 34.1 Assist/turnover ratio: 1.0											
FT Pct: 72.3 Steals/game: 9.5											
Blocks/game: 2.9											

2014-15 Individual Statistics

RECORD:		OVERALL								HOME				AWAY				NEUTRAL							
ALL GAMES		19-8								9-2				8-5				2-1							
CONFERENCE		14-4								7-2				7-2				0-0							
NON-CONFERENCE		5-4								2-0				1-3				2-1							
		Total				3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds															
#	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg			
02	Jacob Denz	27-7	403	14.9	20-57	.351	13-40	.325	2-4	.500	13	54	67	2.5	39	0	13	8	8	10	55	2.0			
03	Jammal Coleman	27-27	820	30.4	169-334	.506	22-67	.328	203-244	.832	45	75	120	4.4	61	1	44	65	6	50	563	20.9			
04	Chris Willingham	27-27	732	27.1	118-285	.414	58-147	.395	46-69	.667	9	63	72	2.7	62	2	89	50	1	53	340	12.6			
05	Erik Simmons	27-0	436	16.1	29-92	.315	13-40	.325	29-38	.763	6	27	33	1.2	37	0	22	39	0	13	100	3.7			
10	Johnathan Belton	26-26	733	28.2	92-175	.526	16-33	.485	60-89	.674	37	76	113	4.3	55	0	56	41	10	50	260	10.0			
11	Justice Fagan	16-0	88	5.5	2-16	.125	1-7	.143	4-4	1.000	2	6	8	0.5	10	0	4	3	0	2	9	0.6			
15	Putter Brown	5-0	67	13.4	11-21	.524	1-2	.500	6-7	.857	5	9	14	2.8	11	0	3	2	1	0	29	5.8			
20	Louie Oliveri	25-0	289	11.6	43-119	.361	13-50	.260	6-11	.545	12	45	57	2.3	33	0	18	15	4	16	105	4.2			
21	Joe Piotrowski	9-0	34	3.8	1-9	.111	1-7	.143	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.2	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	0.3			
22	Corey Jacques	3-0	4	1.3	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0			
23	Miles Newcomb	21-1	194	9.2	12-51	.235	5-29	.172	6-8	.750	3	24	27	1.3	10	0	7	14	0	3	35	1.7			
33	Mike Hollenbeck	25-0	256	10.2	31-78	.397	1-3	.333	8-18	.444	24	24	48	1.9	37	0	10	15	20	11	71	2.8			
44	Ryan Grandits	25-21	648	25.9	110-219	.502	18-47	.383	75-121	.620	29	121	150	6.0	61	0	29	43	12	22	313	12.5			
55	Cooper Calzonetti	26-26	725	27.9	70-149	.470	18-56	.321	22-33	.667	38	73	111	4.3	65	0	37	33	17	25	180	6.9			
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Mavericks Embark on Quest to Defend AMCC Crown

BUFFALO, NY - The Medaille Mavericks Men's Basketball team hits the hardwood for the first time Saturday, November 14 when they host the Knights of SUNY Geneseo in the Kevin I. Sullivan Center. The Mavs are coming off an incredible 2014-15 campaign that saw them capture the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference Tournament Championship for the fourth time in seven seasons. Second year Head Coach Mike Blaine hopes to build off of that momentum from last season, and carry that over to a team that has a great balance of veteran leadership and youthful exuberance.

"Last year's success provides a great blueprint for this year's team to follow," said Coach Blaine. "We tell our guys every day that we have to have a championship attitude and championship effort before we can win a championship."

However, Rome wasn't built in a day and last year's championship team found themselves grasping that championship mentality as the season came along. After starting the season (4-4), Medaille tore through their remaining schedule. They finished the regular season on a (13-3) run, which included an eight-game winning streak from January 17 - February 2.

"We eventually created that attitude and effort level last year," explained Coach Blaine. "Even though we have returning players stepping into different roles, if they embrace the attitude we need and put forth the effort that we need, we can achieve great things."

Player's roles often differ from year to year and while last year's senior class will be missed, this year's senior class of Chris Willingham (Nashville, TN, East Literature), Erik Simmons (Buffalo, NY, St. Mary's of Lancaster), Jacob Denz (East Aurora, NY, St. Mary's of Lancaster), and Miles Newcomb (Oklahoma City, OK, Bishop McGuinness) has fully embraced their leadership roles. Just this week Willingham, Simmons and Denz, along with junior Johnathan Belton (Amherst, NY, Amherst) were voted the team captains for the 2015-16 campaign.

"I have been very pleased with the leadership from our upperclassmen so far," said Coach Blaine about his group of five juniors and seniors. "Chris, Johnny, Erik, Jake, and Miles have all taken the time to mentor the new players about how and why we do things."

Starting point guard Chris Willingham will be the on-court maestro for the Mavericks this season, and the ball couldn't be in better hands. "He has explosive scoring potential," said Coach Blaine about his senior point guard. "But more so, [Chris] makes our offense even more effective with his ability to direct the team and create for others."

Last season as a junior, Willingham was at or near the top of many major statistical categories for Medaille. He finished the year leading the team in assists (89), assists per game (3.3), steals (53), and three point field goals made (58); was second on the team in total points (340) and points per game (12.6); and was third on the team in total minutes played with (732).

Fellow seniors Erik Simmons and Miles Newcomb will also be key cogs to the Maverick lineup this season, both looking at expanded roles from last season.

"Erik has showed an increased maturity on and off the court this season," said Coach Blaine about his senior captain. "He has always been able to provide a spark defensively, but is now showing vast improvement in his decision making and efficiency with the ball in his hands."

"Miles is the best pure athlete we have in the program," explained Coach Blaine. "When he channels his athleticism and uses it to attack the basket, rebound the ball, and aggressively defend, he can be a dynamic force for the team."

Both saw significant time off the bench for the 2015 AMCC Champions last season, with Simmons being one of just four Mavericks who saw action in all (27) contests last year. In those (27) games Simmons averaged (3.7) points, (1.2) rebounds, and (16.1) minutes, while finishing second on the team in free-throw percentage.

Newcomb appeared in (21) games for Medaille during his junior season, making his first start of the season in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Rounding out the senior class is Jacob Denz, who also appeared in all (27) contests for Medaille last season. Denz averaged (2.0) points and (2.5) rebounds per game last season as a junior, making seven starts throughout the course of the season. As a senior captain, his experience will be instrumental to the younger players as the season rolls along.

"Jake is an extremely hard worker," said Coach Blaine. "He does a great job of putting himself in the right position on both sides of the court."

Junior Johnathan Belton may not be a senior, but his leadership as a junior will be just as important. Last year as a sophomore, Belton was a key piece to the championship puzzle. Appearing and starting in (26) games, he aver-



Senior
Chris Willingham

aged (10.0) points, (2.2) assists, and (4.3) rebounds per game, while shooting a team high (52.6) percent from the floor.

"Johnny is one of the most well rounded players we have in the program," said Coach Blaine about his junior captain. "He puts himself in great situations to be successful on both sides of the floor."

The maturity and experience of those five upperclassmen will be key in the development of an underclassmen group that includes three sophomores and (12) freshmen. The youth movement is something that the coaching staff is excited to see, and they have taken notice of just how hungry the group is for success.

"I like that all of our freshmen are competitive, enthusiastic, and have embraced the coaching they have received," said Coach Blaine. "They are all working extremely hard to quickly adjust to the college game. We have a great group of young men to coach."

The staff has also seen great strides in the games of Justice Fagan (Batavia, NY, Batavia), Mike Hollenbeck (Ontario, NY, Wayne Central), and Joe Piotrowski (North Tonawanda, NY, North Tonawanda); the three sophomores returning this season. "All of our sophomores have made great strides, as expected, from their freshman year until now," explained Coach Blaine.

"Justice has improved his decision making and is being much more assertive on the offensive end of the floor. Mike has done a great job adding weight and strength to his frame so that he can be more effective in the paint. Joe has improved his defense and his court awareness is a big asset to our program," said Coach Blaine on how each of the returning sophomores has prepared themselves for their second season in the program.

All of the teams work in the offseason will be put to the test early, as Medaille faces a formidable stretch early on in the season, head-lined by the return of the WNY Knee and Orthopedic Surgery Tournament to the Campus of Medaille College.

"We are extremely excited to have the Tournament continue for another year at Medaille, thanks to our generous sponsors from the Western New York Knee and Orthopedic Surgery PC," said Coach Blaine. "It is a highlight of the schedule every year. We were disappointed that last year's snow in November forced its cancellation, but are excited by this year's event. It should be a great weekend of basketball."

The Mavericks will kick-off their season in the Sullivan Center, when the Knights of SUNY Geneseo travel to Buffalo on Saturday, November 14. It will be the fourth time in five seasons that the Mavericks and Knights will square off against each other, with Medaille going (1-2) in the previous three contests. SUNY Geneseo has earned the victory in each of the last two seasons; however, the combined margin of victory for the Knights in those two games was just (5) points.

The Mavs will continue their three-game home stand six days later when they host the WNY Knee and Orthopedic Surgery Tip-Off Tournament on Friday, November 20. Medaille will welcome the Saints of St. Lawrence in the opening game, while the second matchup will pit the Yellow Jackets of Baldwin Wallace against the Panthers of Middlebury. The winners of the two games on Friday will meet on Saturday, November 21 at 3:00pm, while the remaining teams will compete in the consolation game at 1:00pm.

"The tournament field is extremely deep and diverse. Every game will be a tough contest," said Coach Blaine. "St. Lawrence is a consistently strong program who played a ton of close games in a challenging Liberty League slate last year. They bring a lot of good young players back and will be strong with an added year of experience and maturity. Baldwin Wallace is a consistent power in the Great Lakes Region. They won (18) games last year in OAC, which had (3) teams selected for the NCAA Tournament. Middlebury plays in the NESCAC, which is perennially one of the top conferences in the nation. They are just a few years removed from an appearance in the NCAA Final Four, and have made many deep runs in the NCAA Tournament."

St. Lawrence finished the 2014-15 season with a 13-12 record, missing out on the Liberty League playoffs by just one game. Middlebury had a very impressive (17-7) record last season that included wins against Liberty League champions Skidmore, and two-time national champion Amherst College. The Yellow Jackets round out the impressive field, coming off a year in which they advanced to the semifinals of a very competitive Ohio Athletic Conference tournament, where they were beaten by Sweet Sixteen participant Marietta (78-74).

The Mavericks get a week of recovery after the tip-off tournament, not hitting the hardwood again until Saturday, November 28 when they travel down the interstate to take on the Blue Devils of Fredonia State. It will be the second consecutive season that Medaille plays Fredonia, with the Mavericks prevailing at home last season (85-75).

"Our non-conference schedule is formidable. We always look to play top teams throughout the state of New York, and this year is no different," explained Coach Blaine about the Mavericks non-conference schedule. "There will not be any easy games anywhere on our schedule."

Four days later, Medaille opens its AMCC schedule with a re-match of the 2015 conference tournament championship, hosting the Hawks of Hilbert College on Wednesday, December 2. The two AMCC foes were very evenly matched last season, facing each other a total of three times, including the aforementioned AMCC championship game. The first match-up between the two last season saw the Hawks prevail (90-84) in a tightly contested game in Hamburg.

Game number two saw the Mavericks extract a little revenge, downing the Hawks (70-61) and holding Hilbert well below their season average in scoring. The final match-up was the biggest, as the Mavericks and Hawks squared off in the AMCC tournament championship game with an automatic NCAA berth on the line. In dramatic fashion, Medaille erased a double-digit deficit to defeat Hilbert (81-76) in overtime.

Junior
Johnathan Belton



"Things did not go our way most of the game, but we exhibited a championship level effort and a championship attitude, which helped us to reach our goal," explained Coach Blaine. "Winning the AMCC Championship was a goal that we had set for ourselves all season long, and I was thrilled for our guys to accomplish something that they had put so much into achieving."

The Mavs host Penn State-Altoona, and then travel to Mount Aloysius before finishing their non-conference schedule by traveling to Morrisville State and Utica College, before hosting Cortland on January 2. The Red Dragons come to Buffalo off of a season that saw them miss the State University of New York Athletic Conference playoffs by just one game. It will be the third year in a row the Medaille will face Cortland, with the Red Dragons claiming victory in the previous two meetings.

"Our non-conference schedule is always designed to test the team before AMCC play. All of the teams we play will be tough and there are a few road games where we have a good chunk of travel, similar to the AMCC," said Coach Blaine about the transition from non-conference to conference play. "The AMCC will be as tough as ever with a lot of good teams bringing back their nucleus from a year ago, so we must do the best we can to prepare for them."

After their non-conference finale, the Mavericks will face three straight AMCC rivals that saw Medaille sweep the 2014-15 season series. The Mavericks were able to go (2-0) against both D'Youville and La Roche, while besting that record to (3-0) against the University of Pitt-Greensburg.

Following an away game at Penn State-Behrend, Medaille will have consecutive home games against Franciscan on January 16, and Pitt-Bradford on January 18.

With a split of (13) home games and (12) away games this season, the Mavericks will enjoy a very balanced travel schedule in 2015-16.

Having the final three games on the road could have huge implications for the Mavericks, with the AMCC tournament starting just four days after their final contest. The Mavericks locked up the number two seed in last year's AMCC tournament on the season's final day, at home also against La Roche.

"I think we have a challenging schedule that will help our guys learn and mature as the season goes on," said Coach Blaine. "We hope to build off the lessons we learned about how hard we have to play and what kind of attitude we must have if we want to be successful."

Helping the team through the season with Coach Blaine will be second year Assistant Coach George Alexander, and first year Assistant Coaches Greg Bean and Daniel Jones.

Coach Alexander was an integral part of the staff last season, helping guide the Mavericks to their first conference championship since 2012. "We are very fortunate to have George back with us on the staff again this year," explained Coach Blaine. "He has a great understanding of our goals as a program and what we need to do to achieve them. George has built and maintained great relationships with our players and is always one of their biggest allies."

Coach Bean brings an impressive resume with him as he enters his first season at Medaille. He has spent the past four years as the Head Coach of the Redbank Valley Men's Basketball team in New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, leading the program to unprecedented success. "Greg brings a unique perspective to our staff having been a head coach himself for several years," Said Coach Blaine. "He has a great eye for the game. Greg has been a big help in viewing things from a macro perspective on how today's actions affect our long term goals."

Rounding out the coaching staff is Daniel Jones, who hails from Great Neck, New York and has held a number of positions as a manager on the Hofstra Men's Basketball student staff from 2010-2015. "[Daniel] has a tremendous work ethic," said Coach Blaine. "He understands how to make certain that a program runs efficiently from day to day. [Daniel]'s enthusiasm has provided a spark to the program."

Since October 15, the Medaille Men's Basketball team has been working toward defending their title. With a mix of youthful enthusiasm and veteran leadership, Coach Blaine is encouraged by what he sees.

"Our preseason has been challenging, but I have been very pleased with the enthusiasm that our players have shown," Said Coach Blaine. "They have a great desire to get on the court and improve."

"We want our team to be one that concentrates, communicates, and competes every time we step on the floor. If we can be strong mentally, talk to each other, and be the most aggressive team on the court, we will be able to find success regardless of our style of play. A strong culture can trump an opponent's strategy. If we have that type of culture, we will be successful."

Senior
Miles Newcomb



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH AT FREDONIA STATE POUGHKEEPSIE, NY - 2:00 PM		WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND VS. HILBERT COLLEGE* BUFFALO, NY - 6:00 PM	TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT HILBERT COLLEGE* HAMBURG, NY - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH VS. PENN STATE-ALTOONA* BUFFALO, NY - 1:00 PM		SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD AT PENN STATE-ALTOONA* ALTOONA, PA - 1:00 PM	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT MOUNT ALOYSIUS* CRESSON, PA - 1:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT MORRISVILLE STATE MORRISVILLE, NY - 4:00 PM		SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH VS. MOUNT ALOYSIUS* BUFFALO, NY - 1:00 PM	
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH VS. PITT-GREENSBURG* BUFFALO, NY - 1:00 PM		WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH AT D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE* BUFFALO, NY - 6:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD VS. D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE* BUFFALO, NY - 6:00 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT PITT-GREENSBURG* GREENSBURG, PA - 2:00 PM		SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH VS. PL A ROCHE COLLEGE* BUFFALO, NY - 2:00 PM	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT LA ROCHE COLLEGE* PITTSBURGH, PA - 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH AT PENN STATE-BEHREND* ERIE, PA - 6:00 PM		SATURDAY, JANUARY 16TH VS. FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY* BUFFALO, NY - 2:00 PM	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH VS. PENN STATE-BEHREND* BUFFALO, NY - 6:00 PM		SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH AT FRANCISCAN UNIVERISTY* STEUBENVILLE, OH - 2:00 PM	
MONDAY, JANUARY 18TH VS. PITT-BRADFORD* BUFFALO, NY - 6:00 PM		WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT PITT-BRADFORD* BRADFORD, PA - 6:00 PM	
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