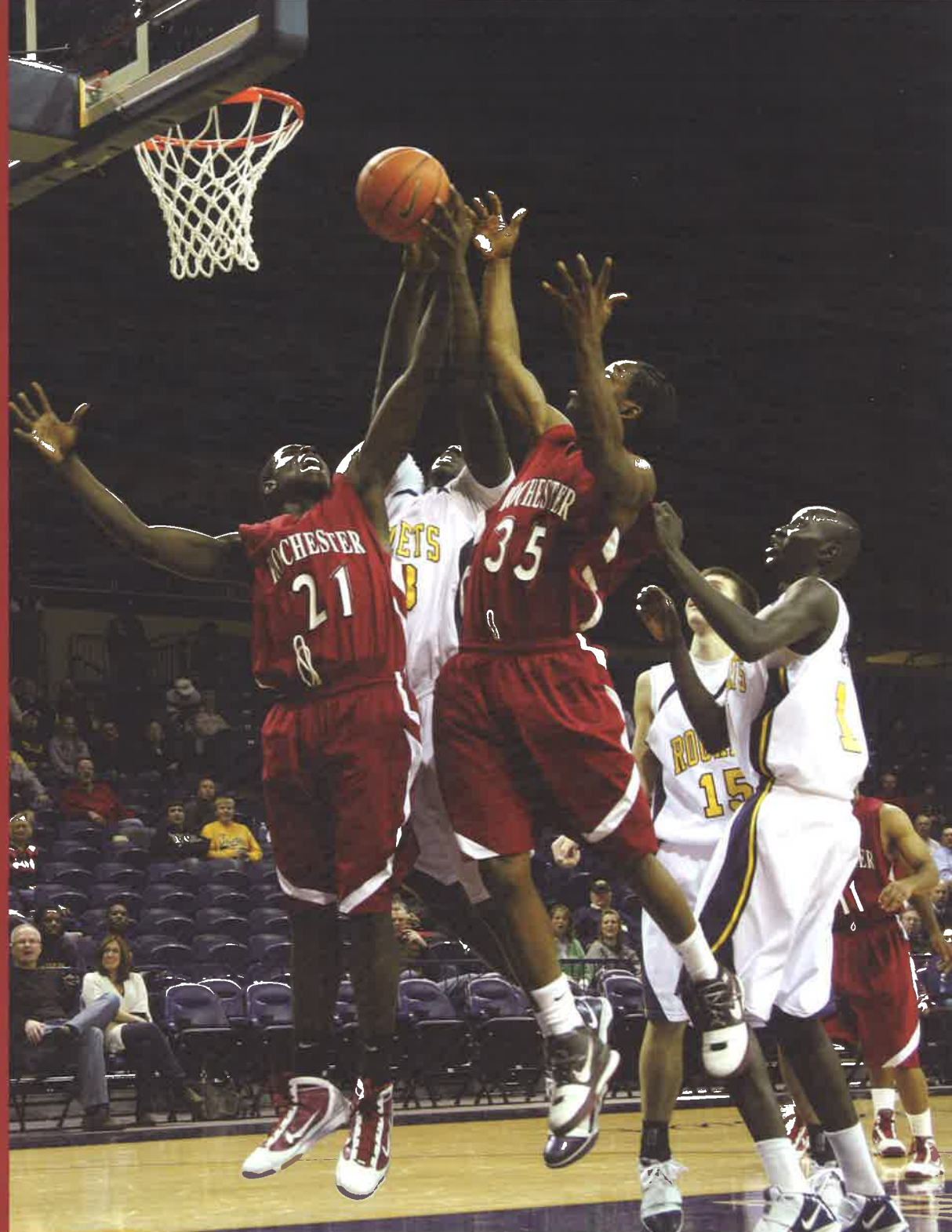
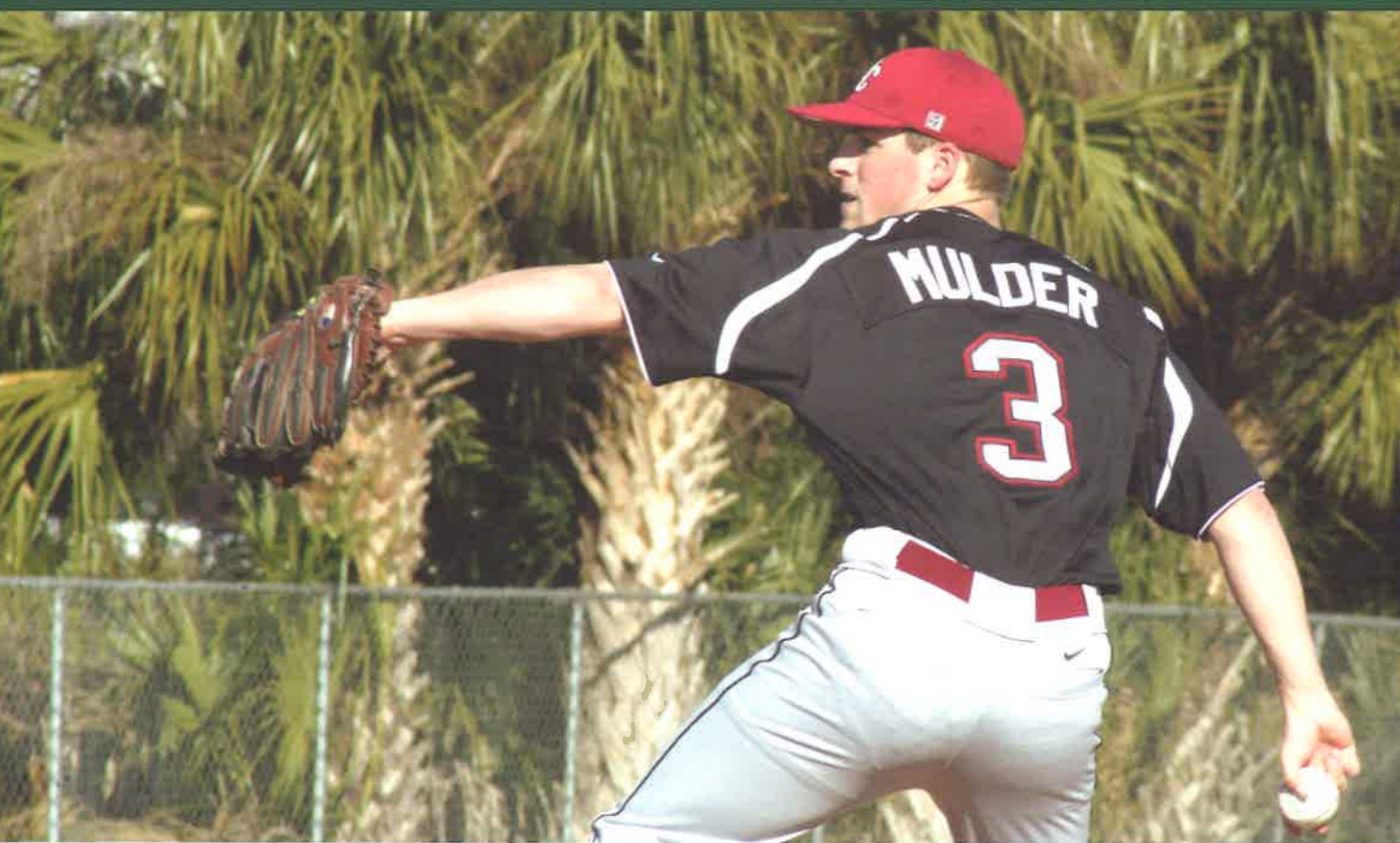


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Warrior  
Athletics





Becoming a Rochester College Warrior means you become part of a proud tradition of athletes that has impacted the college and community by their performances on and off the field or court. 45% of the Rochester College student body are student-athletes, and many receive national recognition for their individual academic and athletic achievements. The college is committed to creating a scholar athlete above all else. While student athletes prepare for a career, they are taught by outstanding faculty at one of the nation's best small liberal arts colleges.



Rochester College competes as a member of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) and is proud to join 82 other member colleges and universities in the USCAA. We have applied to join the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and anticipate acceptance in April 2011.

Rochester College encourages our Warriors to be excellent on and off the court and field by supporting academic dedication and character development. Our teams are consistently among the best both in the quality of our play and the quality of our players.



# BASKETBALL

**Men's Basketball-** The Rochester College basketball program has historically been the pillar of the Rochester College Athletic program. Michigan Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame coach Garth Pleasant has led his teams to over 700 victories and 4 National Championships in his 36 years at Rochester College. Coach Pleasant's teams play on all levels including NCAA Division I, II, and III teams such as Kent State University, Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, and Oakland University as well as NAIA teams. The program has had countless All-Americans and Academic All-Americans throughout its history. The Warrior's basketball program has a Junior Varsity team to help new players learn the pace of the college game, as well as the offensive and defensive systems set forth by Coach Pleasant.

**Women's Basketball-** The Rochester College women's basketball team is coming off its best season in the program's history. Last season the Warriors piled up 17 victories and made an appearance in the National Championship. Last season the Warriors competed against Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University, giving the team one of the most competitive schedules in the USCAA. Head Coach Eric Sims and his Lady Warriors are pre-season favorites to head back to the National tournament. The Women's basketball team also fields a Junior Varsity team.



# Warrior Athletic Teams

# BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

**Baseball-** The Rochester College men's baseball team comes off of a 16-win season, the most wins in over 10 years. Starting 7 freshmen in 2010, the Warriors bring back an experienced team that knows how to win. In only his second season at the helm, Head Coach Jordan



Ackerman led his Warriors past teams like Olivet College, Siena Heights, and Robert Morris University to name a few. Throughout the season the Warriors compete with NCAA Division I, II, III, and NAIA teams. In 2011, the Warrior baseball team looks to make an appearance in the USCAA National Tournament for the first time since 2005. With a Junior Varsity program, the

Warriors are sure to be consistently among the best.

**Softball-** The Rochester College women's softball team is excited about the hiring of Head Coach Steve Ogg. Coach Ogg has won over 500 games in his coaching career, including several at the Division I level at Oakland University. He has also won several



*Coach of the Year* awards and is one of the most respected college softball coaches in Michigan. Coach Ogg will be adding a Junior Varsity team for the 2011 season to help the Warrior softball team become a Michigan College powerhouse as it looks forward to a very competitive and exciting schedule.





## Men & Women's Golf

Only four years after Rochester College's Golf program was established, Head Coach Clayton Bissett has led his men's team to two National Championship titles. The men returned to the National Championship and successfully defended their title this season at Penn State University. Coach Bissett's women's golf team is enjoying the largest team since the program's birth and is competing with the best female golfers in the Mid-West.

# SOCCER



**Men's Soccer-** In 2007, the men's soccer team won the USCAA National Invitational Tournament. Returning to the Nationals every year since, the Warrior soccer team is known for finishing in the top 10 each year. This season Coach Keith Keitz takes over for retired coach Rick Gutierrez. Coach Keitz is known for his fast-paced offensive play as well as his team's aggressive defenses. The Warrior's soccer program promises exciting seasons in the years to come.

**Women's Soccer-** Co-Head Coaches Todd Stank and Pat Hilton have turned the women's soccer program around in only two seasons. In their first year of service, Stank and Hilton led the Lady Warriors to one of their most successful seasons. Already in 2010, the Warriors have won 6 matches and are ranked number 2 in the nation after knocking off schools like Concordia University, Bluffton University, and Holy Cross College.



**Volleyball** In 2009 the Rochester College Volleyball team made an appearance in the USCAA National Championship after a 34-17 season. Ranked second in the nation at the conclusion of the 2009 season, the Warriors fought all the way to the semi-finals. Head Coach Dave Crump and his coaching staff have been consistent not only in the winning category, but, more importantly, in the production of high-quality student-athletes. The Warrior's Volleyball team in 2010 has been ranked in the top 5 all season and will make another run in the USCAA National Championship.



## ATHLETIC SUCCESSES

Rochester College boasts a tradition of athletic excellence, winning national titles in several sports, including:

- Men's basketball (1989, 1997, 2004, 2005)
- Men's cross-country (1989, 1990)
- Men's golf (2009, 2010)
- Men's soccer (1996, 2006)
- Women's volleyball (1998, 1999)

Rochester College placed second (out of 82 schools) in the 2009 USCAA Director's Cup.

### *Facts about Warrior Athletics:*

- The Rochester College Warriors play one of the toughest small college schedules in the country. We play teams such as Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Oakland University, Grand Valley State University, Saginaw Valley State University, Hope College, Kent State University, and the University of Toledo.
- Rochester College is a member of the USCAA and anticipates NAIA acceptance in the spring of 2011.
- Many athletes receive athletic scholarships. Rochester College has an athletic scholarship program available to qualified student athletes, based on athletic potential.

Rochester College Athletics are currently among the best in the USCAA and our teams are earning a reputation among NAIA opponents. 8 of the 9 Warrior sports were ranked in the top 20 in the Nation at the conclusion of the 2009 athletic year. The Rochester College Athletic program takes pride in the team's dedication, teamwork, and drive to better the community.

For more information, see the Warrior Athletics website:  
[rochestercollegewarriors.com](http://rochestercollegewarriors.com)

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## DO YOU WANT TO BE A WARRIOR?

If you are interested in playing an intercollegiate sport at Rochester College, visit the Athletics page at [rochestercollegewarriors.com](http://rochestercollegewarriors.com) and complete a player profile for your specific sport, or let your admissions advisor know.

