A Message from Coach Blaise Faggiano

Dear alumni, parents, and friends,

As a team, the 2009 edition of the Pioneers broke 23 single season school records on the offensive side of the ball. Just to name a few – rushing touchdowns, passing touchdowns and total scoring. This past season the Pioneers scored 118 more points than any other team in program-history. The Pioneer defense broke the school record for quarterback sacks in a single season with 23. The Pioneers lost three games by a combined total of 10 points. This team was just ten points away from a 7-3 record. The season ended with the following individual honors.

- Andrew Benkwitt was the first player in school-history to be named the Empire 8 Rookie of the Year and also the ECAC Division III Rookie of the Year.
- Cody Elliot, Pete Vano and Eric Kahl were the first three players in school-history selected to play in post-season senior all-star games.
- The Pioneers had six players named to Empire 8 All Conference Teams.
- Senior kicker Casey McNulty will graduate as the College’s all-time scoring leader with 109 career points.
- Senior wide receiver Cody Elliot re-wrote the receiving record books and will graduate as the most prolific receiver in program-history.
- Senior linebacker Eric Kahl wraps up his four year career ranked third on the College’s all-time tackles list. Kahl was a three-time All-Conference selection and boasts a 3.5 grade point average in the physical therapy program.
- Junior defensive end Tracy Branch currently ranks second all-time with 9.5 career sacks.

I commend our coaches and players for their tireless effort and commitment to our program. I want to thank all of you who have made donations to our program, your generosity is much appreciated. Our student-athletes are learning the level of commitment required to have a championship caliber program. They have been busy in the classroom, hosting recruits, lifting weights, and participating in community service activities. Utica College is a special place and what makes it special are the people connected to our program. I do hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. Fear the Moose...

Sincerely,
Blaise Faggiano

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2009 Utica College Football Season Review

2010 Utica College Varsity Football Schedule

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Pioneer Progress Report
This fall marked the best academic semester that our football program has ever had! Congratulations to all the players listed below on their accomplishments.

Pioneers who achieved a 3.3 GPA or higher for the 2009 Fall Semester:

Andy Moth - 4.00
Sean Pease - 3.88
Seth Mitchell - 3.81
Steve Karboski - 3.80
Kyle Taft - 3.71
Paul Smith - 3.64
Travis Ladd - 3.61
Patrick O’Hanlon - 3.52
Eric Kahl - 3.49
Tom Dyer - 3.46
Caden Romeo - 3.46
Dennis Timmons - 3.46
Greg Caloa - 3.40
Marcus Gurdineer - 3.38
Taylor Lennon - 3.30
Dan Donato - 3.30
Brian McIntyre - 3.30

Pioneers who achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher for the 2009 Fall Semester:

Jarrod Peck - 3.29
Jon Kilmer - 3.28
Billy Pease - 3.26
Adrian Jackson - 3.25
Luke Manolescu - 3.25
TJ Losowski - 3.24
Andrew Demyan - 3.20
Mike Dixon - 3.20
Kurt Zimmerman - 3.20
Denis Avdic - 3.17
Christian Bochicchio - 3.16
Casey McNulty - 3.16
Franco DiMarco - 3.15
Mike Herberger - 3.12
Sam Lima - 3.10
Tim VanKouwenberg - 3.10
Cody Elliott - 3.07
Matt Dunn - 3.03
Stefan Cavedine - 3.00
Chris Holden - 3.00
Zach Jones - 3.00
Donato Pinnisi - 3.00
Nick Pinnisi - 3.00
Phil Price - 3.00
Brendan Ring - 3.00
Lance Robinson - 3.00

Blue & Orange Club Debuts in 2009!

The second year of our 12th Man Tailgate was a huge success thanks to the creation of the Blue & Orange Booster Club. This year we sold over 150 memberships to the fans of Blue & Orange. The parking lot was packed earlier than ever on game days as our families and friends shared some good times and great food before and after the games. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to growing this tradition even more next year! More information on joining the Blue & Orange Club will be included in our spring newsletter.

Support Staff Recognized

The following people worked diligently throughout the season to provide our student-athletes with the best opportunity for success:

Jim Spartano  Athletic Director
Jim Murnane  Assistant Athletic Director
Gil Burgmaster  Sports Information Director
Dr. Alfred Moretz  Team Physician
Dawn Corbin  Football Athletic Trainer
Dan Sheffer  Head Athletic Trainer
Michele Boucher  Office Manager
Charlene Sangiacomo  Cheerleading
Morgan Webb  Team Manager
Johanna Jennings  Assistant Team Manager
Andrew Chapman  Filmer / Highlight Film
Tom Nanna  Filmer
Emanuel Floyd  Filmer
Thomas Dubai  Filmer

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Pioneers Give Back

Left: Coach Faggiano and Lauren Partyka (college bookstore) get pied in the face for the Heart Run Walk.

Congratulations to our players and coaches for participating in the following community service projects in the Mohawk Valley over the past year:

- North Utica Community Center Pancake Breakfast
- UC Air Band Contest to benefit Utica Women’s Shelter
- 2009 Riggie Fest to benefit the YWCA
- Kernan Elementary Reading Program
- North Utica Community Center Pre-School Reading Program
- 2009 Elks Lodge #33 Spring Clean Up
- 2009 Heart Run & Walk
- Jackie Wolber-Lawler Memorial Golf Tournament
- Kiwanis Christmas Party for Utica CSD
- Oneida County Youth Bureau “Day with Santa”
- NYS Special Olympics Winter Games Opening Ceremony


Right: 2009 Tazon de Estrellas, Mexico City, Mexico. Eric Kahl

Congratulations!

Special Thanks To Our 2009 Coaching Staff

OC & Quarterbacks: Curt Fitzpatrick (SJFC, ’05)
Offensive Line: George Pentree (SJFC, ’03)
Running Backs: Jake DeCola (Brockport, ’08)
Tight Ends: Kevin Eick (SJFC, ’08)
Wide Receivers: Lazarus Morgan (Utica College, ’09)
DL & Head JV Coach: Andrew Massoud (SJFC, ’04)
Linebackers: William Pluff (Utica College ‘06)
Safeties: Justin Higgins (Ithaca, 2000)
Cornerbacks: Walter Burks (Veteran, U.S. Marine Corp)
Kickers & Punters: Keith Scranton (Brockport, ’99)
Asst. Offensive Line: Frank Palmisano (Daeman, ’75)
Asst. Tight Ends: Jake Crawford (Student Assistant)
Asst. Linebackers: Dave Watrous (SJFC, ’95)
Asst. Defensive Backs: Mike Zigarelli (Findlay, ’77)
Asst. Kickers & Punters: Ben Atwood (Utica College, ‘09)

Post-Season Awards
The following student-athletes were named to the 2009 Empire 8 All-Conference Team:

First Team Defense:
- Eric Kahl - LB
- Pete Vano - DB

Second Team Offense:
- Cody Elliott - WR

Second Team Defense:
- Tracy Branch - DL

Honorable Mention Offense:
- Tyler Olles - OL

Sportsman of the Year:
- Cody Elliott - WR

2009 Empire 8 Rookie of the Year
Andrew Benkwitt - QB

2009 ECAC Division III Rookie of the Year
Andrew Benkwitt - QB

CNY Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award
Eric Kahl - LB

Thank you to our seniors.
You will be missed.
You will forever be a part of our Utica College Football Family.

Keith Barone,
Andrew Demyan,
Sean Dixon
Cody Elliott,
Marcus Gurdineer
Eric Kahl,
Adam Keller
Casey McNulty
Billy Pease
Pete Vano
Chris Walrath
Josh Wright
Kurt Zimmerman.

Left: Pioneers volunteering for the 2010 America’s Greatest Heart Run and Walk. 8,000+ participants raised $1,000,000+ for the American Heart Association

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Save the Dates for upcoming Pioneer Events!

Benefit Riggie Dinner for Utica College Football
Tickets $10, 6pm
Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Utica Elks Lodge #33
To reserve tickets at the door contact mbouche1@utica.edu

Pioneer Football Golf Classic
Saturday, June 19, 2010
Stonebridge Golf Course
New Hartford, NY
Brochure: Go to www.utica.edu/ucpioneers/football.

4th Annual Spring Football Fever “Moose-a-palooza”
1:00pm Practice
3:30pm Pioneer Family Picnic
Saturday, May 1, 2010

Big John Kaczmarski Jr. Memorial Golf Outing
Monday, July 26, 2010
Harvest Hill Golf Club
3052 Transit Rd.
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Utica College Football Summer Camps
All camp brochures are located on the right column of our website. Go to www.utica.edu/ucpioneers/football. Spread the word to student-athletes in your area.

TNT Football Camp, Strictly for Linemen
Section V TNT, Mon.-Wed. June 28th-June 30th, 6-9pm, Irondequoit HS
Overnight TNT, Fri. July 9th & Sat. July 10th, Utica College

High School Football Camp
July 12th-July 15th, 6-9pm

Youth Football Camp
July 12th-July 15th, 9am-12noon

“Air It Out” Passing Tournament
Sunday July 25th, 7on7 Passing Tournament

Support your Pioneers and Join the BLUE & ORANGE Club!
More information to follow in our Spring Newsletter ...