

THE POINT AFTER CLUB

2023 STEWARDSHIP AND IMPACT REPORT • MARCH 2024

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MISSION

To engage alumni, family and friends in a life-long relationship of support for StFX University and X-Men Football.

OBJECTIVE

To provide meaningful and sustainable financial support to StFX University and the X-Men Football program. Our primary objective is to narrow the annual operating budget gap that exists vis-à-vis other successful mid-size, student-athlete focused U SPORTS football programs, ensuring that our student-athletes, coaches and staff are equipped to maximize their potential on the field, in the classroom and in their communities.

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all alumni, family, and friends of X-Men Football. In 2023, your donations to the POINT AFTER CLUB exceeded expectations as we raised \$156k in support of the University and X-Men Football. For that we are grateful. More importantly, your generosity continues to produce results where it matters most – on the field, in the classroom and in the community.

Congratulations to the players, Coach Waterman – who was once again recognized as the AUS Coach of the Year – and his staff, on another fine campaign. For the third consecutive season your X-Men went undefeated in AUS conference play on their way to capturing the Loney Bowl, and yet another national semi-final appearance. More importantly, this group continues to distinguish themselves in the classroom, as evidenced by there being 40 Academic Champions Club members, including 12 who received Academic All-Canadian honours. Additionally, individual performance awards were garnered by 11 AUS All-Stars, including two

major conference award winners, and one 1st Team and two 2nd Team U SPORTS All-Canadians. Through your generous support, StFX continues to provide one of the best student-athlete experiences in all of Canada.

X-Men Football and the POINT AFTER CLUB continue to give back to the StFX community. In 2023, we gifted \$24,300 to the University to purchase equipment for the newly renovated student and community fitness studio in the Amelia Saputo Centre. Recognizing our obligation

to support the University beyond athletics, we will continue to allocate 15% of funds raised to support campus-wide restoration and heritage projects.

In just four short years, you have managed to build one of the most meaningful and sustainable alumni-led support mechanisms in all of U SPORTS. Looking ahead, we remain focussed on building our donor base and strengthening our impact. In closing, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all our existing donors. We would also like to thank the University – Administration, Advancement and Athletics – for their continued support of this initiative. For those that have yet to engage, we invite you to join with us in support of StFX University and X-Men Football.

Hail & Health,

John Caplice '87

Chair, on behalf of the Advisory Council

COACH'S MESSAGE

I am very proud to report that we once again went undefeated in our conference this past season on our way to another Loney Bowl victory.

To have gone three seasons in a row now without losing a conference game has been a very rewarding and humbling experience.

Our goal, however, remains the same. We will not rest until we hoist the Vanier Cup as national champions.

I am very thankful to the POINT AFTER CLUB for its role in our historic run of victories, and I am positive that the PAC will be a key factor when it comes to us achieving our future goals. Not only have we been finding success on the field, but our student-athletes

have enjoyed an unparalleled experience these past few years thanks to the PAC funds.



As the head coach, I have a front row seat to the advantages that the PAC provides our program. The difference these funds have made in recruiting and coaching development have been outstanding. Also, our ability to increase Athletic Financial Award offerings has allowed us to recruit top talent from

across the country and beyond.

The same phrase comes to mind each time I talk about the POINT AFTER CLUB. In simple terms, it has been a game changer.

On behalf of our entire football program, I want to say thank you to all our generous donors. Your continued support is making a tangible difference in the lives of everyone associated with X-MEN Football. Thank you.

Hail & Health,

Gary Waterman '92

X-Men Football

Head Coach



MESSAGE FROM ADVANCEMENT

On behalf of StFX Advancement, I extend our sincerest gratitude for your unwavering support of the POINT AFTER CLUB. Your generosity has had a profound impact, not only on the X-Men Football program, but on StFX University and the Antigonish community. As the Development Officer for StFX Athletics, two of the leading aspects that bring me joy are my passion for sports and the sense of contributing to student-athlete success. Thank you all for bringing out the best of these things in the POINT AFTER CLUB. Your commitment has been instrumental in supplying Coach Waterman and the X-Men Football Team with the tools they need to continue to be a leading team in the AUS. The positive transformations and achievements we've experienced would not have been possible without your support.



Some highlights of 2023 include:

1. Your donations have been a game-changer for our football program, providing essential resources, equipment, and facilities that have elevated the X-Men to a level of competitiveness and skill that puts StFX on the National stage time and time again.
2. Through your philanthropy, you've empowered our student-athletes to thrive not only on the field, but in the classroom as well. Your support has enhanced the

scholarships and academic resources that contribute to the success of these future leaders.

3. Your contributions have translated into tangible improvements in our recreation facilities. Because of you, the POINT AFTER CLUB was able to donate funds for new fitness equipment and now every StFX student is benefitting from the newly opened StFX fitness centre.

THANK YOU for being the driving force behind the success of the X-Men Football program and St. Francis Xavier University. Your support continues to shape the future of our student-athletes and your beloved alma mater.

Hail & Health,

Michelle White

Athletics Fund Development Officer, StFX

MESSAGE FROM ATHLETICS

As Director of Athletics & Recreation, it is with immense gratitude and appreciation that I reach out to all of you on behalf of StFX Athletics.

Your unwavering support and commitment to the success of our football program has not only made a significant impact on this past season, but has also laid the foundation for continued growth and excellence of X-Men Football.

Your generosity enables us to provide our student-athletes with the resources and opportunities they need to thrive as Leaders & Champions on and off the field.



I have the good fortune to teach our student-athletes in our StFX Student-Athlete Leadership Academy. X-Men Football players are among the very best leaders in the academy and it is not surprising given the great culture that Coach Gary Waterman and his team have worked so hard to establish.

At StFX, we believe 'culture wins' and our leaders are the creators and caretakers of team culture.

As such, it is no coincidence that our X-Men Football program won their 6th Loney Bowl in the past eight years, and 17th conference championship overall.

Hail & Health,

Leo MacPherson '89

Director of Athletics & Recreation

2023 FINANCIAL RESULTS



- Donor contributions of \$156k
 - Up from \$136k in prior year
 - Exceeded budget (\$135k) by \$21k
- Increased number of donors to 127
 - Up from 114 in prior year
- Distributions increased to \$122k
 - Up from \$113k in prior year
 - \$49k for Athletic Financial Awards
 - \$24k for Coaching & Development
 - \$24k for Recruitment & Communications
 - \$24k for Campus gift
- Stabilization Reserve Fund increased to \$160k
 - Up from \$125k at end of prior year



**FOOTBALL
POINT AFTER CLUB**

2023 IMPACT

ON THE FIELD

- 3 straight championship seasons
- Undefeated in AUS Conference play
- Loney Bowl Champions
- National semi-final appearances
- 11 AUS All-Stars
- 5 offence/3 defense/3 special teams
- 2 AUS Major Award Winners
- Player of the Year (Silas Fagnan-QB)
- Lineman of the Year (Alex Fedchun-DE)
- 3 U-SPORTS All-Canadians
- 1st Team (Ben Hadley-PK)
- 2nd Team (Malcolm Bussey-RB)
- 2nd Team (Ben Harrington- REC)
- Coach of the Year
- Gary Waterman (3rd straight/6th overall)

IN THE CLASSROOM

- 12 U SPORTS Academic All-Canadians
- 40 Academic Champions Club Members

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Since 2020, the PAC has gifted \$95k to the University to support Campus-wide Renewal Projects
- 2023 - fitness equipment
- 2022 - new and replacement tree plantings
- 2021 - gender neutral washroom
- 2020 - lighting for Memorial Field
- 2020 - COVID-19 offset funding

DISTRIBUTION POLICY

With the stabilization reserve fund in a healthy position, the POINT AFTER CLUB has amended its distribution policy so as to allocate even more funds to on-field talent and depth.

Allocation	Previous	As Amended
Stabilization Reserve Fund	10%	5%
Athletic Financial Awards	36%	50%
Leadership & Development	18%	15%
Recruiting & Communications	18%	15%
Campus -wide Renewal Projects	18%	15%

2024 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Committed to raise \$150k in support of the university and X-Men Football
 - Up from \$135k in 2023
- Expand, increase and strengthen the donor base
 - Will require additional support from alumni, family and friends



To donate directly online, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THESE X-MEN FOOTBALL ALUMNI, FAMILY & FRIENDS FOR THEIR 2023 CONTRIBUTIONS TO **THE POINT AFTER CLUB.**

ADVISORY COUNCIL

John Caplice '87 (Chair) • Paul Kane '84 • Frank Muller '84 • Pat Jancsy '85 • Tom McKenna '88 (Treasurer)

EX OFFICIO

Gary Waterman '92 (Head Football Coach) • Michelle White (Athletic Fund Development Officer)

CHANCELLOR'S RING (\$10,000+)

John '63 & Adrienne '63 Peacock
CIBC Foundation

PRESIDENT'S TABLE (\$5,000+)

John '87 & Ambrosia '87 Caplice, P '19/ '22
Neil '91 & Cathy Greene
The Kuntz Family (Adam '18;
James & Romonda, P '18)
Robert McClure '88 & Donna Matheson,
P '21/ '23/ '25
Sam '91 & Pauline Moreau
Martin '86 & Nadia Rochon, P '18
Bill '60 & Laura '60 Shea
Frank '82 & Janet Shea, P '11/ '12/ '18

COACHES' CIRCLE (\$2,500-4,999)

Michael '93 & Teresa '93 Caplice, P '24
Paul '84 & Lorraine Dundon
Michael '87 & Heather Gillis, P '20 '22/ '21 '23
Tony Grassa '82
Paul McFarland '65
Tom '88 & Natasha McKenna, P '19/ '23
Jadran '87 & Diana Mlinarevic
Frank '84 & Debbie '83 '84 Muller, P '12 '13/ '15
Michael Nugent, P '19
Patrick '92 & Cathy O'Regan
In Memory Of Sean O'Regan '92 '93

HONORARY CAPTAIN (\$1,500-2,499)

Kevin Aver '80
Glenn Doncaster '83
Jason Elliott '00 '01
Jonathan Hood '08
Paul '84 & Cheryl Kane, P '20

Glenn & Stacey Murphy
The Smith Family (Richard '11;
Robert & Theresa, P '11)
Dan Toews & Stephanie Kubik, P '26
Al Tracey '85 & Terese MacDonald-Tracey '85,
P '17/ '20/ '21
Jim '78 & Cindy (Murphy) '80 Zien

HONORARY STARTER (\$1,000-1,499)

Andre Arlain '98
Dave Austin '85 & Kim MacInnis '86, P '19
Mike '10 & Liana '09 Cahill
Dennis Caplice, P '87/ '93; G '19/ '22/ '24/ '25
Greg Chiasson '84
Harris Fricker '86
Mike Gerrior '73 & Sally Burks
Phil Hughes '66
Patrick '85 & Karen Jancsy
Larry Kelly '71
Bill '67 & Bernice '78 Kiley
Mike Kushnir '98
Murray '87 & Cathy '87 Kyte, P '13/ '15/ '18/ '23
Daniel '00 '01 & Lorelle Muller Lumsden
Kent MacDonald '86 '93 & Mary-Ellen MacPhee '87
'05 '22, P '13/ '17/ '19
Leo '89 & Heather MacPherson, P '13/ '14
Michael '94 & Kimberley McCarthy
Scott '95 & Lori Ann '95 McEwen
John "Packy" McFarland '56 '62
Jim & Tina McGill, P '25/ '26
Burns McPherson '70
The Molinaro Family (Mitchell '12;
Walter & Barbara, P '12)
Sean Musselman '98 & Jane Proctor '96
Shawn Northfield '85 '86 '02
Kevin O'Brien '61
Michael '88 & Anne '86 O'Brien, P '21/ '22
Jamie '98 & Michelle '99 '01 O'Reilly
Dave Skillen '10 & Chantele Joordens

Manos '05 '07 & Beverley '06 Volikakis
Gary '92 & Andrea '92 Waterman, P '15 '17

SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER (\$500-999)

Anonymous (3)
Mark Buchanan '92
Patrick Donnelly '90
David '92 & Anne '91 Graham
Tim '91 '92 & Kelley Grose, P '27
Mike Joyce '86
Joe Jurus '91 '14 & Cairine MacDonald '90 '91 '13
Gerry '81 & Sue Knap
Greg Knap '86
Tim Lang '87 & Sandra Nunes
Ian '84 & Carole MacArthur, P '21/ '23
William '59 & Marion (St. Martha's Nursing '57)
McCourt
Bill '87 & Sandy McIntyre
David '87 and Gill Muller
Vladimir Orlov '12
Jeff '85 & Gina '85 Stanley
Jesse Stevens '15
Marcel '87 & Mary St. Pierre
Robert St. Pierre '88
Ted '65 & Ann '65 Turcotte
Elizabeth & Peter Van Den Heuvel
Ken Wong '91 & Cathy Green, P '22

PATRON (\$250-499)

Larry '84 '85 & Wendy Andrea, P '13/ '19
David '68 & Marianne '67 Austen
Jainyme DaSilveira '15
Peter Fitzgerald
Joe and Nanci Gaff
Andrew Gannon '10 & Jennifer Leighton
Jordan Hoolihan '10
Maki Katsube '90
Dan Logan '82

Marv Rheault '60
Mark Royale '98
Dave Serwatak '92, P '21
Ed '87 & Lynsey Sober
Gerald '67 & Jantine Strong
Jon & Danielle Svec
Donna & Peter Whyte, P '20

YOUNG ALUMNI (\$100-249)

Devon Bailey '14
Dezain Brooks '20
Erin Caplice '19
Mary Caplice '22
Will Chapman '24
Nicholas Clark '22
Tivon Cook '17
Paolo Edwards '16
Jeremy Fagnan '19
Scott Ferris '18
Sam Gan '18 '19
Matthew Jemmett '19
Sean Mellor '16
Jeremy Pike '19
Connor Ross '23
Justin Searle '21
Chris Shibley '15
Derek Smith '22
Riley Stephenson '23
Curtis Urlacher '19
Ben von Muehldorfer '19 '22
Gordon Whyte '20
Tyler Wilson '19 '21
Alex Yakimenko '19

OTHER DONORS

Anonymous (1)
Joseph Chmielecki '76

• **P** indicates StFX parent. • **G** indicates StFX grandparent.

This list is in development. We regret any error or oversight. Please contact johncaplice@rogers.com to request updates.



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