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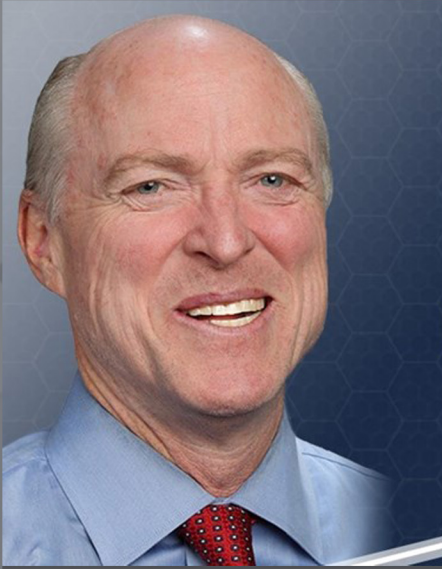
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COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENT

PRESENTED BY LENOVO LEGION



The awarding of the ECAC Esports Commissioner's Cup to Johnson & Wales University, for the best overall performance across all titles in the ECAC, puts the finishing touches on another great year in the Conference. We are now devoting our full energies towards making next year the best it can possibly be.

We are speaking with new schools every day who are hoping to join. Look for our membership to continue the same rapid growth we've seen over the course of the past four years. We'll be adding at least one new game title and possibly more. We kick off ECAC Alumni competition with a our inaugural alumni tournament August 21-22. And it looks like we'll have at least three in-person events over the course of the next year open to all of our membership free of charge in different regions of the country, beginning with HV Gamer Con September 18-19. Our new season gets started this fall on September 27 and will run through November 19. Playoffs will go from November 29 – December 10.

When we embarked on this esports journey four years ago, our goal was to provide great value to our member schools by building an absolute beast of an esports conference. I believe we have done that and then some. We expect to have as many as 4,000 competitors participating this coming year.

Thanks for your involvement in ECAC Esports, and for your support.

Stay tuned . . .

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to the Commissioner.

FUTURE SCHEDULE

ECAC ESPORTS FALL 2021 SEASON

The Fall 2021 season is around the corner!
If your program is interested in becoming a member, contact Lydia Fister at lfister@ecac.org for more information

REGULAR SEASON:
September 27th - November 19th

PLAYOFFS:
November 29th - December 10th

ECAC ESPORTS ALUMNI SHOWCASE:
August 21-22

HV GAMER CON 2021:
September 18th & 19th



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MEMBERSHIP



RANDOLPH-MACON ESPORTS DIRECTOR, ALEX GUNNERSON, EARNS ECAC ESPORTS COACH OF THE YEAR

COACH OF THE YEAR ALEX GUNNERSON

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE



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"I began my career in esports playing on the Miami University League of Legends team. I played basketball all through high school and esports gave me that outlet for competition in college. Although I started off my freshman year playing on my Mac Laptop in Silver Division, as I grew, so did our esports program on campus. By my senior year we launched the first Division 1 Varsity Esports Program in the Nation.

I am so grateful to win this award after completing my second year at Randolph-Macon College. The program has already come a long way as we are now breaching nearly 50 members after adding 2 additional games this Fall. As the Director of Esports at R-MC, I spend my days speaking with sponsors and recruits and my nights in our 24/7 arena for practices and games. My main coaching philosophy is focused on the mental game. I believe that the most important foundation for improvement is having the correct mindset and a balanced ego. We do not practice as many hours as other programs because we spend that additional time completing study halls and workouts. The stress of college can be difficult for student athletes, so we focus on creating a supportive and stress-free environment to nurture development and the confidence to win.

COVID has made this an exceedingly difficult year for our teams, with most of our players staying home, we struggled with our fair share of lag and disconnects. Although we were unable to meet in person, this year was an opportunity to really grow our Discord and online community. It has truly become our 1 stop shop for all the pugs, memes, and theory crafting you could ask for. I know our students are excited to be back on campus in the Fall though. We will be starting off our semester moving in early for our well awaited reunion during our Fall Bootcamp as we begin preparation to defend our Championship title."

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY SECURES THE SPRING 2021 COMMISSIONER'S CUP



SPRING 2021
COMMISSIONER CUP
**JOHNSON & WALES
UNIVERSITY**

PRESENTED BY
LEGION
by Lenovo



The ECAC is proud to award Johnson & Wales University with the ECAC Esports Commissioner's Cup for the Spring of 2021, presented by Lenovo Legion. The Commissioner's Cup is given to the ECAC Esports member school that has the most outstanding performance across all games sponsored by the ECAC.

In the Spring of 2021, Johnson & Wales fielded teams in all ten ECAC titles and made the playoffs in each – with two teams advancing in Super Smash Brothers Ultimate. Their across-the-board success included second place finishes in League of Legends and Overwatch, and fourth place finishes in Hearthstone and NBA 2K21. Additionally, competitors from Johnson & Wales earned the ECAC Player of the Week award 19 times. Their Overwatch team advanced to the Collegiate Esports National Championship (CENC).

“It’s been a fantastic three years working closely with the ECAC and our school continues to improve in both the spirit and growth of the competition,” said Aaron Colaia-como, JWU Esports Coordinator. “Our students are always excited at the beginning of the season and sad to see it end. Our students were excited to hear their hard work has been recognized with this award. Here’s to several more seasons with the ECAC and several more championships.”

WELCOME TO ECAC ESPORTS

BOISE STATE

"We love the focus ECAC puts on the students and their experience.
This is what attracted us. Let the games begin!"

- Doc Haskell



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Watch Live: Twitch.tv/BoiseState
Watch 24/7: Twitch.tv/BoiseState247

Twitter: @eSportsBSU

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COACHES CORNER



"The ECAC is providing a great experience for college esports competitions. In addition to being well organized, there is a high level of competition among member institutions. They have been able to maintain this high quality experience throughout the pandemic school year, and were even able to increase their membership, and add new game titles. We are very thankful to be partnered with the ECAC to assist in the development of our players, and we look forward to competing with them again next school year."

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY
LUKE TROTZ
DIRECTOR OF ESPORTS



"Joining the ECAC has broadened and enhanced the competitive experience of our players. Our students have been thrilled with the opportunity to connect with students from across the country and to witness quality and diversity of collegiate Esports programs. Thank you to all the participating schools for making this an enriching experience!"

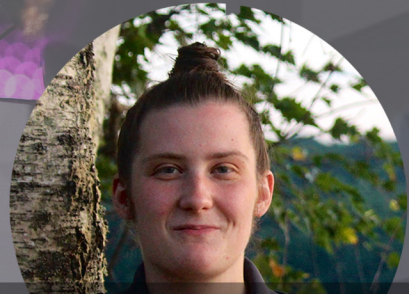
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APPENDIX

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"There are no limits to what you can accomplish, except the limit you place on your own thinking."

KEEPING UP WITH ESPORTS

Make sure you stay up to date with all things Esports!

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