

## Head Coach Colette Gilligan



Colette Gilligan is in her 10th year as the head women's soccer coach at Hamilton College. Gilligan's Hamilton teams have a 90-36-18 record (.688 win pct.) and have advanced to the postseason eight times, including three trips to the NCAA Division III championship. She has been selected the East Region coach of the year twice (2004 and 2007) by her peers, and honored with her assistants as the Liberty League coaching staff of the year three times (2003, 2004, 2007). The 90 victories make Gilligan the program's all-time

leader in that category.

Last year the Continentals advanced to the second round of the NCAA championship after a 1-0 win against Virginia Wesleyan University in the first round. Hamilton's final overall record was 10-4-3, including 6-0-1 at home. The Continentals tied for third in the league and played in the league championship semifinals. In 2009, Hamilton made its third appearance in the league final -- all with Gilligan.

Gilligan guided the program to unprecedented success in 2007. The Continentals advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals for the first time, set program records for wins (16) and goals (55) in a season and finished the year ranked first in Division III with a team save percentage of .917. Hamilton completed its first unbeaten regular season (13-0-1) and earned a share of the league's regular season title. After the Continentals finished the year with a 16-2-2 record, they landed at No. 7 in the final Top 25 coaches poll, which was the highest ranking in program history.

Gilligan has coached two All-Americans (Jen Munoz '04 in 2003 and Megan Brousseau '08 in 2007), and 12 players to a total of 15 all-region honors. Five players were voted to the 2010 all-league team. Academics is an integral part of Gilligan's program. Erica Dressler '09 was selected to the Academic All-America Team by the Colleague Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the NSCAA/adidas Collegiate Scholar All-America Team in 2008, and Wray was on the CoSIDA all-district third team in 2010. Nine student-athletes earned spots on the league's all-academic team last year.

Gilligan guided Hamilton to a 15-2-1 record in 2004. The Continentals captured their first league regular season and postseason championships, and earned their first NCAA championship appearance and tournament victory. The Continentals also made their first-ever appearance in the national rankings, and climbed as high as a tie for eighth.

Prior to arriving at Hamilton, Gilligan was an assistant coach at the University of Minnesota for two seasons. She was the head coach at Middle Tennessee State University from 1996 to 2000. Her collegiate coaching career began as an assistant at East Carolina University in 1994. She was also involved in coaching the Olympic Development Program in Minnesota, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Gilligan was a three-time All-American at Methodist College in 1990, 1992 and 1993. She helped lead the program to the NCAA Division III semifinals in 1989 and 1990. Gilligan was an all-conference selection in each of her four years at Methodist and was the team's captain in 1992 and 1993. She was a member of Ireland's National Junior team in 1985 and 1986 before joining Ireland's National Senior squad.

Gilligan received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Methodist in 1993 and earned her master's in sports administration from East Carolina in 1996. She hails from Dublin, Ireland.



**Hamilton women's soccer advanced to the NCAA Division III championship quarterfinals in 2007 for the first time in team history. That team set a program record with 16 victories, including a 2-1 win at previously undefeated Williams College in a sectional semifinal played in Williamstown, Mass., on November 17.**

## About the NESCAC

Hamilton College will join the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) as a full-playing member effective with the start of the 2011-12 academic year. Twenty-one of the Continentals' 28 teams already participate in conference competition, while the remaining seven - men's and women's basketball, field hockey, men's and women's lacrosse, and men's and women's soccer - competed in the Liberty League from 1995 to 2011.

"We are pleased to welcome Hamilton College into the NESCAC as a full participant," said Barry Mills, President of Bowdoin College and chair of the NESCAC presidents. "The NESCAC places a high value on collegiality, and in making this decision, the conference recognizes its leadership position as a group guided by the highest educational standards and academic principles."

The NESCAC is a group of 11 highly selective liberal arts colleges and universities that share a similar philosophy for intercollegiate athletics. The conference was created out of a concern for the direction of intercollegiate athletic programs, and remains committed to keeping a proper perspective on the role of sport in higher education. NESCAC members believe intercollegiate athletic programs should operate in harmony with the educational mission of each institution. NESCAC institutions also believe athletic teams should be representative of the entire student body.

## Student-Athlete Profiles

### Sarah Boak



*Senior, Defense*  
*Summit, N.J./Summit High School*  
*Major: Mathematics*

**2010:** Played in all 17 games and started 16 on defense... NSCAA East Region all-region third team... Liberty League all-league honorable mention.... Liberty League Defensive Performer of the Week (11/1). **2009:** One goal in 16 starts... Scored first career goal at Vassar (9/26)... Liberty League all-academic team. **2008:** Played in 10 games.

### Megan Cairns



*Senior, Midfield*  
*Rochester, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy*  
*Major: Public Policy*

**2010:** Credited with three assists in 17 starts. **2009:** One goal and one assist in 15 games... Scored the first goal in 4-0 win against Clarkson (10/9)... Liberty League all-academic team. **2008:** Two goals and one assist in 14 starts... Scored first career goal at SUNYIT (9/7).

### Alex Rimmer



*Junior, Forward*  
*Rye, N.Y./Rye High School*  
*Major: Art*

**2010:** Eleven goals and two assists in 17 starts... NSCAA East Region all-region first team... Liberty League all-league first team... Liberty League Offensive Performer of the Week (9/20, 10/25). **2009:** Twelve goals and one assist in 16 starts... Liberty

League Rookie of the Year... Liberty League all-league first team... Offensive Performer of the Week (10/26)... Rookie of the Week (9/28, 10/12)... ECAC Division III Upstate all-region second team.

## The 2011 Schedule



Sept. 6	at SUNY Oswego	4 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Trinity*	11 a.m.
Sept. 14	at SUNY Cortland	4 p.m.
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>CONN. COLLEGE*</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Sept. 18	at Utica	1 p.m.
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>AMHERST*^</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>WESLEYAN*^</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Oct. 1	at Bates*	11 a.m.
Oct. 4	at Williams*	4:15 p.m.
<b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>MIDDLEBURY*</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Oct. 11	at SUNY Oneonta	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	at Bowdoin*	12:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Colby*	11 a.m.
<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>TUFTS*</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>

Home games in **BOLD**

\* NESCAC contest

^ Family Weekend

## Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Hometown/Previous School
00	Melanie Miller	Fr.	GK	Ringwood, N.J./Lakewood Regional HS
0	Liza Gergenti	So.	GK	Warwick, N.Y./Warwick HS
1	Hailey Bobin	Sr.	GK	Seattle, Wash./University Prep. Academy
2	Cris DeBiase	Jr.	M	Westford, Mass./Middlesex School
3	Erica Skinner	Sr.	D	Boxford, Mass./Masconomet HS
4	Meghan Griesbach	Sr.	D	Methuen, Mass./Governor's Academy
5	Chelsea Haight	Jr.	M	E. Meredith, N.Y./Charlotte Valley Central School
6	Rachel Hirsch	Fr.	F	Hartsdale, N.Y./Edgemont HS
7	Emily Grund	Fr.	M	Auburn, Maine/Edward Little HS
8	Charlotte Cosgrove	Jr.	M	Chatham, N.J./Chatham HS
9	Maria Treacy	Sr.	F	Glen Rock, N.J./Glen Rock HS
10	Lauren Brady	So.	M	Kent, Conn./Kent School
11	Sarah Lasker	So.	M	Amherst, N.Y./Amherst HS
12	Alex Rimmer	Jr.	F	Rye, N.Y./Rye HS
13	Alyssa DiCosmo	Fr.	M	New Canaan, Conn./New Canaan HS
17	Catherine Malcolm	So.	F	Northbridge, Mass./Whitinsville Christian Acad.
18	Jacqueline Winter	So.	M	Concord, Mass./Concord Carlisle
19	Megan Cairns	Sr.	M	Rochester, N.Y./Our Lady of Mercy HS
20	Emi Birch	So.	M	Steamboat Springs, Colo./Steamboat Spgs. HS
22	Meg Alexander	Fr.	D	Wallingford, Conn./Hamden Hall
23	Lauren Brousseau	Sr.	F	Heidelberg, Germany/Heidelberg American HS
24	Sarah Boak	Sr.	D	Summit, N.J./Summit HS
25	Halle Becker	Fr.	F	Chappaqua, N.Y./Horace Greeley HS

## Postseason Appearances

2010 - NCAA Championship second round;  
Liberty League championship semifinalist  
2009 - Liberty League championship finalist  
2007 - NCAA Championship sectional finalist;  
Liberty League championship finalist, reg. season co-champions  
2006 - Liberty League championship semifinalist  
2005 - Liberty League championship semifinalist  
2004 - NCAA Championships sectional semifinalist;  
Liberty League regular season and postseason champions  
2003 - Liberty League championship semifinalist  
2002 - Liberty League championship semifinalist  
2001 - Second place at NYSWCAA championship  
2000 - Third place at NYSWCAA championship  
1999 - NYSWCAA championship  
1988 - NYSWCAA championship  
1987 - NYSWCAA championship  
1986 - NYSWCAA championship

## 2010 Award Winners

**NSCAA Division III East Region All-Region Team**  
Alex Rimmer '13 (First Team)  
Sarah Boak '12 (Third Team)

**All-Liberty League Team**  
Alex Rimmer '13 (First Team)  
Laura Wray '11 (First Team)  
Anne Graveley '11 (Second Team)  
Sarah Boak '12 (Honorable Mention)  
Liza Gergenti '14 (Honorable Mention)

**Liberty League Offensive Performer of the Week**  
Alex Rimmer '13 (Sept. 20, Oct. 25)

**Defensive Performer of the Week**  
Sarah Boak '12 (Nov. 1)

**Liberty League Rookie of the Week**  
Catherine Malcolm '14 (Sept. 27)  
Liza Gergenti '14 (Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Nov. 1, Nov. 15)

**Liberty League All-Academic Team**  
Megan Braaten '11  
Charlotte Cosgrove '13  
Christie Crawford '13  
Lauren Farver '11  
Meghan Griesbach '12  
Katie Lyons '11  
Julie Meurer '11  
Erica Skinner '12  
Laura Wray '11

**CoSIDA Academic All-District College Division**  
Laura Wray '11 (Third Team)

## All-Americans



### Megan Brousseau '08, Defense

- ▶ Second Team Selection (2007)
- ▶ Led a defense that allowed just 12 goals and posted 10 shutouts in 20 games
- ▶ Credited with one assist and started every game in 2007 when the team recorded a program-record 16 wins and went 16-2-2
- ▶ Part of 2007 NCAA championship quarterfinal team that finished the season ranked No. 7 in the final Division III Top 25 coaches poll



### Jen Muñoz '04, Goalkeeper

- ▶ First Team Selection (2003)
- ▶ Recorded a program-record nine shutouts in 2003
- ▶ Allowed just eight goals in more than 1,399 minutes for a .51 goals against average and made 72 saves with a save percentage of .900
- ▶ Started all 15 games and posted a 9-3-3 record in goal in 2003

## Blood Fitness Center

The soccer team takes advantage of the Charlean and Wayland Blood Fitness and Dance Center, opened in 2006. The Center includes a state-of-the-art weight room that features five Olympic platforms, two jammers, a leaper, a squat machine, two GHRs, a reverse-hyper machine, safety bars, x-bars, fat bars and swiss bars, along with full sets of kettlebells and dumbbells. The team works with strength coach Paul Adey, who directs workouts for the team in and out of the season.



## Records

### Career

Goals	Assists
Christina Robeson ('97) 36	Sue Davidson ('86) 16
Erica Dressler ('09) 34	Wendy Phillips ('96) 16
Mara Dropkin-Frank ('05) 30	Gail Campbell ('86) 15
Sue Davidson ('86) 27	Eileen Mulvihill ('90) 15
Heide Katerba ('90) 27	Erica Dressler ('09) 13
	Sylvi Herrick ('89) 13
	Eileen Fisher ('07) 13
Points	Shutouts
Christina Robeson ('97) 83	Caitlin McGilley ('08) 21
Erica Dressler ('09) 81	
Sue Davidson ('86) 70	
Mara Dropkin-Frank ('05) 67	
Eileen Fisher ('07) 65	
Saves	
Melissa Hart ('89) 577	

### Season

Goals	Points
Erica Dressler ('09) 14 in 2007	Erica Dressler ('09) 38 in 2007
Assists	Shutouts
Erica Dressler ('09) 10 in 2007	Caitlin McGilley ('08) 9 in 2006
	Jen Muñoz ('04) 9 in 2003
Saves	
Caitlin McGilley ('08) 127 in 2007	
Azure Davey ('00) 127 in 1996	
Kyle Velte ('93) 127 in 1991	

## History

1981: 6-4-1	1997: 2-11-1
1982: 4-6	1998: 6-7-1
1983: 8-4	1999: 6-4-5
1984: 3-10	2000: 10-5-1
1985: 8-6	2001: 9-8
1986: 10-6	2002: 7-5-3
1987: 10-6-1	2003: 9-3-3
1988: 7-6-2	2004: 15-2-1
1989: 5-8-1	2005: 7-6-1
1990: 3-11	2006: 9-4-2
1991: 6-6-2	2007: 16-2-2
1992: 4-9-1	2008: 8-4-2
1993: 5-8-1	2009: 9-6-1
1994: 7-7	2010: 10-4-3
1995: 6-7-1	
1996: 7-7	

**Total: 223-181-36**

