

# Flagler forward

THE CAMPAIGN FOR  FLAGLER COLLEGE

## THE MOST FORWARD FOR TENNIS & ATHLETES



Imagine what happens when champions train, play, and win in a state-of-the-art tennis center. **Records are broken and history is made.** Our women's program has won five NAIA National Championships and four Peach Belt Conference titles. Our men's program has won the NAIA National Championship twice and advanced to the NCAA Division II tournament twelve times since 2009. Both programs are seeking to secure NCAA national championships. With more, we will do more.

**PROJECT GOAL**

**\$750,000**

It's time to build the future of Flagler Tennis.



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS.

**Dear Saints,**

Since securing our first national championship in 1977, Flagler Tennis has gone on to win six additional national championships while also making appearances in the NCAA Elite Eight and Final Four. The program's overwhelming success has made it one of the College's most popular, profile-raising sports offerings, and it routinely attracts top international talent to our campus every year.

For this reason, it is crucial that we invest in Flagler Tennis to ensure its continued prominence in the life of the College. Providing our student-athletes with the resources necessary to empower their talents will perpetuate our program's reputation for elite performance. Most important to this mission is the creation of state-of-the-art locker rooms. Not only are these spaces essential to storage and game-day logistics, but they are responsible for team-building, creating a culture of camaraderie, and providing our Saints with a comfortable space in which to bond over strategy, dedication, and the trials and joys of hard-earned success. Simply put, if we want to continue attracting high-caliber student-athletes who will sustain Flagler's championship tradition, it is imperative that we provide a facility that can attract them and that will enhance their experience during their Flagler careers.

Our competitors currently outpace us in these facilities, and we need the support of Saints Nation to help us close the gap. This publication further explains our need and plan while also elaborating upon Flagler's remarkable history of success in tennis. Please take a moment to read through our mission and consider lending your financial support; with your help, we will revolutionize our tennis teams' training spaces and elevate the program's competitiveness for years to come.

I look forward to discussing this exciting new project with you, and I thank you in advance for helping us take this important step forward.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Jud Damon in white ink, written in a cursive script.

*Jud Damon, Director of Athletics*

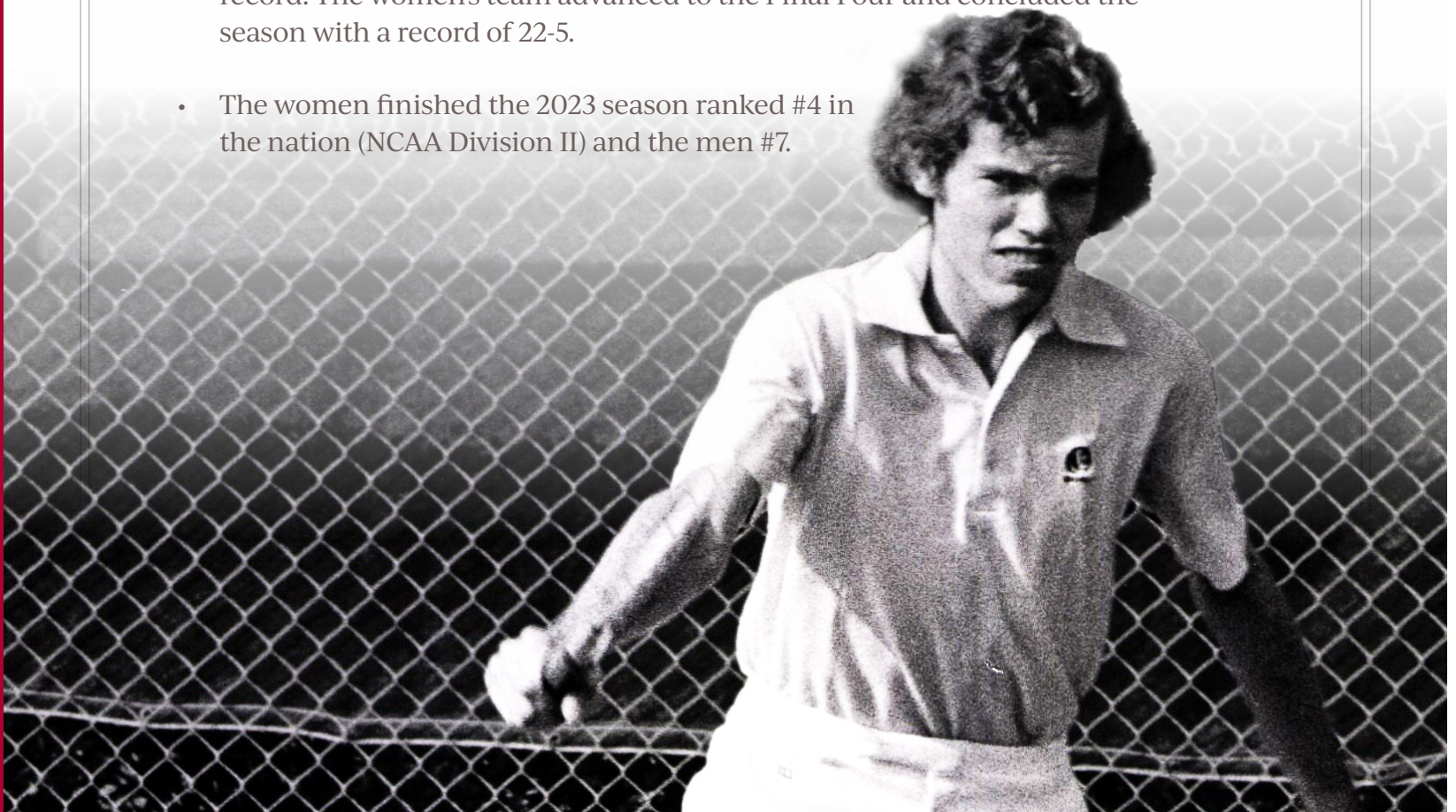


# A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

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**Flagler's men's and women's tennis programs have played a vital role in the growth, notoriety, and campus life of the College since their inception in 1974.**

- The programs have won a combined seven national championships (5 women, 2 men) and numerous conference, district, and regional championships.
- Over the course of their nearly 50-year history, the women's program has won an incredible 71% of all their matches and the men have won more than 65% of theirs.
- Most recently, both the men's and women's teams have won Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament championships, hosted their respective NCAA Regional tournaments, and advanced to the NCAA Nationals.
- The women's team advanced to the 2022 Elite Eight and concluded their season with a record of 19-8, while the men were 20-6 and went to the Final Four.
- In 2023, the men's team advanced to Elite Eight while sporting a 19-7 overall record. The women's team advanced to the Final Four and concluded the season with a record of 22-5.
- The women finished the 2023 season ranked #4 in the nation (NCAA Division II) and the men #7.





## ENHANCING THE POLLARD TENNIS CENTER

Beyond what this will do for our student-athletes, our renovated multi-court facility will bring our Flagler family together in new ways to cheer and support Flagler tennis.



## PROPELLING OUR ATHLETES FORWARD

This will become a first-rate collegiate tennis center. It will feature study spaces for our student-athletes, new locker rooms, and renovated coaches' offices.



## EMPOWERING CHAMPIONS

High-caliber facilities attract high-skill athletes. New courts, professional lightning, and well-resourced locker rooms will create an atmosphere that not only secures talented prospects, but helps to build a championship culture.





PROJECT GOAL: \$750,000

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# TRADITION TAKES TEAMWORK!

**Great accomplishments are achieved when teammates work together!**

Whether you are an alumni, a fan, or a friend of Flagler Tennis, you can play an important role in ensuring that our programs remain highly competitive and nationally recognized.

**Your support** of initiatives that are vital to the future of Flagler Tennis truly makes a difference for the College and in the individual lives of all the exceptional student-athletes that continue to carry our championship tradition forward.





## FIND YOUR WAY TO MOVE FLAGLER FORWARD.

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Front Courts (2) .....	\$50,000
Back Courts (4) .....	\$30,000
Coaches' Offices (2) .....	\$25,000
Individual Lockers (30) .....	\$5,000
Courtside Benches (24) .....	\$5,000
Study Nooks in Locker Rooms (2) .....	\$2,500

### RECOGNITION WALL OF HONOR LEVELS

All-American .....	\$10,000
Champion .....	\$5,000
Gold .....	\$2,500
Crimson .....	\$1,000
Saint .....	\$500
Friend .....	\$100



# CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?

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## **PRESIDENT JOHN A. DELANEY**

*Flagler College President, 2021-Present*

“Quality facilities for all of the College’s areas of operation are vital to Flagler’s mission. It is time to upgrade the facilities for our tremendous tennis programs as they continue to be such a vital aspect of campus life and bring such positive notoriety to the College. Thank you for lending your support!”



## **GORDON JONES**

*1977 NAIA National Champion in singles and doubles; Member of Flagler’s 1977 National Championship team.*

“No decision I have made was more important or significant for positively propelling my life forward than my decision to attend and play tennis at Flagler College. I will be eternally grateful and appreciative for my Flagler College experience.”

“The tennis program at Flagler has such a rich history of success and I enjoyed coaching such fine athletes over my 35 years as the tennis coach. I hope you would consider supporting this project to improve the facilities which would benefit the players, enhance their experience at Flagler, and continue the excellent tennis tradition!”

## **WALTER SHINN**

*Head Women’s Tennis Coach, 1979-2014; Head Men’s Tennis Coach, 1991-2013; 5-time National Champion coach.*



## **JONAS PIIBOR**

*Head Men’s Tennis Coach, 2021-Present*

“As a coaching staff, we work hard each and every day to carry on a tradition of excellence. The upgraded tennis center would advance our ambition to bring more national championships to Flagler. We are deeply grateful for the support of our donors to make this a reality.”

“These are very exciting times for our tennis program! New locker rooms at the tennis center will build team spirit, aid in recruitment, and play a big role in team-building and the student-athlete experience. Thank you for your support!”

## **ROD PUEBLA**

*Head Women’s Tennis Coach, 2016-Present*



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