HIGHLANDERS BASKETBALL 2026-27

NJIT (0-1, 0-0 AMERICA EAST) vs. IONA (1-0, 0-0 METRO)

Thursday, November 5, 2026 • 7:00 PM • Hynes Athletic Center • New Rochelle, New York

2025-26 Record | AE:	16-17 | 10-6
2025-26 AE Finish:	3rd
AE Preseason Coaches Poll:	4th
All-Time Record vs. Iona:	0-2
Head Coach:	Grant Billmeier
Record at NJIT (4th):	29-64
Career Record (4th):	30-64

2025-26 Record | MAAC:	18-14 | 10-10
2025-26 MAAC Finish:	8th
Metro Preseason Poll:	4th
All-Time vs. NJIT:	2-0
Head Coach:	Dan Geriot
Record at Iona (2nd):	19-14
Career Record (2nd):	19-14

MEMBER OF THE AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

2026-27 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER

2	at Dayton	58-89, L
5	at Iona	7:00 PM
8	**SAINT PETER'S**	**4:00 PM**
10	at Rutgers	6:30 PM
11	at VCU	7:00 PM
14	at Fairfield	7:00 PM
18	at FDU	12:00 PM
22	at Boston College	5:00 PM
25	**MANHATTAN**	**2:00 PM**
29	at Sacred Heart	2:00 PM

DECEMBER

2	**NAVY**	**7:00 PM**
7	at Seton Hall	7:00 PM
9	at New Haven	7:00 PM
13	**DREXEL**	**4:00 PM**
23	at Wagner	1:00 PM
29	**SAINT ELITZABETH**	**2:00 PM**

JANUARY

2	at UMBC*	1:00 PM
7	at Maine*	6:00 PM
9	at New Hampshire*	12:00 PM
14	**UALBANY***	**11:00 AM**
18	**BINGHAMTON***	**2:00 PM**
21	at Bryant*	6:00 PM
23	**VERMONT***	**4:00 PM**
30	**UMASS LOWELL***	**4:00 PM**

FEBRUARY

4	at UAlbany*	6:30 PM
6	at Binghamton*	2:00 PM
11	**NEW HAMPSHIRE***	**7:00 PM**
13	**MAINE***	**4:00 PM**
18	at UMass Lowell*	6:00 PM
20	at Vermont*	3:00 PM
25	**UMBC***	**7:30 PM**
27	**BRYANT***	**4:00 PM**

MARCH

6	AE Quarterfinals	TBD
9	AE Semifinals	TBD
13	AE Finals	TBD

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

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BROADCAST INFORMATION:
Video: ESPN+
Talent:

HIGHLANDER HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Highlanders enter the 2026-27 season following a remarkable third year of the Billmeier Era. Ten conference wins set a program record, surpassing the previous high of nine as a Great West member in 2010-11. Their six-game winning streak tied the longest in the program's Division I era, previously achieved in 2011 and matched in 2015. NJIT also earned a top-four seed and hosted an America East quarterfinal for the first time since joining the conference in 2020. Finally, the Highlanders' 16 overall wins marked their highest total since the 2018-19 season.
- The Highlanders were selected to finish fourth in the America East Preseason Coaches' Poll, the highest preseason selection since joining the conference back in 2020.
- Following a standout freshman season, David Bolden earned a spot on the America East Preseason All-Conference Team after being named America East Rookie of the Year and to the All-Rookie Team. The sophomore guard was one of two Highlanders to start all 33 games, averaging 11.8 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists and a conference-leading 1.9 steals per game. He ranked third in the America East with 70 three-pointers, recorded four or more triples in six games and earned America East Rookie of the Week honors four times.
- Newcomers to Newark include Mathéo Coffi, Jayonni Durrough, Brendan Oliver, Brandon Stores Jr, Mario Tatum Jr, Victor Vanderstraeten.

26-27 RECORDS

Overall	**0-1**
Home	0-0
Away	0-1
Neutral	0-0
America East	**0-0**
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Non-Conference	**0-1**
Home	0-0
Away	0-1
Neutral	0-0
Current streak	**L1**
Long. W streak	--
Long. L streak	1
Leading at Half	0-0
Trailing at Half	0-1
Tied at Half	0-0
Overtime	0-0
Day	0-0
Night	0-1
Ranked Teams	0-0
Power Conf.	0-1
All-Time	**225-379**
Division I	190-379
vs. Non D-I	35-0

2026-27 HIGHLANDERS

PROBABLE STARTERS

#	Name	PO	YR	HT	WT	Season Averages
1	David Bolden	G	So.	6-0	185	
2	Mario Tatum Jr.	G	So.	6-3	195	
12	Brandon Stores Jr.	G	RFr.	6-5	210	
6	Victor Vanderstraeten	F	Fr.	6-8	230	
10	Mathéo Coffi	F	So.	6-10	210	

REST OF ROTATION

#	Name	PO	YR	HT	WT	Season Averages
0	Jayonni Durrough	G/F	Fr.	6-6	210	
5	AJ Altobelli	G	So.	6-0	165	
13	Stefan Jimenez-Vojnic	F	RSo.	6-11	230	
14	Quentin Duncan	G	Jr.	6-4	180	
22	Brendan Oliver	F	So.	6-6	195	
25	John Kelly	F	Jr.	6-9	215	
33	Zack Scherler	F	So.	6-11	245	
44	Rocco Awad	G	So.	6-2	195	

HIGHLANDERS BY THE NUMBERS

1
David Bolden was named to the America East Preseason All-Conference Team. Averaged 11.8 PPG and 2.8 APG starting in every game last year.

4
Last season, the Highlanders faced four teams that appeared in the the NCAA tournament.

6
The Highlanders welcome six new players into the program in 2026-27, a group which includes five freshmen.

7
Of the 13 players that make up the Highlanders' roster in 2026-27 are returners from last season.

5
NJIT will face-off against five high-major teams in a tough non-conference slate.

New Faces In Newark

Grant Billmeier welcomed in six new members of his program for the 2026-27 season. Mathéo Coffi, Jayonni Durrough, Brendan Oliver, Brandon Stores Jr, Mario Tatum Jr, and Victor Vanderstraeten join the seven returning Highlanders in Newark.

America East Preseason Poll

The Highlanders were selected to finish fourth in the America East Preseason Coaches' Poll, the highest preseason selection since joining the conference back in 2020.

Like Father, Like Son

Assistant Coach Pete Lappas is the son of long time Division I Head Coach Steve Lappas, who coached for 17 seasons at Manhattan (1988-92), Villanova (1992-2001) and UMass (2001-04). Steve currently serves as a college basketball analyst for CBS Sports.

A Bolden Breakthrough

Following a standout freshman season, David Bolden earned a spot on the America East Preseason All-Conference Team after being named America East Rookie of the Year and to the All-Rookie Team. The sophomore guard was one of two Highlanders to start all 33 games, averaging 11.8 points, 2.8 rebounds, 2.8 assists and a conference-leading 1.9 steals per game. He ranked third in the America East with 70 three-pointers, recorded four or more triples in six games and earned America East Rookie of the Week honors four times.

Bolden becomes the second Highlander to be named to the America East Preseason All-Conference Team, joining Zach Cooks, who earned the honor ahead of NJIT's inaugural season in the conference in 2020-21.

Field of 68 Conducts America East Media Day

New this season, the college basketball media network "Field of 68" partnered with the America East for its 2026 Media Day. Rob Dauster and Jeff Goodman conducted interviews with all nine America East men's basketball coaches to preview the 2026-27 season that can be viewed on the network's YouTube channel.

NJIT vs. Iona

This is the third meeting between NJIT and Iona with the Gaels leading the all-time series 2-0. The last matchup dates back to December 9, 2017 when the Highlanders fell to the Gaels in Newark, 70-74.

#PROTECTTHEWEC

The 2026-27 season marks the tenth season that the Highlanders have called the Joel & Diane Bloom Wellness and Events Center home. The 220,000 square foot facility, which houses NJIT's 3,500-seat arena, opened prior to the 2017-18 basketball season and is one of the finest mid-major facilities in Division I athletics.

NJIT vs. the America East

Opponent	Record	AE Play*	Streak	Last W	Last L
Albany	2-16	2-10	L1	1/29/26	2/19/26
Binghamton	4-8	4-8	W3	2/7/26	2/15/25
Bryant	2-7	1-7	L1	1/19/26	2/28/26
Maine	10-7	5-7	W2	3/7/26	1/10/26
New Hampshire	5-6	2-6	W2	2/12/26	2/8/25
UMass Lowell	10-10	5-5	W3	2/5/26	1/11/25
UMBC	5-9	3-9	L5	1/27/24	3/3/26
Vermont	3-16	3-9	L2	1/31/26	3/10/26

*Regular Season Only

NJIT: QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location:	University Heights, Newark, NJ
Founded:	1881
Enrollment:	11,900 (undergraduate & graduate)
Nickname/Colors:	Highlanders/Red & White (Blue accent)
Affiliation:	NCAA Division I
Transition to Division I:	2006-07
Conference:	America East (Seventh season)
University President:	Dr. John A. Pelesko
Director of Athletics:	Lenny Kaplan (@NJITAD)
Athletic Dept. Phone:	973-596-3636
NJIT website:	www.njit.edu
Athletics website:	www.njithighlanders.com
Tickets website:	www.njittix.com
Twitter/Instagram:	@NJITHoops
Facebook:	NJIT Men's Basketball

HEAD COACH GRANT BILLMEIER

Alma Mater:	Seton Hall '07
Seasons:	4th
Career Record:	30-64* (.319)
America East Record:	17-32 (.347) -- reg. season only

*includes one game as Acting Head Coach at Seton Hall in 2019-20

TEAM INFORMATION

Assistant Coaches:	RaShawn Stores (4th season)
	Pete Lappas (4th season)
Dir. of Basketball Ops:	Vincent Tamburro (4th season)
Dir. of Analytics/Video:	Daniel Waddleton Jr. (1st season)
2024-25 Record:	16-17 (10-6)
2024-25 Postseason:	America East Semi-Finals
Returning/Lost:	7/7

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PROGRAM RECORDS

Inaugural Season:	1922
All-Time Record:	994-976 (.505) / 1,970 games
Pre-NCAA (1922-73):	264-271 (.492)
Division III Era (1974-97):	392-206 (.656) / 598 games
Division II Era (1997-06):	118-133 (.470) / 251 games
Division I Era (2006-pres):	**226-380 (.373) / 606 games**
Conference Titles (Reg):	1 (Great West 2012-13)
Conference Titles (Tour):	0
National Postseason Tour:	7-3

BLOOM WELLNESS & EVENTS CENTER (WEC)

Address:	100 Lock St., Newark, NJ, 07102
Year Opened:	2017
Capacity:	3,500
Home Record (WEC):	49-57 (.462) / 106 games
Home Record (D-I Era):	135-116* (.536) / 252 games
Home Record (Billmeier):	9-17 (.346) / 26 games
Home Record (AE Conference):	13-26 (.333) / 39 games

**Does not include 0-9 in home games at Prudential Center*
***Does not include 0-2 in conference home games at Prudential Center*

AMERICA EAST CONFERENCE

Established:	1979
Former Name:	Eastern College Athletic Conf.-North
Number of Teams:	9
Headquarters:	Boston, Massachusetts
Commissioner:	Brad Walker
Sr. Assoc. Commissioner (Media):	Sean Tanish
Website:	www.AmericaEast.com
2025-26 Champs (Reg):	UMBC
2025-26 Champs (Tour):	UMBC
NJIT All-Time AE Record:	32-65 (.330) / 97 games
NJIT AE Tournament Record:	1-4 (.200) / 5 games

America East Rankings

Preseason Poll		
1	Vermont	62 (7)
2	UMBC	46 (1)
3	Binghamton	45 (1)
4	NJIT	38
5	Bryant	36
6	UAlbany	34
7	UMass Lowell	31
8	Maine	19
9	New Hampshire	13

Preseason KEN POM		
1	Vermont	186
2	UMBC	275
3	Bryant	304
4	UMass Lowell	308
5	Maine	343
6	UAlbany	344
7	NJIT	347
8	Binghamton	349
9	New Hampshire	352

BY STATE/COUNTRY:

New Jersey (3):
AJ Altobelli
John Kelly
Brenden Oliver

Connecticut (1):
Quentin Duncan

Neveda (1):
Jayonni Durrough

Maryland (1):
Mario Tatum Jr.

Michigan (1):
Zack Scherler

New York (1):
Brandon Stores Jr.

Wisconsin (1):
David Bolden

France (1):
Mathéo Coffi

Canada (2):
Rocco Awad
Stefan Jimenez-Vojnic

Belguim (1):
Victor Vanderstraeten

France (1):
Mathéo Coffi

BY CLASS:

Junior (2):
Quentin Duncan
John Kelly

Sophmore (8):
AJ Altobelli
Rocco Awad
David Bolden

Mathéo Coffi
Stefan Jimenez-Vojnic
Brenden Oliver
Zack Scherler
Mario Tatum Jr.

Freshmen (3):
Brandon Stores Jr.
Jayonni Durrough
Victor Vanderstraeten

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2026-27

2025-26 AMERICA EAST STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
UMBC	14-2	.875	24-9	.800	L1
Vermont	12-4	.750	22-12	.688	L1
NJIT	**10-6**	**.625**	**16-17**	**.250**	**L1**
UMass Lowell	9-7	.562	15-18	.606	L1
UAlbany	7-9	.438	11-21	.516	L2
Maine	6-10	.375	8-24	.500	L3
New Hampshire	5-11	.312	9-21	.469	L1
Bryant	5-11	.312	9-22	.344	L2
Binghamton	4-12	.250	8-23	.406	W2

THE 26-27 HIGHLANDERS RECORD WHEN...

Overall	0-1
America East	0-0
At home	0-0
On the road	0-1
At netural sites	0-0
After a win	0-0
After a loss	0-0
In overtime	0-0
vs. ranked opponents (AP)	0-0
Games decided by 1-3 points	0-0
Games decided by 4-5 points	0-0
Games decided by 6-10 points	0-0
Games decided by 11-20 points	0-0
Games decided by 20+ points	0-1
Leading at the half	0-0
Trailing at the half	0-1
Tied at the half	0-0
NJIT has more field goals	0-0
Opponent has more field goals	0-1
Field goals are tied	0-0
NJIT shoots 40% or better	0-0
NJIT shoots under 40%	0-1
Opponent shoots 40% or better	0-1
Opponent shoots under 40%	0-0
NJIT out-rebounds opponent	0-0
Opponent out-rebounds NJIT	0-1
Rebounds are tied	0-0
NJIT has more FT attempts	0-1
Opponent has more FT attempts	0-0
FT attempts are tied	0-0
NJIT 3FG% is 40% or better	0-0
NJIT 3FG% is under 40%	0-1
Opponent 3FG% is 40% or better	0-0
Opponent 3FG% is under 40%	0-1
NJIT commits more turnovers	0-0
Opponent commits more turnovers	0-1
Turnovers are tied	0-0
NJIT has positive assist-to-turnover ratio	0-0
NJIT has negative assist-to-turnover ratio	0-1
NJIT assists and turnovers are even	0-0
NJIT scores 90+ points	0-0
NJIT scores 80-89 points	0-0
NJIT scores 70-79 points	0-0
NJIT scores 60-69 points	0-0
NJIT scores 50-59 points	0-1
NJIT scores under 50 points	0-0
Opponent scores 90+ points	0-0
Opponent scores 80-89 points	0-1
Opponent scores 70-79 points	0-0
Opponent scores 60-69 points	0-0
Opponent scores 50-59 points	0-0
Opponent scores under 50 points	0-0
In white uniforms	0-0
In red uniforms	0-1
In alternate uniforms	0-0
On Monday	0-1
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	0-0
On Saturday	0-0
On Sunday	0-0
In November	0-1
In December	0-0
In January	0-0
In February	0-0
In March	0-0

2026-27 NJIT HIGHLANDERS ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (LAST SCHOOL)
0	Jayonni Durrough	G	6'6	210	Fr.	Las Vegas, Nev. / ABC Prep
1	David Bolden	G	6'0	185	So.	Milwaukee, Wisc. / Nicolet
2	Mario Tatum Jr.	G	6'3	190	So.	Edgewood, Md. / Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Md.)
5	AJ Altobelli	G	6'0	165	So.	Westfield, N.J. / Union Catholic
6	Victor Vanderstraeten	F	6'8	230	Fr.	Antwerp, Belgium / Topsportschool Antwerp
10	Mathéo Coffi	F	6'10	210	So.	Strasbourg, France / Lycée Marc Bloch (UTSA)
12	Brandon Stores Jr.	G	6'5	210	RS	Bronx, N.Y. / St. Raymond High School for Boys (Georgia Tech)
13	Stefan Jimenez-Vojnic	C	6'11	230	Rs.	Toronto, Canada / Academy of Central Florida
14	Quentin Duncan	G	6'4	180	Jr.	Waterbury, Conn / Putnam Science Academy
22	Brendan Oliver	F	6'6	195	So.	West Orange, N.J. / Blair Academy (Canisius)
25	John Kelly	F	6'9	215	Jr.	Hillsborough, N.J. / Rutgers Prep
33	Zack Scherler	F	6'11	245	So.	Clarkston, Mich. / Vermont Academy
44	Rocco Awad	G	6'2	195	So.	Windsor, Ontario / London Basketball Academy

Head Coach: Grant Billmeier (Seton Hall '07), Fourth season

Assistant Coaches: RaShawn Stores (Manhattan '15), Fourth season

Pete Lappas (Boston College '12), Fourth season

Director, Basketball Operations: Vincent Tamburro (Seton Hall '23), Fourth Season

Director, Analytics/Video Coordinator: Daniel Waddleton Jr. (South Carolina '25), First Season

Athletic Trainer: Matt Kosco

Strength & Conditioning Coach: Bobby Fisk

PRONUNCIATIONS

0	**Jayonni Durrough**	**Durr-oh**
5	AJ Altobelli	All-tuh-bell-e
6	**Victor Vanderstraeten**	**Van-der-straight-en**
10	Mathéo Coffi	Mah-TAY-oh Coffee
13	**Stefan Jimenez-Vojnic**	**Steff-on him en-iz VOY-nitch**
33	Zack Scherler	Scher-ler
44	**Rocco Awad**	**A-wad**
	Grant Billmeier	Bill-my-er





HEAD COACH GRANT BILLMEIER

Seton Hall '07 | 4th Season as Head Coach (30-64)

@GrantBillmeier

GRANT BILLMEIER was named the 12th head coach in NJIT men's basketball history in April, 2023.

A native of Pennington, New Jersey, and graduate of St. Patrick High School and Seton Hall University, Billmeier came to Newark after one season on the staff at Maryland, where he followed Kevin Willard from Seton Hall in April 2022. The Terrapins were 22-13 in 2022-23, and finished 16-1 at home and 11-9 in Big Ten play earning an at-large berth into the NCAA tournament where they defeated West Virginia in the first round, before bowing out to Alabama, the top overall seed.

Prior to Maryland, Billmeier served on Willard's staff at Seton Hall for seven seasons, culminating with the 2021-22 season when he was promoted to associate head coach. Billmeier helped lead the Pirates to the 2016 Big East tournament championship and 2020 Big East regular season championship during his second stint on the coaching staff in South Orange.

Billmeier's first collegiate coaching experience also came at Seton Hall from 2010-14 when served as the director of basketball operations. He then spent one season as an assistant coach at Fairleigh Dickinson before returning to Seton Hall as an assistant coach prior to the 2015-16 campaign.

During his successful tenure coaching at Seton Hall, Billmeier played a large role in developing the Pirates' post players. Billmeier mentored 2018 Kareem Abdul-Jabaar National Center of the Year award winner Angel Delgado, who led the nation in rebounding (13.1 RPG) and earned a great deal of other accolades including All-America recognition in addition to being unanimously voted to the All-Big East team and named the MBWA Player of the Year.



Billmeier also helped develop Sandro Mamukelashvili, who went from playing less than 10 minutes per game as a freshman to being the Big East Player of the Year as a senior. Mamukelashvili was a second-round pick in the 2021 draft and currently plays for the San Antonio Spurs. Another Seton Hall big man that was molded by Billmeier is Romaro Gill, the 2020 Big East Defensive Player of the Year and Big East Most Improved Player award winner. Gill finished third in the nation, blocking 3.2 shots per game and also was efficient offensively, shooting 63.5% from the field in league play.

BILLMEIER'S CAREER

HEAD COACH (4):

YEAR	SCH	CONF	W-L	PCT	NOTE
2019-20	SHU	BE	1-0	1.000	Acting Coach in Season Opener
2023-24	NJIT	AE	7-21	.250	First year as a D-I Head Coach
2024-25	NJIT	AE	6-25	.240	Second year as a D-I Head Coach
2025-26	NJIT	AE	16-17	.485	AE Semi-Finals
2026-27	NJIT	AE	0-1	.000	
TOTAL			**30-64**	**.319**	

ASSISTANT COACH (12):

YEAR	SCH	CONF	HEAD COACH	W-L	NOTE
2022-23	UMD	B1G	Kevin Willard	22-13	Won NCAAT Game
2021-22	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	21-11	NCAAT Qualifier
2020-21	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	14-13	
2019-20	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	21-9	NO NCAAT (COVID)
2018-19	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	20-14	NCAAT Qualifier
2017-18	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	22-12	Won NCAAT Game
2016-17	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	21-12	NCAAT Qualifier
2015-16	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	25-9	NCAAT Qualifier
2014-15	FDU	NEC	Greg Herenda	8-21	
2013-14	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	17-17	
2012-13	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	15-18	
2011-12	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	21-13	NIT 2nd Round
2010-11	SHU	BE	Kevin Willard	13-17	

DIVISION-I PLAYING CAREER (4):

YEAR	SCH	CONF	W-L	GP	GS	NOTE
2003-04	Seton Hall	BE	21-10	31	8	Won NCAA Tourn. Game
2004-05	Seton Hall	BE	12-16	28	19	
2005-06	Seton Hall	BE	18-12	30	17	Made NCAA Tourn.
2006-07	Seton Hall	BE	13-16	17	14	

The 2007 Seton Hall graduate played four seasons for the Pirates, serving as a captain twice and helping lead the team to a pair of NCAA tournaments in 2004 and 2006. Billmeier played in 106 games during his career. Billmeier went on to play professionally in Germany and Portugal before beginning his coaching career.

Billmeier played for Kevin Boyle at St. Patrick High School, where his team won the 2003 New Jersey tournament of champions. Additionally, Billmeier's first coaching position came at St. Patrick where he served on Boyle's staff for the 2009-10 season.

Billmeier and his wife, Jennifer, were married in May 2017 and are parents to their daughter, Avery, born March 2018, and son, Luke, born June 2021.

NJIT HIGHLANDERS ASSISTANT COACHES



RASHAWN STORES

MANHATTAN '15 | 4TH SEASON AT NJIT

RaShawn Stores enters his fourth season as a member of the NJIT men's basketball coaching staff, after being named as an Assistant Coach in April, 2023.

The Highlanders had themselves a remarkable 2025-26 season. Ten conference wins marks the highest win total in program history, passing their win total of nine as a member of the Great West in 2010-11. The six-game winning streak tied the Highlanders longest winning streak in their D-I era, accomplished first in 2011 and matched in 2015. The Highlanders clinched a top-4 seed and hosted an America East quarterfinal game for the first time since joining the conference in 2020. Finally, 16 wins on the season is the most overall wins since the 2018-19 season.

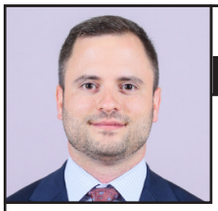
Stores came to NJIT after spending six seasons on the staff at Manhattan College, where he most recently served as the Jaspers' Interim Head Coach for the 2022-23 season.

Prior to serving on the staff at Manhattan, Stores was a student-athlete for five seasons, redshirting his first year and playing an important role on the team for the next four seasons. Stores was a two-time captain for the Jaspers and helped lead Manhattan to 71 wins and a pair of MAAC Tournament titles and two NCAA Tournament appearances. His name is etched throughout Manhattan's record books as he graduated ninth in program history in assists (314) and converted on 39.3 percent (143-of-364) from three-point range.

In 2012-13, Stores was named to the MAAC All-Rookie Team after starting 14 games and playing in 32 contests. As a junior, Stores led the MAAC in assist to turnover ratio (2.9) and during his senior season he was named a Lefty Driesell Defensive All-American.

Following his playing career, Stores remained at Manhattan as an Assistant Coach before being promoted to Associate Head Coach prior to the 2018-19 season. Days before the 2022-23 campaign, Stores was announced as the Interim Head Coach at Manhattan and he led the team to 12 wins, including 10 in MAAC play.

Stores earned his undergraduate degree in business management at Manhattan in 2015 and in 2017 he received a master's degree in organizational leadership.



PETE LAPPAS

BOSTON COLLEGE '12 | 4TH SEASON AT NJIT

Pete Lappas enters his fourth season as a member of the NJIT men's basketball coaching staff, after being named as an Assistant Coach in April, 2023.

The Highlanders had themselves a remarkable 2025-26 season. Ten conference wins marks the highest win total in program history, passing their win total of nine as a member of the Great West in 2010-11. The six-game winning streak tied the Highlanders longest winning streak in their D-I era, accomplished first in 2011 and matched in 2015. The Highlanders clinched a top-4 seed and hosted an America East quarterfinal game for the first time since joining the conference in 2020. Finally, 16 wins on the season is the most overall wins since the 2018-19 season.

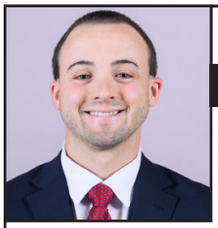
Lappas came to NJIT after spending the 2022-23 season at Wagner and the eight previous seasons at FDU. At Wagner he served as an Assistant Coach and at FDU Lappas was the Director of Basketball Operations for three seasons before being promoted to Assistant Coach for his final five.

At FDU, Lappas helped coach the Knights to a pair of NEC Championships and NCAA Tournament berths. The 2019 team won the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament game. Lappas also helped recruit and develop five NEC All-Rookie selections and the 2022 NEC Rookie fo the Year, Anquan Hill.

Lappas' first coaching job was as a Graduate Assistant Manager at Temple, where he helped the Owls win 24 games and qualify for the NCAA Tournament.

A native of Pennsylvania, Lappas earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communications from Boston College and a Master's Degree in Sport and Recreation Management from Temple.

Lappas' father, Steve, was a Division I Head Coach for 17 seasons, making stops at Manhattan (1988-92), Villanova (1992-2001), and UMass (2001-04). Steve Lappas currently serves as a a college basketball analyst at CBS Sports.



VINCENT TAMBURRO

SETON HALL '23 | 4TH SEASON AT NJIT

Vincent Tamburro enters his fourth season as a member of the NJIT men's basketball staff, after being named Director of Basketball Operations in July, 2023.

The Highlanders had themselves a remarkable 2025-26 season. Ten conference wins marks the highest win total in program history, passing their win total of nine as a member of the Great West in 2010-11. The six-game winning streak tied the Highlanders longest winning streak in their D-I era, accomplished first in 2011 and matched in 2015. The Highlanders clinched a top-4 seed and hosted an America East quarterfinal game for the first time since joining the conference in 2020. Finally, 16 wins on the season is the most overall wins since the 2018-19 season.

Tamburro is no stranger working with Billmeier as the pair spent three years together on staff at Seton Hall, where Billmeier served as Associate Head Coach and Tamburro was a student manager.

As a student manager, Tamburro had many duties including practice set-up, working out student-athletes before and after practice, laundry, and travel to away games. In his final two seasons in South Orange, Tamburro served as the Head Student Manager.

During his time with the Pirates, Seton Hall had a winning season each year and qualified for the 2022 NCAA Tournament. The Pirates also won a BIG EAST Regular Season Championship in 2020 before the postseason was canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

In addition to his work specifically with the men's basketball program, Tamburro also worked in the equipment room at Seton Hall one summer and most recently was on staff at Shaheen Holloway's Basketball Camp until he was officially hired at NJIT.

A native of Dumont, NJ, Tamburro graduated from Seton Hall in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sport Management and Marketing and a Certificate in Marketing Research.



DANIEL WADDLETON JR.

SOUTH CAROLINA '25 | 1ST SEASON AT NJIT

Daniel Waddleton Jr. enters his first season as an official member of the NJIT men's basketball staff, having been named Director of Analytics/Video Coordinator in July 2026.

Waddleton previously served as an intern with the Highlanders during their historic 2025-26 season, which included ten conference wins, the highest win total in program history, and a top-4 seed, hosting an America East quarterfinal game for the first time since joining the conference in 2020. Their 16 total wins on the season marked the most since 2018-19.

As an intern, Waddleton's responsibilities included keeping stats and film, supporting practice and operational tasks, developing analytics models, and producing videos for the team and recruiting.

Waddleton recently graduated from the University of South Carolina in December 2025, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management. During his time at South Carolina, he wrote for a basketball website, blending traditional basketball discourse with a focus on film study and data, as well as interned at Fox Sports in Los Angeles, California.

Waddleton is a native of Tinton Falls, New Jersey, and played varsity basketball for Monmouth Regional High School.



JAYONNI DURROUGH 0

FR | G/F | 6-6 | 210 | Las Vegas, Nev. | ABC Prep

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Averaged 17.5 points, 9.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists per game and shot 45% from beyond the arc for ABC Prep last season.

GAME-BY-GAME

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11.8	SPU													
11.10	@Rutgers													
11.11	@VCU													
11.14	@Fairfield													
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DAVID BOLDEN 1

SO | G | 6-0 | 185 | Milwaukee, Wisc. | Nicolet

2025-26:

America East Freshman of the Year…America East All-Rookie Team… All-Met Honorable Mention… One of two Highlanders to start in all 33 games... Made first collegiate start at Fordham (11/4) scoring 18 points which is the most points scored by a freshman in their debut since Damon Lynn in 2013 … Averaged 11.9 points per game, 2.7 rebounds per game, 2.7 assists per game and 1.9 steals per game which led the conference… Named America East Rookie of the Week four times throughout the season (11/10, 11/17, 2/2, 2/16)... Scored a career-high 23 points on 7-11 shooting from the field against FDU (11/15).

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Played for Nicolet High School in Glendale, Wisc... Named team captain during his senior season where he averaged 19.7 points, 7.8 rebounds, 6.4 assists and 2.7 steals in 26 games... Named All-State and First Team All-Conference while at Nicolet... Also played AAU ball for Kevon Looney Power 5.

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MARIO TATUM JR. 2

SO | G | 6-3 | 190 | Edgewood, Md. | Our Lady Mount Carmel

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Freshman season at VMI averaged 8.5 points/game (4th highest on team) and 2.0 rebounds/game... Totaled 42 assists for the year and 21 steals... Played in 31 games, earned eight starts on the season and averaged 26.1 minutes/game.

GAME-BY-GAME

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AJ ALTOBELLI 5

SO | G | 6-0 | 165 | Westfield, N.J. | Union Catholic

2025-26:

Did not appear in a game this season.

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Played high school basketball for Union Catholic High School... Was a 1,000 point scorer at Union Catholic and also ammassed 600 assists and 250 steals during his career... Helped guide Union Catholic to first State Championship in 36 years during 2023 season.

GAME-BY-GAME

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VICTOR VANDERSTRAETEN 6

FR | F | 6-8 | 230 | Antwerp, Belguim | Topsportschool Antwerp

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Played the last two seasons in Belgium's top professional league with the Leuven Bears, appearing in 32 games during the 2025-26 season. Averaged 5.1 points and 3.9 rebounds in 14.0 minutes per game while shooting an impressive 59.3 percent from the field. Also represented Belgium on the international stage, playing for the U18 Belgium National Team in 2024. Averaged 6.5 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.0 assist per game during the tournament.

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MATHÉO COFFI 10

SO | F | 6-10 | 210 | Starsbourg, France | Lycée Marc Bloch

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Freshman season at UTSA averaged 3.8 points and 4.8 rebounds per game... Appeared in 30 games, making 21 starts... Recorded first collegiate double-double against Rice with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

PRIOR TO UTSA:

Played for SIG Strasbourg in 2020 with its Espoirs squad ... From 2023-25, he joined the U21 team in French Ligue Nationale de Basket (LNB) Betclic Élite (ProA), the top basketball league in France ... appeared in 29 games during the 2024-25 season, averaging 10.9 points on 57.6 percent shooting ... Also added 6.0 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 21.8 minutes per game in 2024-25, scoring in double figures 18 times, including four double-doubles ... In 2023-24 during his first year in U21 ProA, averaged 8.3 mpg, 5.2 rpg, 1.1 spg and 1.1 assists, shooting 53.6 percent from the floor ... helped the 2022-23 squad earn U18 Vice Champion of France honors and helped lead the 2024-25 Strasbourg team in reaching the final four of the U21 French Championships.

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BRANDON STORES JR. 12

R.FR | G | 6-5 | 210 | Bronx, N.Y. | St. Raymond High Schools for Boys

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Appeared in one game at Georgia Tech, coming off the bench against Bryant to play just over four minutes and pull down a rebound.

High School:

All-time scoring leader with more than 2,000 points and a four-year starter in an illustrious high school career at St. Raymond High School for Boys … As a senior, led the Ravens in scoring (20 ppg) and rebounding (6.3 rpg), as well as steals (1.7 pg) and blocked shots (1.4 pg) … Averaged 19.8 points per game as a sophomore and scored 18.2 points per game in 25 games as a junior … Led St. Raymond to the finals of the Catholic High School Athletic Association tournament as a senior, and to the semifinals as a junior … Named to the New York State CHSAA all-league team, and in a game against Cardinal Hayes, he had 37 points and 15 rebounds … Helped St. Raymond win the 2024 CHSAA Archdiocesan Championship by scoring 15 points with nine rebounds and two steals in the championship game.

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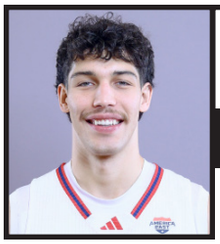
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STEFAN JIMENEZ-VOJNIC 13

R.SO | F | 6-11 | 230 | Toronto, Canada | Academy of Central Florida

2025-26:

Did not appear in a game this season.

2024-25:

Played in 13 games during his freshman season, averaging 1.1 points per game... Made his season debut at Washington, playing four minutes off the bench (12/29)... Scored a season-best four points against Medgar Evers (1/4) and matched that total at UMass Lowell (1/11).

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QUENTIN DUNCAN 14

JR | G | 6-4 | 180 | Waterbury, Conn. | Putnam Science Academy

2025-26:

Appeared in all 33 games, starting four… Averaged 4.4 points, 1.7 rebounds, and 0.5 assists in 13.8 minutes per game… Scored season-high 16 points on 6-8 shooting from the field in a road win at UAlbany (1/29).

2024-25:

Appeared in 12 games as a freshman, averaging 6.3 points and shooting .458 from the field and .425 from three-point territory... Two-time America East Rookie of the Week... Had a tremendous collegiate debut, scoring 26 points and knocking down eight 3-pointers in the win over Medgar Evers (1/4)... Had an efficient game at UMBC, scoring 18 points and going 4-for-4 from three (2/22).

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Spent last season at Putnam Science Academy after attending Notre Dame West Haven High School… Helped guide Putnam to the Prep National Championship finals and a No. 1 ranking in New England during the 2023-24 season… Teammates with Walt Andrews Jr. during his time at Notre Dame HS.

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DATE	OPP	GS	M	FG	3PT	FT	REB O-D	REB	PF	A	TO	BK	ST	PTS
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BRENDAN OLIVER 22

SO | F | 6-6 | 195 | West Orange, N.J. | Blair Academy

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Freshman season at Canisius played in 30 games and made two starts... Averaged 3.5 points and 1.9 rebounds per game... Posted a season-high 15 points in his first career start, at Saint Peter's.

GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPP	GS	M	FG	3PT	FT	REB O-D	REB	PF	A	TO	BK	ST	PTS
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JOHN KELLY 25

JR | F | 6-9 | 215 | Hillsborough, N.J. | Rutgers Prep

2025-26:

Appeared in all 33 games… Averaged 4.3 points, 2.5 rebounds, and 0.4 assists in 15.6 minutes per game… Scored a career-high 12 points at Butler (12/22).

2024-25:

Appeared in 26 games and made seven starts as a freshman... Averaged 1.3 points and 2.2 rebounds... Scored his first career basket at Bucknell (11/21)... Made the first start of his career against Medgar Evers, scoring 10 points in 19 minutes... Added 10 points and five rebounds in 17 minutes at Maine (2/6).

HIGH SCHOOL:

Played his high school basketball for Rutgers Prep, helping them to back-to-back Somerset County Tournament championships during his junior and senior seasons… Named to First Team All-Skyland Conference during junior year… Earned academic honors during each of his final two years at Rutgers Prep.

GAME-BY-GAME

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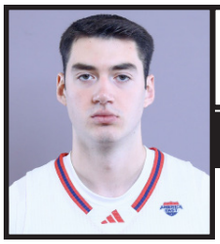
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ZACK SCHERLER 33

SO | F | 6-11 | 245 | Clarkston, Mich. | Vermont Academy

2025-26:

Appeared in 19 games… Averaged 1.0 points, 1.2 rebounds, and 0.2 assists in 6.4 minutes per game… Scored a season-high four points at Loyola Maryland (11/11).

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Played prep ball at Vermont Academy... Was a strong two-way force at Vermont Academy, posted a 16-rebound performance in the National Prep Championship Final Four... Also played for Grand Rapids Storm.

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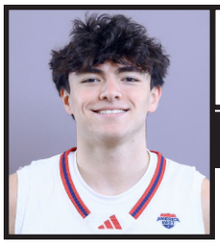
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SO | G | 6-2 | 195 | Windsor, Ontario | London Basketball Academy

2025-26:

Appeared in all 33 games making his first and only start of the season at Butler (12/22)… Averaged 3.1 points, 1.3 rebounds, and 0.3 assists in 12.8 minutes per game… Scored a career-high 15 points on 3-3 shooting from deep against FDU (11/15).

PRIOR TO NJIT:

Spent last two seasons at London Basketball Academy... Has also played on the club circuit for WPA Suns... Named Windsor & Essex County Secondary School Athletic Association (WECSSAA) Tier I Mr. Basketball in 2023.

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