ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

One of the most improved programs in the country, the North Park University Track and Field / Cross-Country team is looking forward to another record-breaking year in 2013-2014. An NCAA division III member of the Collegiate Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW), North Park has had significant improvements and performances the past few seasons, both during the regular season and at the conference championships. Located in Chicago, North Park is a comprehensive university, open to individuals of all faith backgrounds. In a dynamic campus community, we prepare students for lives of significance and service, drawing on deep traditions and our forward-looking spirit.

At North Park University we believe it is important to develop the whole person, and while athletics is an important component of our student-athlete experience, it comes after our emphasis upon academics, service, faith, and personal exploration. Our location in the beautiful Chicago neighborhoods of Albany Park and North Park provides our student-athletes with a unique setting to grow in each of these life-affirming areas.

ABOUT NORTH PARK

A RICH HISTORY

Founded in 1891 by the Evangelical Covenant Church, North Park University is located on Chicago’s north side and enrolls 3,200 students from around the country and the world. At North Park, excellence implies not only a deep tradition in the liberal arts and the Christian faith, but also a spirit of innovation, reaching out to serve and to learn from the dynamic community around us.

Connections Local and Global.

North Park works to engage the neighborhood and city in which we live in ways that enrich the life of the campus and connect us to the diverse people of Chicago whose roots extend around the globe. The intentional engagement of the city of Chicago supports and complements enhancing the University’s resources in the liberal arts as well as in specialized areas such as business, the health sciences, and education.

The North Park Advantage

- Undergraduate Enrollment: 1,896
- An excellent education: Choose from more than 40 majors, minors and pre-professional programs, learning from experienced faculty in small class sizes
- A campus location in a world-class city: Chicago is our classroom, and our urban campus will allow you to take advantage of the academic, cultural and professional resources right in our backyard
- A path to your vocation: Through advising, internships and career development resources, we’ll help you identify and begin a vocation you’re passionate about
- Affordability: More than 90% of North Park students receive financial aid, including scholarships, grants, work study and loans

MEET THE COACHES

Geoff Masanet
Head Track and Field Coach
- 3rd year as Head Coach at North Park and 20th overall as collegiate head and assistant coach
- 6-time conference Coach of the Year and coach to 22 team conference championships
- Coached 15 NCAA Division I Regional or National qualifiers, including sub-4:00 miler Dan Strackeljan in 2009
- 2008 attendee of the U.S. Emerging Elite Coaches Clinic at the USA Olympic Training Center
- 1992 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, B.A. Journalism

Steve Imig
Head Cross-Country Coach / Assistant Track and Field Coach
- 3rd year as Head Coach at North Park and 13th overall as a collegiate and high school coach
- Coached seven All-State athletes at St. Charles North HS, including the 2008 state-champion boys 4x800m relay team (7:45)
- Coached 5 team conference championships at Greenville College in 2005 and 2006
- As an athlete at North Central College, was part of 5 NCAA National Championship teams, serving as captain for the 1999 cross country team
- 2000 graduate of North Central College, B.S. Physical Education

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Where North Park Trains and Competes

North Park University is home to excellent facilities for our Track and Field / Cross-Country athletes. Set on the banks of the Chicago River, the just-completed River Park Track is the finest outdoor track and field facility in Chicago. The dynamic Helwig Recreation Center boasts an indoor track, athletic training and rehabilitation center, 2 weight rooms and a turf area used for throwing events. For distance running, North Park’s location in northwest Chicago cannot be beat, with numerous trails, forest preserves and parks within a short run or ride from campus. Adjacent to campus is River/Legion Park, which connects north to the North Shore Channel Trail. Areas a short run from campus include LaBagh Woods, Forest Glen Woods, the Skokie-Line trail, the Chicago Lakefront running paths. Peterson Park and a true Chicago favorite, Horner Park. Additionally, the 33-mile long dirt Des Plaines River Trail, along with several other great forest preserves are only a 15 minute van ride away.

North Park Campus

Our compact Chicago campus is an island of color on the city’s northwest side. The campus has a blend of architectural styles, award-winning landscaping, and natural beauty that while located in the city, feels like a traditional liberal arts campus set in a much smaller town. With an abundance of trees and green spaces set along the north branch of the Chicago River, North Park’s growing campus is safe, friendly and inviting. Construction is currently underway on the $42 million Johnson Center for Science and Community Life.

NPU Track and Field / Cross-Country at a Glance

- Member of the CCIW, one of the top NCAA Division III conferences in the nation
- 4 School Records and 36 All-Conference performances the past two years
- 3 NCAA All-Americans over the past three years, including 2011 runner-up in the javelin, Lars Tenglin
- Achieved 61 all-time “Top Ten” performers in school history between 2011 and 2013
- Combined track and field / cross-country roster of over 60 athletes
- Brand new River Park outdoor track and field facility, completed in August 2013