

Dear Aquinas College Athlete:

As a former Aquinas College athlete, I want to wish you best of luck on your upcoming season. Aquinas College has a rich history and tradition and our student-athletes are a huge part of our campus.

Being an Aquinas College student-athlete brings with it the responsibility and the privilege of serving as a representative of your team, the Department of Athletics, and Aquinas College. Your behavior, both on and off campus, in and out of season, creates an image that is a direct reflection the entire Aquinas College community. Aquinas College works hard to partner with nearby neighborhood associations to do great things in our community. We challenge you to get involved in the service aspect of our community.

Because many Aquinas College athletes have chosen to live in the areas surrounding the College, the impact of student behavior is a major concern to long-term residents. Your conduct not only reflects on other students, it shapes future housing decisions and restrictions on off-campus housing in the neighborhoods surrounding our campus. Although you may not be subject to all the restrictions that apply to living in the residence halls, there are still rules for living off-campus as well as the Aquinas College Student Code of Conduct. The privilege to live off-campus comes with the responsibility to follow all federal, state, laws and all College, and Athletic Department guidelines. Please realize that you will be held accountable for your own off-campus actions as well as any complaints of misconduct that occur at your residence whether or not you are present.

The College reserves the right to initiate judicial action against any student who violates the Aquinas College Student Conduct Code or any state, federal or municipal law off campus. All complaints involving student athletes and/or the properties in which they reside will be reviewed by the Dean of Students Office and reported to the Aquinas College Athletic Director. After review and interviews, sanctions will be determined that may include, but are not limited to, loss of the off-campus residency permission, loss of scholarship, and/or suspension from Aquinas College. The severity of infraction and previous infractions will be taken into consideration when determining these sanctions. Athletes will also be held to any additional standards for student-athletes set by the athletic director, and/or coaches.

Representing Aquinas College as a member of one of our athletic teams is an honor and a challenge involving a great deal of individual responsibility. Your behavior has an impact on the reputation of your team, the Aquinas Athletic Department and attitudes the campus and surrounding community has toward the college and your fellow student-athletes. You are looked upon as a role model and I have every confidence that your personal conduct will be above reproach at all times and that you will be excellent representatives of Aquinas College. We have a long tradition of successful student-athletes that have done great things. I challenge you to continue a long successful tradition and do great things in your community

Best wishes for your personal, academic and athletic success,



Mr. Brian Matzke, Dean of Student Services

