

Dear Ship Family:

To say that last Saturday was a perfect day for Shippensburg University is a bit of an understatement. On Saturday, November 7, 2009, six women's and men's athletic teams scored major victories in their respective sports.

Both the men's and women's cross country team won the Atlantic Regional Championship. For the men, it was their first regional win and for the women it was their second consecutive win. They will now both compete in the Division II National Championships November 21, 2009 at Southern Indiana University in Evansville, IN.

The women's field hockey team beat East Stroudsburg 3-0 to record its second NCAA postseason victory in team history and tied a program record for victories (20) in a season. The team now advances to its second straight final four and will play Bloomsburg Friday, November 13, 2009 at Stonehill College in Easton, Massachusetts.

The men's football team beat heavily favored California 42-35 to win the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference 2009 championship. That win now advances the team to the NCAA playoffs where we will host either California, again, or Fayetteville State at Seth Grove Stadium on November 21, 2009.

The women's volleyball team swept West Chester and earned the number three seed in the PSAC tournament that begins Tuesday, November 10, 2009 with its game at Kutztown.

Our women's basketball team beat Southern New Hampshire 65-60 in the Disney Classis in Orlando.

And, academically:

Our three teams in the 34th annual Association for Computing Machinery Competition, also known as the "Battle of the Brains," finished 10th, 15th and 40th out of 160 teams -- another great showing by that outstanding group which just several years ago competed in the world finals.

These student-athletes and computer programming students are wonderful representatives of Shippensburg and their many successes are due, in part, to the support they receive from all members of the campus community, inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you for your support of the teams and I know you join me in wishing them continued success in the coming weeks and months.