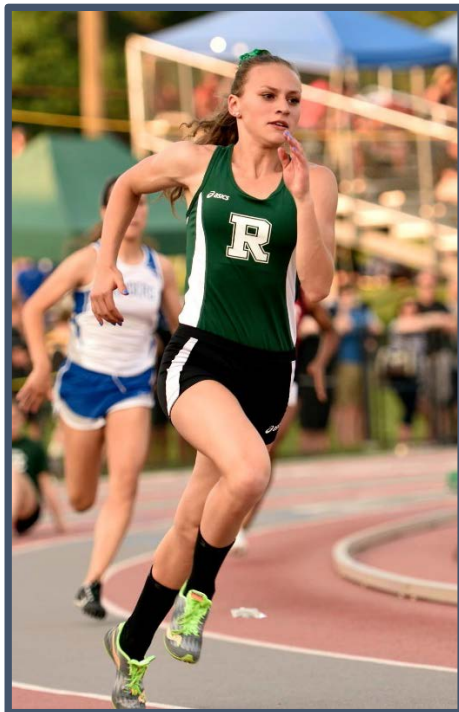




The University of Richmond men's and women's cross country and track & field teams will welcome a decorated class of recruited student-athletes to campus this fall to continue their academic and athletic careers. The Spiders' incoming class, which includes numerous state and national champions, will allow the programs to continue their standard of excellence at both the conference and national levels.

"We are excited to welcome a talented group of student-athletes to our program again this year and to have four from the Richmond metropolitan area joining our program" said Director of Track & Field and Cross Country, Lori Taylor. "Not only have many of these athletes experienced success at their respective state level, they have also competed and won on the national stage. They recognize the combination of the quality education offered and the NCAA D1 athletics opportunities and experiences offered here at Richmond. We embrace our uniqueness among schools offering D1 athletics and the amazing opportunities offered, including the [Richmond Guarantee](#) and [Richmond's Promise to Virginia](#). There really is no place like the University of Richmond and these student-athletes were able to see how much our school has to offer. It's going to be exhilarating watching their development over the next several years."



*Pictured above: **Brooke Fazio** (Ridge, NJ) and **Noah Yuro** (Christian Brothers Academy, NJ)*



"As a program, our goal is always to produce winning teams each and every year" said Men's Coach, Steve Taylor. "This includes men's cross country and women's track & field and cross country All-Americans in addition to achieving success in the classroom. Specifically for our men, coaches and recruits better understand and recognize that we have year-around racing opportunities through the combination of NCAA, USATF and Collegiate Running Association events. These championship opportunities attract athletes who want the experiences Richmond offers. We believe this group of recruits realize all the benefits of attending the University of Richmond to further both their academic and athletic careers. We are pleased and excited by the achievements of this year's incoming class and look for them to continue the advancement of our program in achieving our goals along with helping attract future men and women to our program."

## Class of 2021 Recruits (women)

### Rebecca Fagan

Glen Allen, VA \* Glen Allen HS

Long distance specialist from the Richmond, VA area. Named 5A female athlete of the year by the Virginia High School League for its Allstate Foundation/VHSL Achievement Award. Earned National Scholastic All-America honors in the Distance Medley Relay by placing 4<sup>th</sup> at the 2017 New Balance Outdoor National Championships. Earned numerous All-Conference, All-Region, and All-State honors in Cross Country and Track & Field. Ran a PR of 18:30 in XC at the Milestat.com XC Invitational in 2016. Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 3200m at the 2017 VHSL 5A State Championships and was a member of the state champion 4x800m relay. Ran the 8<sup>th</sup> fastest 3200m among all VA seniors this spring (11:00.53).

#### *Personal Bests:*

1600m: 5:07.52

3200m: 11:00.53

5k XC: 18:30.00



## **Brooke Fazio** **Basking Ridge, NJ \* Ridge HS**

Middle distance standout for Ridge HS in New Jersey. Finished her career with a Group 4 State Championship in the 800m and anchored her 4x800m to victory at the NJ Meet of Champions. Won numerous sectional championships in the 400m and 800m, and was part of the 2017 Indoor National Championship 4x800m relay. Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among seniors in NJ in both the 400m and 800m.

### *Personal Bests:*

400m: 55.51

800m: 2:10.32



## **Rebekah Greene** **Henrico, VA \* Mills Godwin HS**

Decorated sprinter and jumper from nearby Mills Godwin HS in Richmond. Greene won multiple Conference 11 Championships in the Long Jump and Triple Jump, and recently finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in both events at the VHSL 5A State Championships. Was the 2017 Dogwood Champion in the Long Jump with a leap of 18-10.75. Member of the Eagles 4x200m Relay which won the Emerging Elite 2017 New Balance Outdoor Nationals setting a meet record of 1:39.58.

### *Personal Bests:*

55m: 7.23

100m: 12.23

Long Jump: 18-10.75

Triple Jump: 38-10.25



**Caroline Robelen**  
**Glen Allen, VA \* Glen Allen HS**

Had a breakout Cross Country season during her senior year, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at the Milestat.com XC Classic in a time of 17:46. Went on to finish 4<sup>th</sup> at the VHSL 5A State XC Championships. Versatile track athlete with range from 800m – 3200m. Earned National Scholastic All-America honors in the Distance Medley Relay by placing 4<sup>th</sup> at the 2017 New Balance Outdoor National Championships. Was the 2017 Conference 11 Champion in the 1600m and 3200m, and Regional Champion in the 800m. Finished runner-up in the 1600m at the VHSL 5A State Championships and anchored her 4x800m to victory. Ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> among all VA seniors in the 800m and 1600m as a senior.

*Personal Bests:*

800m: 2:14.11  
1600m: 4:54.34  
3200m: 10:59.33  
5k XC: 17:46.00

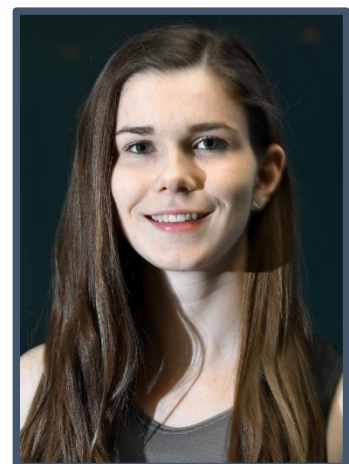


**Julia Willcox**  
**Skaneateles, NY \* Skaneateles Senior High**

Distance runner from New York with range from 600m – Cross Country. Recently finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1500m and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 800m at the 2017 Section III State Meet Qualifier.

*Personal Bests:*

600m: 1:41.79  
800m: 2:20.19  
1500m: 4:49.19



5k XC: 18:44.73

## Class of 2021 Recruits (men)

### **Trey Burleson** **Moseley, VA \* Cosby HS**

Distance specialist from Cosby HS in Richmond, VA. Enjoyed a breakout senior year, notching personal bests in Cross Country, the 1600m and 3200m. Finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the VHSL 6A State Cross Country Championships and recently won the VHSL 6A South Regional Championship in the 1600m. Finished his senior year ranked #7 in the 3200m and #10 in the 1600m among all seniors in VA.

*Personal Bests:*  
1600m: 4:19.69  
3200m: 9:29.24  
5k CC: 15:52.00



### **Noah Yuro** **Howell NJ \* Christian Brothers Academy**

Enjoyed a tremendous senior season at the NJ powerhouse Christian Brothers Academy after recovering from a fall season injury. Recently placed 5<sup>th</sup> at the NJ Meet of Champions in the 1600m in a new personal best of 4:14, one week after placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Group Championships in 4:16. Was a member of the 2017 Indoor National Champion 4 x Mile relay.

*Personal Bests:*  
1600m: 4:14.51



3200m: 9:18.30

## 2016-2017 Flash Recap

The Spider women are coming off a 2016--2017 season that saw them win their second consecutive Atlantic 10 Cross Country Championship with a 1-5 split of 4.5 seconds. Kylie Regan (JR), Ave Grosenheider (SO), and Claire Brown (FR) earned All-Conference recognition with their top-15 finishes, while Colleen Carney (SO) and Shelby Cain (JR) just missed by placing 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. The women had three A-10 Champions during the Indoor Track & Field season, including Mary Allen (200m), Haley Preschutti (1000m) and the Distance Medley Relay. Shelby Cain also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5000m. Junior Amanda Corbosiero finished the season ranked #11 in the nation in the 1000m with a time of 2:44.52 and qualified for the USA Championships. Outdoors, the women had three top-2 finishes at the A-10 Championships, including runner-up performances by Mary Allen (200m) and Amanda Corbosiero (1500m), capped off by the 4x800m relay's victory. In addition to the 4x800m relay, ten individuals qualified for the ECAC Championships as well (Allen, Brown, Cain, Carney, Corbosiero, Grosenheider, McGovern, Preschutti, Regan, Ruskan). Juniors Amanda Corbosiero & Marisa Ruskan both qualified for the NCAA East Preliminary Championships in the 1500m, as Richmond was the only school in Virginia to send two athletes in the 1500m.

The men followed up the traditional cross country season during the spring semester by sending four to Bend, Oregon to compete at the USA Cross Country Championships. Freshman Miles Clikeman highlighted the spring season by setting the US JR 20k National Record at the Fred Hardy Invitational. The men also competed at the Collegiate 10k Road Championships where two Spiders, Miles Clikeman and Johnny Hogue, both placed in the top-10. Junior Alex Lucking led the Spiders on the track this spring running some of the fastest 1500m and 5000m times in recent Spider History.

Both the men and women were once again recognized with NCAA All-Academic Team honors as both programs earned team GPA's greater than 3.0 for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

