

# *THE CHAMPIONSHIP SPIRIT*

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The proud legacy of Blue Hose Athletics is 109 years in the making. Davison M. Douglas, president of PC from 1911 to 1926, established PC's first athletic program, a football team, in 1913. He believed in the value of physical activity as an integral part of the educational process.

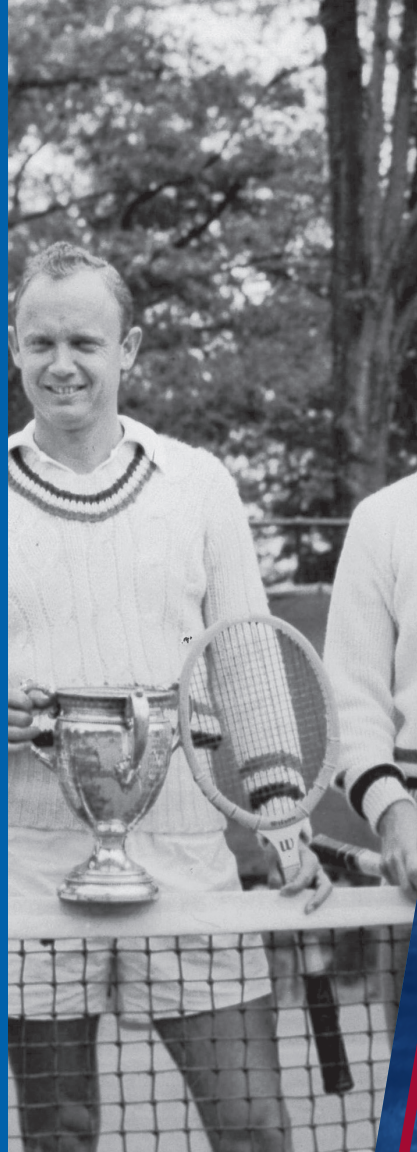
PC's student-athletes have competed with integrity and a championship spirit ever since. Today's Blue Hose comprise more than 40% of the student body. Many students choose PC for the opportunity to gain a coveted

faith-based liberal arts education while playing the sport they love at the Division I level.

It takes more than raw talent of individual athletes to achieve a record of accomplishment. Top-notch training facilities are among the ingredients essential for peak performance. Champions are made in the off-season, and our training facilities must match our desire to compete at the highest level.

*"PC's championship spirit is booming. It's here to stay. And it resides in each of us."*

— Dr. Matthew vandenBerg  
President, Presbyterian College



Bobby Spurrier '49,  
Bill Harper '50



Dwight Groninger '52



Dooley Miller '75



1982—Coaches Strock, Gault, & Poss



Kimberly Hampton '98



*“We are building a unique athletic program at Presbyterian College. The multipurpose athletic facility is a big component to making our programs and our student-athletes the best that they can be. This facility will allow us to recruit and retain some of the top athletes in the country.”*

*—Mark Cody  
Director of Wrestling*



## Multipurpose Athletic Facility

PC's newest athletic teams—Men's and Women's Wrestling, Acrobatics and Tumbling, and Competitive Cheer—have been practicing in off-campus facilities since the teams were added four years ago. But these off-campus facilities are not equipped for Division I training.

Providing our student-athletes with a much-needed practice facility would help them more efficiently manage their time on the field and in the classroom. A multipurpose athletic facility will eliminate the need for student-athletes to travel to and from off-campus facilities. Plus, the facility will serve as an engaging and compelling space for all members of the campus community to interact, collaborate, and build community.

The multipurpose athletic facility will be located adjacent to the Templeton Athletic Center and the Kemper D. Lake, M.D. Sports Medicine Center. It will house the coaches' offices, locker rooms and training facilities for the newest athletic teams.

The multipurpose athletic facility will not only impact the 140 student-athletes on PC's newest teams, but it will greatly enhance the collegiate experience of all students by providing an additional space on campus to train, socialize, and collaborate.



## Softball Facility

The rich history of the Blue Hose softball program dates back to 1998. Our student-athletes have competed on the field adjacent to the Baseball Complex for nearly a quarter century. The time has come for the softball players, coaches, and fans to have their own dedicated softball facility.

The current facility lacks many of the features found at Division I venues:

- Coaches' offices, locker rooms, and storage areas are not close to the field.
- Since the field does not have lights, the practice schedule and game times are limited to daytime hours.
- Current seating for fans is insufficient and does not meet requirements for post-season competitions.

New seating and a press box will provide fans with a more positive experience and allow PC to host post-season competitions.

Lights will provide greater opportunities to schedule practice and game times. Fans can cheer on their favorite Blue Hose after work hours if evening games could be scheduled. Locating locker rooms, coaches' offices, and restrooms in the new softball field house will optimize practice time for coaches and players.



*“Athletics is evolving with facility enhancements and recruiting. Facility renovations will allow Presbyterian Softball to tackle athletic evolution head on and address the needs of today’s student-athletes. We want to provide the best possible experience for our current and future Blue Hose.”*

—David M. Williams  
Head Softball Coach





19

Blue Hose teams

The average **GPA** of our student-athletes

3.38

13

club and intramural sports

## PC SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

*The nickname "Blue Hose" originated in the early 1900's, when sportswriters referred to the PC athletic teams as the "Blue Stockings" because of the blue socks they wore.*

109  
Years

of Blue Hose sports

*Today the "Blue Hose" nickname signifies fierce Scottish warriors and reflects the college's Scottish heritage.*

40%

of the student body are student-athletes

*The "Blue Stockings" nickname was shortened to "Blue Hose" in 1954—a fiercer moniker to carry onto the field of athletic battle.*

60

local and national sponsors



## Baseball Facility

Lights were installed at the PC Baseball Complex in May 2020. The first-ever lights in the program's history allow the team to schedule practices and games during the evening hours. With a 35-player roster led by Blue Hose coach of more than 17 years, Elton Pollock '95, the time has come for more much-needed upgrades to the facility.

The Blue Hose baseball program will build on the momentum of the newly installed field lights by adding a facility with:

- A new press box
- Bleachers
- Restrooms
- Additional upgrades to enhance player and fan experiences

The new baseball field house will provide programmatic spaces including coaches' offices, a locker room, and an area dedicated to sports medicine. It will also include much-needed restrooms and a concession area.

New stands will provide excellent views from an elevated vantage point. A new press box will allow for greater fan experiences and provide a Division I atmosphere.



*"Watching our team run out onto the field for the 'dog pile' is what I wish for every coach and student-athlete at Presbyterian College. Now is the time to build on our momentum."*

— Elton Pollock '95  
Head Baseball Coach



*“Renovating Templeton Gym will enhance our game-day experience, both for our student-athletes and fans. The renovations will also help us in recruiting, which is the lifeblood to any successful program.”*

— Quinton Ferrell '07  
Head Men's Basketball Coach

*“A renovated Templeton will give new excitement to our program and aid in recruiting. It will help tremendously with fan engagement, which will really enhance the student-athlete experience. We want to make Templeton the toughest place to play in the Big South!”*

— Alaura Sharp  
Head Women's Basketball Coach



## Templeton Physical Education Center Gymnasium

The Templeton Center Gymnasium is more than the home to Blue Hose Athletics. Templeton often hosts programs for student organizations and student orientation events, and it is the preferred venue for commencement exercises during inclement weather.

The Templeton gym was built in 1975 but has seen minimal upgrades over the past 45 years. The long-overdue improvements to the Gymnasium include:

- New bleachers
- Video boards
- Installation of an HVAC system

Templeton has served as the home court for Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, and the Volleyball teams for years. It's also where the newest Blue Hose Acrobatics and Tumbling, Competitive Cheer, and Wrestling teams compete.

As the Blue Hose teams continue to excel and Athletics continues to expand programming, we must make these much-needed upgrades a priority.



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*"Our practices consist of physical activity that would be considered risky and dangerous, so having a better equipped facility would be a huge blessing. It would also give us a better opportunity to perfect our skills and give us the feel of being a true team on campus."*

—Morgan Todd '23  
Acrobatics & Tumbling

Football



Acrobatics and Tumbling



Men's Tennis



Softball



Men's Wrestling





*"I chose to support this campaign because alumni and friends who care deeply about PC athletics need to strengthen our commitment to the current and future student-athletes and coaches. Now is the time for us to provide our Blue Hose with the tools needed for success. This is the PC Championship spirit."*

—Thomas Free '91  
Chairman, Steering Committee

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