

Women's Basketball Team Makes History

History was in the making for the Mercy College Women's Basketball Team during the 2022-23 season

- The team went 17-10 on the year and won their most games in a season since the 1988-89 season.
- It was their best start since the 1985-86 season and they won their most East Coast Conference (ECC) games since 1997.
- The team qualified for the ECC Championship for the third straight season and hosted their first-ever ECC Tournament game.
- The Mavericks won at ECC rival Roberts Wesleyan University for the first time in program history and swept the season series with ECC foe St. Thomas Aquinas College for the first time since the 1975-76 season.
- Mercy has now recorded back-to-back double-digit win seasons for the first time since the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons and have posted their first winning record in the regular season since the 1996-97 season.
- The Mavericks were regionally-ranked for the first time in the Division II Sports Information Directors Association East Region Poll.



With the team success comes individual accolades

- Senior Katie Wall '23 was named ECC Player and Defensive Player of the Week in December and recorded her 1,000th career point against Chestnut Hill College.
- Graduate student Taysha Bender '22 netted her 1,000th career point in the Mavericks win over D'Youville University in December. Bender was named to the ECC Honor Roll three times and was second on the team with 10.9 points per game in her final season as a Maverick.
- Wall was the catalyst to Mercy's success this season averaging a team-high 14 points per game. The senior scored a career-high 31 points in the Mavericks biggest win of the season over first-place St. Thomas Aquinas. At the conclusion of the season, Wall was named First Team All-Conference by the ECC for the second straight year and Bender was tabbed Second Team All-Conference for the second straight season.

Assistant Vice President for Athletics Matt Kilcullen Jr. Named 2022-23 NACDA Athletic Director of the Year

Mercy College Assistant Vice President for Athletics Matt Kilcullen, Jr. has been named a National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Cushman & Wakefield Athletics Director of the Year. The award spans seven divisions and Kilcullen is one of four athletics directors to earn the award from Division II. Kilcullen is the first Mercy Athletics Director to earn the award. The 28 winners will be recognized in conjunction with the 58th Annual NACDA & Affiliates Convention in June. The Award highlights the efforts of athletics directors at all levels for their commitment and positive contributions to student-athletes, campuses and their surrounding communities. To read more about Kilcullen's career at Mercy visit www.mercy.edu/matt_kilcullen.

