



# WELCOME

YOUR **TOMCAT** JOURNEY BEGINS



**THIEL**  
ATHLETICS



It's what the Thiel **student-athlete** experience is about - developing teamwork and leadership skills, establishing deep relationships with lifelong friends, and growing as part of a community, while creating an environment for academic excellence and physical activity.

“My journey as a Division III **student-athlete** changed my life, fueling my passion to inspire others to unlock their full potential,” said *Isaac Collins*, Athletic Director at Thiel College. “Being A Tomcat **student-athlete**, Coach, Support Staff or Administrator, we believe in more than just competition—we’re building leaders, forming lifelong connections and creating a supportive, inclusive environment where **student-athletes** can excel on the field, in the classroom and in life is what Tomcat Athletics is all about.”



For many Thiel students, the collegiate experience extends far beyond the classroom. Tomcat Athletics aims to enrich the life of the whole person – academically, personally, and athletically. We invest in competitive excellence as we challenge our **student-athletes** to become their best selves as students, athletes, teammates, and ultimately, citizens in the world.

The Tomcats have 24 varsity teams that take great pride in making a difference on and off the competition field. As ambassadors of Thiel Athletics, **student-athletes** understand the importance of engaging with the community through fitness and recreation to encourage healthy living, to build confidence, and to confront challenges physically and mentally.

Established in 1866, Thiel is a premier independent college offering 60+ undergraduate majors/minors and five graduate programs. Our goal is for each **student-athlete** to graduate with opportunities that align with their personal goals whether that be a career or graduate school.  
<https://www.thiel.edu/academics>

# WELCOME TO THIEL COLLEGE

# Academics and Athletics

go together for Tomcat **student-athletes**. Being an athlete means working hard, contributing to a team, and displaying discipline, motivation, perseverance, and a want to succeed.

**Student-athletes** compete in the prestigious Presidents' Athletic Conference with 22 varsity NCAA Division III intercollegiate sports. Students also participate in intramural and club sport programs. <https://thielathletics.com/>

Recent graduate **John Aarestrup '21 M.B.A. '22** played basketball while maintaining top grades in business and accounting and serving as a member of Thiel Team. He recently earned an M.B.A. at Thiel and now works at Baker Tilly US, LLP in accounting.



“Thiel helped me grow as a leader and positioned me for success. I’m beyond thankful for the well-rounded experience, and I wouldn’t be where I am today without having been a Thiel **student-athlete**,” he said. “At Thiel, the skills I developed both in and outside of athletics helped prepare me for life.”



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Motivation

Perseverance

Resourcefulness

Education

# Outstanding Students

Resilience

*Self-Discipline*

Collaboration

**Inspired**





# Thiel College 4th Annual Community Food Drive

It's that time in our lives when our Thiel College lives are made a little better by donations to the Good Shepherd and Salvation Army food banks. We collected over 6,000 pounds of food and the same amount of money in our work. It will make Thiel's living expenses a little easier to pay for our next semester. Thank you for your contribution to our community.

*Optimistic*

Character

*Composure*

# Outstanding citizens

Responsible

Honesty

*Integrity*

*Balance*

Risk-Taking



During their college career, **student-athletes** participate in personal enrichment, leadership development, career development, career mentoring and alumni engagement opportunities that allow them to develop skills and make valuable connections to succeed beyond their time at Thiel.

Thiel Athletics values its relationships with local organizations, and each year Thiel's **student-athletes** individually and collectively engage in community service. Students log more than 1,000 community service hours annually. Community service is another way Thiel's **student-athletes** gain crucial life lessons, volunteer experience and great resume building opportunities.



“I am so proud of the service and servant leadership mentality that Thiel students have adopted,” said President **Susan Traverso, Ph.D.** “There are so many important ways in which our **student-athletes** and coaches engage with the community. I think they are learning important life lessons.”



“There's no better feeling than being part of a team. Diligently working towards a common goal, whether that's winning a game or getting through practice, builds confidence and resiliency,” **Michael McKinney, Ed.D. '02**, Vice President for Student Life and Athletics. “**Student-athletes** learn to manage time for academics in addition to attending team practices and games. The effort is worth it. It will contribute to some of life's greatest memories.”



For **student-athletes**, the experience of athletic competition offers additional life lessons in teamwork, leadership, discipline, and perseverance. For those who strive to excel both on and off the field of play – from early-morning classes to afternoon internships and evening practice – the reward at the end can be great.

# WE'RE BUILDING CHAMPIONS



**Performance**

**Excellence**

**Commitment**

**Teamwork**

# Outstanding Athletes

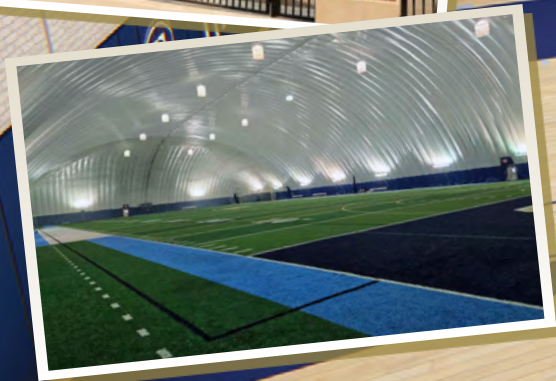
**Courage** **Achievement**

**Competitive**

**Education**

# More than \$47 Million

invested in recent athletic, wellness, academic and residential construction and renovation projects; including Rhodehouse Science Building, student residences, new football field turf, Dr. Barry '70 and Carol '71 Stamm Track & Field Complex, softball batting cage, Paul Bush '66 Memorial Fitness Center, tennis courts, locker rooms, and indoor basketball, volleyball, and wrestling facilities. A \$10 million renovation of the academic center began in spring 2023.





# The TOMMY Awards

Thiel celebrates the achievements of its student-athletes every year at the annual Tommy Awards. This red carpet event recognizes the many accomplishments of our Tomcats on the field, in the classroom and in the community.



## Academic Honor Roll

Each year, nearly 1/3 of Thiel **Student-athletes** are named to the prestigious Presidents' Athletic Conference Academic Honor Roll. To earn this recognition, an athlete must earn a minimum 3.6 GPA. We're proud of our Tomcats.



## Deliverables

### THIEL ATHLETICS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Academic Support
- Enhance Skills for the Future
- Focus on Student-Athlete Well-Being
- Celebrate Student-Athlete Success

### ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Welcome Orientations
- Academic Counseling
- On-Campus Academic Advising
- Progress Reports

### SPECIALIZED LEARNING & TUTORIAL PROGRAM

- Individualized Tutoring
- Student Access Center Resources
- Time Management & Organization Skills Development
- Note-Taking Development
- Test-Taking Strategies
- Individualized Academic Planning
- Academic Mentor Program





# GO CATS

Take the First Step towards becoming a **Tomcat**

<https://thielathletics.com/sports/2014/10/1/RECRUITTHIEL.aspx>

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