



# SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE BEARCAT FOOTBALL



LATROBE, PENNSYLVANIA



**#2020RISETOGETHER**

### **BEARCAT FOOTBALL MISSION**

The Saint Vincent College football family fosters an environment that cultivates excellence, not solely measured by victories, but by the quality of the character reflective of the ideals and values of the College's mission.

### **BEARCAT FOOTBALL VISION**

A solid vision is usually overlooked. A vision of what the program's future will look like is a necessity in order to stay focused. Saint Vincent College's vision will be to win a Presidents' Athletic Conference Championship and a National Championship the right way, with hard work, dignity and class.

### **BEARCAT FOOTBALL EXPERIENCE**

Playing football for Saint Vincent College should be one of the greatest experiences of the young man's life. A life-changing experience. This is done through:

**FAITH**

**POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

**HARD WORK**

**COMPETITION**

**SACRIFICE**

### **BEARCAT FOOTBALL CORE VALUES**

The Bearcat football program will reach its potential only when team members respect, value and trust one another and are willing to sacrifice narrow self-interests to support and celebrate team goals and their teammates' success. Our coaching staff, support staff and all who influence our football program will understand that individuals perform their best when they are respected, valued and trusted by someone who genuinely cares for their well-being.





**Aaron Smetanka**  
Head Coach

A Saint Vincent College graduate, Smetanka rewrote the record books during his career as the Bearcats' quarterback, before going on to play professionally for the Erie Explosion of the Continental Indoor Football League. A two-year starter under center for the Bearcats (2010-11), Smetanka remains the program's modern-day career record-holder in passing yards (4,117), attempts (536), completions (331) and touchdown passes (31). Voted the team's offensive most valuable player in both 2010 and 2011, Smetanka was also a First Team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference selection in each season. As a senior and team co-captain in 2011, Smetanka led the Bearcats to their most successful season since the team's rebirth, as they went 6-4 in the regular season and qualified for the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Southwest Bowl. In 2014, Smetanka was named to the PAC's 60th Anniversary All-Time Team, which recognized the top football players in the conference's long history. After graduating from SVC, Smetanka began his coaching career as the quarterbacks coach at Peters Township High School for the 2012 season. Following a one-year stint, he returned to his alma mater to join the Bearcat coaching staff as quarterback coach.

After spending the 2016 season on the staff at Chartiers Valley as passing game coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Smetanka was named the head coach of Greensburg Central Catholic in January 2017. He oversaw all aspects of the Centurion football program for two seasons.

In addition to his coaching experience, Smetanka has been a coach and speaker for the Coaching Boys into Men program for the past two years, an initiative aimed at promoting healthy relationships, building leadership skills and decreasing violence among high school boys.



**Phil Hamilton**  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Quarterbacks



**Shawn Rohrer**  
Defensive Coordinator/  
Linebackers



**Garrett Clawson**  
Special Teams  
Coordinator/  
Running Backs



**John Bainbridge**  
Offensive Line



**Jose Estevez**  
Assistant Offensive Line



**Tyler Huether**  
Wide Receivers



**David Cook**  
Tight Ends



**Joe Phillips**  
Defensive Line



**Devin Anderson**  
Safeties



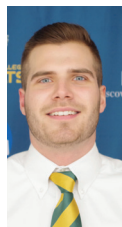
**Ron Baldonieri**  
Cornerbacks



**Roland Askerneese**  
Linebackers



**Tyler Rau**  
Recruiting Coordinator/  
Assistant Offensive Line



**Sam Elliott**  
Kickers/Punters



**John Bell**  
Strength & Conditioning  
Coordinator



**Lorrie Quadro**  
Manager of  
Football Operations

## SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE QUICK STATS

- The first Benedictine College in the United States
- Enrollment of more than 1,500 undergraduates
- One of the top Catholic, co-educational liberal arts schools in the country
- Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, we have a student-faculty ratio of 11:1.
- Academic programs in the arts, humanities and sciences
- Pre-professional programs in business, education, engineering, law and medicine
- 99 percent of 2018 graduates report finding employment in their fields or attending graduate school.

# CHUCK NOLL FIELD



**C**huck Noll Field, named after the legendary Pittsburgh Steelers’ head coach, was dedicated on Aug. 2, 2007.

Chuck Noll Field is the home of Bearcat football during the fall. The stadium features a natural grass playing surface, along with a 1,100 seat grandstand, with a two-tier press box and concession stand and restroom areas. Additional seating is available

along the hillsides near the playing field. The field is nestled in the heart of the Saint Vincent campus, which helps provide a picturesque view during home games.

In the past, the venue has also hosted several Saint Vincent men’s and women’s lacrosse games during the spring season.

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## Notable SVC Game Records

Rushing Yards .....	377 vs. Thiel (Oct. 3, 2015)
Rushing Attempts .....	55 (Twice)
Rushing Touchdowns .....	5 vs. Thiel (Oct. 3, 2015)
Passing Yards .....	424 at Alma (Sept. 3, 2016)
Passing Completions .....	28 at Bethany (Nov. 15, 2014)
Passing Attempts.....	60 vs. Westminster (Sept. 28, 2013)
Passing Touchdowns .....	7 vs. Grove City (Sept. 24, 2016)
Total Offensive Yards .....	613 at Alma (Sept. 3, 2016)
Total Offensive Plays .....	87 at Bethany (Nov. 15, 2014)
Points .....	65 vs. Thiel (Oct. 3, 2015)
Combined Points .....	91 vs. Bethany (Nov. 16, 2013)
Bearcat Win Margin .....	52, SVC 55 - FDU 3 (Sept. 10, 2011)
Bearcat Win Streak .....	4 (2016)
Penalties .....	13, Bridgewater, (Sept. 1, 2012); 13, Geneva (Oct. 25, 2008)
Yards Penalized .....	138, Grove City (Sept. 27, 2014)
Longest Run .....	93 vs. Waynesburg (Sept., 27, 2008)
Longest Pass .....	93 vs. Thiel (Oct. 3, 2015)



# PRESIDENTS' ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SELECTIONS



**COLTON BELMONT**

**Offensive Lineman**  
*Greater Latrobe High School*



**IZAAK GRAY**

**Defensive Lineman**  
*Indiana High School*



**CODY HENRY**

**Defensive Lineman**  
*Greater Latrobe High School*



**BRUCE JOHNSON**

**Offensive Lineman**  
*John F. Kennedy High School*



**QUINCY MAYS**

**Running Back**  
*Miami Palmetto High School*



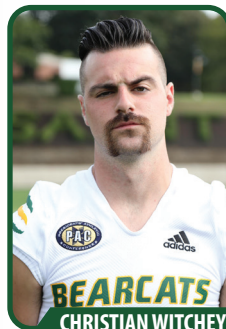
**CAM NORRIS**

**Linebacker**  
*Central High School*



**MIKE STASKO**

**Running Back**  
*Palmerton High School*



**CHRISTIAN WITCHEY**

**Punter**  
*Saint Clairsville High School*

# History of Football at SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Ever since one of the first documented professional football games in history took place on a field less than a mile from campus in the late 1800s, the Latrobe area has played a big role in football-focused western Pennsylvania.

Saint Vincent College fields first varsity football squad.



1923

Three SVC grads make their NFL debuts. Bap Manzini starts nine games for the Philadelphia Eagles.



1944

Citing costs, football is discontinued as a varsity program.



The Bearcats finish the year with a 6-5 record and make a postseason appearance in the ECAC Southwest Bowl.

1962

2011

1936

Bearcat Stadium opens.



1949

Bearcats end season 10-0 culminating in Tangerine Bowl victory.



2007

In August Chuck Noll Field is blessed and dedicated as the home of Bearcat Football.



2018

Aaron Smetanka named new head coach of the Bearcats.



Saint Vincent College has been home to the Pittsburgh Steelers summer training camp since 1966. *Sports Illustrated* has recognized the camp as No. 1 in the nation in terms of where fans can get "up close and personal." With a locker room similar to the Steelers at Heinz Field, and practice and playing fields maintained by their personnel, it is difficult to find better facilities in Division III.





# IMPACT FRESHMEN

FRESHMEN WHO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT  
ROLE AT THE VARSITY LEVEL



**NAZAIAH BARBER**

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel HS  
Maryland*



**MASON BRUNSON**

*Yough HS  
Pennsylvania*



**AHMAD SHAW**

*Hayfield HS  
Virginia*



**T.J. TAGLIATI**

*Homer Center HS  
Pennsylvania*





- Formally organized in 1955 - Celebrated its 60th anniversary throughout the 2014-15 academic year.

- Comprised of 12 select private institutions – **Bethany College**, **Carnegie Mellon University**, **Case Western Reserve University**, **Chatham University**, **Franciscan University of Steubenville**, **Geneva College**, **Grove City College**, **Saint Vincent College**, **Thiel College**, **Washington & Jefferson College**, **Waynesburg University** and **Westminster College**.

- The PAC remains a unique organization in this day of high-pressure intercollegiate athletics. Institutions involved realize that the key components to its progress lie in the foundation of faith and trust in each member.

- The PAC crowns league champions and awards all-conference honors in its 21 championship sports.

# GAME-DAY EXPERIENCE



CHUCK NOLL FIELD



LOCKER ROOM

“ Saint Vincent is identified as one of only 43 ‘Schools Worth Attending,’ and is the only Catholic college and the only Pennsylvania college among the private schools listed. ”

**-William J. Bennett**

“ For the 10th consecutive year, Saint Vincent College has been ranked in the first tier of National Liberal Arts Colleges in the 2019 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges Guidebook. See [usnews.com](http://usnews.com) for more information. ”

**-U.S. News and World Report**

“ Saint Vincent College is ranked in the top 5 percent of colleges nationwide among the Best Colleges for the Money by College Factual, which notes Saint Vincent's great value, 11:1 student-faculty ratio, high freshman retention and on-time graduation rates, and low loan default rate. ”

**-College Factual**

“ In its 2018 ranking of America's Top Colleges, *Forbes* business magazine again listed Saint Vincent College, also placing it No. 110 in Grateful Grads, an ROI measure based on the concept that the best colleges produce successful people who give back. ”

**-Forbes**

“ Saint Vincent College is ranked fifth for Best Academics among the Catholic colleges in Pennsylvania, according to a new ranking released by Niche.com, a research site that blends community reviews with hard data to help prospective students and their families explore what a college or university is really like. Saint Vincent is ranked fourth for Best Value and sixth overall among the 24 Catholic colleges in the state. ”

**-Niche**

“ On the U.S. Department of Education's latest College Scorecard, Saint Vincent was noted to have a graduation rate of 71 percent, well above the national average. Students Who Return After Their First Year was an impressive 85 percent. Saint Vincent students earned an average salary of \$47,600, in the top quarter of a peer group of 30 previously identified schools within a 250-mile radius. ”

**-Money Magazine**

“ Saint Vincent College was ranked on *Washington Monthly's* national list of best Liberal Arts Colleges based on social mobility, research and service, as well as listed in its “Best Bang for the Buck” in the Northeast, in the publication's 2018 rankings. ”

**-Washington Monthly**



# ABOUT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

Saint Vincent College is a Catholic, co-educational liberal arts college sponsored by the Benedictine monks of the Saint Vincent Archabbey. The College's 200+ acre suburban campus is situated at the foothills of the scenic Chestnut Ridge, 35 miles east of the city of Pittsburgh. Saint Vincent was the first Benedictine foundation in the United States. The Archabbey and College were founded in 1846 by Boniface Wimmer, a monk from the Benedictine Abbey of Metten in Bavaria. Saint Vincent College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

The faculty at Saint Vincent numbers 235, 90 percent of which have earned their doctorate or terminal degree at such prestigious institutions as Notre Dame, Cornell, Stanford, Carnegie Mellon and Yale. The student-to-faculty ratio is 11 to 1, giving students a very rich learning environment. Total enrollment is more than 1,700 with 53 percent men and 47 percent women. The College offers more than 50 majors and 51 minors throughout three schools of study. The schools include the Alex G. McKenna School of Business, Economics and Government; the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; and the Herbert W. Boyer School of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computing.

Saint Vincent College has been repeatedly ranked in national publications, including: *U.S. News* (first tier, national liberal arts colleges), *Forbes* business magazine (America's Top Colleges), College Factual (Top five percent of colleges nationwide), NerdScholar (one of Pennsylvania's Biggest Bang for Your Buck Colleges), *Barron's* (One of Best Buys in College Education) and *Washington Monthly* Best Liberal Arts Colleges (Best Bang for the Buck).



# I'D LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A BEARCAT.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grad year \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ ACT composite \_\_\_\_\_ SAT composite \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major \_\_\_\_\_ I have applied to SVC \_\_\_\_\_

Other sports \_\_\_\_\_

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Jersey number \_\_\_\_\_

OFF position \_\_\_\_\_ DEF position \_\_\_\_\_ Special teams \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred position \_\_\_\_\_

Head coach \_\_\_\_\_ Coach's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Friends or relatives who have attended SVC:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Other colleges you have visited or plan to visit:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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