



Women's CROSS COUNTRY

Our Charge

Geneva's Cross Country program uses Colossians 3:17 as a foundational verse: "...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." We recognize that God has given us the gifts to run and compete at a high level. Therefore, we seek to honor Him by training hard and racing harder. In addition to becoming better runners, we strive for excellence in the classroom by taking our roles as "student-athletes" very seriously. Furthermore, we grow together spiritually through team prayer, devotions and weekly Bible studies.

Our Record

We view our performances as an act of worship and believe in praising God with every step. In recent years, we've been blessed with some of the most talented teams in Geneva College history! In 2010, Julia Urbanski, Alayna Merkle, and Shannon Rech ran the fifth, eighth, and 15th fastest 6Ks, respectively, in school history. As a team, the GCXC women finished in the top five overall

in five of seven regular season meets and sixth at the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) National Championships. In 2011, despite very muddy conditions, Shannon Rech ran the 13th fastest 6K in school history. As our number one runner, Shannon led the women's team to top-four overall team finishes in five of seven meets, including the team championship at the Pitt-Greensburg Bobcat Invitational.

Our Student-Athletes

As Geneva College Cross Country team members, our student-athletes receive individual training programs to achieve their greatest potential. They not only enjoy training and racing during their four collegiate years, but often continue to do so after graduation. Two of our former runners are now sponsored by major shoe companies and are competitive on local, regional and national levels. Not only do our student-athletes excel on the course, but they also excel in the classroom. In 2011, the Geneva Women's XC Team was named an NCCAA Scholar Team for the fifth straight year, indicating an average GPA of at least 3.4.

Our Coaches

With a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Coach Brian Yowler understands the science behind endurance training and designs individual programs for each runner. Furthermore, as a faculty member in the biology department, Coach Yowler has a passion for teaching. Geneva runners graduate with the knowledge of how to design their own training and how to coach others. In addition, Coach Yowler and Assistant Coach Chris Noyes are avid runners themselves. Coach Noyes was a standout distance runner and school record holder at Allegheny College. Coach Yowler has run 14 marathons to date, including Boston.

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Are you the right fit for our team?



If you're looking for a college that offers quality, Christ-centered academic and athletic programs that can help you excel, then Geneva College is the place for you. We're a rigorous, private Christian college located about 35 miles northwest of Pittsburgh in Beaver Falls, PA.

Life's full of challenges, and we can help you meet them head on. **Accept the Challenge** at Geneva College.

Academic Environment

Our student-to-faculty ratio of 13:1 creates a welcoming learning environment that encourages personal interaction between you and your professors. And because all members of the faculty are evangelical Christians, they will intentionally challenge you to grow in your faith.

Outcomes

A great majority of Geneva students—70%—complete internships. And in the past four years, 93% of Geneva students, on average, are working or in grad school within six months of graduation.

Programs

Geneva awards bachelor's degrees in nearly 40 undergraduate major areas of study and offers seven master's degree programs.

Student population

We have around 1,400 traditional undergraduate students representing a wide variety of denominational, ethnic and national backgrounds.

Financial Aid

Around 95% of Geneva students receive some type of financial assistance, and the college distributes millions of dollars in institutional aid each year.

Heritage

Geneva was founded in 1848 by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA).

Campus Visit

Find out if Geneva is the right fit for you. Schedule a campus visit and come experience Geneva first-hand—talk with an admissions counselor, sit in on a class, meet with faculty and students, and tour the campus. You can find more information and arrange your personal visit online at www.geneva.edu/visit.



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