

# LETTERWINNERS M CLUB

## 2023 Membership and Donor Gazette



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*Represent Michigan.  
Forever Connected.  
Support Everyone.*



# LETTERWINNERS M CLUB



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

The Letterwinners M Club is the official member-driven Club for Michigan Letterwinners. We are an organization run by letterwinners, for letterwinners. We take it seriously because our shared experience is strong and we are proud of our Michigan legacy. We are inclusive - across sports, decades, and across the globe. We exist to build a unified community of letterwinners serving each other to sustain the excellence and leadership of Michigan Athletics and to help stay connected to Michigan after sports.

### HOW WE DO IT

Letterwinners M Club members connect and give back through regional events, online events, and events held at the University of Michigan. We share our stories on social media. We celebrate the names that hang on the Letterwinners Wall in Crisler. We proudly offer scholarships to graduated athletes and sponsor events and organizations that are near and dear to our hearts. Your membership supports these efforts. Stay connected and support the generations of Letterwinners to come. Go Blue!

### REPRESENT MICHIGAN

We are representatives of 100+ years of tradition of everyone who has ever earned a varsity letter. We are the only organization who honors athletes from all sports.

### FOREVER CONNECTED

Being part of the Letterwinners M Club provides a way to connect and continue what we experienced in college. A place to share into adulthood. A place to hold the connection a little bit longer.

### SUPPORT EVERYONE

We value inclusion, equity and those who serve and inspire. We foster relationships across generations of letterwinners while also supporting those who continue to compete.

For more information visit the link

[WWW.LETTERWINNERSMCLUB.COM](http://WWW.LETTERWINNERSMCLUB.COM)



# LETTERWINNERS M CLUB

## How can you help? *Membership and Donations*

### A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As our organization continues to grow and serve all Letterwinners, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to you for your support of the Letterwinners M Club. The resources donated by so many people across the globe allow us to continue to support and honor Letterwinners in a multitude of ways. Looking towards the future, we hope we can continue to earn your support and we aim to ensure you feel the same sense of pride wearing the M Club logo as we do.

We have been humbled to hear the stories from Letterwinners on how the M Club has positively impacted themselves and their families. From the Letterwinners Wall in Crisler Center to the Post Graduate Scholarship, we are focused on Letterwinners from all walks of life feeling a sense of support from the M Club.

The support we receive from you allows us to continue to be a self-sustaining, member-driven organization with the freedom and flexibility to act in the best interests of all Letterwinners. We cannot thank you enough for that support. It allows us to continue to be the Leaders and Best. As you read through the following pages, it is our hope you recognize that none of this is possible without you as the individual and all of us as The Team.

Thank you and Go Blue!

### WHERE HAVE WE BEEN AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

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### AT A GLANCE

#### PURPOSE

To build a unified community of letterwinners serving each other to sustain the excellence and leadership of Michigan Athletics.

#### VISION

To be the enduring, unifying community for all letterwinners, living enriched lives, serving each other and Michigan Athletics.



### DOMINIC JAMETT

Letterwinners M Club President

"The opportunity to help lead an organization with a rich history of serving all letterwinners is something I am incredibly passionate about. The daily work of adding value to the lives of our members in so many different ways is fulfilling and humbling."

## Why do you serve?



**ELLY MIODUSZEWSKI**

Vice President

"My time as a student athlete greatly altered my path in the best way possible by fostering long lasting friendships and connections. I aim to continue that with my time on the board, providing the same opportunity for our membership through programming, events, and mentorship while rallying around the block M"



**CHRIS KLEIN**

Director

"Not only do I get to keep my connection to Michigan Athletics alive and grow it outside of my own sport, but I also get to help shape how the club can foster a great community amongst letterwinners across the years and across sports, beyond our time in school."



**JODI BULLINGER**

Executive Board Secretary

"I have the opportunity to express gratitude for and give back to an experience central to our collective lives as Michigan athletes."

## By the numbers:

The Letterwinners M Club all volunteer board of directors supports over **13,000 athlete alumni**. Our board consists of directors and members at large residing in over **6+ states**. We are a diverse group of professionals with experience in many industries. We aim to maintain a board that supports and is comprised of many different sports, backgrounds, and experiences. We currently have alumni from over **10+** different University of Michigan Varsity sports.

### **The Letterwinners M Club Board of Directors**

*Dominic Jamett, President, Baseball 2016*

*Elly Mioduszewski, Vice President, Track & Field 2015*

*David Harlock, Treasurer, Ice Hockey 1993*

*Jodi Bullinger, Secretary, Golf 1997*

*Chris Klein, Director, Swimming 2017*

*Debbie Stephens, Director, Softball 1982*

*Jen Maurillo, Director, Soccer 1995*

*Jodi Navta, Director, Swimming 1997*

*Kevin Rogan, Director, Track & Field 2002*

*Kristine Westerby Benton, Track & Field 1994*

*Matt Elliott, Director, Football 1991*

*Stefanie Kerska, Director, Swimming 1990*

*Stu Isaac, Director, Swimming 1974*

*Suzette McQueen, Director, Track & Field 1992*

*James Yau, Member At-Large, Track & Field 2015*

*Julian Swearengin, Member At-Large, Football 1992*

*Paul Katz, Member At-Large, Swimming 1971*

*Tina Basle, Member At-Large, Tennis 1988*



# The Letterwinners Wall

Crisler Center

The Letterwinners M Club completed the installation of a new Letterwinners wall in **2022** with two wall reveal events held on **June 4th** and **November 12th** supported by Michigan Athletics. The wall showcases the **13,000+** Letterwinners since the inception of athletics at the University of Michigan. The wall is a place for all Letterwinners and all sports. It's organized by the year in which an athlete received their first letter while competing.



The wall installation, wall reveal events and tailgate could not have been made possible without the **support of memberships and donors**. We aim to continue events at the wall annually.

We want to see your pictures at the wall. When you visit the wall, tag us or send by email!





# THE BANNER

*The banner experience is a time honored tradition. If you have interest in holding the banner reach out or check our website for availability.*



## BUILDING ON TRADITION

One of the most iconic traditions in all of college football is when the University of Michigan football team storms out of the tunnel and leaps to touch the “GO BLUE, M CLUB SUPPORTS YOU” banner.

We are dedicated to expanding the tradition of the banner to other sports. Swim & Dive, Wrestling, and Track and Field have all had banner experiences. Hockey has a permanent banner displayed proudly at Yost. We are looking forward to more sports joining in.



## FROM THE ATHLETES

“Having the opportunity to be a part of something as iconic as the “M Club” banner in the realm of our own sport was a very unique and special moment for myself and my teammates. It was also a great way to increase the excitement and anticipation of the meet-day environment at our home track.”

*-Nick Foster, Track & Field*

“Running under the banner to start our indoor season was a great way to kick start the season. It represents unity and excellence for Michigan sports and got us all really excited to compete!”

*-Aurora Rynda, Track & Field*



# HONORS AND AWARDS



Louis Grodman, 2023 Scholarship Winner



Anika Dy, 2023 Raeder's Spirit Award



Amy Stevens, 2023 Ufer



Fred 'Bud' Stein, 2023 Honorary M

\$10k

## POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Letterwinners M Club established its \$10,000 Postgraduate Scholarship in 2012 (with the cooperation of the University of Michigan Athletic Department), for continued support of student-athletes and alumni in their career and personal development. Through this annual program, Michigan Varsity Letterwinners may qualify for all or a portion of a Letterwinners M Club \$10,000 scholarship. Scholarships are one-time, nonrenewable grants to cover the cost of tuition. They are paid by the Letterwinners M Club directly to the institution in which the recipient is enrolled for graduate study.

\$500

## RAEDER'S RAIDERS SPIRIT AWARD

The Raeder's Raiders Spirit Award was established in 2005 by the Raeder family to commemorate J. Paul Raeder (Football, 1957-1961), who passed away in 2004. This award is presented annually by the Letterwinners M Club to a University of Michigan student-athlete who demonstrates character, teamwork, dedication, perseverance, and intensity in athletic performance, all while coming "off the bench". Student-athletes from all sports who have earned a varsity letter are eligible to be nominated for the Raeder's Raiders Spirit Award by their head coach or appointed representative of the program. The nominees are voted on by the board of directors of the Letterwinners M Club. The Program of the selected winner will receive a \$500 donation from the Letterwinners M Club.

## UFER AWARD

The Ufer Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by the Letterwinners M Club Board of Directors. Since 1981, the Ufer Award has been presented each year to a Letterwinner M Club member in recognition of their exceptional enthusiasm for, and commitment to, the University of Michigan and the Letterwinners M Club.

## HONORARY M

An Honorary M is presented to those who have not earned a varsity letter but have demonstrated outstanding service to the University of Michigan and/or its Athletic Department. This award grants honorees the opportunity to join the Letterwinners M Club.

# HONORS AND AWARDS

Annually the Letterwinners Mclub receives applications for various awards. We are able to continue the tradition by the generous support of **donors and with continued membership dues.**

The Post Graduate Scholarship is our largest paid award.

A word from two of our recipients.



**LOUIS GRODMAN**

Football



**MICHAEL HENDRICKSON, MD**

Baseball

*"With the help of this scholarship, the path through graduate school will become less intimidating. It will allow me to focus on completing my studies and becoming the best physician and innovator that I can be. I am blessed to be able to continue my academic career at UM and UCSD. I understand the magnitude of how much one person can do with the help of others, especially in medicine and engineering."*



*"Receiving the Letterwinners MClub post graduate scholarship is a true honor. Beyond easing the financial burden of medical training and allowing me to explore scholarly work, it served as a consistent reminder of support from our Michigan community. After graduating, transition to life after sports can be difficult; the MClub plays an important role in support for student-athletes even after their time in Ann Arbor is done. The experience of being a student-athlete at Michigan was the ultimate preparation for medical training. The culture of Michigan Athletics - one of valuing the Team, rigorous daily work, and striving to be the Leaders and Best - is translatable to achievement and excellence in all fields; I feel that to be especially true in medicine."*



**For a list of past winners and details on how to apply head to our website  
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# LOOKING FORWARD



## Events

- November 4th Football Tailgate, Crisler Center (Letterwinners Wall)
- New York Regional Event (TBD)
- Spring Baseball/Softball Tailgate

Head to our website for more information on upcoming events!

## Connection

We have launched Athlete Network as our new membership portal. This allows us and you to interact in new ways. Connect, learn, provide mentorship, RSVP to events, and give. Check your email inbox for your invite or reach out by email for assistance.



**THE ONLY WAY WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE NEW EVENTS, CONNECTION AND RESOURCES IS THROUGH MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS. WE HAVE BIG DREAMS FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP. THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. YOUR SUPPORT MEANS EVERYTHING.**



# SAVE THE DATE

NOV 4  
UOFM VS  
PURDUE

The Letterwinners Wall inside Crisler Center

LETTERWINNERS  
MCLUB FALL  
TAILGATE



The **2023 Letterwinners Fall Tailgate** is around the corner! Letterwinners and guests are invited and we cannot wait to see you. Last year we welcomed over 700 Letterwinners and guests.

Mark your calendars for **November 4th!** We will be at Crisler Center celebrating in the shadow of the incredible Letterwinners Wall! The celebration will include honoring our 2023 award and scholarship recipients.

Watch your email inbox for a link to **RSVP** or reach out to **letterwinnersmclub@umich.edu** for more information.

**Family Friendly - Food - Games - Fun**

*Free for Letterwinners and Guests*





# Membership & Giving

Not yet a member? Head to our site to learn more, gain access to Athlete Network and pay your dues today!



## Benefits

- *Experience the Banner*
- *Access to Exclusive Letterwinners Gear Sales*
- *Golf Course Discounts*
- *MDen Discount (in store)*
- *Event Invites*
- *Networking and Connection*

## Giving

All donations, gifts, and support are 501(c) (3) Tax Deductible Contributions



**We cannot continue to expand our programs and continue to provide the post graduate scholarship without the help of our generous donors. Consider giving a gift today!**

The following opportunities are available

General Gift: Any Amount

Event Sponsorship: Levels range from

\$2,500-\$10,000

Event Supporter: \$250+

## Contact Us

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Website and Socials



Athlete Network



New Member Dues



General Donation



If you would like to provide a contribution or pay for membership by check please fill out and send the following information along with your check to the address provided on p. 11. Please provide requested information if available. The check can be made out to "Letterwinners M Club".

**Name :** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sport:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Membership</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Donation</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Varsity (\$100) [1yr]	<input type="checkbox"/> \$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship (\$350)[4yrs]	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100
<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime (\$3500)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000
	\$ _____

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You and Forever Go Blue**