



Bryan Williams

- Head Coach
- First Season
- Washington & Lee '81

As the VMI women's soccer program enters their third season as a varsity sport, the team will be under the tutelage of a new head coach, as Bryan Williams takes over the helm of the program. Williams comes to the Institute very familiar with the Lexington area, having graduated from Washington & Lee following his high school career at St. Christopher's in Richmond.

After spending the spring of 2004 back in Richmond, coaching at St. Catherine's School, Williams returns to Lexington to a situation that he is familiar with. Before his one-year stint at St. Catherine's, where he led the team to a 10-6-1 record and a second place finish in the League of Independent Schools, Williams coached for six seasons at Thiel College in Pennsylvania, beginning the men's soccer program and taking over a women's team that was just two years old.

Beginning in 1998, Williams shaped both programs into competitive forces in the Division III President's Athletic Conference. Williams was recognized for his efforts by his peers, being voted Women's Soccer Coach of the Year in 2001 and Men's Soccer Coach of the Year in 2002.

However, his work with the Thiel soccer programs was only half of the story. In the winter and spring, Williams would then take over his responsibilities as the head coach for the college's men's and women's indoor and outdoor track and field teams. In his five years at the helm of those programs, he was also received Coach of the Year honors, in 2002 with the women's team and 2003 with the men's team. In his tenure, he coached four Conference MVP's, two Academic All-Americans and one All-American. He also led his men's team to a conference championship and two runner-up finishes, while the women's team was four times the runners-up in the conference championship.

Prior to his tenure at Thiel, Williams held coaching jobs at Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City, Mo., where he was the head coach for the girls' team and both assistant head coach and later head coach with the men's team. While there, he helped lead the team to four state championship appearances in six seasons. While in Kansas City, he won two more Coach of the Year awards, one from the Kansas City Metro Conference, and one from District 7 of Missouri High Schools. Williams also served as the men's club soccer coach at the University of Kansas and the head boy's soccer coach at Shawnee Mission East HS, where he led the team to a regional championship.

Williams competed collegiately for the Generals of Washington

& Lee, where he was a standout player. Named the Team MVP three times, Williams was also named to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference's First Team and the VISA West All-State team on three occasions. As a junior, he earned a spot on the prestigious NSCAA All-South Team, while as a senior, Williams was captain of the team and received ODAC Player of the Year honors. As a player at St. Christopher's, Williams was the team captain as well, and received Richmond All-Metro, All-League and All-State honors.

Williams holds both an Advanced Diploma and a National Diploma from the NSCAA, in addition to his USSF National B Licensure. The 1981 graduate of Washington & Lee is engaged to Heather Cook of Doylestown, Pa. and has three children, Virginia (14), George (10) and Emma (6).



Head Coach Bryan Williams enters his first season at the helm of the Keydet women's soccer program.



Tresy Ross

- Assistant Coach
- First Season
- Austin College (TX) '04

Tresy Ross begins her first season as assistant coach following a stand-out career at Austin College, where she played four years and graduated as the American Southwest Conference all-time leading scorer and points holder.

The Midwest City, Okla. native was named the conference's Offensive Player of the Year four times and received All-Region honors as both a freshman and junior. In her career, she tallied 73 goals and 17 assists, totaling 163 points in only 79 contests. Ross also served as the women's soccer team captain for three seasons and worked as a student athletic trainer for her final three years.

The two-time Gene Day Award winner, given to Austin College's most outstanding female athlete, also earned all-conference honors in track as a sophomore. She graduated in 2004 with a degree in Chemistry and Exercise and Sport Science, and has since begun work on a Master's degree in Wellness Management.



Elizabeth Uczekaj

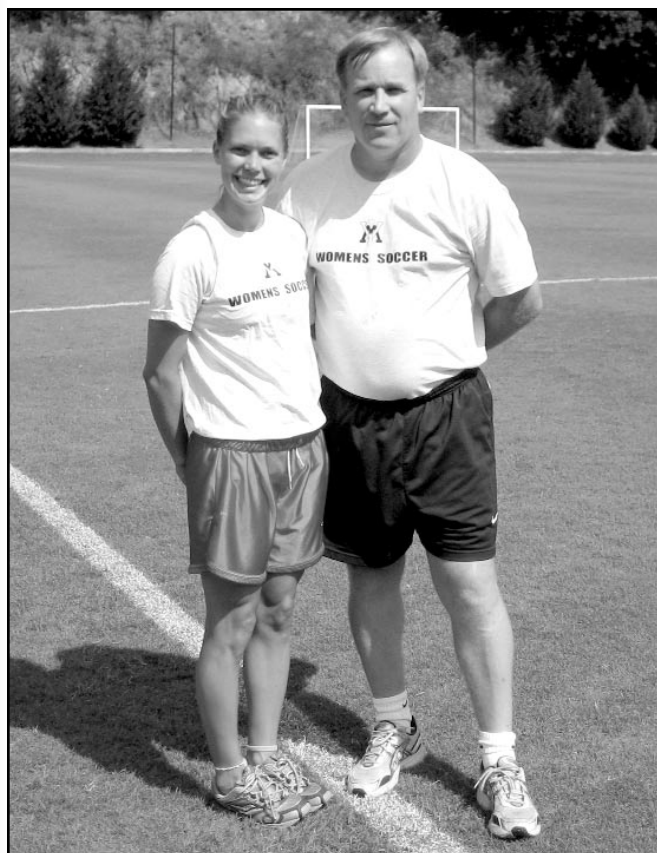
- Athletic Trainer
- First Season
- Charleston Southern '05

Serving as the women's soccer team's athletic trainer this season is Elizabeth Uczekaj, a 2004 graduate of Big South member Charleston Southern. Uczekaj is working with the Keydets while pursuing a Master's degree in Sports Medicine at the University of Virginia.

The Phoenix, Ariz. native brings extensive experience in the athletic training field to the Institute, having worked in the field over the past year and a half as an undergrad. While at Charleston Southern, Uczekaj worked with several of the Bucs' sports, including baseball, football, softball and women's basketball, assisting the teams with numerous duties, including practice and game-day preparation, rehabilitation and injury care and pre-game taping and modalities.

Uczekaj also gained experience with a professional team in working with the South Carolina Stingrays of the ECHL for two semesters, assisting in game-day setup and operations and serving as the off-ice liaison for visiting team's doctors and athletic trainers.

Uczekaj played four years for the Charleston Southern women's soccer team, two of those as a starter. She appeared in 62 games in her career, and was named to the Big South's All-Academic team in 2001 and 2002. A double major, she graduated with a degree in both Athletic Training and Biochemistry and was named to the school's Presidents List for every semester she attended CSU. She was a member of Phi Kappa Theta and has presented at the SCSCA conference on the biomechanics of the baseball and softball pitch.



Head Coach Bryan Williams and Assistant Coach Tresy Ross.



Christian Hoffman

- Assistant Sports Information Director
- Second Season
- Lee University (TN) '03

Entering his second year at the Institute as the Assistant Sports Information Director is Christian Hoffman. Since joining the VMI staff, Hoffman has served as the media contact for many Keydet sports, including baseball, men's and women's soccer, lacrosse, wrestling, cross country, swimming and diving, along with assisting in the promotion of football and basketball.

Hoffman came to VMI after spending one year at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. While at Mercer, Hoffman worked toward his MBA while serving as the media contact for several of the Bears' sports, including baseball, women's basketball, women's soccer and cross country teams.

Over the past two years, he has worked Official Stats for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championships held in Orlando, Fla., as the statistician for the WBA's Macon Blaze, and served as the tournament SID for the 2003 Atlantic Sun Men's Soccer Championship. He has also worked on ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball broadcasts in Atlanta and Philadelphia and as a scorer at the 2004 Roosevelt World Basketball Challenge, held in Warm Springs, Ga.

Hoffman graduated from Lee University in Cleveland, Tenn. in 2003 with a B.S. in Mathematics and minors in Religion and Business. He worked in the Flames' Sports Information office for a year and a half, working primarily with baseball and men's basketball. He is a native of West Point, Va.