



Sophomore Katie MacGregor represented the D&E women's ski team at the USCSA National Tournament in March, placing 33rd among 92 racers in the women's giant slalom. She is the first D&E women's ski racer to earn a berth in the national competition.

Team MacGregor

Brother-Sister Duo Opt to Play Two Sports and Bring Excellence to Both

It's a long way from Ottawa to Elkins, but the extraordinary brother-sister act of Donnie and Katie MacGregor have turned the journey into a sports odyssey that's brought honors to them as well as Davis & Elkins College. In March, the pair represented Davis & Elkins College at the United States Collegiate Ski Association (USCSA) National Tournament at Sugarloaf Mountain in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, bringing national recognition to D&E's ski program and earning spots on the Academic All-American Teams.

It's a great accomplishment for a ski program that represents a private liberal arts college competing against much larger schools such as West Virginia University, Penn State, Villanova, Bucknell, and the United States Naval Academy. Moreover, when qualifying at the Mid-Atlantic Region Championships, the MacGregors competed against other larger institutions such as Duke, Princeton, Cornell, Syracuse, Rutgers, James Madison, Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia.

But there's more ...

These are the same MacGregors who have been named All-Conference Soccer players and have helped the Senator footballers beat the nationally ranked Shepherd team and garner the attention of the NCAA. In fact, the D&E's men's soccer team was named the 3rd most improved team among all NCAA, Div. II, schools last year.

And, oh yes, the MacGregors have made the Dean's list a combined total of eight times. Donnie, a junior marketing major, is an active member of Beta Alpha Beta, Phi Beta

Lambda and Sigma Beta Delta, while Katie, a sophomore pre-med major, is the incoming vice president of Chi Beta Phi national science honorary and a member of the International Student Organization and the Student Athletic Advisory Council. And both have been named Athletes of the Year by the D&E Athletics Program – Donnie in 2004 and Katie in 2006.

Clearly, D&E is affording this talented team every opportunity to shine.

"They both are the kind of student athlete we're looking for," says D&E Athletic Director Ralph Hill. "They do well academically and are always willing to do what's necessary to help their team succeed."

"I told Donnie to go and find a school," says their father, Don MacGregor, a teacher and ski and soccer coach in Ottawa. "He had an agent and had been contacted by a number of schools, including Davis & Elkins. So he went on an odyssey of America, and when he got to Davis & Elkins, he called home and said it's a beautiful school and they told him he could do both [sports]. He fell in love with the people, the campus and the state itself."

According to MacGregor, other schools Donnie looked at would not make a two-sport offer. Other coaches wanted him to focus on a single team, but the MacGregors are equally passionate about skiing and soccer and they had a lifetime of excellence in both. Only D&E could put together the kind of package the family was seeking.

Junior Donnie MacGregor took the D&E men's ski team to nationals for the second time, placing 22nd out of a field of 72 racers. Donnie placed first at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships in New York.

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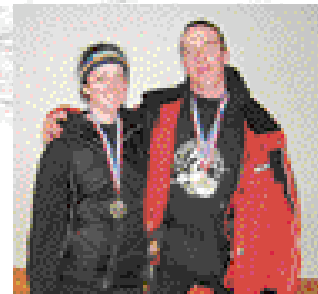
Both kids started skiing by age 2 and were racing at the ages of 6 and 8. They raced in the Canadian Junior Nationals and competed in the Alpine Canada race program. At the same time, they were aggressive soccer players, demonstrating early that an athletic scholarship was going to be an option for both, especially in the United States. Put together, their talent, training and experience prepared them for a promising future; but it is their focus, says their father, that opens doors.

"I taught them to have goals and dreams, and then do everything they have to do to get there," says Don MacGregor. "They set goals that they have always met. I have always taught them about hard work, dedication and commitment, and they have remained true to their goals."

Katie hopes to attend medical school following graduation from Davis & Elkins. Her maternal grandfather, Dr. Thomas Keith Scobie, was the founder of vascular surgery in Canada, and achieving success in medicine has always been a dream for her. An outstanding student at D&E, she has been accepted into the summer internship program for the West Virginia Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence. And, during this, her sophomore year, she has been able to shadow an orthopedic surgeon in Elkins, even observing operating room procedures.

Donnie hopes to work in the sports industry following a career in professional soccer. He is spending his summer playing on a Professional Development League team in Canada – the Ottawa Fury – and already has PDL experience in the U.S. playing for the West Virginia Chaos. Following graduation, Donnie plans to play professionally in England and hopes to make the Canadian National Team for the next World Cup. Later, he plans to go into marketing for an international sporting goods company, such as Diadora or Solomon.

Katie and Donnie MacGregor at the 2006 Mid-Atlantic Regional Ski Championships.



Until then, both MacGregors promise to set even more records for themselves and D&E. "D&E helps me focus on sports and studies," says Donnie. "I like knowing my teachers, and that they congratulate me on my races. And I like that our soccer alumni are involved and receptive to current players."

"I like the small classes, and I love the area," says Katie. "It reminds me a lot of home. Everybody knows us at the ski hills and in the community. People know you and look out for you. And it's nice to have my brother here."

"They are getting a personalized education," says Don MacGregor, "and as a parent, that's important to me, too."



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Donnie and Katie MacGregor with former D&E ski coach James Huber at the All American presentation at Nationals.

Davis Brothers Receive Lifetime Achievement Awards. Members of the Davis & Elkins College Friends of Senator Soccer (FOSS) gathered at the Graceland Inn and Conference Center to honor alumni Conn Davis and Glenn Davis with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award. Shown here are FOSS members with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award. Shown here are FOSS members **Nils Heinke, '73**, **Bob Wolfe, '71**, honorees **Glenn Davis, '83**, and **Conn Davis, '75**, last year's award winner **Kendall Walkes, '84**, and FOSS President **Doug Homer, '93**.



FOSS Honors Davis Brothers

The Davis & Elkins College Friends of Senator Soccer Association awarded Lifetime Achievement honors to brothers Glenn Davis and Conn Davis during its annual meeting and banquet April 22 at the Graceland Inn and Conference Center. Both outstanding members of Senator soccer teams, the brothers have achieved success in business and professional soccer since graduating from D&E.

Conn Davis, Class of '75, was a three-time All-WVIAC selection and two-time NSCAA All-South & All-American. During his tenure as the Senators' goalkeeper, he never lost a home match and recorded a record 22 saves en route to a stunning 2-1 victory over Howard University. He currently owns a successful import business in the Virgin Islands.

Glenn Davis, Class of '83, was a two-time All-WVIAC selection and NAIA All-American. Glenn played professionally for six years after college and is now a professional sports announcer, covering soccer matches on ABC, ESPN, Fox, and HDNET.

The Davis brothers were honored by D&E President Dr. Tom Mann; FOSS President Doug Homer, '93, Director of Development and Strategic Partnerships for the United

States Soccer Foundation; as well as many fellow D&E soccer alumni and friends, such as former D&E teammate Kendall Walkes, '84, recently named National Youth Coach of the Year by the NSCAA and Head Soccer Coach of the men's program at West Chester University.

FOSS also inducted 10 seniors from the 2005-2006 D&E Men's and Women's Teams, including Adelina Abreu, Michelle Brose, Amanda Chadwick, Kris Harford, Jessica Motes, Brandi Nichols, Kevin Orndorf, Travis Parkinson, Benjamin Royce, and Matthew Wood. Two sophomores, Michael Knox and Laura Bonser, received the 2006 ACE Award for their dedication and academic excellence.

FOSS is comprised of male and female members who represent four generations of scholar-athletes at D&E. Members hail from England, Ireland, Sweden, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Poland, Peru, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, St. Kitts, Brazil, Canada, Wales, Zaire, Mexico, and the U.S. More than 90 individuals have joined since FOSS held its inaugural reunion with a friendly game against the D&E varsity men in Elkins during Déjà vu weekend in 1998. To learn more about FOSS, visit its official Web site at www.dnesocalums.org.