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## 2019 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

OVERALL: 0-0 H: 0-0 A: 0-0 N: 0-0 MAAC: 0-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Sat. 8/31	vs. Rhode Island <sup>l</sup>	3:00 PM
Sun. 9/1	vs. New Hampshire <sup>l</sup>	1:30 PM
Sun. 9/1	at Army <sup>l</sup>	5:00 PM
Thur. 9/5	at Connecticut <sup>#</sup>	7:00 PM
Fri. 9/6	vs. Central Connecticut <sup>#</sup>	4:00 PM
Sat. 9/7	vs. Boston College <sup>#</sup>	11:00 AM
Wed. 9/11	at Seton Hall	7:00 PM
Fri. 9/13	vs. Georgetown <sup>^</sup>	3:30 PM
Sat. 9/14	at William & Mary <sup>^</sup>	1:00 PM
Sat. 9/14	vs. UNC Greensboro <sup>^</sup>	4:00 PM
Sat. 9/21	at Rider <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Sun. 9/22	at Saint Peter's <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Sat. 9/28	CANISIUS <sup>*@</sup>	1:00 PM
Sun. 9/29	NIAGARA <sup>*@</sup>	1:00 PM
Sat. 10/5	at Quinnipiac <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Sun. 10/6	at Fairfield <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Sat. 10/12	at Manhattan <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Wed. 10/16	RIDER <sup>*</sup>	7:00 PM
Sat. 10/19	MARIST <sup>*</sup>	5:00 PM
Sun. 10/20	SIENA <sup>*</sup>	5:00 PM
Sat. 10/26	at Niagara <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Sun. 10/27	at Canisius <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Fri. 11/1	FAIRFIELD <sup>*</sup>	7:00 PM
Sun. 11/3	QUINNIPIAC <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Wed. 11/6	SAINT PETER'S <sup>*</sup>	7:00 PM
Sat. 11/9	MANHATTAN <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM
Fri. 11/15	at Marist <sup>*</sup>	7:00 PM
Sat. 11/16	at Siena <sup>*</sup>	1:00 PM

<sup>l</sup>Army Invitational

<sup>^</sup>UConn Challenge

<sup>\*</sup>Colonial Classic

<sup>\*</sup>MAAC Games

<sup>@</sup>Played at Monroe College

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## IONA VOLLEYBALL BEGINS MAAC CHAMPIONSHIP DEFENSE

After clinching the program's second ever Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship in program history last season, the Gaels begin their title defense at the Army Invitational in West Point, NY.

## GAEL HEADLINES

- The Maroon & Gold are under first year head coach **Esai Velez-Perez**, who joins Gael Nation after having served as an assistant coach with the Hofstra Pride for the last five seasons.
- Iona was voted third in the 2019 MAAC Preseason Coaches' Poll. Canisius was voted as the league favorite, with Fairfield coming in second.
- Iona adds three newcomers for 2019; freshmen **Samantha Juran** and **Julia Thomas**, alongside sophomore **Maile Powell** who played her rookie season at Hawi'i at Hilo.
- **Caylie Denham** joins the Iona volleyball program as a graduate assistant to coach Velez-Perez. She is a recent Hofstra graduate and played under Velez-Perez while with the Pride.
- The Maroon & Gold will not play a true home game until Wednesday, Oct. 16 against Rider. The Hynes Athletics Center is getting revamped and upgraded and construction will be completed early October.

## JAMIE SMITH - STAR ON & OFF THE COURT

- Junior **Jamie Smith** two-time All-MAAC Team honoree and was the 2017 MAAC Rookie of the Year.
- As a dedicated member of Iona's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Smith will expand her role and serve as the MAAC SAAC Vice Chair. She will be the Vice President's of Iona's campus.

## ARMY INVITATIONAL PRIMER

- The Maroon & Gold will face off against Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Army.
- The Gaels are 0-3 all-time against the Rams; URI won the last meeting in 2014 in straight sets.
- Iona and New Hampshire have split a pair of matches. Last season the Maroon & Gold won a five set thriller in Storrs, CT.
- Army has come out on top against the Gaels in two of their three matchups. All contests have taken place in West Point and Iona's lone win came in 2010.

## 2019 Iona Gaels

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	K/S	D/S	A/S	BL/S	PT/S	OF NOTE
1	Alexandra Russo	Sr.	DS/L	5-2	-	-	-	-	-	Missed majority of last season due to injury
2	Maile Powell	So.	S	5-10	-	-	-	-	-	Played freshman season at Hawi'i at Hilo...played all 106 sets
4	Samantha Juran	Fr.	S/DS	5-8	-	-	-	-	-	Comes from St. Francis Prep...MVP honors as junior and senior
5	Alessandra Brady	Fr.	OH	5-11	-	-	-	-	-	Played in 29 sets over 16 matches as a rookie
8	Jessica Paolucci	RS Sr.	DS/L	5-7	-	-	-	-	-	Top-10 in Iona history in service attempts, serve%, digs and digs/set
9	Jamie Smith	Jr.	OH/S	5-11	-	-	-	-	-	2017 MAAC Rookie of the Year, 2018 All-MAAC Second Team
13	Taylor Cole	So.	DS/L	5-9	-	-	-	-	-	Six aces against UNH last season; tied fourth most in a single match
14	Julia Stewart	Jr.	OH/DS	5-9	-	-	-	-	-	Appeared in eight matches and 11 sets last season
15	Tess Connolly	Jr.	OH	5-11	-	-	-	-	-	Career-highs last season in kills/set, attack%, digs/set & blocks/set
18	Julia Thomas	Fr.	MB	6-1	-	-	-	-	-	Comes from Bishop Shanahan...2017 & 2018 Penn. State Finalist
23	Karla Johnson	Jr.	MB	6-0	-	-	-	-	-	Career-highs last season in kills, attack%, and blocks/set
27	Cassandra Patsos	Fr.	MB	5-10	-	-	-	-	-	1x MAAC Rookie of the Week in 2018...Four matches with 10+ kills



# IONA COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## QUICK FACTS



### COLLEGE INFORMATION

School.....Iona College  
 City/Zip .....New Rochelle, NY / 10801  
 Founded.....1940  
 Enrollment .....3,792  
 Nickname.....Gael  
 Colors.....Maroon & Gold  
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I  
 Conference .....Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference  
 President.....Dr. Seamus Carey, Ph.D  
 Athletics Director.....Matthew Glovaski  
 Athletic Website .....ICGaels.com  
 Athletic Dept. Phone .....(914) 633-2654  
 Ticket Office Phone.....(914) 633-2672  
 Baseball Field.....City Park  
 Basketball/Volleyball Arena .....Hynes Athletics Center  
 Soccer/Lacrosse Stadium .....Mazzella Field  
 Softball Field.....Donald E. Walsh Field

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach .....Esai Velez-Perez  
 .....University of Puerto Rico ('11)  
 .....Universidad del Este ('13) MBA  
 Years at Iona.....1st  
 Record at Iona .....0-0. 0-0 MAAC  
 Career Record .....0-0. 0-0 MAAC  
 Graduate Assistant .....Caylie Denham  
 Athletic Trainer.....Greg Tozzi  
 Strength and Conditioning Coach.....Kelly Shaver

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

2	Maile Powell	Miley
4	Samantha Juran	Jur-ann
8	Jessica Paolucci	pah-LOO-chee
HC	Esai-Velez Perez	S-I-E Velez Perez

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### TEAM INFORMATION

2018 Overall Record .....20-8  
 Home/Away/Neutral .....9-2 / 7-4 / 4-1  
 2018 MAAC Record/Finish.....16-2 MAAC / 1st  
 2019 MAAC Preseason Selection .....3rd  
 Senior/Junior/Sophomore/Freshman.....5/2/3/2  
 Starters Returning From 2017.....4  
 Newcomers.....3  
 MAAC Tournament Championships.....2  
 .....2018, 2004  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last) .....2 (2018)  
 MAAC Player Of The Year .....2  
 .....Miki Hogg (2004); Claire Archibald (2018)  
 MAAC Defensive Player Of The Year.....2  
 .....Chelsea Holly (2005); Allison Nieters (2007, '08)  
 MAAC Libero Of The Year .....2  
 .....Allison Nieters (2008, '09)  
 MAAC Setter Of The Year.....3  
 .....Emily Mansur (2004); Beth Holly (2005); Emma Rose (2018)  
 MAAC Rookie Of The Year.....2  
 .....Rachelle Wilson (2008); Jamie Smith (2017)  
 MAAC Coach Of The Year .....2  
 .....Bob Weiner (2002); Patric Santiago (2018)  
 All-MAAC First Team.....14  
 All-MAAC Second Team .....16  
 All-Rookie Team.....5

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