

An aerial photograph of Geneseo High School campus. In the foreground, a large green football field is visible, surrounded by a black running track. The field has yard lines and the number '50' in the center. The word 'GENESEO' is printed in large white letters on the right side of the field. Behind the field are bleachers. The school buildings, including a large brick main building and several smaller structures, are situated in the middle ground. To the right, there are tennis courts and a parking lot with many cars. The background shows a residential neighborhood with houses and trees.

GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

2025-2026 YEAR IN REVIEW

JOE NICHOLS
Athletic Director

GENESEO ATHLETICS: YEAR IN REVIEW

2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS & PARTICIPATION

FALL

Football:

Quarterfinals (last was 2015). Hosted 2 playoff games (1st since 2016).
Kye Weinzierl named WB6 MVP

Volleyball:

Elizabeth Rapps named WB6 MVP

Boys C.C.:

Team State Qualifier 6th straight season

Girls C.C.:

Won WB6 Conference.

Brooklyn Smith 6th in State (best finish in school history) & set new school record.

Girls Tennis:

Doubles team Madison Reade & Kendyl Wassenhove State Qualifiers (back-to-back)

Participation:

295 Fall Athletes

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WINTER

Boys Wrestling:

Won WB6 Conference. Regional Champs. Team State Qualifiers.
Kye Weinzierl IHSA 2A 2nd Place. Named WB6 MVP.
Izaac Gaines IHSA 2A 3rd Place.

Girls Wrestling:

Regional Champs. WB6 Conference Champs.
Lydia King IHSA 3rd Place (single class).

Girls Bowling:

Lexi Johnson State Qualifier (highest finish in school history).

Participation:

213 Winter Athletes

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SPRING

Girls Soccer:

Regional Champs. Sweet 16.

Girls Track:

Sectional Champs. 8 State Qualifiers.

Brooklyn Smith new school record 3200m (2X)

Boys Track:

11 events (15 individuals) qualified for State.

Cedric Kehoe IHSA 2A 2nd Place (300m hurdles)

New School record: Cedric Kehoe (300m hurdles)

New School record: 4X100m Relay (Gavin, Hintgen, Kehoe, Micah Nicke, Jett Znamenacek)

New School record: 4X200m Relay (Hintgen, Znamenacek, Jayden Wexell, Kehoe)

New School record: 4X400m Relay (Nicke, Hintgen, Isaac Nixon, Kehoe)

Participation:

249 Spring Athletes

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CONFERENCE HONORS

Conference Sweepstakes:

Geneseo High School was 2nd in WB6 for cumulative finish (All-sports combined finish). Points awarded for finishing 1st (9), 2nd (7), 3rd (6), 4th (5), 5th (4), 6th (3), 7th (2), 8th (1). Total points added up then ranked.

Geneseo came in 2nd behind Moline (they have won 30+ straight years).

Geneseo has never finished lower than 3rd in WB6 Sweepstakes.

Don Morris Award:

Kye Weinzierl won the Don Morris Award as the WB6 Male Athlete of the Year.

7 years in WB6 - Geneseo athletes have won the award 5 times (3 girls & 2 boys).

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FUN FACTS

Individual Participation:

757 roster spots filled this year (we offer 23 official sports)

451 athletes this year (nearly 60% of all students are in a sport - does not include FFA/Fine Arts)

251 athletes play multiple sports (56% of our athletes play multiple sports)

Events:

327 home sporting events were hosted this year

479 away sporting events this year

12 Sports hosted IHSA tournaments or games

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NEXT YEAR

Football Schedule Changes:

IHSA Playoffs expand to 48-team brackets (16 teams will have byes).

IHSA dead week is now 4th of July and practices start August 5th.

1st game August 21st at Assumption.

New Head Coaches:

Boys Basketball - Mitch Munda

Girls Bowling - Chad Short

Girls Wrestling - Tricia Hull

Athletic Department Identity:

Head coaches meet monthly throughout the school year and one of the projects we worked on was creating a document that outlines why athletics exist, what we do, and how we do it.

This [document](#) was created by every head coach and created to fit The Geneseo Culture.

We will distribute and model these characteristics throughout our department in future.

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An aerial photograph of a school campus, showing various buildings, parking lots, and green spaces. A large, semi-transparent green rectangular overlay covers the bottom half of the image, serving as a background for the text. The text is in white and yellow, providing a high-contrast look against the green background and the aerial view.

2025-2026 HIGHLIGHTS & PARTICIPATION

MISSION (WHY DO WE EXIST)

Growing L.E.A.F.S.: Rooted in GENESEO

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CORE PRINCIPLES (CHARACTERISTICS TO INSTILL)

L — Loyalty to the Standard (Identity) - *“How you do anything is how you do everything.”*
Integrity; Ownership; Accountability; “Leave it better than you found it.”

E — Effort & Intensity (Engine) - *“The standard is relentless.”*
1% Better Everyday; Relentless pursuit; Finishing every rep; Doing more than expected

A — Altruism (Team > Me) (Foundation) - *“One School, One Vision.”*
Selfless service; Emotional intelligence; Connectivity; Supporting other programs

F — Fortitude (Response) - *“So what, now what?”*
Embrace adversity; Resilience; Mental toughness; “Get to” vs. “Have to” mindset; Battle-tested

S — Savage Competitors (Execution) - *“Love the battle.”*
Savage Gentlemen/Ladies; Intensity; Not timid; Fierceness; High-level execution under pressure

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VISION (WHAT WILL WE ACCOMPLISH)

L.E.A.F.S. FOR LIFE

Prepare athletes for world after Geneseo High School

Represent Geneseo in a way that makes the community proud

Be humble in victory and defeat

Instill a productive response to adversity

Learn how to hold yourself and peers accountable

Learn to compete and redefine limits

Embrace the privilege of the high school athletic experience

Trust and Commit to Process > Result

L.E.A.F.S. TODAY

BEHAVIORS (ABOVE/BELOW THE LINE)

ABOVE THE LINE BEHAVIOR

PERSON

- Act with Integrity
- Give Your Best Effort
- Communicate Appropriately

STUDENT

- Own Your Learning
- Complete Work & On-time
- Respect the Class

ATHLETE

- Competitor (Cares about winning)
- Emotional Control in Big Moments
- Resilience and Grit through Adversity
- Strong Work Ethic
- Selflessness and Team-First Mentality
- Holds Self & Teammates Accountable
- Willing to Do the Unseen, "Dirty Work"

COACH

- Maintain & Model the Standards
- Coach the Whole Person
- Focus on the "Why"
- Develop Empowered Leaders
- Continue to Learn

PARENT

- Maintain Perspective
- Role Clarity
- Support the Standards
- Be a Fan of Everyone
- Trust the Process

FANS & SUPPORTERS

- Support All Programs
- Be a Positive Force
- Engage with Events
- Maintain Sportsmanship
- Invest in the Future

BELOW THE LINE BEHAVIOR

- Making excuses
- Disrespect
- Acting Entitled

- Apathy
- Dishonest
- Disruptive

- Casual Participant (Doesn't care)
- Volatile and Reactive Under Pressure
- Fragile and Easily Discouraged
- Lackadaisical or Entitled Work Ethic
- Self-Centered and Individualistic
- Enables Mediocrity/Avoids Accountability
- Glory-Seeker (Avoids the "Dirty Work")

- Transactional Leadership
- Inconsistent Standards
- Discourages multi-sport
- Poor/Negative Energy
- Lack of Preparation and Care

- Coaching from stands
- Achievement by Proxy
- Negativity towards Officials/Coaches/Athletes
- Creating Excuses

- Unrealistic Expectations
- Public Bashing of Coaches/Athletes
- Negative Presence
- Aggressive Action towards Officials/Opponents
- Obstruction to Student Success

An aerial photograph of Geneseo High School's athletic field. The field is green with white yard lines and yard numbers (10, 20, 30, 40, 50). The word "GENESEO" is printed in large white letters at the bottom of the field. A large white letter "G" is in the center. The field is surrounded by a black running track. In the background, there are school buildings, bleachers, and a parking lot. The surrounding area includes residential houses and trees.

THANK YOU!

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