

Lehman College Athletics 2001

Men's Basketball:

Under the direction of first year head coach Steve Shulman, the Lightning won their first ever Hudson Valley Championship while compiling a 17-8 record. Senior guard Dennis Kumnipa recorded his 1,000 career point, and was selected to his third consecutive CUNY All-Star team. Kumnipa was joined as an all-star by sophomore forward Jonathan Rojas. Junior center Nick LaBassiere was selected as a Hudson valley All-Star.

Women's Basketball:

The lady Lightning completed an outstanding season this year, finishing the season with a 23-4 overall record, and achieving the college's first post-season bid (ECAC). The Lightning led the nation in scoring with a 91.6 per game average, and captured their second consecutive Hudson Valley Championship. Freshman sensation Chanel Kendall led the way, being named Hudson Valley Most Valuable Player, New York State Rookie of the Year, and being selected as an ECAC and Metropolitan Sports Writers All-Star. Fellow freshman Florena Rhodes was selected as a CUNY All-Star.

Women's Tennis:

The Lehman women's tennis team emerged as one of the upcoming teams in the conference. Finishing fifth in the CUNY tournament, the Lightning were led by junior all-star Sherry Ann-Jenkins, and newcomers Erica Hinds, and Regina De Los Ríos.

Men's Tennis: Greg Van Voorhis led the Lightning this season to new highs. The Lightning advanced to the semifinals of the

Hudson Valley Tournament. The tennis team has become a force to be reckoned with in the CUNY conference.

Men's Volleyball: 2001 was the year that the Lightning men's volleyball took the program to the next level. Led by such stars as Anderson Camacho, the Lightning

advanced to the finals of the CUNY conference tournament, before losing a heartbreaker to eventual champion Hunter college. Freshmen Troy Jiménez also made strong contributions, and ranked nationally in many statistical categories.

Women's Volleyball: In his first year as

head coach of the women's program, Junior Arcia led the Lightning to the title games of both the Hudson Valley and CUNY conferences respectively. Lehman finished with an outstanding record of 21-5 overall. The Lightning were led by senior Divina Arriyo, and CUNY conference Most Valuable player Nerida Fuentes.

Baseball: The Lightning advanced to the semi-finals of the CUNY athletic conference tournament. Lehman also staged one of the biggest upsets of the year, defeating conference power Mt. St. Mary's of the Knickerbocker conference. The Lightning were led by star pitcher Wilson Ríos.

Softball: Under the direction of veteran coach Roxanne Moraza, the Lightning advanced to the CUNY conference championship game. With an overall record of 19-10, the Lightning have emerged as a team to be reckoned with. Leading the charge for Lehman this season were: sophomore infielder Sakeena Esteves, and freshman infielder Stephanie Rodríguez. On the mound, sophomore pitching star Erika Noriega led the Lightning to its first ever Hudson Valley Championship.

Cross Country/Track & Field:

Capping off another successful season for the Track and Field program, the Lightning continue to show their dominance in this sport. The Lady Lightning conquered both the indoor and outdoor CUNY championships. Sophomore star Paulette Balwin earned the title of All-American at the NCAA national indoor championships in Wisconsin.

Men & Women's Swimming:

Under the direction of swim coach Peter Kiernan the Lightning men and women's swim squads were very successful this season. Male swimmers Ricky Smalls, and Raul Zearaul qualified for the ECAC tournaments, while the women's team placed second in the Hudson Valley Tournament.



THE FACES OF LEHMAN COLLEGE 2000-2001 YEAR IN REVIEW



LEHMAN STUDENT JANA MAKAJEVA SELECTED 2001 CUNYAC SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Born in the former Soviet Republic of Estonia, Jana lived for two years in Tacoma, Washington before coming to the Bronx in 1997. Upon her enrollment at Lehman College, she joined the fledgling swim team and immediately became the team's captain, top swimmer and was named Team Most Valuable Athlete three of her four years.

Jana holds four individual school records and two relay records for the Lightning, despite never swimming competitively before.

Academically, the 5'9" 23-year old has a 3.82 GPA majoring in Economics with specialization in Business Management and a minor in Computer Information Systems and Italian.

This year, Jana joined the Track & Field and made the smooth transition to middle distance runner. She also works as a lifeguard at Lehman and has been a volunteer coach with the APEX Swim Club and LC's Continuing Education Program. She plans to attend graduate school and major in International Public Affairs.