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*Henrique Marques*

## NJIT'S NEWEST OLYMPIAN

In August, junior business major Henrique Marques made his Olympic debut at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games in Rio. Currently ranked #2 on the Brazilian Olympic fencing team, he fenced in the individual competition Aug. 7 and in the team event Aug. 12.

"Qualifying for the Olympics was always my goal since I was a child and that is what I trained for," said Marques, who is originally from Sao Paulo, Brazil. "It is definitely one of the best feelings in the world, to have such a high goal and be able to achieve it so early in my career as an athlete. I felt that everything I trained for was paying off."

Earlier this year, Marques was among the school-record six fencers representing the Highlanders in the 2016 NCAA National Championships hosted by Brandeis University at Gosman Sports and Convocation Center in Waltham, Massachusetts. Seeded the highest (fifth) of any Highlander heading into the Regionals, he recorded a third-place finish in the men's foil and was undefeated against four of eight schools he competed against this season, including #3 Penn State, Sacred Heart, Vassar and New York University. With fellow fencing champion Julia Garcia, he qualified to attend the Junior World Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in which he placed 23rd out of 113 participants in his event.

Marques joins the roster of NJIT alumni who have previously competed in the Olympic Games. They include: Ray Blum '50, speed skating (Switzerland); Myron Worobec '66, soccer (Mexico); Robert Dow '68, fencing (Germany); and Hernan Borja '81, soccer (Los Angeles).

## THE BALL IS IN HIS COURT

Andres Alban '16 aspired to attend a university with strong science and engineering programs where he also could continue playing tennis. For Alban, an Albert Dorman Honors College scholar who received his B.S. in applied math and physics May 17, 2016, the decision to attend NJIT culminated in his acceptance to a Ph.D. program with full support at INSEAD, a business school in France.

"NJIT was the best choice where I could pursue my academic and

athletic goals," Alban recalls. The Honors College was an additional factor in my decision to attend NJIT."

A native of Bogota, Colombia, Alban earned a GPA of 3.98 and was captain of the NJIT tennis team. He says that his double major in applied mathematics and physics provided him with a "great background for further studies" and the Albert Dorman Honors College enhanced this experience.

"Even though tennis sometimes conflicted with my studies, it

improved my time management and leadership skills, as well as my work ethics and discipline," he says. "I had many other experiences that helped me develop to become a good candidate for a Ph.D., such as my job at the math tutoring center."

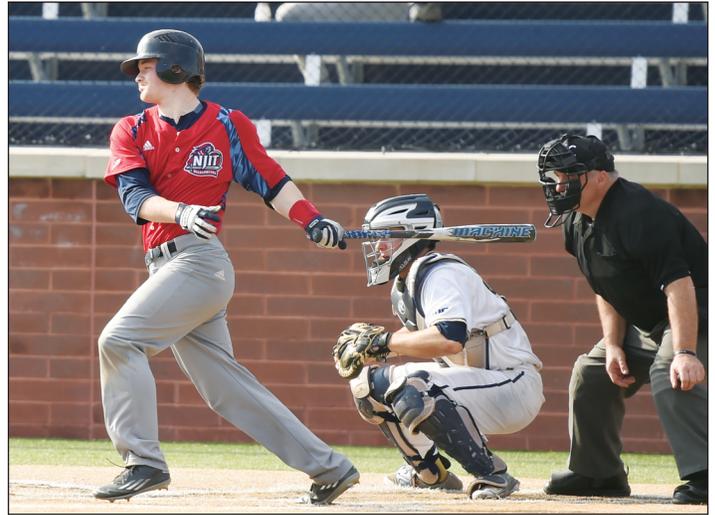
Alban served as Student Athlete Advisory Committee representative from 2013-present; a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society; and the Chi Alpha Sigma National College Athlete Honor Society. He received the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Scholar Athlete Award in 2014 and 2015.



*Andres Alban*



Ian Bentley



Cody Kramer

## HIGHLANDERS NAMED TO ASC BASEBALL ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Ian Bentley and Cody Kramer were named to the 2016 Atlantic Sun Conference Baseball All-Academic Team. Bentley, who is in a five-year program that will see him earn a degree in architecture and a master's degree in civil engineering in May 2017, posted a 3.54 GPA. A left-handed pitcher, Bentley ended his season with a 4-5 won-lost record. He was the winning pitcher when NJIT beat USC Upstate in the first-ever A-Sun game for the Highlanders on April 1 with five innings of five-hit, one-run relief that included seven strikeouts.

As a freshman in 2013, Bentley pitched in 19 games, 18 as a reliever, and notched a team-leading five saves, while also winning three games. He shifted to the starting rotation part way through his sophomore year and won six games that year, followed by a school Division I-record seven wins as a junior. His four victories this season raised his career total to 20, a new school Division I record, surpassing Tripp Davis '13, who won 19 career games.

Bentley's 4.40 career earned run average is second on the DI list among pitchers with at least 120 innings pitched and his 3.24 ERA in 2014 is the best season mark for pitchers with at least 40 IP. His 61

appearances are second all-time and his 34 games started are fourth. His seven complete games in 2015 are tops all-time and his 12 complete games overall are third on the career DI list. He is third on the career innings list (272) and third in career strikeouts (211).

Kramer, a biology major enrolled in NJIT's Albert Dorman Honors College, has earned a perfect 4.0 GPA. The Highlanders junior catcher hit .246 in 37 games, including 35 starts. He recorded 30 hits, 13 runs batted in and five doubles. He notched a .281 batting average in the conference, with 16 hits, 11 runs, five runs batted in, three doubles and home run.



Luke Robbe

## ROBBE SELECTED TO THE 2016 EIVA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

NJIT redshirt junior Luke Robbe has earned a spot on the 2016 Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA) All-Academic team. A two-time honoree, Robbe is a mechanical engineering major who joins 15 student-athletes from six of the seven member institutions to be honored.

In order to be named to the team, recipients must have participated in at least 60 percent of their team's sets, maintained a minimum of a 3.50 GPA, and must be in at least their second year academically.

The Highlanders 6-foot-8 middle finished the season hitting a season-best .366, leading the team in total blocks (83) and ranked third in kills (143). Robbe notched five double-digit kill matches, including a season-best 12 kills in the Highlanders 3-2 victory at Princeton March 22 and hit a season-best .909 (10k, 0e, 11a) at No. 9 Penn State and .625 against Princeton, posting 10 kills on 16 attempts with no errors. He added a season-high seven block assists.