

*Junior  
Rachel Cannell*



— STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
— 2007-08 WOMEN'S FENCING MEDIA GUIDE —

# Stevens Institute of Technology

Founded in 1870 as the first American college to devote itself exclusively to engineering education based on scientific principles, Stevens Institute of Technology is a prestigious independent university dedicated to research, innovation, and entrepreneurship. A leading national university according to *U.S. News & World Report*, Stevens was, in 2004, ranked by *The Princeton Review* as one of the nation's "Most Entrepreneurial Campuses" and among the nation's "25 most connected campuses" by *The Princeton Review* and *Forbes.com* in 2006. Stevens was also recently recognized as the 16th "Most Wired College" in the country by *PC Magazine*.

Stevens' broad-based education will lead you to prestigious degrees and rewarding careers in engineering, business, the sciences, computer science, and the humanities. With 30 majors and three degrees awarded — B.A., B.S., and the prestigious Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) — Stevens undergraduate students have a wide range of educational options. In addition, Stevens boasts outstanding access to hands-on, real-world experience through cooperative education, internship, and research opportunities which may begin as early as your freshman year.

Master's and doctoral degrees are awarded in a variety of areas within the sciences, computer and information sciences/systems, engineering, management, and technology management. Research is vital to the university's educational mission; thus Stevens attracts world-renowned faculty to complement its exceptional on-campus facilities.

That commitment to research and innovation comes alive through *Technogenesis*, the educational frontier pioneered by Stevens where faculty, students, and industry jointly nurture research concepts to commercialization and back to the classroom. Simply put, groundbreaking research conducted in our facilities has a tangible impact on our daily lives — our partnerships with government and industry are creating innovative solutions to society's most pressing problems.

Located in Hoboken, New Jersey, a quaint one-mile-square town with Victorian brownstones and tree-lined streets dotted with great restaurants and trendy shops, Stevens sits on a high bank of the majestic Hudson River. The 55-acre campus, with stretches of deep green lawns, old-growth elms and maples, and historic classroom buildings, offers the best view of the New York City skyline.

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## STEVENS HIGHLIGHTS

**Degrees offered:** B.S., B.E., B.A., M.S., M.B.A., M.Eng., M.E., Ph.D.

**Pre-Professional Programs:** Dentistry, Law, Medicine

**Number of undergraduate students:** 1,900+



## QUICK FACTS

Nickname	.....Ducks
Colors	.....Red & Gray
Affiliation	.....NCAA Division III
Conference	.....EWFC
Athletic Director	.....Russell Rogers
Athletics Phone	.....(201) 216-8040
Athletics Fax	.....(201) 216-8244
Women's Fencing Phone	.....(201) 216-5324
Web Site	.....www.stevensducks.com
Sports Info Director	.....Brian Granata
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**Student-to-faculty ratio:** 8:1

**Stevens aid awarded in 2006-07:** \$24.5 million

**Students who receive grant aid:** 75 percent

**Freshmen who receive merit aid:** 60 percent

**SAT range of Stevens students:** 1180-1360

**Average starting salary for Class of 2007:** \$58,900

**Medical school acceptance rate:** 86 percent

**Representation of Stevens student population:** 42 states, 28+ countries

### Academic Majors

- Art and Technology
- Bioanalytical Chemistry
- Bioinformatics
- Biomedical Engineering
- Business and Technology
- Chemical Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Computational Science
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Cybersecurity
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Management
- Engineering Physics
- English and American Literature
- Environmental Engineering
- History
- Information Systems
- Information Systems Engineering
- Mathematical Sciences
- Mechanical Engineering
- Music and Technology
- Naval Engineering
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Science and Law
- Science and Technology Studies



# Linda VOLLKOMMER-LYNCH

*Head Coach \* 34th Season \* New Jersey City University '70*

Linda Vollkommer-Lynch entered her 34th season as head coach of the Stevens Institute of Technology women's fencing team in 2007-08. In her 34-year coaching career at Stevens, Vollkommer-Lynch has compiled a record of 315-240. With that mark, she ranks 21st on Stevens' list of all-time winningest coaches. For the eighth year in a row, Stevens has reached the 10-win plateau. It has also accomplished this feat 12 times in the last 13 seasons.

For the 2007-08 season, Vollkommer-Lynch helped guide the Ducks to a 10-7 mark. She saw five of her fencers qualify for the NCAA National Tournament. At the Eastern Women's Fencing Conference team event, the squad finished fifth overall as five fencers received all-conference accolades. The season also featured a bronze medal performance from the foil squad at the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships. Natalia Chabebe and Laura Sodon earned medals during their outing at the event. These accomplishments marked the first time in Stevens' history that the Ducks were awarded medals for the sabre and foil weapons at the NIWFA's.

In 2006-07, Vollkommer-Lynch notched her 300th victory on February 11th versus Yeshiva University in which Stevens regis-

tered a 16-11 win over the Maccabees. Furthermore, she guided five fencers to the NCAA Championships.

During her coaching career, Vollkommer-Lynch has collected many awards. In the 1980-81 and 1993-94 seasons, she was named the NIWFA Coach of the Year. She was also named the New Jersey Collegiate Athletic Directors Coach of the Decade in 1990. That same year, Vollkommer-Lynch was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at her alma mater, New Jersey City University. A Hudson County Athletic Hall of Fame inductee in 2000, Vollkommer-Lynch clinched a share of the EWFC Coach of the Year award from 2000-04. Moreover, during the 2000-01 campaign, she helped the Ducks to the inaugural EWFC Championship. And then, in 2005-06, Stevens recorded a second-place finish in the conference, while registering an impressive 18-5 record in dual-meet action.

As a fencer, Vollkommer-Lynch experienced great success throughout her playing career. In 1983, she won the New Jersey State Championship and was a finalist in the first-ever Garden State Games. Vollkommer-Lynch was a participant in the National Sports Festival in 1981 and 1982 and the US Women's Fencing Olympic Trials in 1984.



## The Vollkommer-Lynch File

Season	Record	Season	Record
1974-75	...3-6	1991-92	...0-16
1975-76	...3-11	1992-93	...7-7
1976-77	...2-8	1993-94	...8-4
1977-78	...7-8	1994-95	...10-21
1978-79	...12-7	1995-96	...10-4
1979-80	...16-5	1996-97	...11-5
1980-81	...12-4	1997-98	...12-4
1981-82	...12-5	1998-99	...11-5
1982-83	...8-10	1999-00	...7-7
1983-84	...11-5	2000-01	...11-3
1984-85	...12-5	2001-02	...17-3
1985-86	...3-8	2002-03	...14-3
1986-87	...7-10	2003-04	...10-5
1987-88	...5-12	2004-05	...10-7
1988-89	...7-10	2005-06	...18-5
1989-90	...10-8	2006-07	...11-7
1990-91	...8-8	2007-08	...10-7
<b>Total</b>	<b>.....315-240</b>		



**Aziza HASSAN**  
*Sabre Coach*

Aziza Hassan entered her third season as an assistant coach for the Stevens Institute of Technology women's fencing team for the 2007-08 season.

Last season, Hassan assisted the coaching staff in leading the Ducks to a 10-7 dual meet record. She also helped in sending five fencers to the first round of the NCAA Championships on the campus of Drew University in Madison, N.J. In Hassan's first year with the squad in 2005-06, she assisted in directing Stevens to a second-place finish at the Eastern Women's Fencing Conference Dual-Meet Championship.

As a fencer, Hassan was a student-athlete at Temple University, where she earned NIWFA and All-America honors.



**Andrea CHIMEL**  
*Epee Coach*

Andrea Chimel entered her second season as an assistant coach for the Stevens Institute of Technology women's fencing team in 2007-08. She primarily works with the epee fencers.

In 2006-07, Chimel guided the epee squad to a gold-medal winning performance at the National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships.

As a player, Chimel was one of the most accomplished epeeists in the history of the Stevens' women's fencing squad. From 2001-05, she recorded an impressive mark of 166-26 – the 166 victories rank first all-time in the epee at Stevens. She also owns the single-season record for winning percentage as she went 41-3 (.931) in 2003-04.



**Seniors Emily Freier & Natalia Chabebe**



# Meet the DUCKS

## 2007-08 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Weapon</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Danielle Bisson	So.	5-6	Foil	Rothell, Wash./Dighton-Rehoboth Regional
Rachel Cannell	Jr.	5-9	Epee	Asbury, N.J./Delaware Valley Regional
Natalia Chabebe *	Sr.	5-0	Foil	West New York, N.J./Memorial
Rebecca Dietrich	Fr.	5-3	Sabre	Staten Island, N.Y./Port Richmond
Emily Freier	Sr.	5-3	Epee	Manalapan, N.J./Manalapan
Fatimah Naamat	Fr.	5-3	Foil	Segamat, Malaysia/Segamat
Khairun Nisa Aziz	Jr.	5-5	Foil	Petaling Jaya, Malaysia/SM Sains Selangor
Meagan Ritter	Fr.	5-8	Epee	Whitehouse Station, N.J./Hunterdon Central
Makeda Robinson	Fr.	5-5	Sabre	Lindenwold, N.J./Lindenwold
Sureen Nita Roslan	So.	5-7	Epee	Subang Jaya, Malaysia/MRSM Balik Pulau
Katelyn Seager	So.	5-3	Sabre	Newton, N.J./Newton
Laura Sodon	Jr.	5-5	Sabre	West Milford, N.J./West Milford
Alexis Sowuleski	So.	5-8	Epee	Little Silver, N.J./High Tech.
Stephanie Spelman	Fr.	5-6	Epee	Randolph, N.J./Morris County Academy
Beatrice Wilson	Jr.	5-2	Sabre	Chatham, N.J./Chatham

\* captain



### **Khairun Nisa Aziz**

**Major - Electrical Engineering**

Helped to lead Sabre division to a Bronze Medal at 2008 NIWFA's  
Received the Coach's Award in 2007-08



### **Rachel Cannell**

**Major - Art & Technology**

First-Team All-EWFC  
Finished 11th at NCAA Regionals in 2008  
Sits fourth all-time in career wins with 106



### **Laura Sodon**

**Major - Mathematical Sciences**

Second-Team All-EWFC

Fifth all-time in career wins with 60  
Qualified for the NCAA Regionals in 2008



### **Emily Freier**

**Major - Business Technology**

First-Team All-EWFC

Third all-time in career wins with 121  
Qualified for the NCAA Regionals in 2008



### **Natalia Chabebe**

**Major - Mechanical Engineering**

2008 EWFC Woman of the Year

First-Team All-EWFC  
Posted 37 wins last season; 2nd all-time



# Season REVIEW

The 2007-08 season encompassed both team and individual accomplishments as the Stevens Institute of Technology women's fencing team finished with a 10-7 overall record en route to a fifth-place finish at the 80th-Annual National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Championships. The Ducks had five of their fencers qualify to compete in the first round of the NCAA Regional Championships.

For the eighth year in a row, Stevens has reached the 10-win plateau. Along the way, the Ducks produced four Eastern Women's Fencing Conference all-stars and one NIWFA second-team selection in senior foilist **Natalia Chabebe (West New York, N.J.)**.

At the 2007 NIWFA Christmas Invitational, the Ducks made school history as they posted four finalists for the first time ever at the event. Senior **Emily Freier (Manalapan, N.J.)** had an outstanding performance as she finished third in epee out of 47 fencers. Junior **Rachel Cannell (Asbury, N.J.)** reached the final round as she finished seventh in the epee division. Chabebe finished eighth overall out of 46 fencers.



Freshman Stephanie Spelman

The Ducks had a strong showing in their fifth competition of the year as they swept the field at the University of New Hampshire Invitational. Stevens collected wins over Division I institutions New Hampshire (19-8) and the University of Vermont (20-7). The Ducks defeated Mt. Holyoke College by a 16-11 count as Cannell recorded her 100th-career victory during her bout. Chabebe and junior foilist **Khairun Nisa Aziz (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia)** registered 7-1 and 6-3 records, respectively. The sabre squad was led by junior **Laura Sodon (West Milford, N.J.)**, who went 8-1 in her bouts. Sophomore **Katelyn Seager (Newton, N.J.)** had a strong showing with her 7-2 mark.

During the EWFC Championships, Stevens tallied a 3-3 mark with wins over Yeshiva University (14-2), City College of New York (19-8) and Hunter College (14-13). The Ducks took fifth overall, while Drew University took first for the sixth-consecutive year. The conference also announced its first-ever recipient for the Woman of the Year Award, and Chabebe was selected by the seven EWFC head coaches following postseason action. The award was implemented to annually recognize a particular fencer who has best exemplified excellence in three areas — academics, athletics and participation in extracurricular activities.

The 2007-08 campaign also featured a bronze medal performance from the foil squad at the NIWFA Championships as Chabebe set the stage with her first-place finish in the A-pool. Sodon also earned a medal as she placed seventh overall in the sabre division. These two accomplishments marked the first time in Stevens history that the Ducks were awarded medals for the sabre and foil weapons at the NIWFA's. Chabebe also earned second-team All-NIWFA honors and was named to the NIWFA All-Academic Team.

At the 2008 NCAA Regional Championships in Madison, N.J., Cannell placed 11th-overall in the epee division. She is the second fencer in



Junior Khairun Nisa Aziz

Stevens history to have accomplished this feat. The Ducks were also represented by Freier, Chabebe, Sodon and sophomore epeeist **Alexis Sowuleski (Little Silver, N.J.)**. Freier took 22nd out of 27 fencers, while Sowuleski finished in 24th in the women's epee division. Chabebe placed 23rd out of 28 fencers in the women's foil division as Sodon finished 20th out of 20 fencers in the women's sabre division.

Chabebe finished the season with a 37-12 record and received first-team All-EWFC accolades for her performance in 2007-08. She currently sits third all-time for most wins in a season and ninth all-time in win-loss percentage in a season (0.755). Cannell posted a 39-4 showing as a junior in 2007-08 and also took home first-team honors from the EWFC. She is tied for sixth all-time for most wins in a season and is second in win-loss percentage in a single year with a mark of .907. Furthermore, Cannell is fourth all-time in career wins and fifth with a .707 (106-44) win-loss percentage. Freier earned first-team honors from the EWFC and capped her four-year career with a 30-20 record during her senior season. She is currently third all-time for most wins in a career and sits eighth in win-loss percentage (.605).



# Records & HONORS

## Stevens Institute of Technology Women's Fencing Career Records for Wins (Three-Weapon Era — Regular-Season Dual Meet Competition Only)

Wins	Foil	Year	Wins	Epee	Year	Wins	Sabre	Year
95	Rachel Cortez	...2003-07	166	Andrea Chimel	...2001-05	75	Apryl Webb	...2002-04, 2006
87	Amy Cheng	...1998-2002	123	Lauren Fuchs	...2000-04	71	Teresa Bustamante	...2001-04
86	Colleen Kirk	...2003-07	121	Emily Freier	...2004-08	70	Poonam Patel	...2001-04
71	Jen Hsiao	...1999-2003	106	Rachel Cannell	...2005-present	70	Beatrice Wilson	...2005-present
65	Mercedes Ogando	...1997-2002	83	Judith Generoso	...2003-04, 2006	60	Laura Sodon	...2005-present

## Stevens Institute of Technology Women's Fencing Single-Season Records for Wins (Three-Weapon Era — Regular-Season Dual Meet Competition Only)

Wins	Foil	Year	Wins	Epee	Year	Wins	Sabre	Year
45	Rachel Cortez	...2005-06	51	Judith Generoso	...2005-06	49	Apryl Webb	...2005-06
37	Natalia Chabebe	...2007-08	48	Andrea Chimel	...2001-02	34	Laura Sodon	...2007-08
37	Rensie Punsal	...2002-03	46	Emily Freier	...2005-06	34	Maia Hadidi	...2006-07
36	Jen Hsiao	...2001-02	45	Lauren Fuchs	...2001-02	33	Nicole Moldovan	...2005-06
35	Helen Kourlos	...2005-06	41	Andrea Chimel	...2003-04	21	Beatrice Wilson	...2004-05

### EWFC ALL-STARS

The Stevens women's fencing team has had 17 student-athletes earn All-Eastern Women's Fencing Conference honors during the last three seasons. Here is a look at those recent all-stars:

#### Foil

##### First-Team

Helen Kourlos	...2005-06
Rachel Cortez	...2006-07
Natalia Chabebe	...2007-08
<b>Second-Team</b>	
Rachel Cortez	...2005-06
Colleen Kirk	...2006-07
Khairun Nisa-Aziz	...2006-07

#### Epee

##### First-Team

Rachel Cannell	...2005-08
Judith Generoso	...2005-06
Alexis Sowuleski	...2006-07
Emily Freier	...2007-08
<b>Second-Team</b>	
Emily Freier	...2005-07
Alexis Sowuleski	...2007-08

#### Sabre

##### First-Team

Apryl Webb	...2005-06
<b>Second-Team</b>	
Laura Sodon	...2005-08
Nicole Moldovan	...2005-06
Maia Hadidi	...2006-07
Erica Mondadori	...2006-07

### National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association Team Medals

Weapon	Place	Year
Epee	1st	2006-07
Epee	2nd	2002-03
Epee	2nd	2003-04
Foil	3rd	1980-81
Foil	3rd	1997-98
Foil	4th	1996-97
Epee	4th	1996-97
Epee	4th	1997-98
Epee	4th	2005-06
Foil	3rd	2007-08

### Recent NCAA Qualifiers

#### Foil

Helen Kourlos	...2006
Colleen Kirk	...2006 & 2007
Rachel Cortez	...2006 & 2007
Natalia Chabebe	...2008

#### Epee

Judith Generoso	...2006
Alexis Sowuleski	...2007 & 2008
Rachel Cannell	...2006-08
Emily Freier	...2008

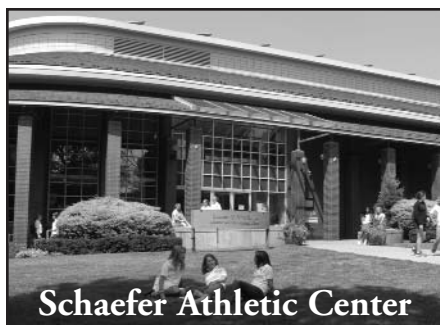
#### Sabre

Apryl Webb	...2006
Laura Sodon	...2006 & 2008
Nicole Moldovan	...2006
Maia Hadidi	...2007



2007-08 Stevens Institute of Technology Women's Fencing Team

# Stevens Athletic Facilities



## THE STEVENS ADVANTAGE . . .

The Stevens Institute of Technology Athletic Complex is comprised of over \$20 million in facilities and caters to only 1,900 students.

Stevens opened its \$13 million Charles V. Schaefer, Jr. Athletic & Recreation Center in 1994. The Athletic Training Center contains a rubberized flooring which can accommodate soccer, tennis, basketball, volleyball and other activities. The second level contains the six-lane 25-yard De Baun Aquatic Center, a Jacuzzi, showers, locker rooms and an athletic training room. The third level features the Canavan Arena, a multi-purpose arena ideal for basketball, volleyball, fencing and other indoor activities. The top floor houses a fitness center containing cardiovascular and weight-training equipment plus a conference/classroom for video or personal instruction.

Walker Gymnasium re-opened in 2004 with its \$4 million modernizing renovation. The facility has central air conditioning, a state-of-the-art weightlifting facility, coaches' offices, five team locker rooms with showers, a recruiting lounge and many aesthetic upgrades. The main floor continues to house the basketball/volleyball court with a raised running track.

During the summer of 2007, the De Baun Athletic Complex underwent a major renovation as the existing NeXturf surface was replaced with state-of-the-art FieldTurf. This marked a significant upgrade to the surface and provided Stevens with a first-class outdoor facility. The De Baun Athletic Complex is home to a number of varsity teams and is used for intramural sports, physical education classes and recreation.

Furthermore, in 2007, Stevens reached an agreement to share the brand-new Weehawken Recreation Center and Waterfront Park, which is located approximately two miles from campus. This facility will be used by varsity and intramural sports as well as campus recreation.

Stevens is one of few Division III institutions in the nation to establish a private strength and conditioning training facility (4,000 square foot) for exclusive use by its varsity athletes. Year-round strength and conditioning programs for each sport are devised through consultations between the sport's head coach and two full-time strength and conditioning coaches.



Walker  
Gymnasium



Strength &  
Conditioning



Canavan  
Arena

# 2007-08 Schedule . . .

Date	Opponent	Result	Date	Opponent	Result
11/3	at Temple University	.No Team Score	2/10	vs. Hunter College +	W 14-13
11/18	at Cornell University %	.L 9-18	2/10	at Drew University +	.L 10-17
11/18	vs. Johns Hopkins University %	.L 11-16	2/10	vs. Haverford College +	.L 12-15
11/18	vs. Yeshiva University %	.W 22-5	2/10	vs. Yeshiva University +	.W 22-5
12/2	at NIWFA Christmas Invitational	.No Team Score	2/10	vs. City College of New York +	.W 19-8
1/20	at United States Military Academy	.W 18-9	2/10	vs. Johns Hopkins University +	.L 13-14
1/20	vs. Fairleigh Dickinson University	.W 18-9	<b>2/17</b>	<b>Stevens Invitational/EWFC Championships</b>	<b>.No Team Score</b>
1/20	vs. Hunter College	.W 14-13	2/23	at NIWFA Championship	.5th/15
1/20	vs. Vassar College	.L 9-18	3/1	at NCAA First Round	.No Team Score
1/27	at University of New Hampshire #	.W 19-8	<b>% Cornell University Invitational</b>		
1/27	vs. Mt. Holyoke College #	.W 16-11	<b># University of New Hampshire Invitational</b>		
1/27	vs. University of Vermont #	.W 20-7	<b>+ Eastern Women's Fencing Conference Team Event</b>		
2/3	Sacred Heart University	.L 12-15	Home Matches in Bold		

