

Bonnies leaving for tournaments Friday; fans can cheer team on as they depart

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y., March 11, 2021 — The campus community is invited to wish the Bonnies well as the team departs Friday afternoon for the Atlantic 10 men's basketball title game Sunday in Dayton.

Students, faculty and staff can line the road that intersects campus between Butler Gym and the Quick Center leading out to College (Union) Street as the buses leave campus at approximately 1:45 p.m. Please be masked.

Led by a police escort, the buses will then head west down Union Street all the way to First Street, and then head back east down State Street in Allegany toward Olean. The buses will then head north down Union Street in Olean, then west on Wayne Street to go by the Olean Middle School, and then board I-86 at exit 25.

Because of the university's COVID-19 no-visitors policy, community members should only be on the sidewalks of the streets in Allegany and Olean.

"In this extraordinary year, it's a shame that the community hasn't been able to see this extraordinary team in person – and just as unfortunate that the players haven't been able to experience the intensity that our fans bring to the Reilly Center," said Tom Missel, chief communications officer. "Cheering the team on as they leave town is the least we can do as they head to Dayton and, from there we firmly believe, to the NCAA Tournament in Indianapolis."

CBS has informed athletics staff at St. Bonaventure that they will have a live camera inside the conference center at the Dayton hotel where the Bonnies, win or lose vs. VCU, will be watching the NCAA Selection Show at 6 p.m. Sunday.