




TULANE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
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ATHLETICS

BY THE NUMBERS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (TEAM)

Baseball
Football
Sailing

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (INDIVIDUAL)

Kristen O'Handley (Indoor Pentathlon)
Kara Steele (Indoor Triple Jump)

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES (TEAM)

Baseball
Women's Basketball
Football
Men's Tennis
Sailing

POSTSEASON (INDIVIDUALS)

Men's Cross Country – Bradley Makuvire
Track and Field – Kristen O'Handley

ALL-AMERICANS FOOTBALL 2

Macon Clark
Tyjae Spears

GOLF 1

Carla Bernat

SAILING 4

Lydia Brown
Cameron Giblin
Andrea Riefkohl-Gonzalez
Ciara Rodriguez-Horan

TRACK AND FIELD – INDOOR AND OUTDOOR 2

Janae Dean
Kristen O'Handley

COACH OF THE YEAR

Willie Fritz
Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year,
George Munger National Coach of the Year,
American Athletic Conference Coach of the Year

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Football (Offensive): Tyjae Spears
Golf: Carla Bernat
Women's Indoor Track: Kristen O'Handley



ATHLETICS

BY THE NUMBERS

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Football:

Prince Pines and Kanan Ray

ALL-CONFERENCE

Baseball: 2

Ricky Castro, Teo Banks

Beach Volleyball: 3

Molly Ebertin, Kendall Peters,
Molly Trodd (CUSA All-Freshman)

Men's Basketball: 3

Jalen Cook, Jaylen Forbes, Kevin Cross

Women's Basketball: 1

Dynah Jones

Men's Cross Country: 2

Bradley Makuvire, Aaron Gilliam

Women's Cross Country: 1

Mackenzie Callahan

Golf: 1

Carla Bernat

Football: 15

Prince Pines, Sincere Haynesworth, Tyjae Spears,
Dorian Williams, Jarius Monroe, Macon Clark,
Joey Claybrook, Michael Pratt, Darius Hodges,
Patrick Jenkins, Nick Anderson, Casey Glover,
Jha'Quan Jackson, Larry Brooks, Tyrick James



Women's Indoor Track and Field: 4

Mackenzie Callahan, Kristen O'Handley, Victoria
Robinson, Kara Steele

Women's Outdoor Track and Field: 6

Maren Butler, Mackenzie Callahan, Janae Dean,
Victoria Robinson, Kara Steele, Margot Temines

Men's Outdoor Track and Field: 2

Aaron Gilliam, Bradley Makuvire

TICKET SALES MILESTONES

- #1 in total revenue ticket sales in the last 10 years
- #1 in football single-game revenue in the last 10 years
- #1 in baseball single-game revenue in the last 10 years
- #2 in men's basketball single-game revenue in the last 10 years
- #2 in volleyball total revenue in the last 10 years

FUNDRAISING MILESTONES

- 45% increase in annual fund dollars
- 40% increase in annual fund donors



DRAFT PICKS

FOOTBALL

- Tyjae Spears
(Third Round, 81st Overall, Tennessee Titans)
- Dorian Williams
(Third Round, 91st Overall, Buffalo Bills)

BASEBALL

- Dylan Carmouche
(15th Round, 450th Overall, San Francisco Giants)

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

In our ninth year at Yulman Stadium and our 10th year as members of the American Athletic Conference, Green Wave football won our first ever AAC Championship and our second football conference championship of any kind since 1949. And, of course, the historic season was capped off by a remarkable comeback win against USC in the Cotton Bowl, with the Green Wave's final ranking at #9 in the nation. To put into some context just what Coach Willie Fritz has accomplished during his seven seasons at Tulane, he now ranks second in career victories in the history of Tulane and is the only coach in school history to lead a team to more than one bowl game. Although Coach Fritz was publicly courted by other programs at the end of the season, we are proud and excited that he recently signed a new seven-year contract with the Wave. We hope this enables him to continue to achieve the highest levels of success and recognition.



Men's basketball also had its fair share of success. Coach Ron Hunter led the Green Wave to its first 20-win regular season since the 1999-2000 season. This included 12 conference wins – the most since the 1947-48 season. With two all-conference players returning next year, expectations are high. Those expectations, along with our program's reputation, led to our selection as the Team USA representative in the World University Games this summer in Chengdu, China.

After leading the women's golf team to a conference championship in her freshman year, sophomore Carla Bernat established historical scoring marks for Tulane Golf and was ranked among the top 20 golfers in the nation throughout most of the season.

Women's indoor track and field enjoyed a 4th place finish at the Indoor American Athletic Conference Championships. Kristen O'Handley won the pentathlon at the AAC Indoor Championships with a meet record of 4,175 points.



O'Handley qualified and placed 7th at the NCAA Indoor Championships. She scored a school record 4,277 points in the pentathlon to earn All-American honors. It was the fourth time that she broke the school record in the pentathlon on the season. She is the program's first indoor All-American since 2016 and the first-ever pentathlon All-American for the school.

O'Handley also set the school record in the heptathlon and advanced to both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Men's tennis qualified for the NCAA Tournament again this season, the sixth time in seven seasons under Coach Mark Booras. As most are aware, Coach Booras recently underwent a successful heart transplant at the Cleveland Clinic. We look forward to welcoming Mark back to the helm this fall, and continue to keep him, his wife Laura, and their infant daughter, Georgiana, in our thoughts.

Beach volleyball finished its season at #18 in the AVCA rankings and a 24-10 record in its first season as a member of Conference USA. Abby Jackson and Ashton Mares won the AVCA Top Flight Award.

Bowling finished the 2022-23 season ranked 22nd nationally and will join Conference USA in the fall of 2023.

Green Wave Baseball concluded a strong competitive year with our first AAC championship, marking the 16th conference championship in the storied history of the program. The AAC championship led to our return to the NCAA Regionals for the first time since 2016.

Baseball's Teo Banks was named AAC Tournament MVP.



ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

This fall, our swimming and diving team will compete in the newly renovated Reily Center Natatorium as the nearly \$13 million, three-year renovation has been completed with the center reopening on August 25, 2023.

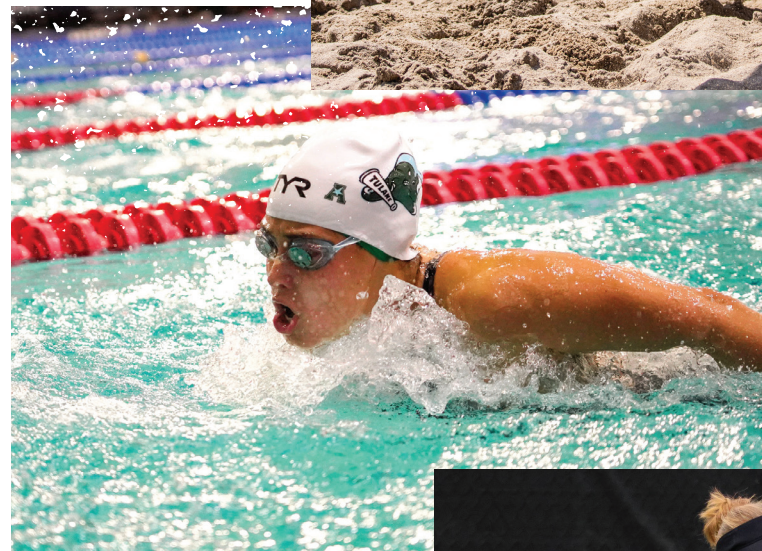
Construction on a new multimillion-dollar, six-court tennis facility for men's and women's tennis will begin this spring.

The Wilson Center recently received an \$8 million renovation to expand and upgrade the locker rooms, common spaces, and athletic training facilities. The renovation includes new water modalities for rehabilitation and injury prevention.

Our next facilities investment will focus on constructing an on-campus multi-purpose indoor bubble facility to support football, track, golf, and the greater campus community. Additional phases within the athletics corridor will include more locker rooms and meeting spaces, additional sports medicine and rehabilitation spaces, and a larger strength and conditioning facility.

As a video and broadcasting crew, Andrew Alvarez, Zach Fischer, and Kelsey McHugh produced over 100 live events this past year. For the second year in a row, they were nationally recognized for Outstanding Live Game production for their broadcast of the Cincinnati at Tulane men's basketball game.

Deputy Director of Athletics and Senior Women Administrator Charvi Greer was named one of three Champions of Diversity and Inclusion by the NCAA. Charvi oversees both basketball programs and all areas that directly impact the student-athlete experience, including academic advising, mental and physical health, and nutrition. She is a tireless advocate for all students, and we are grateful for her dedication.



AAC ACADEMIC CONSORTIUM

Tulane hosted the American Athletic Conference Academic Consortium's 2023 Academic Symposium in April. The Consortium funds grants for research in the area of student-athlete well-being, and the Symposium brought together student-athletes, scholars, and athletics staff from The American's member institutions to learn about the results of the research. The symposium also provided a space for collaborative efforts across the membership to discuss and enhance the student-athlete experience.

This year's agenda included a broad range of topics, including empowerment of student-athletes, name-image-likeness initiatives, mental health, and the impact of the transfer portal.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Gregory Stewart, the director of Tulane's Sports Concussion Management Program and the chair of The American's Medical Advisory Group.

The Consortium was founded in 2016 as a presidential initiative by the conference's member institutions to promote academic excellence and to develop opportunities for collaboration and professional development for faculty, administrators, and students. The core focus of the consortium is the establishment of research and formulation of programming relative to student well-being, with particular emphasis on the issues surrounding college athletics. The consortium aims at fostering partnerships among member institutions and developing initiatives that advance the academic mission at each institution.



GREEN GLOBES AWARD WINNERS

Jakob Feliciano

SAAC Staff Member of the Year

Kyren Whittington

Women's Basketball | Female Newcomer of the Year

Jarius Monroe

Football | Male Newcomer of the Year

Emily Heintzelman

Beach Volleyball | Female Breakthrough Athlete of the Year

Bradley Makuvire

Men's Cross Country, Track & Field | Male Breakthrough Athlete of the Year

McKenzi Carter

Women's Basketball | Female Teammate of the Year

Nick Anderson

Football | Male Teammate of the Year

Sofia Druchyna

Women's Bowling | Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Kit Stoll

Sailing | Men's Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Kierra Middleton

Women's Basketball | Female Wilson Award

Sincere Haynesworth

Football | Male Wilson Award

Jo Kremer

Beach Volleyball | Assistant Coach of the Year

Willie Fritz

Football | Head Coach of the Year

Kristen O'Handley

Women's Track & Field | Performance of the Year

Football | Best Win | Cotton Bowl

Women's Sailing | Female Team of the Year

Football | Male Team of the Year

Carla Bernat

Women's Golf | Female Athlete of the Year

Tyjae Spears

Football | Male Athlete of the Year

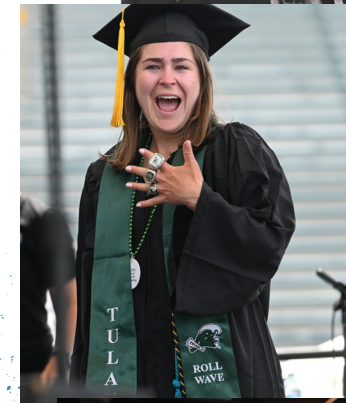
The Green Globes returned to an in-person format for the first time since 2019.



ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Academically, Tulane continued to set a standard of success, with 68% of our student-athletes earning at least a 3.0 GPA, seven teams earning a perfect Academic Progress Rate (APR), and a department Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 93%.

Lahari Yelamanchili (women's tennis) and Gigi Williamson (former GA) both won the Tulane 34 Award. Amelia Vasquez (bowling) won the Newcomb-Tulane Student Athlete award. Rachel Hakes (women's basketball) won the Tulane Association of Business Alumni Award.



91

student-athletes made the fall dean's list.

343

student-athletes achieved a GPA of 3.0 or greater in the fall and/or spring semesters.

77

student-athletes made the spring dean's list.

2022-23 GRADUATING SENIORS

DeVon Baker, Men's Basketball

Yvette Burcescu, Volleyball

Arsula Clark, Women's Basketball

Krystal Freeman, Women's Basketball

Tyler Hoffman, Baseball

Carter Robinson, Baseball

Scott Spencer, Men's Basketball

Lane Thomas, Baseball

Cameron Van Hoorebeke, Baseball

Nicholas G. Anderson, Football

Larry P. Brooks, Football

Macon G. Clark, Football

Jackson C. Fort, Football

DiCarlos Hatcher, Football

Nikolas A. Hogan, Football

Tyrick K. James, Football

Jing Ren, Women's Track & Field

Tyjae A. Spears, Football

Elizabeth A. Stefanov, Volleyball

Alfred Thomas, Football

Caleb J. Thomas, Football

Kanyon E. Walker, Football

Nataurean J. Watts, Football

Dorian Williams, Football

Danyelle Williams, Volleyball

Simon S. Baumgardt, Baseball

Seth D. Beckstead, Baseball

Jared B. Hart, Baseball

Brennan C. Lambert, Baseball

Brayden J. Morrow, Baseball

Cristian A. Sanchez, Baseball

Graham Dable, Football

Kiland Harrison, Football

Sincere A. Haynesworth, Football

Eric D. Hicks, Football

Ethan T. Hudak, Football

Jha'Quan B. Jackson, Football

Noah D. Taliancich, Football

Levi A. Williams, Football

Nobal A. Days, Men's Basketball

Oton Jankovic, Men's Basketball

Robert McGee, Men's Basketball

Donal J. Devane, Men's Cross Country, Men's Track & Field

Samuel F. Kellum, Men's Cross Country, Men's Track & Field

Jamison K. Polakoff, Men's Cross Country, Men's Track & Field

Alex Bancila, Men's Tennis

Charles Callaghan Barry, Men's Tennis

Caroline C. Benson, Sailing

Lydia M. Brown, Sailing

William Q. Keenan, Sailing

Anne E. Richard, Sailing

Christopher Stoll, Sailing

Jillian E. Dits, Volleyball

Kayla I. Kaiser, Volleyball

Melissa Kolurbasi, Volleyball

Mackenzie T. Martin, Volleyball

Anijah Grant, Women's Basketball

Irina M. Parau, Women's Basketball

Mollie A. Ebertin, Women's Beach Volleyball

Ashton L. Mares, Women's Beach Volleyball

Samantha L. Mehlman, Women's Beach Volleyball

Jenica R. Baron, Women's Bowling

Amelia M. Vasquez, Women's Bowling

Mackenzie M. Callahan, Women's Cross Country, Women's Track & Field

Laura Croll, Women's Cross Country, Women's Track & Field

Allison E. Nelson, Women's Cross Country, Women's Track & Field

Hanna Liu, Women's Golf

Carlota Palacios Peral, Women's Golf

Sandra Vazquez Garrido, Women's Golf

Kathleen M. Amar, Women's Swimming & Diving

Ashley M. Carollo, Women's Swimming & Diving

Madison M. Cummings, Women's Swimming & Diving

Olivia K. Davison, Women's Swimming & Diving

Mya H. Drost-Parra, Women's Swimming & Diving

Gabrielle K. Hebert, Women's Swimming & Diving

Mackenzie M. Clark, Women's Tennis

Adelaide Lavery, Women's Tennis

Lahari Yelamanchili, Women's Tennis

Maren M. Butler, Women's Track & Field

Megan E. Fitzgerald, Women's Track & Field

Kara T. Schiek, Women's Track & Field

Kara Steele, Women's Track & Field

Margot Temines, Women's Track & Field

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This year, our student-athletes ranked #2 in the nation in community service with 6,565 collective hours. This is the seventh consecutive year we have been in the top 25 nationally, showcasing that our commitment to serve others is the foundation of the Tulane experience. The Green Wave also had eight teams that finished in the top 10 nationally for community service for their respective sport in the 2022-23 Helper Helper Challenge. Two teams finished in the Top 5 among all D1 women's and men's teams.



#2 NATIONALLY IN
COMMUNITY
SERVICE

2 TEAMS IN THE
TOP
5
AMONG ALL
D1 TEAMS

HELPER HELPER
CHALLENGE

8
TEAMS
IN THE
TOP 10

STUDENT ATHLETE ENHANCEMENT

Thanks to the generous contributions of Jill H. and Avram A. Glazer, our department was able to launch its first study abroad program for rising juniors. In May, nearly 70 of our student-athletes traveled to Australia, where they earned three credit hours through a combination of classroom learning, experiential activities, and sports exploration. Among their many adventures was the opportunity to swim in the Great Barrier Reef. The study abroad program will continue next year.

In June, five student-athletes also attended the NIL Summit in Atlanta, Georgia. The NIL Summit was born of the idea of giving student-athletes from across the nation a platform to converge on as a community of influencers and change agents. At the summit, the student-athletes share ideas and collaborate alongside the transformative brands and organizations shaping the future of college sports.



EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION INITIATIVES

10 student-athletes and three staff attended the BSA Summit in Los Angeles this spring. The four-day event played host to more than 1,200 student-athletes, professionals, and influencers representing more than 170 colleges and universities, marking the summit's largest showing in history. Founded by Dr. Leonard Moore, the Black Student Athlete Summit brings together more than 1,200 Black Student-Athletes, professionals, and influencers from the world of college athletics to ensure greater support for Black Student-Athletes in the classroom and beyond, so they can be globally competitive in the job market.





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