

# 2022-23

# ANNUAL REPORT

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI ATHLETICS





## A LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT / DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

### DAN RADAKOVICH

The 2022-23 school year was filled with memorable moments for Miami Athletics, including historic postseason runs, stellar performances in the classroom, generous acts of community leadership, facility upgrades, and record fundraising efforts.

The year was highlighted by magical March Madness runs by our men's and women's basketball teams as the men advanced to the first Final Four in school history, and the women made their first-ever Elite Eight. The men's team also shared the ACC regular season championship, its first since 2013. Eleven other teams advanced to NCAA postseason play. Nine student-athletes won ACC individual titles and 13 Canes earned All-America honors. Isaiah Wong earned ACC Men's Basketball Player of the Year honors and Max Flory was named ACC Men's Diver of the Year. Jim Larrañaga became just the 35th Division I men's basketball coach to eclipse 700 career wins.

Paige Yaroshuk-Tews notched her 400th career win as Miami's women's tennis coach. Randy Ableman earned ACC Men's Diving Coach of the Year honors for the sixth time. Russell Robinson won the silver medal in the triple jump at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Our 2023 football recruiting class ranked seventh in the country and first in the ACC. We finished 49th nationally in the Learfield Directors' Cup, which recognizes the schools with the best overall sports performances in an academic year. It marked our highest finish in the Learfield Directors' Cup since 2015-16.

Our success is the result of a collective effort — the commitment of our 400-plus student-athletes; the

dedication of our coaches and staff; and the continued support we receive from our University leadership, donors, alumni and fans throughout South Florida and around the world.



Our student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom. Our 3.17 grade point average this past spring semester was our highest for a non-COVID-19 semester. Fourteen of 18 teams posted a 3.0 or higher. We earned an NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 93 percent, matching the school record set in 2012. It was the seventh consecutive year and 10th year in the past 11 that UM has earned a four-year average GSR rate of 90 percent or higher. We also earned an Academic Progress Rate score of 977 in the NCAA's latest APR report. Seven UM programs achieved APR perfect scores of 1,000 for the 2021-22 academic year — men's cross country, men's diving, golf, soccer, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis and volleyball. I am proud of our student-athletes and the work they do in the classroom, and also grateful to our coaches and academic services staff for their continued dedication to our academic mission.

We encourage a servant mentality across Miami Athletics and our student-athletes take that mindset to heart. We captured the 2022 NCAA Team Works Community Service Competition, garnering 100 percent participation from our student-athletes and totaling more than 2,600 community service hours during the competition.



Our student-athletes also took advantage of the numerous leadership, professional and civic engagement opportunities offered through our Student-Athlete Development office, including the Student-Athlete Career & Internship Fair, Student-Athlete Leadership Academy, HER Leadership Academy and Hurricane 101. They continue to enrich our Canes culture and experience through such organizations as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Black Student-Athlete Alliance, Canes Worldwide and Athlete Ally. In addition, we took 30 student-athletes and staff members on an Historical Black Miami tour and took nine members of the Black Student-Athlete Alliance on an educational tour of Washington, D.C.

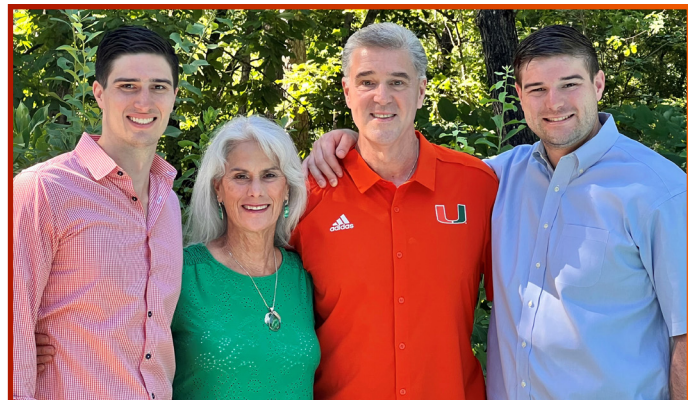
We are grateful to each of the 21,000 individuals who helped to raise the bar this past fiscal year by investing in the vision of Miami Athletics. Together, they generously contributed more than \$26 million in cash and new commitments, an increase of 36 percent over the previous fiscal year, which included eight seven-figure gifts. Those seven-figure gifts impacted several different areas of athletics, including our forthcoming Football Operations Center, Symons Basketball Training Center and Ruiz Family Strength & Conditioning Center. We also raised \$6.8 million in Hurricane Club annual fund donations to support our 18 sports and 400-plus student-athletes and raised nearly \$700,000 in direct support of women's athletics through our Together 4 Her Campaign. Thank you to all our supporters for making a difference in the experience for our student-athletes!

This past January we announced plans to build our new Football Operations Center, an on-campus, state-of-the-art, 172,000-square foot facility that will serve as the "forever" home of Miami football. That project is the centerpiece of an athletics master plan that will affect facilities and sport sponsorship. I believe that facilities serve as a tangible, transformative representation of our investment in our student-athletes, while more sports create more opportunities for student-athletes and create more gathering spots that connect our campus and our community.

Thank you for your continued investment in Miami Athletics. Your generous support helps our student-athletes pursue their dreams, both on the field at the highest level of Division I athletics, and off the field at a world-class institution, one that just earned membership into the prestigious Association of American Universities.

We look forward to seeing you cheer on the Canes throughout the 2023-24 academic year.

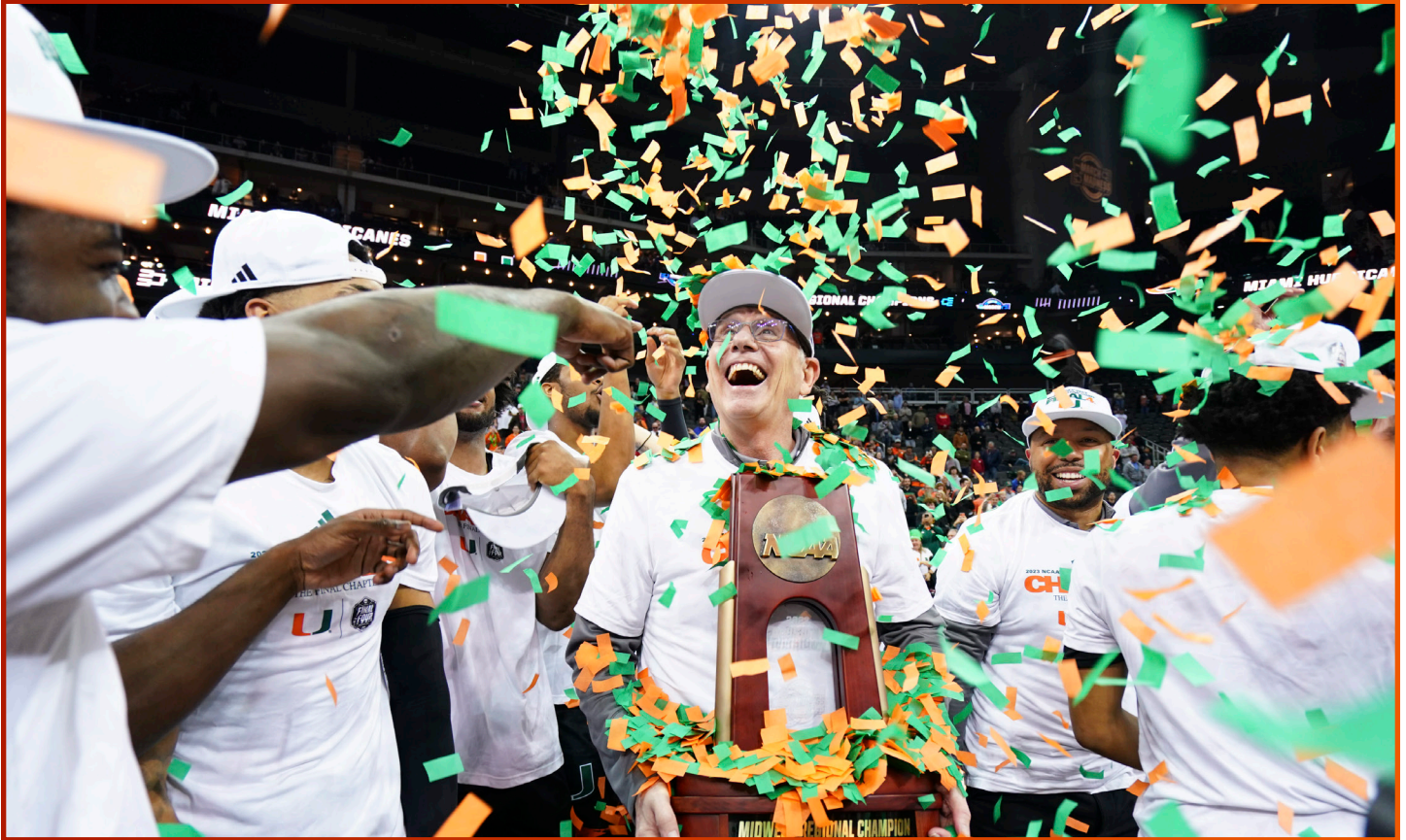
Go Canes!





# MISSION STATEMENT

CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY | EXCELLENCE | PASSION | RESPECT | FAMILY



## OUR MISSION

Miami Athletics is dedicated to developing and supporting its student-athletes in their efforts to achieve personal, academic, and athletic excellence.



## CORE VALUES:

**Excellence:** We strive for excellence in all our endeavors, setting a high bar for success both on and off the playing field.

**Integrity:** We compete and conduct ourselves with integrity, holding ourselves and our peers to the highest ethical standards.

**Respect:** We treat our teammates, community, and competitors with respect, communicating from a place of understanding and displaying professional courtesy at all times.

**Pride:** We are personally invested in everything that we do, fostering an enormous sense of pride in our work and the work of those around us.

**Family:** We work together as a family, building on a support system that serves to encourage and motivate one another.



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# 2022-2023: YEAR IN REVIEW

by: Christy Chirinos Cabrera

There were so many games and moments to remember.

For two basketball teams, history-making runs through the college basketball's championship tournaments. For a two-time football national champion, a homecoming. And for more than a few talented Miami Hurricanes, individual performances that earned them national recognition and showcased their talents in a myriad of ways.

Before the summer gets any hotter and a new season of competition begins, here's a look back at the 2022-23 season that was in Coral Gables.

## Football

While the Hurricanes opened the season with a rousing 70-13 win over Bethune-Cookman to give head coach Mario Cristobal a memorable victory in his return to Miami, the Hurricanes faced their share of challenges during Cristobal's first season back at his alma mater.

Quarterback Tyler Van Dyke, the 2021 ACC Rookie of the Year, was one of several Hurricanes limited by injuries last fall. Still, Van Dyke finished the year completing 63 percent of his passes and throwing for 1,835 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Meanwhile, safety Kam Kinchens emerged as one of the top players in all of college football.

Kinchens put together an All-American campaign, finishing the season with a team-high 59 tackles. And his six regular-season interceptions were tied for tops in the nation.

In December, Miami signed a top-10 recruiting class filled with playmakers that will, no doubt, make a difference for the Hurricanes for years to come. The class was ranked as the best in Miami Football history by every major scouting service.

And this spring, three of the players who led the Hurricanes in the fall – cornerback Tyrique Stevenson, tight end Will Mallory and cornerback DJ Ivey – each heard their names called in the 2023 NFL Draft.

## Volleyball

For the second straight year, the Hurricanes earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

One of the biggest reasons why? A late-season surge that bolstered their tournament resume.

Miami won six of its last seven regular-season matches and during that stretch, rallied to upset then 10th-ranked Georgia Tech in a memorable four-set thriller before the Hurricanes finished the season 19-11.

Senior middle blocker Janice Leao earned first-team All-ACC honors after leading the Hurricanes with 93.5 total blocks, while senior setter Savannah Vach – who became just the fourth Hurricane to total 4,000 assists in her Miami career – and junior outside hitter Angela Grieve earned second-team honors. Freshman Flormarie Heredia Colon, meanwhile, earned a spot on the 2022 ACC All-Freshman team.



## Soccer

Miami's soccer team finished the season with five home wins and five shutouts – the most of by the Hurricanes in six seasons.

One of those wins? An 1-0 victory over eventual NCAA College Cup semifinalist Alabama in August. Redshirt freshman forward Megan Morgan scored the first goal of her Hurricanes career – and the first of Miami's season – in the 32nd minute to put Miami on the board, while goalkeeper Melissa Dagenais finished the day with three saves to help the Hurricanes secure the win.



## Women's Basketball

A season ago, the Hurricanes made history when they advanced to the ACC Championship Game for the first time.

This season, they went and took things further. Much further.

Miami, which finished the regular season with an 18-11 record, entered the ACC Tournament as the No. 6 seed and after coming up short in its quest to advance to a second straight conference title game, might have been considered by some to be on the bubble ahead of the NCAA Tournament.

But the Hurricanes earned a tournament berth as the No. 9 seed in the Greenville 2 region and went on to put together an unforgettable March Madness run. In its tournament opener, Miami rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to notch an unforgettable comeback win over Oklahoma State. That was followed by a thrilling 70-68 win over top-seeded Indiana on the Hoosiers' home floor that culminated when veteran Destiny Harden hit a game-winning jumper with 3.3 seconds left to silence more than 14,000 fans.

That victory gave the Hurricanes their first berth in the Sweet 16 since 1992 – and the first since the tournament field expanded in 1994. But knocking off one of the nation's top teams wasn't quite enough for the Hurricanes.

Miami went on to earn its first Elite Eight berth with a 70-65 win over fourth-seeded Villanova, thanks in large part to a memorable performance from sophomore Jasmyne Roberts, who finished with a team-high 26 points and team-high nine rebounds. The Hurricanes magical run came to an end a game later after a hard-fought 54-42 loss to eventual national champion LSU, but all of Miami's coaches and players were beyond proud of what they'd accomplished.

"It was amazing to say the least," said Roberts, who averaged 19.0 points and 7.3 rebounds during the NCAA Tournament. "We really made history and we did something that no team at Miami that's played for [head coach Katie Meier] has done here. We've got to hold our heads high on that. It's meant a lot to have everyone's support and everyone cheering for us."

Said Meier, "When they had an opportunity, they kind of kicked the door down. We've had other teams that might have been ranked higher...But this particular team, [when] there was an opportunity, there was a little crack, they were like 'Let's kick it open.' And that's why I'm so happy for them, because they were not intimidated by any matchup, and they just went for it. Nothing to lose, everything to gain. It was fun."





## Men's Basketball

The Miami women weren't the only ones to put together a historic run through March.

A season after advancing to the Elite Eight for the first time in school history, the men's basketball team took another huge step forward, advancing to the program's first Final Four. Before that, though, in November, head coach Jim Larrañaga notched the 700th win of his career and in March, the Hurricanes won a share of the ACC regular-season title while posting an impressive 16-1 record on their home floor at the Watsco Center.

Still, despite their regular-season success and having veterans Jordan Miller and Isaiah Wong – the ACC Player of the Year – on the roster, the Hurricanes were picked by more than a couple of college hoops experts to be one of the teams likely to be upset in the NCAA Tournament.

That didn't exactly sit well with Miami's coaches and players who, in a pre-tournament video, playfully urged college basketball fans not to pick the Hurricanes when filling out their brackets. Once the tournament began, the Hurricanes got past Drake – the 12th seed a few of those college hoops experts touted as the potential spoiler of a Miami run – and fourth-seeded Indiana.

Miami then knocked off top-seeded Houston and second-seeded Texas, with the win over the Longhorns proving to be one of the most unforgettable victories in program history.

The Hurricanes overcame a 13-point, second-half deficit to clinch an 88-81 win, with Miller posting a perfect game, shooting 7-of-7 from the field and 13-of-13 from the free throw line to finish with a game-high 27 points. The victory sent Miami to its first Final Four and while the Hurricanes came up short in Houston after a tough 72-59 loss to eventual national champion Connecticut, Miami's run was one that won't be forgotten in Coral Gables – and beyond – any time soon.

"The sky's the limit for this program. You know, each year, the program's only going to keep getting better," said guard Nijel Pack, who was named the Midwest Regional's Most Outstanding Player during Miami's run. "There's a certain expectation for this group now and I'm glad to be a part of this, be a part of Miami history."

Said Larrañaga of his team, "They're so much fun to be around, on the court and off the court...They'll have great memories of the entire season and some of the great wins we have had. I told them all along these memories last a lifetime. You'll be telling your grandchildren about it one day."





### Cross Country

Sophomore Daphnee Lavassas turned in another strong season for the Hurricanes, posting a top-25 finish at the NCAA South Regional Cross Country Championships in November.

Lavassas crossed the line with a new personal best mark of 20:22.8 in the 6K to finish in 22nd place and earn All-Region honors. It was Miami's best performance in the regional race in 16 years.

### Track & Field

The Hurricanes wrapped up the 2023 season with more than a few big individual performances at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships earlier this month.

Graduate student Décio Andrade placed fourth in the men's hammer throw with a final distance of 73.73m, a mark that was good enough to earn help the ACC champion earn first-team All-American honors in back-to-back seasons.

Junior Russell Robinson, meanwhile, posted a final jump of 16.94m in the triple jump, a mark that earned him a second-place finish at the national championship meet and earned him All-American recognition.

On the women's side, Hannah Hall continued her dominance in the shot put.

After winning the indoor ACC title, she claimed the conference's outdoor championship with a final mark of 17.64 in May. She then threw 17.94m at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, a mark good enough for eighth place in the nation and first-team All-American recognition.

### Golf

Third-year sophomore Sara Byrne capped a memorable season by qualifying for the NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships after a third-place finish at the NCAA Palm Beach Regional last month.

Byrne tallied 17 rounds of par-or-better, out of 37 rounds this season and recorded her season and career best finish at the Palm Beach Regional, where she posted a 54-hole score of 214 (-2) at the par-72 PGA National Resort.

Both Byrne and teammate Daniella Barrett also posted top-25 finishes at the ACC Championships in April.



## Swim & Dive

Miami's dive team put together another strong showing and brought home more than its fair share of trophies during another memorable season.

Max Flory earned ACC Men's Diver of the Year recognition and was named the back-to-back ACC Men's Most Valuable Diver after sweeping all three diving events at the 2023 conference championships. He was the first diver to accomplish that feat since 2014. He successfully defended his title on the 3-meter springboard and his win on the platform also marked the seventh year in a row a Miami diver finished atop the podium.

Flory finished the year earning second-team All-America honors by finishing in the top 10 nationally in both the 1-meter and platform events at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships.

On the women's side, Mia Vallée turned in a pair of All-America performances at nationals, finishing in third place in the 1-meter and in fifth place in the 3-meter. Graduate student Tara Vovk, meanwhile, captured second-team All-America honors with her 11th place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships.

## Rowing

For the second straight year, the Hurricanes finished fifth at the ACC Championship, tying last season's showing for the best finish by Miami since the league expanded to nine teams in 2015.

Fourth-year junior Constance Stirling and third-year sophomore Alyssa Bacchus each earned spots on the All-ACC team, with Stirling earning first-team honors and Bacchus earning second-team recognition. The duo helped the first varsity eight boat place fourth in the grand final at the ACC Championship.

## Men's Tennis

The Hurricanes posted an impressive 11-0 record at home and finished the season ranked fourth in the ITA Southeast Region year-end rankings.

It's the second straight season the Hurricanes placed fourth in the final regional rankings. The Hurricanes finished the season at No. 50 in the ITA national rankings.

Graduate student Dan Martin, a two-time first-team All-ACC honoree, checked in at fifth in the final ITA Southeast Region singles ranking, while sophomore Martin Katz came in at No. 15.

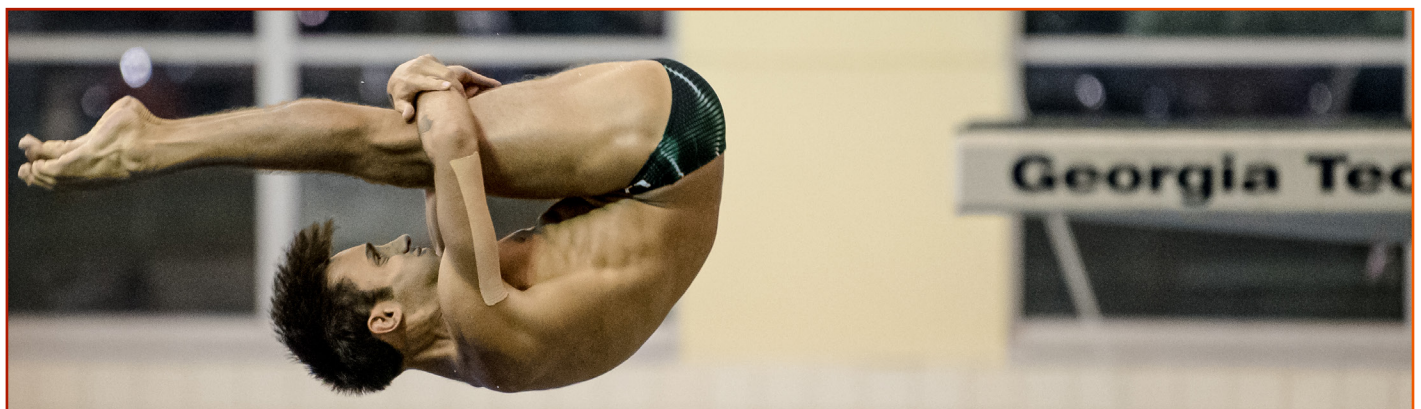
Martin's fifth-place finish was the highest by a Hurricane in the year-end regional rankings since Daniel Vallverdu placed third in 2008.

Martin, who earned a berth in the NCAA Singles Championship, finished his six-year college career with a 94-49 overall singles record and totaled 20 wins over ranked opponents, including a defeat of Georgia's Ethan Quinn, the then-No. 1 player in the country.

## Women's Tennis

Newcomer Alexa Noel proved to be a force for the Hurricanes in her first season in orange and green, posting a 34-8 singles record and earning both ITA All-American recognition and first-team All-ACC honors. Teammate Isabella Pfennig earned third-team All-ACC honors after going 23-15 this season.

As a team, the Hurricanes finished the season with a 19-6 record and the third-place spot in the ITA Southeast Region year-end rankings. They advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and finished the year ranked No. 16 in the ITA national rankings.





## Baseball

Another year, another national seed.

The Miami Hurricanes hosted an NCAA Regional for the second straight year in yet another impressive campaign that concluded in the postseason.

The Hurricanes finished 2023 with a 42-21 mark and an 18-12 record in Atlantic Coast Conference play, advancing all the way to the ACC Championship Game in an exhilarating run at Durham Bulls Athletic Park to open the postseason.

Among the season's highlights included a sweep of rival Florida State at Alex Rodriguez Park at Mark Light Field - the eighth such sweep over the rival in program history - and a dominant 30-6 mark inside its home ballpark.

Seven Hurricanes earned All-ACC recognition, headlined by the selection of superstar infielder Yohandy Morales and closer Andrew Walters to the first team. First baseman CJ Kayfus, shortstop Dom Pitelli and starting pitcher Gage Ziehl earned second-team honors, while Blake Cyr and Zach Levenson were tabbed to the third team. Cyr was named a freshman All-America by nearly every major outlet.



Following the season, the excitement didn't end there; the Hurricanes saw six players drafted in the 2023 MLB Draft, including Morales (second round), Walters (second), Kayfus (third), Alejandro Rosario (fifth), Levenson (fifth) and Pitelli (seventh) were the six selections picked in the top 10 rounds, which matched a program record.

Following the season, Gino DiMare announced plans to step down as head coach; longtime pitching coach JD Arteaga was named to the post on June 26, becoming just the 10th man entrusted with leading one of college baseball's most storied programs in university history.





## BASEBALL

- The Hurricanes, who spent the entire season ranked among the nation's top 25, hosted an NCAA Regional for the second straight year in 2023
- Miami ended the year with a 42-21 overall record and made a postseason run to the ACC Baseball Championship Game at Durham Bulls Athletic Park
- Miami's appearance in the conference title game was its first since 2012
- Thanks in part to their run in Durham, the Hurricanes secured a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the 49th time in program history.
- One of the nation's top closers, Andrew Walters, finished the year with a 4-0 record, a career-best 1.21 ERA and 12 saves and earned first-team All-American honors
- Third baseman Yohandy Morales, earned first-team All-America plaudits from Perfect Game after a season in which he hit .408
- Freshman infielder Blake Cyr, one of five rookies nationally with 17 home runs and 63 RBI, was named a Freshman All-American
- The Hurricanes had six players drafted in the top 10 rounds of the 2023 Major League Baseball Draft; Morales (second round), Walters (second), CJ Kayfus (third), Alejandro Rosario (fifth), Zach Levenson (fifth) and Dom Pitelli (seventh)

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Advanced to the Final Four for the first time in school history
- Reached the Elite Eight for the second year in a row
- Earned a share of the ACC regular season title, the second in history
- Finished third in the USA TODAY Coaches Poll, a program best
- Posted a 29-8 overall record to tie a program record for wins
- Also set or tied program bests in regular season (24), home (16), ACC (15), top-25 (seven) and top-10 (three) victories
- Led Miami to its second win ever against a team ranked No. 1
- Defeated seven programs with a national title, including five with multiple and three with five-plus
- Jim Larranaga eclipsed 700 career wins and 250 wins at Miami
- Coach L named Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame nominee
- Coach L inducted into the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame
- Coach L a finalist for Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year award
- Isaiah Wong named ACC Player of the Year (second in program history) and an NABC Third Team All-American (sixth AA in program history), as well as AP Honorable Mention All-American
- Jordan Miller named Second Team All-ACC, NABC Second Team All-District 2, NCAA Midwest Region All-Tournament Team
- Norchad Omier named Third Team All-ACC, NABC Second Team All-District 2 and Karl Malone Award Top 10 candidate
- Nijel Pack named the NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional Most Outstanding Player, the first such honor in program history



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Finished the 2022-23 season at 22-13 overall and 11-7 in ACC play - the eleventh 20-win season in the last 14 years
- Made 10th NCAA Tournament appearance (13th postseason appearance) under Katie Meier
- Advanced to the Elite Eight for the first time in program history
- Made the Sweet Sixteen for the first time under Katie Meier
- Ultimately fell in the Elite Eight to eventual NCAA Champion LSU, holding the Tigers to their fewest point total (54) of the season
- One of two teams (Iowa) to defeat two one-seeds (Virginia Tech and Indiana) in 2022-23
- Defeated an AP top-three team (No. 3/2 Indiana) for just the second time in program history since the national rankings began
- Tallied five wins over top-25 teams, including three over top-10 opponents (No. 9/10 Virginia Tech, No. 3/2 Indiana, No. 10 Villanova)
- Finished season ranked 18th in the USA TODAY Coaches Poll; tied for sixth in the final ACC standings with North Carolina
- Finished the season with a NET of 44 and an opponent NET rank of 27; tallied 14 wins over top-100 NET teams and six over top-50 NET teams.
- Graduate student Destiny Harden and senior Haley Cavinder were named to the All-ACC Second Team; sophomore Jasmyne Roberts was named to the NCAA Tournament Greenville 2 All-Region Team.
- Senior Haley Cavinder eclipsed the 2,000-career-point-mark,
- Harden was selected 27th in the 2023 WNBA Draft by the Phoenix Mercury, becoming the seventh Cane drafted in program history

## CROSS COUNTRY

- Miami's women placed 16th at NCAA South Regionals, led by a top-25 finish by Daphnee Lavassas.
- Lavassas recorded the fastest regional time in school history, besting her own mark by finishing in 20:22.8. In 2021, she finished with a time of 21:05.98 to break a near 10-year school mark.
- Lavassas' historic outing, which saw her finish in 22nd place in the 6K, earned her All-Region honors and marked the best performance by a Hurricane in the event in the last 17 years.
- Elle Mezzio set a personal mark with a time of 21:18.5, finishing 59th and becoming the second Hurricane to top the finish line.
- Miami finished 12th at the ACC Cross Country Championships, marking the best performance for the women since the league expanded in 2013. Lavassas finished in 28th - the second-highest women's finish in program history - in a time of 20:24.60.
- Lavassas earned a USTFCCA National Athlete of the Week recognition, while teammate Austen Cannon picked up an ACC Performer of the Week honor, after standout performances at the FSU XC Invitational.



## FOOTBALL

- Miami finished its season with a 5-7 record and a 3-5 mark in ACC
- The Hurricanes finished 3-2 on the road, with wins at Virginia Tech, at Virginia and at Georgia Tech
- S Kam Kinchens was named to the All-America First Team by multiple recognized outlets, including Associated Press and The Sporting News
- Kinchens, who was named to the All-ACC First Team along with P Lou Hedley, was among ten Hurricanes to earn all-conference honors; others included TE Will Mallory (second team), RB Henry Parrish, Jr. (third team) and DB Tyrique Stevenson (third team)
- The Hurricanes signed the best recruiting class in program history since the inception of 247Sports' Composite Rankings; Miami's class was ranked as the best in the state of Florida and best in the ACC
- The Hurricanes 2023 class included 15 players ranked in the ESPN300, five players who earned All-American Bowl invitations and five others who earned Under-Armour All-America Bowl invites
- Three Hurricanes were selected in the 2023 NFL Draft; Stevenson (second round, Chicago Bears), Mallory (fifth round, Indianapolis) and DB DJ Ivey (seventh round, Cincinnati)

## GOLF

- Third-year sophomore Sara Byrne qualified for the NCAA Palm Beach Regionals as an individual
- Byrne placed third at the NCAA Palm Beach Regionals, qualifying her for the NCAA D1 Women's Golf Championship in Scottsdale, Ariz. Byrne finished tied for 85th at the NCAA Golf Championship, shooting 10-over-par
- The team's best performance came at the Hurricane Invitational where the Hurricanes placed second out of 12 teams
- Nataliya Guseva and Anna Backman recorded the best individual performances of the season, tying for second at the Hurricane Invitational and the Stanford Intercollegiate, respectively
- As a team, the Hurricanes had five top-10 individual finishes and eight top-20 individual finishes
- The Hurricanes tallied 40 rounds of par-or-better, with Byrne led the team in rounds of par-or-better (17)
- Anna Backman posted the best 18-hole performance of the season with a 67
- Backman also posted the best 54-hole performance at 207
- Miami totaled a pair of fifth-place finishes at the Cougar Classic and Ivy Intercollegiate

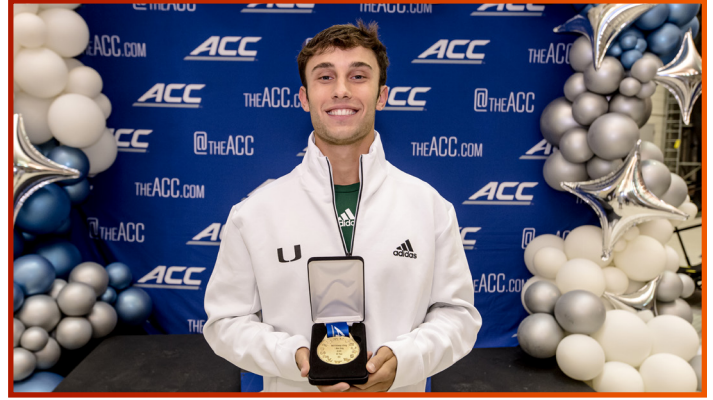


## ROWING

- Team placed fifth at ACC Championships – tying the team’s best finish since the league expansion in 2015
- Constance Stirling was named to the All-ACC First Team, while Alyssa Bacchus was named to the All-ACC Second Team.
- The team was named Helper Helper’s number two team in D1 NCAA rowing for community service
- All three NCAA-qualifying boats advanced to the grand final of the ACC Championship for the first time in program history
- Alyssa Bacchus was a Celebration of Women’s Athletics award recipient; Bacchus won the ACC Top Six in Service award at the inaugural Hurricane Honors
- The team participated in Connor’s Erg Challenge to raise awareness for childhood cancer
- Featured a trio of first-place finishes at their home race vs. Rochester, to go along with a trio of first-place finishes at UCF
- 1v8 & 2v8 boats earned silver medals in the Grand Final at the Sunshine State Invite, while the 1v8 and 2v8 boats earned first-place finishes at the Spartan Invitational
- Mimmi Balaam named the April PNC Bank PNC Achievers award recipient

## SOCCER

- Miami’s 5-8-3 record was best mark since 6-9-3 ledger in 2018
- The Hurricanes had five clean sheets over the course of the year - the most by the Hurricanes in six seasons
- Among Miami’s top performances of the year was a 1-0 win over eventual College Cup participant Alabama
- The Hurricanes also had a 2-1 nonconference win over Oklahoma State at Cobb Stadium
- Miami topped Virginia Tech (3-1) and Boston College (1-0) during the Atlantic Coast Conference slate
- The five home wins were most by the Hurricanes in six seasons
- Program-record 12 student-athletes garnered All-ACC Academic Distinction
- Goalkeeper Melissa Dagenais ranked second in the ACC in total saves (77) and led the conference in saves per game (4.81)



## SWIMMING

- The Hurricanes swimming program posted 19 performances that ranked in the top 10 in history, including seven school records
- Four of Miami's main five relay teams set school records during the 2022-23 season
- Tara Vovk set the school record in the 100-yard breaststroke (ahead of teammate Zorry Mason, who was second)
- Vovk set the school record in the 200-yard breaststroke (ahead of teammate Zorry Mason, who was second, and Giulia Carvalho, who was fourth) and the school record in the 200-yard IM (ahead of Zorry Mason, who was second)
- Both Vovk and Mason earned berths to the 2023 NCAA Championships, where Vovk placed 11th in the nation in the 100-yard breaststroke to earn NCAA All-America recognition
- The four teams that set school records were: 200-yard freestyle relay team, 800-yard freestyle relay team, 200-yard medley relay team and 400-yard medley relay team
- The Hurricanes won dual meets over FIU, Army, Boston College, Houston, FGCU, Florida Tech & Florida Southern
- Miami finished in 10th place at the ACC Swimming & Diving Championships, with 382 points
- Miami's women finished in 22nd place at the NCAA Swimming & Diving Championships
- Vovk represented her native Slovenia at the FINA World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan

## DIVING

- Max Flory was named 2023 ACC Men's Diver of the Year
- Head coach Randy Ableman named 2023 ACC Men's Diving Coach of the Year
- Flory was named an NCAA second-team All-America in both 1-meter and platform
- Flory became the first ACC diver since 2014 to sweep all three diving events at ACC Championships, winning the gold medal in the 1-meter, 3-meter and platform events
- Mohamed Farouk earned a silver medal in the platform at ACC Championships
- Mia Vallée earned two more NCAA All-America honors; she finished third nationally in the 1-meter dive and fifth nationally in the 3-meter dive – the second and third top-eight NCAA finishes of her career
- Vallée added to her conference trophy case with silver medals in both the 1-meter and 3-meter at ACC Championships
- Representing her native Canada, Vallée teamed up with Pamela Ware to win the 3-meter synchronized event at the World Aquatics Diving World Cup in her hometown of Montreal
- Vallée, Flory and Farouk all represented their native countries - Canada, United States and Egypt, respectively - at the FINA World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan





## MEN'S TENNIS

- Finished the 2023 season 15-10 overall and 5-7 in ACC play
- Recorded five wins over ranked opponents (top-75) and one over a top-30 opponent
- Reached 15-plus wins for the eighth time since joining the ACC in 2004-05
- Eleven of 25 matches came against nationally ranked opponents.
- The Hurricanes checked in at No. 50 in the final ITA team rankings and finished the conference slate in eighth in the ACC
- The Hurricanes defeated Clemson, 7-0, at Hard Rock Stadium as part of Miami Open programming
- Miami dominated its home court, going undefeated at home (11-0) for the first full season (undefeated 6-0 in 2020 during COVID) since 2000.
- Graduate student Dan Martin was named to the All-ACC First Team for the second straight season; Martin earned a bid to the 2023 NCAA Singles Championship, defeating No. 19 Philip Henning in the first round before falling to No. 61 Micah Braswell in the second round
- Martin defeated the nation's top player, Ethan Quinn, in January.
- Martin won the Duke James Bonk Invite in the fall
- Miami totaled 10 shutout victories in 2023
- Fifth-year senior Franco Aubone finished his career in fourth in the Miami record books for doubles victories (81)

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Reached the NCAA Round of 32 for the 21st straight time
- Finished the 2023 season 16-8 overall and 9-4 in ACC play
- Ended the year ranked No. 16 in the country, a 20th straight top-25 finish and 18th top-20 finish in the last 19 complete seasons
- Ranked in the top 20 for the final 10 releases of the season
- Peaked at No. 10 in the nation during the year
- Earned a win over an NC State team that made the NCAA final and finished fourth in the country
- Alexa Noel clinched ITA All-America honors and finished the season ranked sixth in singles
- Alexa Noel earned the No. 5 seed in the NCAA Singles Championship and made the Round of 32
- Alexa Noel and Isabella Pfennig competed in the NCAA Doubles Championship
- Head coach Paige Yaroshuk-Tews eclipsed 400 wins at Miami, moving into fourth place in ACC history for wins while in the league



## INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- Four Hurricanes qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships - Decio Andrade (men's weight throw), Hannah Hall (women's shot put), Russell Robinson (triple jump) and Ayman Zahafi (men's 800m).
- The women's team finished fifth at the ACC Indoor Championships, while the men's team placed seventh.
- Among Miami's top performers at the ACC Championships in Louisville included the women's 4x400 relay team, who won gold - a quartet comprised of Moriah Oliveira, Blanca Hervas, Kennedy Brace and Sanaa Hebron.
- That group won top honors to go along with strong showings from Hall (gold, shot put), Robinson (silver, triple jump and long jump) and Andrade (gold, weight throw).
- Austen Cannon set the program record with a time of 8:17.27 in the men's 3000m in Louisville, while Natalie Varela moved into second place in school history in the 800m with a time of 2:06.01.
- An NCAA first-team All-American, Andrade finished fourth in the nation in the men's weight throw with a distance of 22.54m.
- Robinson was also an NCAA All-American, finishing eighth in the triple jump (16.30).

## OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

- The Miami Hurricanes outdoor track & field team featured three individuals who earned NCAA first-team All-America recognition in 2023; Decio Andrade (men's hammer throw), Hannah Hall (women's shot put) and Russell Robinson (men's triple jump)
- Two other Canes picked up second-team All-America honors - Sanaa Hebron (women's 400m hurdles) and Robinson (long jump). The women's 4x400 relay team - comprised of Kennedy Brace, Gabriella Grissom, Moriah Oliveira and Hebron - also earned second-team All-America honors
- Hall finished eighth in the nation in the shot put, ranking No. 2 in program history in the event and picking up an ACC gold medal in the process
- Robinson's final jump of 16.94 in the triple jump marked the second-best score in the country
- One of the nation's top performers, Andrade opened his postseason by winning the men's hammer throw at the ACC Championships in Raleigh, N.C
- 26 Hurricanes represented Miami at the NCAA East Regional meet in Jacksonville
- The Miami women finished the ACC Championships in third place, while the men's contingent finished seventh. Hebron won a gold medal in the women's 400m, while Brace, Oliveira, Blanca Hervas and Hebron combined to win gold in the 4x400 relay

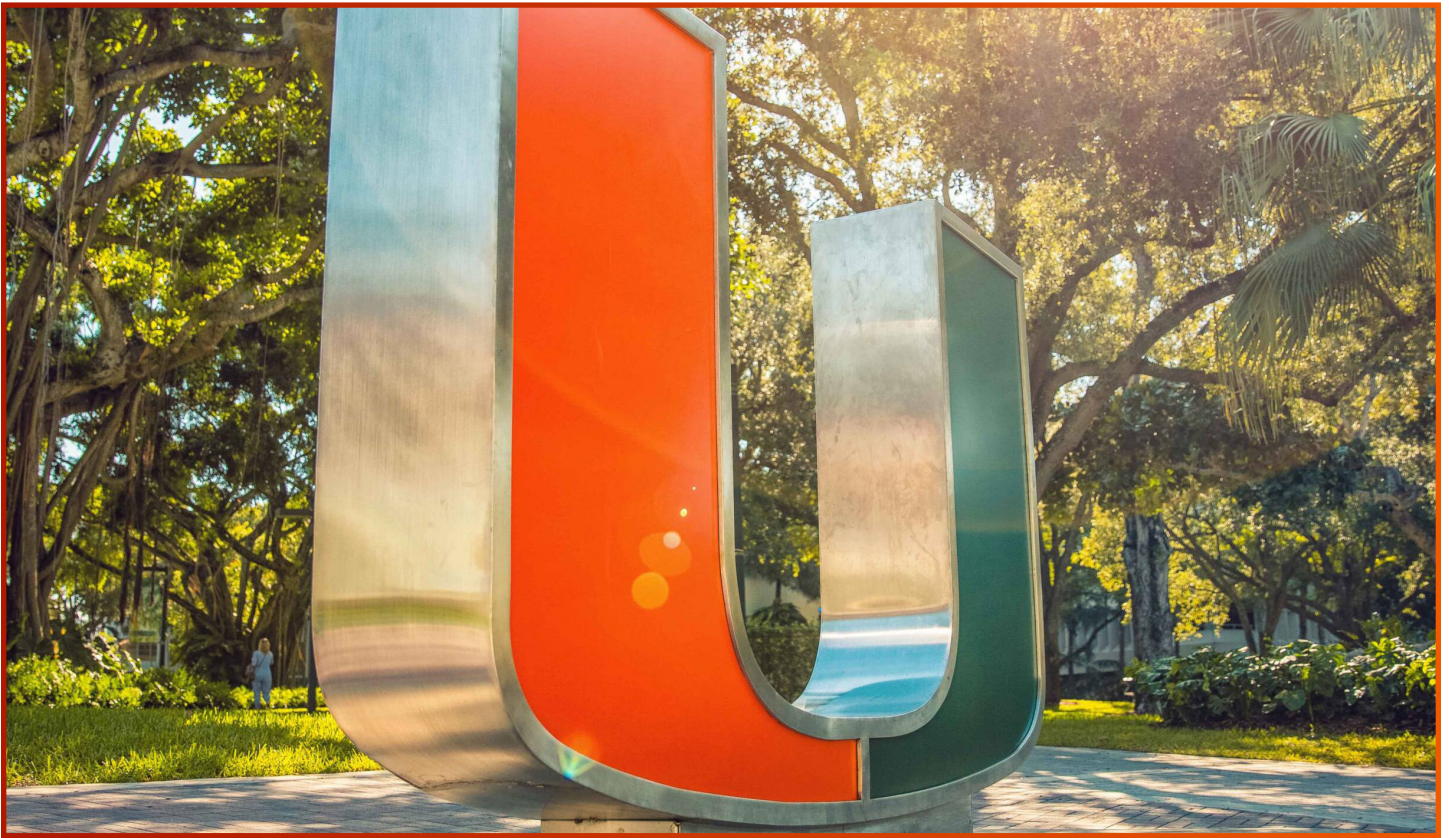


## VOLLEYBALL

- Miami finished its season with a 19-11 overall record and as a 12-6 mark in Atlantic Coast Conference play, earning a berth to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight year
- The Hurricanes qualified for the NCAA postseason for the 11th time in history and for the sixth time under the leadership of head coach Jose 'Keno' Gandara
- Among Miami's most impressive performances included a 3-1 home win over No. 10 Georgia Tech
- Four Hurricanes earned All-ACC recognition in year-end awards; Janice Leao was selected to the All-ACC First Team, while Savannah Vach and Angie Grieve were named to the All-ACC Second Team
- Freshman Flormarie Heredia Colon was selected to the All-ACC Freshman Team
- In addition to all-conference honors, Leao, Vach and Grieve were each selected to the AVCA East Coast All-Region Team
- Vach became only the third four-time All-ACC honoree in program history and became just the fourth player in program history to reach 4,000 career assists



# ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT



The University of Miami's Athletics Development office raised more than \$26 million during the 2022-23 fiscal year, a 36 percent increase from the previous year.

In addition, the total number of donors to Miami Athletics increased year over year by more than 8,000.

"I would like to thank the thousands of Hurricanes supporters who helped us raise the bar by investing in the vision of Miami Athletics," Vice President/Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich said.

"Their generosity ensures we can provide the best resources and support to positively impact the lives of our 400-plus student-athletes."

The donations, which included eight seven-figure gifts, support all areas of Miami Athletics, including the Hurricane Club annual fund, Athletic Director's Society, the Together 4 Her campaign and facility projects.

Those facility projects include the baseball program's Ruiz Family Strength and Conditioning Center located at Alex Rodriguez Park at Mark Light Field, which opened in February. Mayra Ruiz and family provided a two-million-dollar gift for that project.

In addition, the Symons Basketball Training Center — a three-million-dollar training facility for men's and women's basketball — is scheduled to open in July. Stephen and Susan Symons and Jimmy and Kim Klotz each provided leadership gifts in support of that project.



# UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI SPORTS HALL OF FAME



The University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame inducted its Class of 2023 at its 54th UM Sports Hall of Fame induction banquet at the Watsco Center on the University of Miami campus.

The 10-member Class of 2023 was comprised of Kevin Brown (baseball), David Gil (baseball), Aaron Moser (track and field), Doris Glenn Easterly-Richards (diving), Todd Sievers (football), Willie Smith (football), and Riquna Williams (basketball), along with head coaches Lela Cannon (golf) and Jim Larrañaga (basketball). Rounding out the class of inductees is longtime Associate Athletic Director/Athletic Training Vinny Scavo.

"We are so honored to induct the UM Sports Hall of Fame's Class of 2023, comprised of world class athletes, coaches and a sports administrator," UMSHoF President Mead McCabe said upon the announcement. "We will celebrate this diverse class and their outstanding accomplishments at our induction banquet in the spring of 2023."

The class was formally introduced during an on-field ceremony at the Miami-Duke football game on Saturday, October 22 at Hard Rock Stadium as part of the "Hall of Fame Game" ceremonies.

The University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization founded in 1966 by eight Miami-Dade County Circuit Court judges, all University of Miami alumni.

The founders wanted to establish an organization that would recognize those student-athletes, coaches and administrators who excelled at their sport and brought acclaim to the University through their achievements and championships.

With the addition of the Class of 2023, only 354 honorees have been inducted into the UM Sports Hall of Fame in the University's nearly 100-year history.



# ACC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL



The Atlantic Coast Conference announced the 2022-23 Academic Honor Roll, recognizing a league record 5,942 student-athletes for classroom excellence during the most recent academic year, including 235 Miami student-athletes.

The ACC Academic Honor Roll is comprised of student-athletes who participated in a varsity-level sport and registered a grade point average of 3.0 or better for the full academic year. This marks the most-ever student-athlete honorees and fourth consecutive year in which at least 5,500 ACC student-athletes have achieved Honor Roll status.

“I am incredibly proud of all the Hurricanes student-athletes who made the ACC Academic Honor Roll,” Vice President/Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich said. “I also want to thank our coaching and academic staffs for continuing to help them achieve their goals in the classroom.”

Each of the ACC’s 15 schools had multiple student-athletes who achieved ACC Academic Honor Roll listing for the fifth time, which for Miami included Franco Aubone (men’s tennis), Selina Dantzler (women’s track and field), Clay James (football), Taylor Kuligowski (rowing) and Anastasia Ray (rowing). Twenty-six UM student-athletes earned honors for the fourth time in their careers.

To view the full release from The ACC, click [here](#).





# ACADEMICS



University of Miami student-athletes enjoyed another stellar year in the classroom, posting a Graduation Success Rate (GSR) of 93 percent as announced by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). That score matches the school GSR record set in 2012, and marks the seventh consecutive year and 10th year in the past 11 that Miami has earned a four-year average rate of 90 percent or higher. The Hurricanes' GSR is higher than the national average of 89 percent.

"I am proud of our student-athletes for posting such impressive GSR numbers," Vice President/Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich said. "It's a reflection of their commitment to the classroom, as well as the continued support of our coaches and academic support staff."

Nine individual programs posted perfect scores of 100 percent: men's basketball, women's basketball, golf, soccer, men's diving, women's swimming and diving, men's tennis, women's tennis and volleyball. Golf and men's diving have scored 100 percent every year since the GSR's inception in 2005. Women's swimming and diving and volleyball each earned their 11th consecutive perfect rate. Miami exceeded the national average in this year's ratings in all but one sport.

Miami posted a score of 977 in the NCAA's latest Academic Progress Rate (APR) report. Seven programs achieved perfect APR scores of 1,000 for the 2021-22 academic year – men's cross country, men's diving, golf, soccer, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis and volleyball.

Eight-five Hurricanes took part in May 2023 commencement ceremonies at Watsco Center. Fourteen of the University's athletic programs were represented during commencement, led by the football team with 19 graduates, including cornerback Te'Cory Couch, offensive lineman Zion Nelson and linebacker Keontra Smith. Five members of the men's basketball Final Four squad, including 2022-23 ACC Player of the Year Isaiah Wong, are set to graduate, as well as seven members of the women's basketball Elite Eight team, including All-ACC second-team selection Destiny Harden.

The list also includes NCAA diving champion Mia Vallée, All-America baseball closer Andrew Walters, ACC triple jump champion Russell Robinson, All-ACC rower Alyssa Bacchus and NCAA doubles finalist Daevenia Achong.



# TOGETHER 4 HER



Launched in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Title IX legislation, Together 4 Her is a year-round initiative by UM Athletics that showcases accomplishments of women from around the university while supporting gender equality on and off the field of play.

Together 4 Her's four pillars are to educate, engage, elevate and empower females everywhere. The signature event for Together 4 Her is Miami's Celebration of Women's Athletics presented by adidas. The ninth annual CWA was held on April 23, 2023, at the Carol Soffer Indoor Practice Facility.

This year's CWA winners were Alyssa Bacchus (rowing), Sara Byrne (golf), Melissa Dagenais (soccer), Hannah Hall (indoor track), Destiny Harden (basketball), Daphnee Lavassas (cross country), Janice Leao (volleyball), Zorry Mason (swimming), Alexa Noel (tennis), Moriah Oliveira (outdoor track) and Mia Vallée (diving).

"The distinguished group of female student-athletes that we are honoring tonight includes national champions, conference champions, All-Americans, honor roll recipients, postgraduate scholarship winners, honor society members and community leaders," Vice President/Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich said.

"They represent this University in a first-class manner. They have made Miami a better place during their time as student-athletes here, and they will make the world a better place as they continue their journeys."

Amy Audibert, a four-year basketball letterwinner for UM from 2003-07, served as emcee. Audibert is currently a broadcaster for the Miami Heat. Audibert also moderated a panel discussion with Hall, Harden and Mason where they discussed life as a student-athlete.





# CANES IN THE COMMUNITY



Miami Athletics captured first place in the 2022 NCAA Team Works Community Service Competition powered by Helper Helper. Miami earned the Division I award, with 100 percent of its 450-plus student-athletes participating in at least one community service activity. Pittsburgh and North Dakota finished second and third, respectively. This is the second time Miami has captured the NCAA Team Works Community Service Competition – the Hurricanes also took top honors in 2018.

“I am incredibly proud of our student-athletes and our student-athlete development staff for working together to win the NCAA Team Works Community Service Competition for the second time in four years,” Vice President/Director of Athletics Dan Radakovich said. “It speaks to the culture of service that lives here at UM, which our student-athletes have continually taken to heart.”

NCAA Team Works, which coordinates community service efforts at NCAA championships, and Helper Helper, a volunteer management and tracking platform, launched the community service competition to recognize student-athletes and schools who give back to their communities. This was the 10th year of the competition, which ran September 1 through December 15, 2022, and is based on the number of service hours completed and the number of participating student-athletes.

Helper Helper tracks the school participation data throughout the competition.

Miami’s community service efforts during the 2022 Challenge included its Pen Pal program matching 86 student-athletes with students at local elementary schools; a Day of Giving when the football team delivered Thanksgiving meals to the Miami-Dade Foster and Adoptive Parent Association; an Operation Christmas Child drive for gifts to send to children in need overseas; and the swimming team giving free lessons for children at the South Miami Community Center.

“I am beyond proud of the work we have put into community service and student-athlete engagement here at the University of Miami,” said Shirelle Jackson, Executive Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development. “I am thrilled for our student-athletes, the communities we serve and our Canes Connect team. Our student-athletes continue to be receptive to our outreach opportunities, which has had an incredible impact on both our student-athletes and our surrounding communities.”

For schools that opted into the challenge, their total service hours were 218,594 hours, more than double last year’s total. The estimated economic impact of those service hours was \$6.5 million, based on the calculation by the organization Independent Sector of the national value of a volunteer hour.



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